



**You are...  
So be!**



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## **Fifth Sunday after Epiphany**

*The Savior's Sermon:  
You are...so be!*

**W**elcome! Thank you for joining us for worship today. In our services we gather before our almighty God to receive his gifts and to offer him our worship and praise. Through God's powerful Word and sacraments he renews our faith and strengthens us to serve in joy.

**PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP:** Gracious Holy Spirit, you come to us through your Word to create pure hearts within us and to renew our strength to serve. Bless our praise today and help us live lives of holiness. Amen.

**THEME OF THE DAY:** The word "holy" comes from an Old English word, "halig" which means "whole" or "healthy." We have a holy God. He wants us to live a holy life, one that is dedicated to him; one that is spiritually and emotionally healthy for us. So, as Jesus continues his Sermon on the Mount, he makes a crucial point that not all his followers (including present day followers) understand well. Jesus came to free us from sin. He did not come to free us to sin. God commands that we live a holy life. He provides dire warnings to remind us just how holy he wants us to be. Secure in his grace and empowered by the Holy Spirit, each day we strive to live the holy lives to which we have been called.

**OUR WORSHIP SERIES:** The Greek word epiphany means "appearance." In the first half of this church season called Epiphany, we saw Jesus appear on the scene, beginning his ministry. It's not long before large crowds start following. In the second half of this season we look at Jesus' most famous sermon to learn what it means to be one of his followers. The Sermon on the Mount was not delivered from a pulpit but on a hill. Jesus' voice called out over the crowd and his followers hung on every word. This season we too hear the Savior's sermon as he teaches us about living an authentic Christian life.

### ***SERVING GOD, SERVING US:***

Preacher: Pastor Jon Enter

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# Order of Worship



(10:30am) *Preschool Anthem*

*His Own Special Way*

God wants ev'ry one to live, in his home someday.  
So he sent his Son to save, his own special way.

Alleluia, alleluia! Blessed all are they,  
who believe God saved us all, his own special way.

Jesus died because of us, on his cross that day.  
All our sins were hung on him, then were washed away.

Alleluia, alleluia! Blessed all are they,  
who believe God saved us all, his own special way.

## OPENING HYMN: *Thy Strong Word*

CW 630 sts. 3,5-6



3 Thy strong Word be - speaks us right - eous; bright with  
5 Give us lips to sing thy glo - ry, tongues thy  
6 God the Fa - ther, light - cre - at - or, to thee



thine own ho - li - ness, glo - rious now, we press toward  
mer - cy to pro - claim, throats to shout the hope that  
laud and hon - or be. To thee, Light from Light be -



glo - ry, and our lives our hopes con - fess.  
fills us, mouths to speak thy ho - ly name.  
got - ten, praise be sung e - ter - nal - ly.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise to  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! May the  
Ho - ly Spir - it, light - re - veal - er, glo - ry,

thee who light dost send! Al - le - lu - ia,  
 light which thou dost send fill our songs with  
 glo - ry be to thee. Mor - tals, an - gels,  
 al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia with - out end!  
 al - le - lu - ias, al - le - lu - ias with - out end!  
 now and ev - er praise the ho - ly Trin - i - ty!

Remain seated.

Minister: In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**Congregation: Amen.**

## CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS OF SIN

**M:** Our Savior Jesus Christ commanded Baptism when he said, *“All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”*

All of us are born into this world with a deep need for Baptism. From our parents we inherit a sinful nature; we are without true fear of God and true faith in God and are condemned to eternal death. But while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. He took away our sin by giving his life on the cross. In Baptism, he clothes us with the robe of his righteousness and gives us a new life. We recall what Baptism means for our daily lives:

**C:** **Baptism means that the sinful nature in us should be drowned by daily sorrow and repentance, and that all its evil deeds and desires be put to death. It also means that a new person should daily arise to live before God in righteousness and purity forever.**

**M:** As baptized children of God, we confess our sins:

**C:** **Holy God, gracious Father, I am sinful by nature  
 and have sinned against you in my thoughts, words, and actions.  
 I have not loved you with my whole heart;  
 I have not loved others as I should.  
 I deserve your punishment both now and forever.**

**But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my sins  
with his innocent suffering and death.**

**Trusting in him, I pray: God, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

M: God saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit and united us to the death and resurrection of Jesus. Every day God forgives your sins, removes your guilt, and strengthens you to defeat Satan's power. His promise is for you and your children, and he will never forsake you. Your sins are forgiven. You are clothed with Christ. You are at peace with God now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

## **(5:00pm) Sacrament of Baptism**

M: The Gospel according to St. Mark: *"People were bringing little children to Jesus for him to place his hands on them, but the disciples rebuked them. When Jesus saw this, he was indignant. He said to them, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. Truly I tell you, anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it." And he took the children in his arms, placed his hands on them and blessed them."*

*The minister applies water to the person presented for baptism as he says:*

M: Samuel Neal Anderson, I baptize you in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Receive the sign of the cross on the head and heart ✝ to mark you as one redeemed by Christ the crucified.

The almighty God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ has given you the new birth of water and the Spirit and has forgiven all your sins. May he strengthen you with his grace all the days of your life. Peace be with you.

## **Exhortation to Parents & Congregation**

M: Brothers and sisters in Christ:

Our Lord commands that we teach his precious truths to all who are baptized. Christian love therefore urges all of us, especially parents and sponsors, to assist in whatever manner possible so that Samuel and all the children of our church may remain children of God until death. If you are willing to carry out this responsibility, then answer: Yes, as God gives me strength.

C: **Yes, as God gives me strength.**

M: Let us pray.

We give thanks, most merciful Father, that you have received Samuel as your own child and made him a member of Christ's body, the church. Now, we pray, grant to him and to all your church on earth that, being dead to sin, we may live to righteousness and, being buried with Christ into his death, we may also share in his resurrection, so that, with all your saints, we may inherit eternal life; through Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

## THE WORD OF GOD

### Scripture Reading

2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18

*Even facing death for his faith, the Apostle Paul remained what he was—a child of God saved by the Lord's strength.*

<sup>6</sup>For I am already being poured out like a drink offering, and the time for my departure is near. <sup>7</sup>I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. <sup>8</sup>Now there is in store for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day—and not only to me, but also to all who have longed for his appearing.

<sup>16</sup>At my first defense, no one came to my support, but everyone deserted me. May it not be held against them. <sup>17</sup>But the Lord stood at my side and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. And I was delivered from the lion's mouth. <sup>18</sup>The Lord will rescue me from every evil attack and will bring me safely to his heavenly kingdom. To him be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

M: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

*Please stand.*

### Gospel

Matthew 5:13-20

*In our Savior's sermon, Jesus declares that his disciples are blessings to this dark, decaying world. He calls us to be what he says we are—salt and light.*

<sup>13</sup>“You are the salt of the earth. But if the salt loses its saltiness, how can it be made salty again? It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out and trampled underfoot.

<sup>14</sup>“You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. <sup>15</sup>Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. <sup>16</sup>In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.

<sup>17</sup>“Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them. <sup>18</sup>For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth disappear, not the smallest letter, not the least stroke of a pen, will by any means disappear from the Law until everything is accomplished. <sup>19</sup>Therefore anyone who sets aside one of the least of these commands and teaches others accordingly will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever practices and teaches these commands will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. <sup>20</sup>For I tell you that unless your righteousness surpasses that of the Pharisees and the teachers of the law, you will certainly not enter the kingdom of heaven.

M: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

*Be seated.*

## Children's Devotion

### Hymn of the Day: Church of God, Elect and Glorious

CW 854



1 Church of God, e - lect and glo - rious, ho - ly  
 2 God has called you out of dark - ness in - to  
 3 Once you were an al - ien peo - ple, stran - gers  
 4 Church of God, e - lect and ho - ly, be the



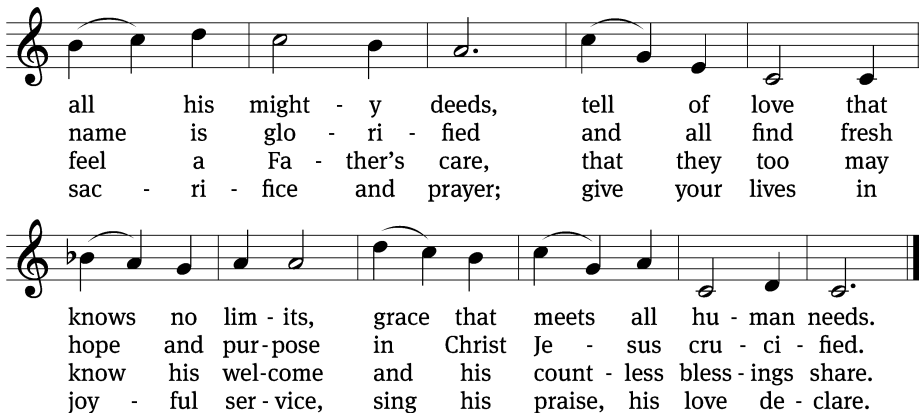
na - tion, cho - sen race, called as God's own  
 his most mar - v'ulous light, brought his truth to  
 to God's heart of love, but he brought you  
 peo - ple he in - tends, strong in faith and



spe - cial peo - ple, roy - al priests and heirs of grace;  
 life with - in you, turned your blind - ness in - to sight.  
 home in mer - cy, cit - i - zens of heav'n a - bove.  
 swift to an - swer each com - mand your mas - ter sends.



know the pur - pose of your call - ing, show to  
 Let your light so shine a - round you that God's  
 Let his love flow out to oth - ers, let them  
 Roy - al priests, ful - fill your call - ing through your



all his might - y deeds, tell of love that  
 name is glo - ri - fied and all find fresh  
 feel a Fa - ther's care, that they too may  
 sac - ri - fice and prayer; give your lives in

knows no lim - its, grace that meets all hu - man needs.  
 hope and pur - pose in Christ Je - sus cru - ci - fied.  
 know his wel - come and his count - less bless - ings share.  
 joy - ful ser - vice, sing his praise, his love de - clare.

## Sermon

Based on 2 Timothy 4

*"How do you want to be remembered?"*

# THANKSGIVING

## 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.**

## Offering



Our members give offerings to support God's work in our church. Offerings can be put in the basket or made online by scanning the code. Visitors may give, but aren't expected to.

We ask members and visitors alike to fill out the connection card and place it in the basket now or as you leave. Please share your prayer requests that we can pray for you.





Please stand.

## Prayer of the Church

### Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

Please be seated.

### Hymn: Lord, You Call Us as Your People

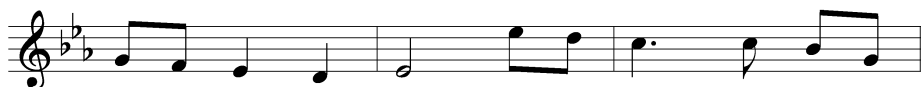
CW 736 sts. 1-2, 4



1 Lord, you call us as your peo - ple, out of dark - ness  
2 Lord, you call us as dis - ci - ples, walk - ing on your  
4 Lord, you call us to new ven - tures by a path - way



in - to light. You cre - at - ed and re - deemed us, made us  
pil - grim way. Cru - ci - fied and ris - en Sav - ior, you are  
yet un - known. Though we can - not see the end - ing, we will



pre - cious in your sight. Give us faith to trust you  
with us ev - 'ry day. Give us wis - dom, give us  
fol - low you a - lone. Know - ing that your hand is



bold - ly and to love you stead - fast - ly. By your  
cour - age as you teach us pa - tient - ly. By your  
guid - ing and you love us faith - ful - ly, by your



Spir - it may we ev - er faith - ful to our call - ings be.  
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New members of Salem in 2022 are invited to the front of church.

## **(10:30am) Welcome of New Members**

**M:** Friends in Christ,

St. Paul described the unity that exists in Christ's church when he wrote, *"There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to one hope when you were called; one Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all."* With sincere joy we welcome you to the fellowship of our congregation.

As you know, believers in Christ regularly gather around his Word and sacraments, encourage one another in faith and life, and carry out the work of his kingdom. The Scriptures encourage us: *"Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms."*

I ask you: Is it your desire to join us in worship and mission and support this work with your prayers and gifts?

**New Members: It is, and I ask God to help me.**

## **Introduction of New Members**

### **Call to the Congregation**

**M:** Brothers and sisters,

As we welcome these new members to our Christian family, I encourage you in the name of Jesus to keep them in your minds, hold them in your hearts, and pray for them again and again. Show them the face of friendship and offer them a hand of support. As Paul teaches in Ephesians 2, encourage them with your *"works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ."*

The peace of Christ be with us all. Amen.

### **Prayer**

**M:** Gracious Father, we thank you for leading these brothers and sisters to desire to become members of our congregation. Guide us with your wisdom as we worship and work together. Mold our minds and hearts into a single Christlike will so that we may be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, and faithful in prayer; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

## Blessing

M: The Lord bless you and keep you.

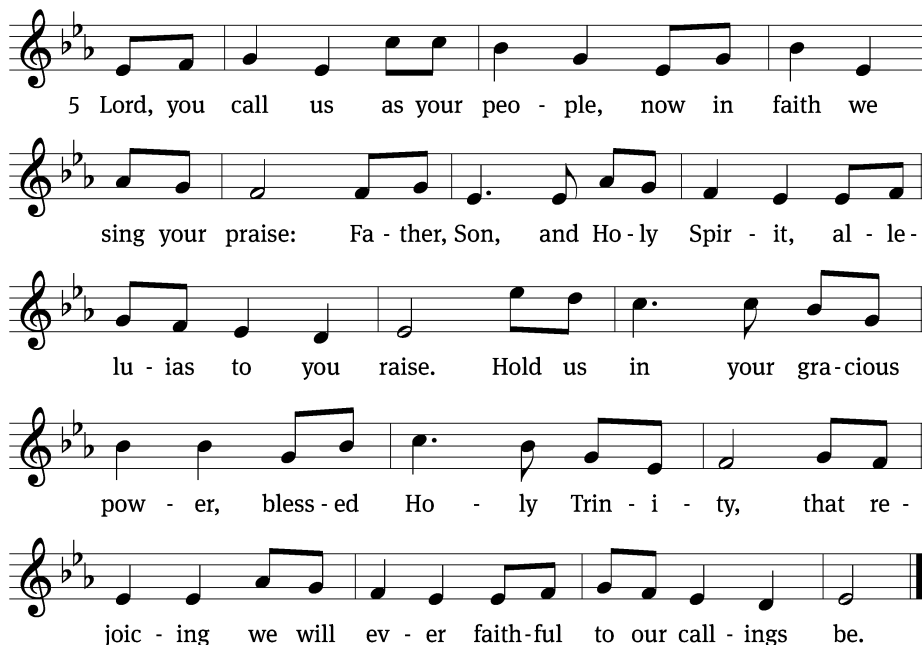
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and † give you peace.

C: Amen.

## Hymn: Lord, You Call us as Your People

CW 736 st. 5



5 Lord, you call us as your peo - ple, now in faith we  
sing your praise: Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Spir - it, al - le -  
lu - ias to you raise. Hold us in your gra - cious  
pow - er, bless - ed Ho - ly Trin - i - ty, that re -  
joic - ing we will ev - er faith - ful to our call - ings be.

## Silent Prayer and Announcements

### Fellowship & Spiritual Growth

Sunday morning, all are invited to enjoy refreshments and fellowship in the entry between services. Sunday JAM for children ages 3yrs to 6th grade starts at 9:10am in the sanctuary. Adult & Teen Bible study begins at 9:15 in the fellowship hall downstairs. After the 10:30 service, all are invited to the gym for a potluck dinner and fellowship to welcome our new members.

### For Worship Next Week

Worship theme: The Savior's Sermon—Live a Holy Life

Bible Readings: 2 Samuel 11:1-17,26-27; 1 Thessalonians 4:1-12; Matthew 5:21-37

Hymns: 735, 695, 665, 928

# *Welcome to worship!*

## FOR OUR GUESTS

We are glad that you joined us to worship our Savior today. If you have questions about our church or service simply ask an usher or someone near you. We're happy to help. Please take note of a few helpful things:

- † **Restrooms** are located straight down the hall opposite the sanctuary entrance. Both men's and women's restrooms are equipped with **diaper changing tables** for your convenience.
- † Our sanctuary is equipped with an amplified "loop" system for **hearing assistance**. Please set hearing aids to the "T" position.
- † You will find a **connection card** in your pew. We ask members and guests to share their names and contact info, and invite you to share requests for contact or prayers.
- † Salem members give an **offering** to support the work we do for the Lord. Guests are not expected to give anything, but if you wish to make a donation you can place it in a basket as it's passed during the service or give online.

## FOR THOSE WITH YOUNG CHILDREN

We love to see families worship together and we welcome children to sing and pray and grow with us in our services. Please note these special worship aids and helps for families:

- † Children's bulletins & "*quiet bags*" for your child's use in worship are available in the entry, just to the left of the office hallway. Ask an usher if you need help finding them.
- † If your child needs to be nursed or quieted for a few moments you can use our "*cry room*" down the hallway across from the restrooms. The service is shown live on a TV in the room.
- † Sunday mornings, before the hymn of the day and sermon, children of all ages are invited to come to the front of church for a short devotion on God's Word. Parents may accompany their children as they wish.

Salem Lutheran Church exists to glorify God  
by teaching his timeless Truth, that all may  
grow in grace and faith to share tomorrow's eternity.

