

5TH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY ~ February 7, 2021

Worship 10:00 am

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GATHERING - Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Sign of the Cross

*P: Blessed be God, Creator, ✙ Son, and Holy Spirit, whose forgiveness is sure
and whose steadfast love endures forever.*

C: Amen.

GATHERING SONG “Oh, For a Thousand Tongues to Sing” ELW 886

**Oh, for a thousand tongues to sing my great Redeemer's praise,
the glories of my God and King, the triumphs of his grace!**

**My gracious Master and my God, assist me to proclaim,
to spread through all the earth abroad the honors of your name.**

**The name of Jesus charms our fears and bids our sorrows cease,
sings music in the sinner's ears, brings life and health and peace.**

**He speaks, and list'ning to his voice, new life the dead receive;
the mournful, broken hearts rejoice, the humble poor believe.**

**Look unto him, your Savior own, O fallen human race!
Look and be saved through faith alone, be justified by grace!**

**To God all glory, praise, and love be now and ever giv'n
by saints below and saints above, the church in earth and heav'n.**

Confession and Forgiveness

*P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✙ one God, whose voice is upon the waters, whose
mercy is poured out upon all people, whose goodness cascades over all
creation.*

C: Amen.

P: Let us confess our sin, trusting in the abundant grace of God.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Holy God,

C: you search us and know us.

You are acquainted with all our ways.

**We confess that our hearts are burdened by sin—
our own sins and the broken systems that bind us.**

**We turn inward, failing to follow
your outward way of love.
We distrust those who are not like us.
We exploit the earth and its resources
and fail to consider generations to come.
Forgive us, gracious God,
for all we have done and left undone.
Even before the words are on our tongues,
you know them;
receive them in your divine mercy.
Amen.**

P: How vast is God's grace! Through the power and promise of ✝ Christ Jesus, our sins are washed away and we are claimed as God's own beloved. Indeed, we are forgiven. In the wake of God's forgiveness, we are called to be the beloved community living out Christ's justice and the Spirit's reconciling peace.

C: Amen.

Greeting

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

P: Everlasting God,

**C: you give strength to the weak and power to the faint. Make us agents of your healing and wholeness, that your good news may be made known to the ends of your creation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.**

Sharing Christ's Peace

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

WORD

1st Reading – Isaiah 40:21-31

R: Word of God, Word of Life. **C: Thanks be to God.**

2nd Reading – 1 Corinthians 9:16-23

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Young People's Message

Gospel Acclamation – “*Alleluia, I am the Light of the World*”

Gospel – Mark 1:29-39

P: The gospel of the Lord. C: Praise to you, O Christ.

The Message – Pastor Lou Peters

HYMN OF THE DAY – “On Eagle's Wings”

**You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord, Who abide in his shadow for life,
Say to the Lord: “My refuge, my rock In whom I trust!**

*refrain: And he will raise you up on eagle's wings
Bear you on the breath of dawn.
Make you to shine like the sun, And hold you in the palm of his hand.*

**The snare of the fowler will never capture you, And famine will bring you no
fear:**

Under his wings your refuge, His faithfulness your shield. (*refrain*)

**You need not fear the terror of the night, Nor the arrow that flies by day;
Though thousands fall about you, Near you it shall not come. (*refrain*)**

**For to his angels he's given a command To guard you in all of your ways;
Upon their hands they will bear you up, Lest you dash your foot against a
stone. (*refrain*)**

Affirmation of Faith: Apostle's Creed

*P: Siblings in Christ, we are invited to join our voices with the voice
of the whole Church on earth as we profess what we believe as Christians:*

C: We believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

**We believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by
the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered
under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended
into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is
seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living
and the dead.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion
of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the
life everlasting. Amen.**

Offering *Thank you for your on-going gifts and for being the generous
people who support the mission & ministry of our congregations.*

Offering Prayer

P: O God,

C: receive these gifts as you receive us: like a mother receives her child, with arms open wide. Nourish us anew in your tender care, and empower us in faithful service to tend to others with this same love, through Jesus Christ, our saving grace. Amen.

Prayers of the Church

P: Let us pray.

C: Have mercy, O God.

The 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. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever.
Amen.**

Benediction

*P: God the creator strengthen you; Jesus the beloved fill you; and the Holy Spirit
the comforter ☩ keep you in peace.*

C: Amen.

SENDING SONG – “I Love to tell the Story” ELW 661

**I love to tell the story of unseen things above, of Jesus and his glory, of Jesus
and his love. I love to tell the story, because I know it's true; it satisfies my
longings as nothing else would do.**

*refrain: I love to tell the story; 'twill be my theme in glory
to tell the old, old story of Jesus and his love.*

**I love to tell the story: how pleasant to repeat what seems, each time I tell it,
more wonderfully sweet! I love to tell the story, for some have never heard
the message of salvation from God's own holy word. (refrain)**

**I love to tell the story, for those who know it best seem hungering and
thirsting to hear it like the rest. And when, in scenes of glory, I sing the new,
new song, I'll sing the old, old story that I have loved so long. (refrain)**

Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Be the light of Christ.

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

We Pray for:

*Eileen Macomber in the loss of Kevin, Joel Cederberg,
Dori Dodson (Chelsea Morehead), Dennis & Barbara Franke, Jackie (Nancy),
Cynthia Holmberg (Nancy), Clarice Moore (Gary Walker),
Morgan Family in their loss of John, Lois Niewohner, Bill Peters, Janice Ostnes,
Ariana Preshaw, Victoria Raquepaw's cousin, Susan & her son Mato,
Ashley & Sherri Stephens, Laura (Babe) Stephens.*

Our Prayer Partner Church: St. Mark Lutheran Church, Anchorage

Announcements

MONDAY Foodbank, 1:00pm help offload foodboxes for clients at church.
Mary Martha Women's Bible Study, 6:15pm at church & Zoom.
Lois Heine is contact person.

TUESDAY Town Hall Meeting, 6:00pm via Zoom. We are reviewing reports submitted by each department head as well as briefly again reviewing this year's budget. Link to meeting is shown below.

Zoom link to Town Hall meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88637401048?pwd=M0hoY1NsZ2VUaEdEdk1CSVl6MSSt4QT09>

WEDNESDAY Confirmation, 6:00pm with Pastor Lou via ZOOM. Classes are for 7th and 8th graders. Contact Pastor Lou or the church office.

FLC Community Conversations, 7:00pm with Pastor Lou on ZOOM. This study topic covers the social message from the ELCA called "*Government and Civic Engagement in the United States: Discipleship in Democracy*". Links to meetings and PDF files are shown below.

Zoom link to FLC Community Conversations meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84837353942?pwd=enJwOTlqNlNfVjJlSjXczWDNUVWJMUT09>

Links to the PDF files:

https://download.elca.org/ELCA%20Resource%20Repository/Government_and_Civic_Engagement_Social_Message.pdf

https://download.elca.org/ELCA%20Resource%20Repository/Government_Civic_Engagement_Study_Guide_Sessions.pdf

SATURDAY, Feb 13th, come help clean church building, 10am – 12noon. Your help is needed - join Martin's Moppers in spiffing up the building for Sunday February 14th's in-person Worship Service and Annual Congregation Meeting. Contact Arlene Orbeck, 474-0072 for more information.

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING will be held on *next Sunday, February 14th* after our in-person worship service. The meeting will be held in-person as well as being livestreamed.

LENT WORSHIP this year will be service-oriented. Our Worship and Arts Ministry Team has planned weekly service projects as part of our Lent worship this year. Beginning with *Ash Wednesday, February 17th* we plan to donate items to the Women's Shelter, then in subsequent weeks to Stone Soup Café, The Door, SOAP, Healthcare workers, Rescue Mission and end our time of service with our Palm Sunday Coat drive. More detailed information on when and how to donate items and our Mid-week worship schedule to come.

UPCOMING – **MIRIAM CIRCLE** meets 2:00pm @church on Tues Feb 16th.

COUNCIL MEETING is Tues Feb 16th, 6pm – electing officers.

IN-PERSON WORSHIP SERVICES begin Sunday, February 14th. We'll be following our COVID-19 Mitigation Plan. Masks are required, numbered attendance etc... We will also be livestreaming the services via Facebook. We hope this trend will continue however we appreciate everyone being flexible if we have to make a change.

Office Hours – the church building will not be open to the public, however we have opened the building to Bible Study Groups and in-person worship services beginning February 14th. Thanks for your patience.

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