



Sunday, February 7, 2021  
10:00 A.M.  
Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

## GATHERING

### **PRELUDE**

*Praise Be to Thee*

*George F. Handel*

*Praise be to thee, Lord God of Hosts!  
My soul shall be joyful in thee;  
I shall rejoice, Lord in thee.  
Like a shepherd hast thou led us,  
Lord Thine the hand that healeth us;  
Through thy great goodness are we restored.*

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.**

### **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

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

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

**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 † 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.

**Amen.**

## GATHERING HYMN      *Arise, Your Light Has Come*      ELW 314



1 A - rise, your light has come! The Spir - it's call o - bey;  
2 A - rise, your light has come! Fling wide the pris - on door;  
3 A - rise, your light has come! All you in sor - row born,  
4 A - rise, your light has come! The moun - tains burst in song!



show forth the glo - ry of your God which shines on you to - day.  
pro - claim the cap - tive's lib - er - ty, good tid - ings to the poor.  
bind up the bro - ken - heart - ed ones and com - fort those who mourn.  
Rise up like ea - gles on the wing, God's pow'r will make us strong.

Text: Ruth Duck, b. 1947

Music: FESTAL SONG, William H. Walter, 1825–1893

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## PRAYER OF THE DAY

The God of peace be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray...

Everlasting God, 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.**

## WORD

### CHILDREN'S SERMON

#### FIRST READING – Isaiah 40:21-31

*The Judeans in exile have a good reason to be hopeful: the one who will bring them to freedom is the God who created the world, the God who subdues the rulers of the earth and gives strength to those who are weary.*

<sup>21</sup>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?

<sup>22</sup>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;

<sup>23</sup>who brings princes to naught,  
and makes the rulers of the earth as nothing.

<sup>24</sup>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.

<sup>25</sup>To whom then will you compare me,  
or who is my equal? says the Holy One.

<sup>26</sup>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.

<sup>27</sup>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”?  
<sup>28</sup>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.  
<sup>29</sup>He gives power to the faint,  
 and strengthens the powerless.  
<sup>30</sup>Even youths will faint and be weary,  
 and the young will fall exhausted;  
<sup>31</sup>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.

Word of God. Word of Life.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** Epiphany Alleluia W. Horn  
*based on Wie schön leuchtet*

organ intro. assembly:

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! al - le - lu - ia!

**GOSPEL – Mark 1:29-39**

*Everywhere Jesus goes, many people expect him to set them free from oppression. Everywhere he goes, he heals people and sets them free. Disease, devils, and death are running for their lives. The forces that diminish human life are rendered powerless by Jesus.*

The gospel according to Mark.  
**Glory to you, O Lord.**

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

<sup>32</sup>That evening, at sunset, they brought to him all who were sick or possessed with demons. <sup>33</sup>And the whole city was gathered around the door. <sup>34</sup>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.

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

The gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**SERMON**

*Reverend Christina Garrett Klein*

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

*God, Whose Almighty Word*

*ELW 673*



1 God, whose al - might - y word cha - os and dark - ness heard  
 2 Christ, who once came to bring, on your re - deem - ing wing,  
 3 Spir - it of truth and love, life - giv - ing, ho - ly dove,  
 4 Ho - ly and bless - ed three, glo - ri - ous Trin - i - ty,



and took their flight: hear us, we hum - bly pray, and where the  
 heal - ing and sight; health to the trou - bled mind, sight where il -  
 speed forth your flight; move on the wa - ter's face bear - ing the  
 Wis - dom, Love, Might: bound - less as o - cean's tide, roll - ing in



gos - pel day sheds not its glo - ri - ous ray, let there be light.  
 lu - sions blind; oh, now to hu - man - kind let there be light.  
 lamp of grace, and in earth's dark - est place let there be light.  
 full - est pride, through the earth, far and wide, let there be light.

## **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

Trusting in God's power to heal, let us offer our prayers for all in need, responding to each prayer with the words, "**Your mercy is great.**"

*A brief silence.*

Merciful God, hear the prayers of your people, spoken or silent, for the sake of the one who dwells among us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

## **MEAL**

### **WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

#### **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.**

**+ + + *Receive the Meal* + + +**

The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you.

*We pause for prayer and reflection, and to give time to commune those gathered with others in the household.*

## **SENDING**

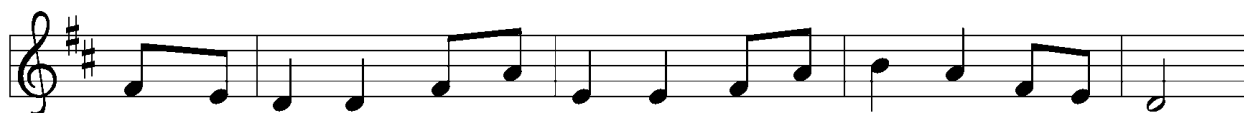
### **OFFERING & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## BENEDICTION

God the creator strengthen you; Jesus the beloved fill you;  
and the Holy Spirit the comforter † keep you in peace. **Amen.**

## SENDING HYMN *Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness*

**ELW 843**



- 1 Praise the One who breaks the dark-ness with a lib - er - at - ing light;
- 2 Praise the One who blessed the chil - dren with a strong yet gen - tle word;
- 3 Praise the one true love in - car - nate: Christ, who suf - fered in our place;



praise the One who frees the pris - 'ners, turn - ing blind - ness in - to sight.  
praise the One who drove out de - mons with a pierc - ing, two - edged sword.  
Je - sus died and rose for man - y that we may know God by grace.



Praise the One who preached the gos - pel, heal - ing ev - 'ry dread dis - ease,  
Praise the One who brings cool wa - ter to the des - ert's burn - ing sand;  
Let us sing for joy and glad - ness, see - ing what our God has done.



calm - ing storms and feed - ing thou - sands with the ver - y bread of peace.  
from this well comes liv - ing wa - ter quench - ing thirst in ev - 'ry land.  
Praise the one re - deem - ing glo - ry; praise the One who makes us one.

## DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Be the light of Christ.  
**Thanks be to God.**

## POSTLUDE *Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness* Robert Lau



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***See you next week for worship at 5pm on Saturday  
and livestream at 8:45am & 10:45am on Sunday!  
We continue sharing in communion. Please call/email the church  
office if you need elements brought to you.***





*Thank you for worshipping with us today as we seek to be in community with one another while minimizing physical contact. As a gentle reminder, please continue to wash your hands for the recommended 20 seconds, wear a mask and create safe boundaries through physical distancing.*

*We know that God is with us and God is at work, wherever we worship. With coronavirus cases on the rise, we will continue worshipping online at this time. Please be vigilant and check your email, Facebook, etc., for additional notifications and updates in the coming weeks, and contact the church council ([council@edgebrooklutheran.org](mailto:council@edgebrooklutheran.org)) with any concerns. Stay safe and be well! God's peace to you!!*