

You Are . . . So Be



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**CHRIST** Lutheran Church

*"Our hope in Jesus is an anchor for the soul."* Hebrews 6:19

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*Sunday 8AM: Team A*

■ *Sunday 10:30AM: Team K*

■ *Monday 6:30PM: Garbers*

# Mission Statement

With the help of the Triune God, our mission is to gladly nurture the spiritual and physical needs of our congregation, to train our children in the knowledge of the Lord, to reach out to others with the saving message of Jesus' love and forgiveness.

**W**elcome! Thank you for joining us for worship this morning. In our service we gather before our almighty God to offer him our worship and praise. We also gather to strengthen ourselves through the study of God's holy and powerful Word.

## **SERIES THEME: THE SAVIOR'S SERMON**

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. He calls his disciples. It is not long before large crowds start following Jesus around Galilee. So, in the second half of this season Jesus is going to teach us what it means to be one of his followers.

Jesus does this through the most famous sermon of all time. It is not delivered while standing in a pulpit but while sitting on a hill. Elevated above the crowd, Jesus' voice would carry through the air. His followers hung on his every word as the Christ talked about living an authentic Christian life. It is called the Sermon on the Mount.

## **THEME OF THE DAY: YOU ARE . . . SO BE**

Imagine a beautiful guitar, carefully crafted out of the finest mahogany and steel strings. Now imagine that fine instrument is never played. It is placed atop a bookshelf and never touched. It just collects dust. Tragic, right? What a thing is finds fulfillment when that thing does what it was made to do. Of what use is a guitar that makes no music? What would be the point of turning on a lamp and then throwing a heavy blanket over it. It might still be a lamp, but it provides no light. (It only serves as a fire hazard!) Form and function are intimately connected.

In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus teaches that the same is true of discipleship. He wants us to see that being a disciple and acting as a disciple are intimately connected. When God called us to faith, he declared that we were something new: light, salt, his children. Jesus now encourages us to be what God says we are, so that God might bless the world through us. As Jesus speaks to us, he means to mold our will to his own.

# THE SERVICE (SETTING ONE) PG. 154

## **630 Thy Strong Word**

CW 630 sts. 1–4

*Stand*

## **Invocation**

## **Confession & Absolution**

CW 154

## **Lord, Have Mercy & Glory Be to God**

CW 157

# The Word

## **Salutation**

## **Prayer of the Day**

*Be seated*

## **First Reading**

*Exodus 19:1–8a*

**19** In the third month after the Israelites had left the land of Egypt, on that same day of the month, they came to the Wilderness of Sinai. **2** After they set out from Rephidim and came to the Wilderness of Sinai, they camped in the wilderness. Israel camped there in front of the mountain. **3** Moses went up to God, and the LORD called to him from the mountain, “This is what you are to say to the house of Jacob and to tell the people of Israel: **4** ‘You have seen what I did to the Egyptians and how I carried you on eagles’ wings and brought you to myself. **5** Now if you will carefully listen to my voice and keep my covenant, then you will be my special treasure out of all the nations, although the entire earth is mine. **6** You will be my kingdom of priests and my holy nation.’ These are the words that you are to speak to the Israelites.” **7** Moses went and summoned the elders of the people, and he set before them all these words that the LORD had commanded him. **8** All the people answered together, “Everything that the LORD has said, we will do.”

The Word of the Lord.  
Thanks be to God.

## 112 Light Dawns in the Darkness

*Psalm 112*

### Second Reading

*1 Peter 2:9-12*

<sup>9</sup> But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, the people who are God's own possession, so that you may proclaim the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. <sup>10</sup> At one time you were not a people, but now you are the people of God. At one time you were not shown mercy, but now you have been shown mercy. <sup>11</sup> Dear friends, I urge you, as aliens and temporary residents in the world, to abstain from the desires of the sinful flesh, which war against your soul. <sup>12</sup> Live an honorable life among the Gentiles so that even though they slander you as evildoers, when they observe your noble deeds, they may glorify God on the day he visits us.

The Word of the Lord.  
Thanks be to God.

*Stand*

### Gospel Acclamation

*Matthew 5:16*



*Refrain*



Let your light shine before others,  
that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.

*Refrain*

## **Gospel**

*Matthew 5:13–20*

<sup>13</sup>“You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its flavor, how will it become salty again? Then it is no good for anything except to be thrown out and trampled on by people. <sup>14</sup>You are the light of the world. A city located on a hill cannot be hidden. <sup>15</sup>People do not light a lamp and put it under a basket. No, they put it on a stand, and it gives light to all who are in the house. <sup>16</sup>In the same way let your light shine in people’s presence, so that they may see your good works and glorify your Father who is in heaven. <sup>17</sup>“Do not think that I came to destroy the Law or the Prophets. I did not come to destroy them but to fulfill them. <sup>18</sup>Amen I tell you: Until heaven and earth pass away, not even the smallest letter, or even part of a letter, will in any way pass away from the Law until everything is fulfilled. <sup>19</sup>So whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be called least in the kingdom of heaven. But whoever practices and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. <sup>20</sup>Indeed I tell you that unless your righteousness surpasses that of the Pharisees and experts in the law, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise be to you, O Christ!**

*Be seated*

**854 Church of God, Elect and Glorious**

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## Sermon: Matthew 5:13-15

### Sent to Season, so Let Loose the Light

#### Sermon Study Guide

*Contemplate these questions during the sermon and feel free to write your thoughts in the blank spaces.*

- 1. What is the purpose of salt? What value does it have if it loses its ability to perform its purpose?**
  
- 2. God says we are the salt of the earth. What will happen if we stop functioning in that role? What purpose would we have then?**
  
- 3. There would be no use in hiding a light under a basket. It would be preventing the light from fulfilling its purpose. What is our purpose as lights in this world?**
  
- 4. What is always our goal in fulfilling our purpose as the salt of the earth and lights of the world? In all things, what are we attempting to do?**

*Stand*

## **Nicene Creed**

*Be seated*

## **Prayer of the Church/ Adult Confirmation (10:30 Sunday)**

## **Offering**

## **The Sacrament**

*Stand*

## **Holy, Holy, Holy**

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## **Prayer of Thanksgiving**

## **Lord's Prayer**

## **Words of Institution**

## **Pax Domini**

## **O Christ, Lamb of God**

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*Be seated*

## **Distribution**

## **668 Jesus Comes Today with Healing**

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**Thanksgiving**

**Blessing**

**630 Thy Strong Word**

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