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SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY – JANUARY 17, 2021 – 9:00 AM

Prelude: *"This is My Father's World"* arr. Berry

Welcome & Announcements

Confession and Forgiveness

Gathering Song: *"Bright and Glorious is the Sky"* ELW 301, vv. 1, 6

Prayer of the Day

First Reading 1 Samuel 3:1-10 [11-20]

Psalms 139:1-6, 13-189 Read responsively

Second Reading 1 Corinthians 6:12-20

Gospel Acclamation p. 188

Gospel John 1:43-51

Sermon Pastor Jeff Geiger

Hymn of the Day: *"Alleluia, Song of Gladness"* ELW 318, vv. 1-2

The Apostles' Creed

Prayers of the Church L: Let us pray. C: **Have mercy, O God.**

Offering: *"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"* arr. Lopez

Offertory: *"Brightest and Best of the Stars"* ELW 303, v. 3

Offertory Prayer

The Words of Institution and the Lord's Prayer

Holy Communion

Benediction

Sending Hymn: *"Arise, Your Light Has Come"* ELW 314, vv. 1, 3, 4

Postlude: *"O Come, All Ye Faithful"* arr. Hogan

♪ Worship Notes ♪

Welcome to worship! Thank you for joining us today – here at Bethany and in our livestream to homes near and far away. It is our hope that each and every one of you experience the love of Christ this morning and His presence during our worship service today.

We are in the Season of Epiphany. The liturgical color for this season is green. Green symbolizes the renewal of vegetation, living things and the promise of new life. It is used for the two seasons that focus most directly on continuing life in this world: Epiphany and Pentecost. Epiphany focuses on the life of Jesus as a human being, and Pentecost focuses on the life of the Church.

Worship leaders today are Pastor Jeff Geiger, Deacon Lynn Egesdal and Elina Leander Ozolins. Many thanks to our worship volunteers: Hannah Geiger, acolyte; Judy Hiemstra, reader; Randy Phillips, audio; Sandi Schmidt, video;.

PRAYER CONCERNS

Health Concerns:

Larry Anderson, Casey Cunningham, Corinne Dahl,
Mary Rose Hemme, Gerald Koester, Linda Kunzmann,
Sandy Manwarren, Kim McCune, Marsha Nelson,
Steve Salts, Geraldine Senne, Lloyd Senne, Lyle Youngdahl;
Joel Meyer (*Marilyn Meyer's son*);
Patricia Bentsen (*Missionary to Madagascar*)
Ken (Doc) & Val Manwarren (*Greg Manwarren's brother/sister-in-law*)
Martha Lionberger (*Mary Marske's sister*)

Those who mourn:

Family of Joyce Klenken (*Bruce Klenken's mother*)
Family of Patricia "Kay" Schweitzer

Other Concerns:

Mike & Kim Hoy (*Garage fire*)

Thanksgiving:

Birth-January 6: Reba Jayne Schulz, daughter of Dave & Patty Schulz,
joining at home, Owen, Kathryn & Maverick

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REMINDER: The annual meeting will begin immediately after worship. Bethany members should please stay for the meeting. Thank you!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

IN-PERSON WORSHIP As we return to in-person worship, we would like to remind you, please use the north parking lot entry, where you will sign-in and be asked a few questions upon entering. Volunteers will be on hand to assist with any questions you may have. Masks are required. Please bring a mask – or we will provide one for you. Hand sanitizer will be provided in multiple locations. Please be mindful and limit the touching of surfaces as much as possible. We will observe social distancing as follows: seating capacity of 60, with applicable spacing guidelines and procedures as directed by our volunteer staff. And because our in-person gathering status is subject to change, please stay tuned to the weekly news blasts in case of changes. Services will continue to be livestreamed on YouTube at 9am for those who are not ready to return. Also, our services are rebroadcast on SMU Channel 2 on Tuesdays at 5pm and Wednesdays at 10am. One way or another, please join us!

THE CHURCH IS OPEN! Don't forget – the church is open during the week. Pastor Jeff is available if you want to stop by to chat or reach out to him on the telephone. Building hours are, Monday-Thursday, 9am-4pm and Friday, 8:30am-12:30pm. When stopping by, please use the north parking lot entry, handicap door. For safety purposes, all other doors are locked. We continue to be careful, following CDC guidelines.

COFIRMATION & BYG Wednesday evening Bethany Confirmation and Bethany Youth Group (BYG) has resumed. Confirmation students meet in the parlor and Youth Group meets in the Youth Room downstairs at 7pm. All participants are asked to please wear masks.

RESOURCES FOR YOU The ELCA has some new resources for you to use in your home. These include worship resources, prayers, news and stories. Use this link: <https://blogs.elca.org/worship/>. And this resource, <https://www.goodbookclub.org/>, put out by the Episcopal Church, is a guide to reading through the Gospel of Mark during Epiphany. Other materials are available in our drive-up devotional box, typically 24/7 (unless the weather deems otherwise). The January–March 2021 issue of *Christ in Our Home* devotionals is now available. Also in the box are new issues of *The Lutheran Digest* and *The Lutheran Journal*, worship bulletins and inserts and the 2020 annual report.

HOUSE FOR RENT Bethany's rental house at 1418 First Ave W is available for rent. It is a four bedroom, 2 bath home with a two stall garage. Stove, refrigerator, washer and dryer are furnished. Rent is \$800/month. Interested parties should call the church office at 262-2327.

LENT 2021 The beginning of Lent is just a month away as February 17 is Ash Wednesday. ***These are things that will be happening:*** we will have services online on the Wednesdays and Sundays in Lent; we will be using "A Story to Tell" from Augsburg Fortress publishers as our group devotional and midweek Lenten series theme. Copies will be available for you to pick up, either at the Welcome Center or in the drive-up devotional box. Lynn Egesdal, Coordinator of Children, Youth & Family Ministries will be hosting a "Photo-a-Day" challenge on Facebook throughout the Lenten season – look for more details on the Bethany social media sites. ***These are the things that we are hopeful for and planning*** (but may change depending on the current circumstances of the pandemic): an in-person worship service on Ash Wednesday and the following Sundays and Wednesdays of Lent; First Communion midweek classes for our 5th and 6th graders and perhaps other gatherings as we are able. Watch for details coming out in a February/March issue of the Bethany Herald – planned to be in the mail during the first week of February. And look for the latest news in our Wednesday E-Blast emails. If you're not receiving these emails, please let us know your email address so we can add you to the list. Thank you!

CALENDAR:

Sunday, January 17

- 9:00 am Worship online *and* in-person
- 10:00 am Annual Meeting of the Congregation

Tuesday, January 19

- 10:00 am Staff Meeting (EO)
- 5:00 pm Service Rebroadcast-SMU Channel 2
- 6:00 pm Church Council Meeting

Wednesday, January 20 - WOW – Check your Email!

- 10:00 am Service Rebroadcast-SMU Channel 2
- 10:00 am Prayer Group (*via email*)
- 7:00 pm Confirmation & Youth Group
- 7:30 pm Women's Book Study via Zoom

Saturday, January 23

- 7:30 am Men of Bethany Bible Study via Zoom

Sunday, January 14

- 9:00 am Worship online *and* in-person