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“Repent and
believe
the good
news!”

Mark 1:15

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Worship Service

Sunday, January 24, 2021 10:00 a.m.

The Third Sunday after the EPIPHANY

Theme of the day: Jesus shows his glory in the kind of people that he calls to serve him and in using the gospel to make them willing to follow him. Some he calls to a full-time following that leaves behind secular vocations. To all however comes the call to follow him with a willingness to abandon everything should faithfulness require it.

WELCOME

A warm welcome to our friends and visitors! Star of Bethlehem Lutheran Church is eager to share with you the blessings of its Christ-centered ministry. If you are a new or long-time resident of the Central Coast looking for a church home, we invite you to meet with us at the close of this worship service or at your convenience. All are welcome to stay for refreshments in the fellowship hall.

Families are encouraged to worship together. If you need to step out with your children, the service can be seen and heard in the fellowship hall or narthex area. Feel free to enter and return at any time.

OUR MISSION

Our congregation exists for the purpose of "HOLDING OUT THE WORD OF LIFE." This is accomplished by faithfully preserving and proclaiming all of God's inerrant word, and administering the Sacraments as they were instituted by Christ.

OPENING HYMN: # 85 “O God from God, O Light from Light”

♪ **O God from God, O Light from Light,
O Prince of Peace and King of kings,
To you in heaven’s glory bright
The song of praise forever rings.
To him who sits upon the throne,
The Lamb once slain but raised again,
Be all the glory he has won,
All thanks and praise! Amen, Amen.**

**Deep in the prophets’ sacred page,
Grand in the poets’ winged word,
Slowly, in type, from age to age
The nations saw their coming Lord;
Till through the deep Judean night
Rang out the song, “Good will to men!”
Sung by heav’n’s hosts in splendor bright,
Re-echoed now, “Good will!” Amen.**

**That life of truth, those deeds of love,
That death of pain mid hate and scorn—
These all are past, and now above
He reigns, our King once crowned with thorn.
Lift up your heads, O mighty gates!
So sang the angel hosts again.
Lift up your heads—your King awaits.
We lift them up, Amen, Amen.**

**Sing to the Lord a mighty song;
Sing to his name, his glories tell!
Sing, heav’nly hosts, your praise prolong,
And all on earth, your anthem swell!
Worthy the Lamb for sinners slain!
Forever let the song ascend!
Worthy the Lamb enthroned to reign;
Glory and pow’r! Amen, Amen.**

Minister: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and
the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

Congregation: And also with you. (*spoken*)

M: We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.

C: Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.

M: God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will.

C: Amen.

M: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

C: Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good. Bless - ed are
they who take ref - uge in him. Your Word, O Lord, is e -
ter - nal; it stands firm in the heav -
ens. Your faith - ful - ness con - tin - ues for -
ev - er. Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good.
Bless - ed are they who take ref - uge in him.

M: Almighty God, you sent your Son to proclaim your kingdom and to teach with authority. Anoint us with the power of your Spirit that we, too, may bring good news to the afflicted, bind up the broken-hearted, and proclaim liberty to the captive; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: ♪ Amen.

FIRST LESSON: Jonah 3:1-5, 10

Then the word of the LORD came to Jonah a second time: ²“Get up. Go to Nineveh, the great city, and preach to it the message that I tell you.”

³So Jonah set out and went to Nineveh just as the word of the LORD had commanded. Now Nineveh was a great city to God. It required a three-day walk. ⁴Jonah walked through the city for a day, and he called out, “Forty more days and Nineveh is going to be overthrown!”

⁵The men of Nineveh believed God. They proclaimed a fast and put on sackcloth, from the greatest of them to the least.

¹⁰When God saw their actions, that they had turned from their evil way, God relented from the disaster which he said he would bring on them, and he did not carry it out.

PSALM OF THE DAY: Psalm 62

Refrain



The might-y Lord is with us; the God of Ja-cob is our for-tress.

Psalm tone



My soul finds rest in God alone;*
my salvation comes from him.

He alone is my rock and my salvation;
he is my fortress, I will never be shaken.

Find rest, O my soul, in God alone;
my hope comes from him.

Refrain

Though your riches increase,
do not set your heart on them.

My salvation and my honor depend on God;
he is my mighty rock, my refuge.

Trust in him at all times, O people;
pour out your hearts to him, for God is our refuge.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son*
and to the Holy Spirit,
as it was in the beginning,*
is now, and will be forever. Amen.

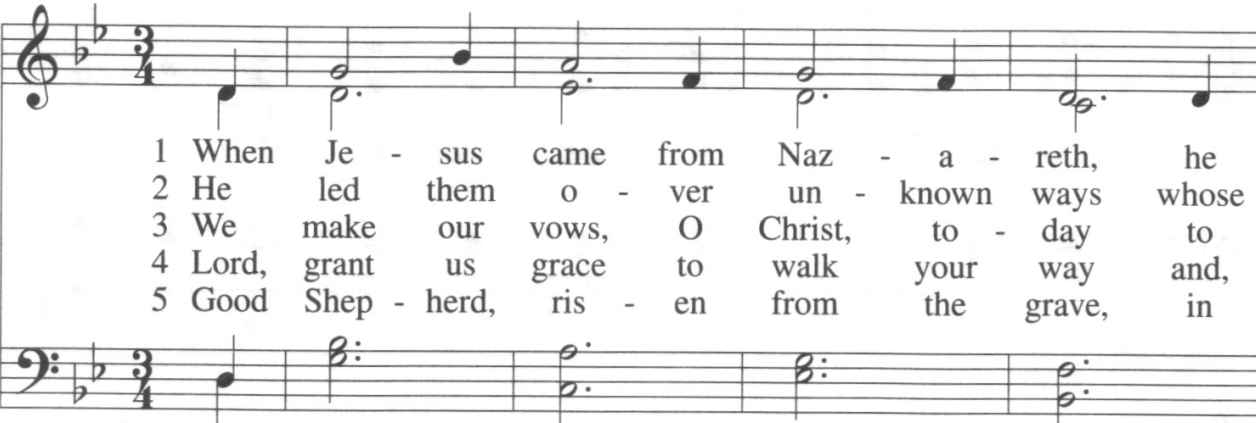
M: Alleluia. Alleluia. Jesus traveled through Galilee, teaching,
preaching, and healing every disease. Alleluia! (*Matthew 4:23*)

C: ♪ Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!
These words are written that we may believe
that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

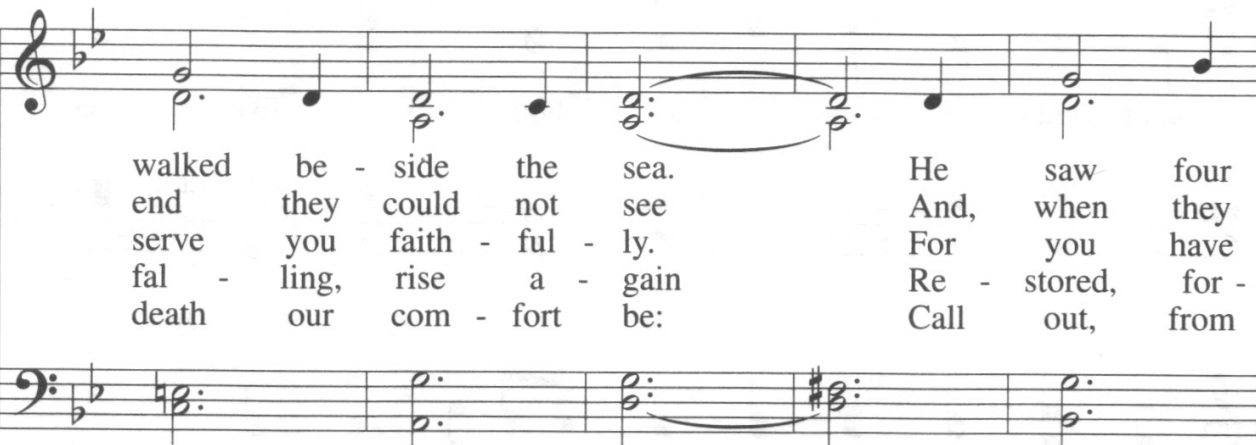
SECOND LESSON: 1 Corinthians 7:29-31

²⁹I also say this, brothers: The time is short. From now on, let those who have wives live as if they have none; ³⁰those who weep, as if not weeping; those who rejoice, as if not rejoicing; those who buy, as if not possessing; ³¹and those who use the world, as if not getting any use out of it. For the way of life that belongs to this world is passing away.

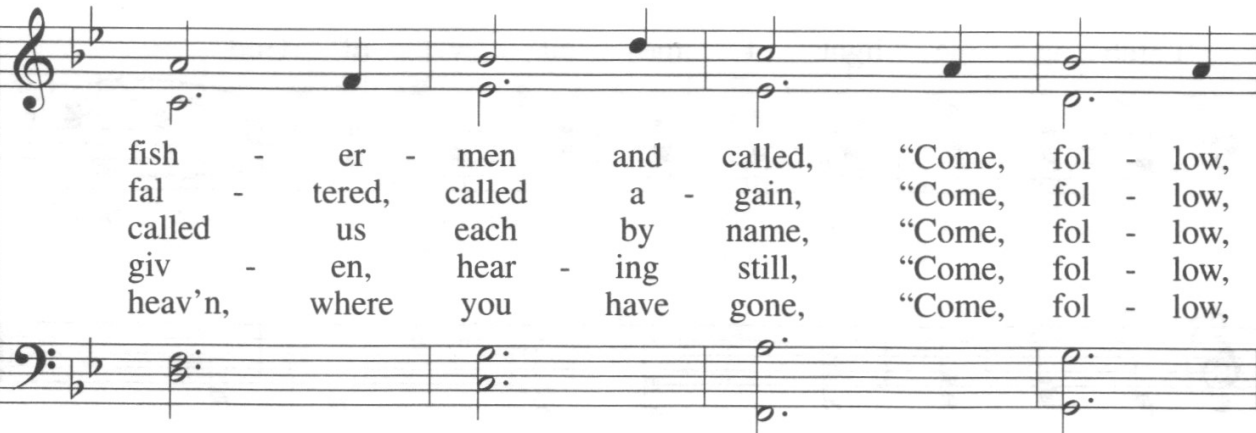
HYMN: # 772 "When Jesus Came from Nazareth"



1 When Je - sus came from Naz - a - reth, he
 2 He led them o - ver un - known ways whose
 3 We make our vows, O Christ, to - day to
 4 Lord, grant us grace to walk your way and,
 5 Good Shep - herd, ris - en from the grave, in



walked be - side the sea. He saw four
 end they could not see And, when they
 serve you faith - ful - ly. For you have
 fal - ling, rise a - gain Re - stored, for -
 death our com - fort be: Call out, from



fish - er - men and called, "Come, fol - low,
 fal - tered, called a - gain, "Come, fol - low,
 called us each by name, "Come, fol - low,
 giv - en, hear - ing still, "Come, fol - low,
 heav'n, where you have gone, "Come, fol - low,



fol - low me! Come, fol - low, fol - low me!"

SERMON: Mark 1:14-20

¹⁴After John was put in prison, Jesus went to Galilee, preaching the gospel of the kingdom of God. ¹⁵“The time is fulfilled,” he said. “The kingdom of God has come near! Repent, and believe in the gospel.”

¹⁶As Jesus was going along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the sea, since they were fishermen. ¹⁷Jesus said to them, “Come, follow me, and I will make you fishers of men.” ¹⁸Immediately they left their nets and followed him. ¹⁹Going on a little farther, he saw James the son of Zebedee and his brother John. They were in a boat mending the nets. ²⁰Immediately Jesus called them. They left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired servants and followed him.

APOSTLES' CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

He descended into hell.

The third day he rose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty.

From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

**I believe in the Holy Spirit;
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints;
the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body;
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Hymn: # 560:1-3 “I Hear the Savior Calling”

♪ **I hear the Savior calling! The gospel comes to me.
My eyes once closed in blindness Are opened now to see
That I myself was helpless To live eternally,
But, dying, Christ did save me, And now he calls for me!**

**I hear the Savior calling! He leads a soul to me,
A soul in bitter anguish, One needing to be free.
The gift I have to offer Is Christ, my Lord’s decree
That all have been forgiven—My Savior calls for me!**

**I hear the Savior calling! He gives this charge to me:
To serve the best I’m able, Whate’er the call may be.
Thus hand in hand with others Who share the gospel key
We spread the gospel tidings—My Savior calls for me!**

OFFERING

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

M: Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God and Mary’s son, in the fullness of time
you came into our world to save us from sin and death:

C: **You ushered in the day of grace so long foretold.**

M: Beloved Son of the Father, revered by the Magi, baptized by John,
you came preaching and teaching, healing and comforting, forgiving
and encouraging:

C: **You brought the light of life to those walking in darkness, and the
joy of salvation to those doomed to death.**

M: Prince of Peace, shine like a beacon for us and the people of our
world. Let the good news of salvation be heard in the remotest cor-
ners of the earth. Open our own lips to speak your name to those
around us who still live without faith or hope:

C: **Arouse us and our missionaries to flood the world with the light of
your gospel.**

M: Lord of the Church, let your peace rule our hearts that we may use our
gifts to serve you and each other in willing gratitude and joy. Watch
over our loved ones near and far, that they may remember your love

and rejoice in your salvation. Strengthen the faith of the sick and the disheartened. Give hope to those in despair and comfort those who mourn:

C: Be gracious to all and lead us to reflect your love in everything we say and do.

M: Finally, bring us and all your believers to the heavenly home where we will stand in the full light of your glory and with all your saints and angels sing the everlasting song of triumph.

C: Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

C: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

M: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and (+) give you peace.

C: ♪ Amen. Amen. Amen.

HYMN: # 542 "Dear Lord, to Your True Servants Give"

♪ Dear Lord, to your true servants give
The grace to you alone to live.
Set free from sin to serve you, Lord,
They go to share your living Word,
The gospel message to proclaim
That all may know your saving name.

**They gladly go at your command
To spread your Word o'er sea and land.
Be with them, Lord, and make them strong
To heal sin's ills, to right the wrong.
Your rule is over wind and wave,
And mighty is your arm to save.**

**When all their labor seems in vain,
Revive their sinking hopes again;
And when success crowns what they do,
Oh, keep them humble, Lord, and true
Until before your judgment seat
They lay their trophies at your feet.**



ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYERS Remember to pray for: Gordon Hillberg, Shawn Lozano, John Velasques, Ruth Fabian, little Elias, Shawna Bushey, Rose Marie Hillberg, Atalia (Moore's granddaughter), Dennis Douglas, Julieanna Saenz, Bob Ward, George Caravana, Don Fabian, Doris Scheuffele, Molly Webb (and her brother Jim), Helen Marten, Doug Ward, Rev. & Mrs. Redlin, Kathy Jones, Art Amarillas, Val Wheelock, Linda Hill & Christina, Wayne Chapman, and Fred Oberg.

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