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Worship Service

Sunday, February 6, 2022 10:00 a.m.

Fifth Sunday after the EPIPHANY

Theme of the day: Jesus reveals himself as the Lord's Anointed with the power and authority to call us to serve as his messengers.



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: # 560 "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!

I hear the Savior calling! He changes hearts for me. From door to door I witness To bring my Savior's plea; Yet nothing can be added, No word on bended knee, Beyond the simple gospel—My Savior calls for me!

Please stand for last verse:

I hear the Savior calling! His call has urgency! Each moment souls are dying; Soon comes eternity. And so, my precious Savior, This is my humble plea: Prepare me for my mission For you are calling me!

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)

Confession of Sins

M: God invites us to come into his presence to worship him with humble and penitent hearts. Therefore, let us acknowledge our sinfulness and ask him to forgive us.

- C: Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful, and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.
- M: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen

M: For all that we need in life and for the wisdom to use all your gifts with gratitude and joy, hear our prayer, O Lord.

C: I Lord, have mercy.

M: For the steadfast assurance that nothing can separate us from your love and for the courage to stand firm against the assaults of Satan and every evil, hear our prayer, O Christ.

C: I Christ, have mercy.

M: For the well-being of your holy Church in all the world and for those who offer here their worship and praise, hear our prayer, O Lord.

C: **□** Lord, have mercy.

M: Merciful God, maker and preserver of life, uphold us by your power and keep us in your tender care:

C: Amen.

M: The works of the Lord are great and glorious; his name is worthy of praise.

Almighty God, merciful Father, you crown our life with your love. You take away our sin; you comfort our spirit; you make us pure and holy in your sight. You did not spare your only Son, but gave him up for us all.

O Lord, our Lord, how glorious is your name in all the earth.

O Son of God, eternal Word of the Father,

you came to live with us;

you made your Father known;

you washed us from our sins in your own blood.

You are the King of glory; you are the Lord!

O Lord, our Lord, how glorious is your name in all the earth.

M: Almighty God, you gave your one and only Son as the Word of life for our eyes to see and our ears to hear. Help us to believe what the Scriptures proclaim about him and do the things that are pleasing in your sight; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever

C: Amen

Please be seated.

FIRST LESSION: Isaiah 6:1-8

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and exalted, and the train of his robe filled the temple. ²Above him stood the seraphim. Each one had six wings. With two they covered their faces. With two they covered their feet. With two they flew. ³One called to another and said,

Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of Armies!

The whole earth is full of his glory!

⁴The foundations of the thresholds shook at the voice of the one who called, and the temple was filled with smoke.

⁵Then I said, "I am doomed! I am ruined, because I am a man with unclean lips, and I dwell among a people with unclean lips, and because my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of Armies!"

⁶Then one of the seraphim flew to me, carrying a glowing coal in his hand, which he had taken from the altar with tongs. ⁷He touched my mouth with the coal and said, "Look, this has touched your lips, so your guilt is taken away, and your sin is forgiven."

⁸Then I heard the Lord's voice, saying, "Whom shall I send?

Who will go for us?"

Then I said, "Here I am. Send me!"

PSALM OF THE DAY: Psalm 85



I will hear what the Lord pro-claims: peace to his peo - ple.



You showed favor to your <u>land</u>, O LORD;* you restored the fortunes of <u>Ja</u>cob.

You forgave the iniquity of your <u>people*</u> and covered <u>all</u> their sins.

Show us your unfailing <u>love</u>, O LORD,* and grant us your sal<u>va</u>tion.

Refrain

I will listen to what God the <u>LORD</u> will say;* he promises peace to his people, <u>his</u> saints.

Surely his salvation is near those who <u>fear</u> him,* that his glory may dwell <u>in</u> our land.

Love and faithfulness meet together;* righteousness and peace kiss each other.

Glory be to the Father and <u>to</u> the Son* and to the Holy <u>Spir</u>it, as it was in the beg<u>in</u>ning,* is now, and will be forever. <u>A</u>men.

Refrain

GOSPEL LESSON: Luke 5:1-11

One time, while the crowd was pressing in on Jesus and listening to the word of God, he was standing by the Lake of Gennesaret. ²He saw two boats there along the lakeshore. The fishermen had left them and were washing their nets. ³Jesus got into one of the boats, which belonged to Simon, and asked him to put out a little from the shore. He sat down and began teaching the crowds from the boat. ⁴When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into the deep water, and let down your nets for a catch."

⁵Simon answered him, "Master, we worked hard all through the night and caught nothing. But at your word I will let down the nets." ⁶When they had done this, they caught a great number of fish, and their nets were about to tear apart. ⁷They signaled their partners in the other boat to come and help them. They came and filled both boats, so that they began to sink. ⁸When Simon Peter saw this, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, "Go away from me, because I am a sinful man, Lord." ⁹For Peter and all those with him were amazed at the number of fish they had caught, ¹⁰and so were James and John, the sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon.

Jesus said to Simon, "Have no fear. From now on you will be catching people."

¹¹After they brought their boats to the shore, they left everything and followed him.

Hymn: # 573 "Hark! The Voice of Jesus Crying"

Hark! the voice of Jesus crying, "Who will go and work today? Fields are ripe and harvests waiting; Who will bear the sheaves away?" Loud and long the Master calleth; Rich reward he offers thee. Who will answer, gladly saying, "Here am I—send me, send me"?

If you cannot speak like angels, If you cannot preach like Paul, You can tell the love of Jesus; You can say he died for all. If you cannot rouse the wicked With the Judgment's dread alarms, You can lead the little children To the Savior's waiting arms.

If you cannot be a watchman, Standing high on Zion's wall, Pointing out the path to heaven, Off'ring life and peace to all, With your prayers and with your off'rings You can do what God demands; You can be like faithful Aaron, Holding up the prophet's hands.

Let none hear you idly saying, "There is nothing I can do," While the multitudes are dying, And the Master calls for you. Take the task he gives you gladly; Let his work your pleasure be. Answer quickly when he calleth, "Here am I—send me, send me!"

MESSAGE: Romans 10:13-17

¹³Yes, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."

¹⁴So then, how can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one about whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without a preacher? ¹⁵And how can they preach unless they are sent? Just as it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news of peace, who preach the gospel of good things!"

¹⁶But not all obeyed the gospel. For Isaiah says, "Lord, who believed our message?" ¹⁷So then, faith comes from hearing the message, and the message comes through the word of Christ.

NICENE CREED

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and became fully human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate.

He suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again

in accordance with the Scriptures.

He ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who in unity with the Father and the Son
is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

OFFERING

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

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.

The Holy Sacrament

M: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

M: Lift up your hearts.

M: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Holy Communion, will be celebrated in today's service. The Bible teaches us that Jesus offers us his body and blood for the forgiveness of our sins in the Lord's Supper. The Bible also instructs us that receiving the Lord's Supper together is a public expression of our complete "oneness," or unity of faith.

Because the Lord's Supper is an expression of our unity in faith, we invite to the Lord's Supper only those who have expressed that unity with us through membership in our congregation or one of our sister congregations in the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (WELS), or our sister church body, the ELS.

If you are a guest from another Christian church, we kindly ask that you simply refrain from participation in our celebration of the Lord's Supper today. We don't want to be presumptuous and put you in the position of declaring your agreement with our beliefs before you have had a chance to learn more.

M: Praise to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In love he has blessed us with every spiritual blessing. In the past he spoke to us through the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, who is the radiance of his glory.

Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ. To him who sits on the throne

and to the Lamb be praise and thanks and honor and glory forever and ever.

Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts.

The whole earth is full of your glory.

You are my God, and I will exalt you.

I will give you thanks, for you have become my salvation.

Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts.

The whole earth is full of your glory.

The Words of Institution

M: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: Amen.

- O Christ, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
 - O Christ, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
 - O Christ, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us your peace. Amen.

COMMUNION HYMN: #93 "Hail to the Lord's Anointed"

☐ Hail to the Lord's Anointed, Great David's greater Son! Hail, in the time appointed, His reign on earth begun! He comes to break oppression, To set the captive free, To take away transgression, And rule in equity.

He comes with rescue speedy To those who suffer wrong, To help the poor and needy And bid the weak be strong, To give them songs for sighing, Their darkness turn to light Whose souls, condemned and dying, Are precious in his sight.

Kings shall bow down before him And gold and incense bring; All nations shall adore him; His praise all people sing. To him shall prayer unceasing And daily vows ascend, His kingdom still increasing, A kingdom without end.

O'er ev'ry foe victorious, He on his throne shall rest, From age to age more glorious, All blessing and all-blest. The tide of time shall never His covenant remove; His name shall stand forever—That name to us is Love.

THANKSGIVING

Please stand.

Thank the Lord and sing his praise.

Tell ev'ryone what he has done.

Let all who seek the Lord rejoice

and proudly bear his name.

He renews his promises and leads his people forth in joy

With shouts of thanksgiving.

Alleluia! Alleluia!

M: Hear the prayer of your people, O Lord, that the lips which have praised you here may glorify you in the world, that the eyes which have seen the coming of your Son may long for his coming again, and that all who have received in his true body and blood the pledge of your forgiveness may be restored to live a new and holy life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: 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: A Amen. Amen. Amen.

CLOSING HYMN: #436 "Jesus, Shepherd of the Sheep"

Jesus, Shepherd of the sheep, Who your Father's flock does keep, Safe we wake and safe we sleep, Guarded still by you.

In your promise firm we stand; None can take us from your hand. Speak—we hear—at your command, We will follow you.

By your blood our souls were bought; By your life salvation wrought; By your light our feet are taught, Lord, to follow you.

Father, draw us to your Son; We with joy will follow on Till the work of grace is done, There to live with you. We, in robes of glory dressed, Join th' assembly of the blest, Gathered to eternal rest In the fold with you.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FLOWERS for today's service were given to the glory of God by the Evers on the occasion of Carl III's birthday.

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

LWMS SPRING RALLY: March 12, 8:30 a.m. — 2:15 p.m., at King of Kings Lutheran Church, Garden Grove.

BIBLE STUDIES: While we do meet in person for our weekly Bible Classes (Sundays at 9:00 a.m.; Thursdays at 10:00 a.m.), we also continue to "Zoom" all our studies. If you want to be included in the weekly e-mail with the zoom codes and print-outs, please let Pastor Foley know.

THIS WEEK

Tuesday Elders, 10:00 a.m.

Thursday Bible Class, 10:00 a.m.

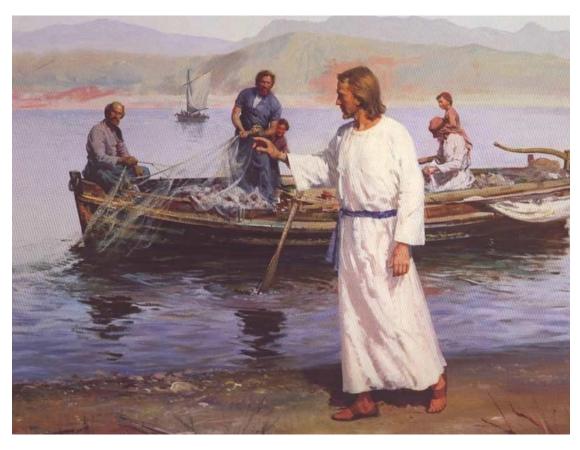
Friday Circuit

Saturday Catechism, 10:00 a.m.

Sunday Bible Class and Sunday School, 9:00 a.m.

Worship, 10:00 a.m.

Fellowship Lunch and Voters' Meeting after.



...and I will make you fishers of men.

- Matthew 4:19

PERSONAL PREPARATION FOR HOLY COMMUNION

(cf. page 156 in the front of Christian Worship: A Lutheran Hymnal)

Q: What does God tell me about myself in his holy Word?

A: He says that I am a sinner and deserve only his punishment.

Q: What should I do if I am not aware of my sins or am not troubled by them?

A: I should examine myself according to the Ten Commandments and ask how well I have carried out my responsibilities as a husband or wife or single person, as a parent or child, an employer or employee, a teacher or student. Have I loved God with all my heart, gladly heard his Word, and patiently endured affliction? Have I been disobedient, proud, or unforgiving? Have I been selfish, lazy, envious, or quarrelsome? Have I lied or deceived, taken something not mine, or given anyone a bad name? Have I abused my body or permitted indecent thoughts to linger in my mind? Have I failed to do what is right and good?

Q: When I realize that I have sinned against God and deserve his punishment, what should I do?

A: I will confess before God all my sins, those which I remember as well as those of which I am unaware. I will pray to God for his mercy and forgiveness.

Q: How do I receive his gracious forgiveness?

A: His Word assures me that Jesus led a pure and holy life for me and died on the cross for me to pay the full price for all my sins. Through faith in Jesus, I have been clothed in my Savior's perfect righteousness and holiness.

Q: What further assurance do I have that Jesus is mine and I am his?

A: In Holy Communion he gives me his body and blood together with the bread and wine as a truly life-giving food and drink to unite me with him and my fellow believers. By means of this sacrament, Jesus not only forgives my sins but sweeps away all my doubts about his love for me, gives me his own strength to live a God-pleasing life, and grants me a joyful foretaste of heaven.

Q: How can I be sure that I receive all these blessings in the Lord's Supper?

A: I have his own word spoken as his last will and testament on the night before he died. There he tells me: "Take and eat; this is my body. Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this in remembrance of me."

Q: How will I respond to this priceless gift from Jesus?

A: I will daily thank and praise him for his love to me. With his help I will fight temptation, do my best to correct whatever wrongs I have done, and serve him and those around me with love and good works.

Lord Jesus, with joy and gratitude I now come to your table to receive the precious food of your life-giving body and blood. May it strengthen me to remain in you as you remain in me, so that I bear much fruit in devoted service to you and in acts of kindness to others. Amen.