



NO GREATER LOVE

## **WHY JESUS CAME**

The Fifth Sunday of Epiphany

# BETHEL EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH | York, Nebraska

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*February 7, 2021*

## WELCOME TO WORSHIP

We are pleased that you have chosen to worship the Lord with us today. Large print hymnals and hearing assist devices are available upon request. Restrooms are located on the north side of the main level and in the lower level. If you have any questions or need assistance with anything please ask one of our ushers.

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## SERVICE NOTES FOR THIS SUNDAY

### Worship Materials

The order of service and the hymns for today are printed for you in this folder. "Christian Worship: A Lutheran Hymnal" which is normally in the hymnal rack on the back of each pew has been temporarily removed to help protect against passing the Corona Virus. Watching the theme and passage on the screen may help you prepare for worship.

## SERVING IN WORSHIP

**Worship Leader**  
**Pianist/Organist**

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# SERVICE OF THE WORD

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*This service offers the congregation a form of worship that focuses on the proclamation of God's Word. Believers respond to this divine gift with prayer, praise, and thanksgiving.*

## OPENING HYMN

*Every Morning Mercies New* | 580

1 Ev'ry morning mercies new Fall as fresh as morning dew;  
Ev'ry morning let us pay Tribute with the early day.  
For your mercies, Lord, are sure; Your compassion will endure.

2 Still your kindness and your love Ev'ry day our sins remove;  
Daily, far as east from west, Lift the burden from the breast;  
Give unbought to those who pray Strength to live for you each day.

3 Let our prayers each morn prevail That these gifts may never fail.  
And as we confess our sin And the tempter's pow'r within,  
Feed us with the bread of life; Fit us for our daily strife.

4 As the morning light returns, As the sun with splendor burns,  
Teach us still to turn to you; With your light our souls renew.  
Then shall we our voices raise In unfailing prayer and praise.

## INVOCATION

*please stand*

[M] The grace of our Lord (+) Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

[C] **And also with you.**

## CONFESSION

[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.**

## **ABSOLUTION**

**[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.

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**M** The Lord be with you.

**C** **And also with you.**

**M** Let us pray.

Almighty God, you sent your one and only Son as the Word of life for our eyes to see and our ears to hear. Help us 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.



## The Word

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### FIRST LESSON

*Job 7:1-7*

<sup>1</sup>Isn't man's time on earth like being compelled to serve in the army?

Aren't his days like those of a hired man?

<sup>2</sup>Like a slave, he longs for shade,  
or like a day laborer, he waits for his pay.

<sup>3</sup>In the same way, I have been allotted months of futility,  
and nights of agony have been assigned to me.

<sup>4</sup>When I lie down, I think, "How long before I get up?"

But the night drags on,  
and I am filled with restlessness until dawn.

<sup>5</sup>My flesh is clothed with maggots and caked with dirt.

My skin scabs over and then oozes again.

<sup>6</sup>My days pass by more swiftly than the shuttle of a weaver's loom.

They come to an end without hope.

<sup>7</sup>Remember that my life is just a breath.

My eyes will never again see good fortune. (EHV)

**M** The Word of the Lord

**C** **Thanks be to God!**



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



Praise the LORD, O my soul;\*  
all my inmost being, praise his holy name.

He forgives all your sins\*  
and heals all your diseases;

he redeems your life from the grave\*  
and crowns you with love and compassion.

### ***Refrain***

The LORD is compassionate and gracious,\*  
slow to anger, aboundinging in love.

He does not treat us as our sins deserve\*  
or repay us according to our iniquities.

For as high as the heavens are above the earth,\*  
so great is his love for those who fear him;

as far as the east is from the west,\*  
so far has he removed our transgressions from us.

### ***Refrain***

As a father has compassion on his children,\*  
so the LORD has compassion on those who fear him;

for he knows how we are formed,\*  
he remembers that we are dust.

Our days are like grass, like a flower of the field;\*  
the wind blows over it and it is gone.

But the LORD'S love is with those who fear him\*  
from everlasting to everlasting.

**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.**

***Refrain***

## SECOND LESSON

*Romans 8:28-30*

<sup>28</sup>We know that all things work together for the good of those who love God, for those who are called according to his purpose, <sup>29</sup>because those God foreknew, he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, so that he would be the firstborn among many brothers. <sup>30</sup>And those he predestined, he also called. Those he called, he also justified. And those he justified, he also glorified. (EHV)

**[M]** The Word of the Lord

**[C]** Thanks be to God!

## VERSE OF THE DAY

**[M]** Alleluia. You meant evil against me, but God meant it for good, to bring this to pass and to keep many people alive, as it is this day. Alleluia.





## GOSPEL

Mark 1:29-39

*please stand*

**[M]** The Gospel according to Mark chapter 1.

<sup>29</sup>They left the synagogue and went with James and John to the home of Simon and Andrew. <sup>30</sup>Simon's mother-in-law was lying in bed, sick with a fever. Without delay they told Jesus about her. <sup>31</sup>He went to her, took her by the hand, and raised her up. The fever left her, and she began to serve them. <sup>32</sup>That evening, when the sun had set, the people kept bringing to him all who were sick and demon-possessed. <sup>33</sup>The whole town gathered at the door. <sup>34</sup>He healed many people who were sick with various diseases and drove out many demons. But he did not allow the demons to speak, because they knew who he was.

<sup>35</sup>Jesus got up early in the morning, while it was still dark, and went out. He withdrew to a solitary place and was praying there. <sup>36</sup>Simon and his companions searched for him, <sup>37</sup>and, when they found him, they said to him, "Everyone is looking for you!"

<sup>38</sup>He told them, "Let's go somewhere else, to the neighboring villages, so that I can preach there too. In fact, that is why I have come." <sup>39</sup>Then he went throughout the whole region of Galilee, preaching in their synagogues and driving out demons. (EHV)

**[M]** This is the Gospel of the Lord.



*be seated*

## HYMN OF THE DAY

*Oh, Bless the Lord, My Soul* | **238**

1 Oh, bless the Lord, my soul!  
Let all within me join  
And aid my tongue to bless his name  
Whose favors are divine.

2 Oh, bless the Lord, my soul,  
Nor let his mercies lie  
Forgotten in unthankfulness  
And without praises die.

3 'Tis he forgives my sins;  
'Tis he relieves my pain;  
'Tis he that heals my sicknesses  
And makes me young again.

4 He fills the poor with good;  
He gives the suff'ers rest;  
The Lord has judgments for the proud  
And justice for th' oppressed.

5 His wondrous works and ways  
He made by Moses known,  
But sent the world his truth and grace  
By his beloved Son.

## **SERMON**

*please stand*

## **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**      ***Please leave your offering in the plate provided in the entry or make use of one of the available online options on our website.***

*On the first day of every week, each one of you should set aside a sum of money in keeping with his income. 1 Corinthians 16:2 (NIV)*

## **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

**[M]** Lord God, our maker and preserver, we praise and thank you for all that you give us day after day.

**[C]** **We are not worthy of all the mercies you show us.**

**[M]** You have given us your precious Word to nourish our souls and to protect us from the temptations of the devil, the world, and our sinful nature.

**[C]** **We thank you for those who teach and preach your saving truth at this place and everywhere. Grant them a rich measure of patience, wisdom, and love.**

**[M]** Heavenly Father, we pray that you shield us from every kind of danger: sudden catastrophe, terrors of crime, and the pain of disease. Watch over those who travel by land, sea, and air. Keep our loved ones from whatever perils may threaten them.

**[C]** **Heal those who are sick, cheer those who are sad, calm those who are distressed, and comfort all who are old and infirm.**

**[M]** Bless our land, our people, and those who hold offices of high trust. Keep our government and schools upright and strong for the advancement of good citizenship and useful vocations, that we may enjoy your gifts of peace, security, and well-being.

**[C]** **Grant your blessing to every nation on earth. Where there are wars, may there be peace. Where there is hatred, let it be healed. Where there is poverty, danger, or disaster, come with your almighty power to help and restore.**

*Special prayers and intercessions may follow.*

**[M]** Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

*Silent prayer.*

**[M]** We bring these requests before you in the name of Jesus our Lord, and ask you to hear us. Take all that we have, our bodies and minds, our time and skills, our ministries and offerings, and use them to your glory.

**[C]** **We give ourselves to you that we may serve you in whatever way is pleasing in your sight. 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.**

*be seated*

## **HYMN**

*Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness* | **353**

1 Praise the one who breaks the darkness With a liberating light;  
Praise the one who frees the pris'ners, Turning blindness into sight.  
Praise the one who preached the gospel, Healing ev'ry dread disease,  
Calming storms and feeding thousands With the Father's word of peace.

2 Praise the one who blessed the children With a strong, yet gentle, word;  
 Praise the one who drove out demons With the piercing, two-edged sword.  
 Praise the one who brings cool water To the desert's burning sand;  
 From this well comes living water, Quenching thirst in ev'ry land.

3 Let us praise the Word incarnate, Christ, who suffered in our place;  
 Jesus died and rose victorious That we may know God by grace.  
 Let us sing for joy and gladness, Seeing what our God has done;  
 Let us praise the true Redeemer, Praise the one who makes us one.

## PRAYER

- [M] O Lord God, our heavenly Father, pour out the Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep us strong in your grace and truth, protect and comfort us in all temptation, and bestow on us your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



## 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.



## CLOSING HYMN

*Jesus Has Come and Brings Pleasure Eternal* | 711

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