

Welcome to Pilgrim Lutheran Church

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Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

February 7, 2021

GATHERING AND WELCOME

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin trusting in the abundant grace of God.
(Silence for reflection and self-examination.)

Holy God,

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.

How vast is God's grace! Through the power and promise of Jesus Christ, 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.

Amen

Gathering Hymn~~O For A Thousand Tongues~~ELW #886

**Oh, for a thous-and tongues to sing
My great Re-deem-er's praise,
The glo-ries of my God and king,
The tri-umphs of his grace!
My gra-cious Mas-ter and my God,
As-sist me to pro-claim,
To spread through all the earth a-broad
the hon-ors of your name.**

**The name of Je-sus charms our fears
And bids our sor-rows cease,
Sings mu-sic in the sin-ner's ears,
Brings life and health and peace.
He speaks, and lis-t'ning to his voice,
New life the dead re-ceive;
The mourn-ful, bro-ken hearts re-joice,
The hum-ble poor be-lieve.**

**Look unto him, your Savior own,
O fallen hu-man race!
Look and be saved through faith alone,
Be jus-ti-fied by grace!
To God all glory, praise and love
Be now and ever giv'n
By saints be-low and saints a-bove,
The church in earth and heav'n.**

CHILDREN'S SERMON

THE GREETING

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

And also with you.

KYRIE~~~~ELW #147

In peace let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy

For the peace from above, and for our salvation,
let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God, and for the
unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy

For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the
Lord.

Lord have mercy

Help, save, comfort and defend us, gracious Lord.

Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE

Glory to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

All: Lord God, heav-en-ly King, al-might-y God and Fa-ther, we wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo-ry. Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have me-rcy on us; you are seat-ed at the right hand of the Father: re-ceive our prayer.

For you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,you a-lone are the most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it, in the glo-ry of God the Fa-ther. A - men.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

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

READINGS

A reading from Isaiah 40:21-31

Have you not known? Have you not heard? Has it not been told you from the beginning? Have you not understood from the foundations of the earth? It is he who sits above the circle of the earth, and its inhabitants are like grasshoppers; who stretches out the heavens like a curtain, and spreads them like a tent to live in; who brings princes to naught, and makes the rulers of the earth as nothing.

Scarcely are they planted, scarcely sown, scarcely has their stem taken root in the earth, when he blows upon them, and they wither, and the tempest carries them off like stubble.

To whom then will you compare me, or who is my equal? says the Holy One. Lift up your eyes on high and see: Who created these? He who brings out their host and numbers them, calling them all by name; because he is great in strength, mighty in power, not one is missing.

Why do you say, O Jacob, and speak, O Israel, 'My way is hidden from the LORD, and my right is disregarded by my God'? Have you not known? Have you not heard? The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable. He gives power to the faint, and strengthens the powerless. Even youths will faint and be weary, and the young will fall exhausted; but those who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

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Let us read Psalm 147:1-11, 20c

¹ Praise the LORD! How good it is to sing praises to our God; for he is gracious, and a song of praise is fitting.

² **The LORD builds up Jerusalem; he gathers the outcasts of Israel.**

³ He heals the broken-hearted, and binds up their wounds.

⁴ **He determines the number of the stars; he gives to all of them their names.**

⁵ Great is our Lord, and abundant in power; his understanding is beyond measure.

⁶ **The LORD lifts up the downtrodden; he casts the wicked to the ground.**

⁷ Sing to the LORD with thanksgiving; make melody to our God on the lyre.

⁸ **He covers the heavens with clouds, prepares rain for the earth, makes grass grow on the hills.**

⁹ He gives to the animals their food, and to the young ravens when they cry.

¹⁰ **His delight is not in the strength of the horse, nor his pleasure in the speed of a runner;**
¹¹ but the LORD takes pleasure in those who fear him, in those who hope in his steadfast love.
²⁰ **He has not dealt thus with any other nation; they do not know his ordinances. Praise the LORD!**

A reading from 1 Corinthians 9:16-23

If I proclaim the gospel, this gives me no ground for boasting, for an obligation is laid on me, and woe betide me if I do not proclaim the gospel! For if I do this of my own will, I have a reward; but if not of my own will, I am entrusted with a commission. What then is my reward? Just this: that in my proclamation I may make the gospel free of charge, so as not to make full use of my rights in the gospel.

For though I am free with respect to all, I have made myself a slave to all, so that I might win more of them. To the Jews I became as a Jew, in order to win Jews. To those under the law I became as one under the law (though I myself am not under the law) so that I might win those under the law. To those outside the law I became as one outside the law (though I am not free from God's law but am under Christ's law) so that I might win those outside the law. To the weak I became weak, so that I might win the weak. I have become all things to all people, so that I might by any means save some. I do it all for the sake of the gospel, so that I may share in its blessings.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, Lord to whom shall we go?
You have the words of eternal life, Alleluia!

The Holy Gospel according to Mark 1:14-20
Glory to you O Lord

²⁹ As soon as they left the synagogue, they entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. ³⁰ Now Simon's mother-in-law was in bed with a fever, and they told him about her at once. ³¹ He came and took her by the hand and lifted her up. Then the fever left her, and she began to serve them.

³² That evening, at sunset, they brought to him all who were sick or possessed with demons. ³³ And the whole city was gathered around the door. ³⁴ And he cured many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons; and he would not permit the demons to speak, because they knew him.

35 In the morning, while it was still very dark, he got up and went out to a deserted place, and there he prayed. ³⁶And Simon and his companions hunted for him. ³⁷When they found him, they said to him, 'Everyone is searching for you.' ³⁸He answered, 'Let us go on to the neighbouring towns, so that I may proclaim the message there also; for that is what I came out to do.' ³⁹And he went throughout Galilee, proclaiming the message in their synagogues and casting out demons.

This is the Gospel of our Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Hymn of the Day~~On Eagle's Wings~~ELW #787

You who dwell in the shel-ter of the Lord,
Who a-bide in this shadow for life,
Say to the Lord: "My ref-uge, my rock
in whom I trust!"
And he will raise you up on ea-gle'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.

You need not fear the ter-ror of the night,
Nor the ar-row that flies by day;
Though thou-sands fall about you,
Near you it shall not come.
And he will raise you up on ea-gle'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 fowl-er will never cap-ture
you, And fam-ine will bring you no fear;
Un-der God's wings you ref-uge,
with faith-ful-ness your shield.
And he will raise you up on ea-gle'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.

For to the an-gel's God's giv-en a
com-mand To guard you in all of your ways;
Up-on their hands they will bear you up,
Lest you dash your foot a-against a stone.
And he will raise you up on ea-gle'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.
And hold you, hold you in the palm of his
hand.

APOSTLE'S CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I 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.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Let us pray

Have mercy, O God.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

GATHERING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERATORY HYMN~~We Are an Offering~~ELW #692

We lift our voices, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you, we are an offering. Lord use our voices, Lord use our hands. Lord use our lives, they are yours, we are an offering. All that we have, all that are, all that we hope to be we give to you, we give to you. We lift our voices, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you, we are an offering, we are an offering.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

O God, receive these gifts as you receive us; like a mother receives her child, with arms and 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.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING~~ELW pg 152

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

. . . We praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Hymn of Thanksgiving~~Holy, Holy, Holy~~ELW pg 153

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord, Lord God of power and might, Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosannah in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, Hosannah in the highest.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Christ Jesus,

At this table we have feasted on your very life
and are strengthened for our journey.

Send us forth from this banquet nourished in body and in spirit
to proclaim your good news and serve others in your name.

Amen.

POST COMMUNION HYMN~~Thankful Hearts and Voices Raise~~ELW #207

Thankful hearts and voices raise;

Tell everyone what God has done.

Let everyone who seeks the Lord rejoice and bear the name of Christ.

Send us with your promises and lead your people forth in joy
with shouts of Thanksgiving.

Alleluia, alleluia.

BENEDICTION

May the Lord Bless you and keep you

May the Lord make his face to shine upon you

May the Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

In the name of the Father, of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.



SENDING HYMN~~I Love To Tell The Story~~ELW #661

I love to tell the sto-ry of un-seen things a-bove
Of Je-sus and his glo-ry, of Je-sus and his love.
I love to tell the sto-ry be-cause I know it's true;
It sat-is-fies my long-ings as noth-ing else would do.

I love to tell the sto-ry;
T'will be my theme in glo-ry
To tell the old, old sto-ry
Of Jesus and his love.

I love to tell the sto-ry: How pleas-ant to re-peat,
What seems, each time I tell it,
more won-der-fully sweet!
I love to tell the sto-ry, for some have nev-er heard
The mes-sage of sal-va-tion from God's own
ho-ly word.

I love to tell the sto-ry;
T'will be my theme in glo-ry
To tell the old, old sto-ry
Of Jesus and his love.

I love to tell the story,for those who know it best
Seem hun-ger-ing and thirst-ing,
to hear it like the rest.
And when, in scenes of glo-ry,
I sing the new, new song,
I'll sing the old, old sto-ry,
that I have loved so long.

I love to tell the sto-ry;
T'will be my theme in glo-ry
To tell the old, old sto-ry
Of Jesus and his love.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Confirmation will meet February 10 at 3:30 pm.

Council meeting is February 9 @ 7 pm

Thank you everyone for following the governor's directive wearing masks, maintaining social distance, and refraining from singing. You are invited to hum along with the hymns. We appreciate your cooperation in curbing the spread of Covid-19.

Defibrillator instruction will be next Sunday, February 14, right after worship.

Ash Wednesday Worship with imposition of ashes is Wednesday, February 17 at 7 pm.

THE DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Be the light of Christ!

Thanks be to God!

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