

*And He healed many*

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**Fifth Sunday After Epiphany  
February 7, 2021**

*Prelude*

Confession and Forgiveness

P: In the Name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen**

P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy Name, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C: Amen**

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

(Pause for self-examination)

P: Most merciful God,

**C: we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbor as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen**

P: Almighty God, in his mercy, has given us his Son to die for us and, for his sake forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son and the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen**

**Opening Hymn**

**“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”**

**Insert**

Apostolic Greeting & Kyrie.

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.**

P: In peace let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

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

**C: Lord have mercy.**

P: 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.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray

to the Lord.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

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

**C: Amen.**

**Hymn of Praise**

**“This is the Feast”**



**A** This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al - le - lu - ia.



**C** Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose



blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.



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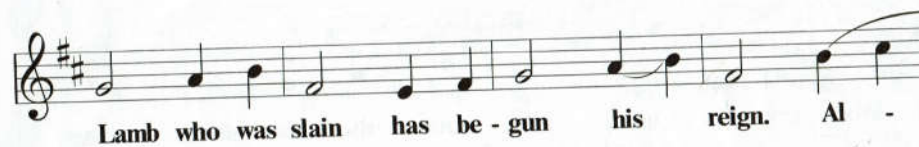
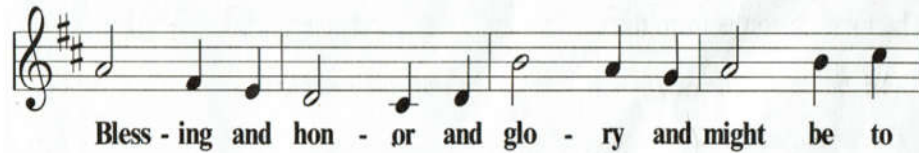
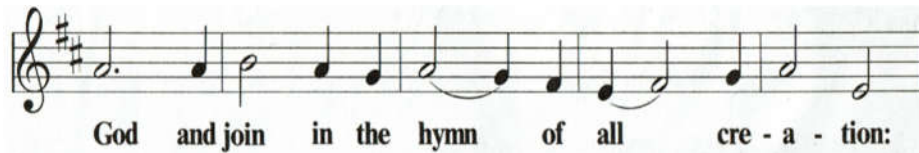
hon - or and bless - ing and glo - ry are his.



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al - le -



lu - ia. Sing with all the peo - ple of



P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

Stand watch over your family, O Lord, that we who depend entirely on your heavenly grace may always be protected in the mighty fortress of your love; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

First Reading

Isaiah 40:21-31

**Psalm 147:1-12\***

- <sup>1</sup>Hallelujah! How good it is to sing praises to our God!\*  
how pleasant it is to honor him with praise!
- <sup>2</sup>**The Lord rebuilds Jerusalem;\***  
**he gathers the exiles of Israel.**
- <sup>3</sup>He heals the brokenhearted\*  
and binds up their wounds.
- <sup>4</sup>**He counts the number of the stars\***  
**and calls them all by their names.**
- <sup>5</sup>Great is our Lord and mighty in power;\*  
there is no limit to his wisdom.
- <sup>6</sup>**The Lord lifts up the lowly,\***  
**but casts the wicked to the ground.**
- <sup>7</sup>Sing to the Lord with thanksgiving;\*  
make music to our God upon the harp.
- <sup>8</sup>**He covers the heavens with clouds\***  
**and prepares rain for the earth;**
- <sup>9</sup>He makes grass to grow upon the mountains\*  
and green plants to serve mankind.
- <sup>10</sup>**He provides food for flocks and herds\***  
**and for the young ravens when they cry.**
- <sup>11</sup>He is not impressed by the might of a horse;\*  
he has no pleasure in the strength of a man;
- <sup>12</sup>**But the Lord has pleasure in those who fear him,\***  
**in those who await his gracious favor.**

**Second Reading**

**1 Corinthians 9:16-27**

Gospel Acclamation—*Alleluia Lord*

P: Please rise for the reading of the Gospel.

**C: Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life.  
Alleluia.**

P: The Holy Gospel according to Mark 1:29-39

**C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

*The Gospel is read.*

**C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon

**Sermon Song**

**“I Love to Tell the Story”**

**Insert**

Nicene Creed

**C: We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of  
the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten,  
not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For**

us and for our salvation he came down from heaven; by the power of the Holy Spirit, he became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and Son, he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and life of the world to come. Amen

#### Prayers of the Faithful

Lord, listen to your children praying,  
Lord, send your Spirit in this place;  
Lord, listen to your children praying,  
Send us love, send us power, send us grace.

We continue to pray for the following:

#### Church Leadership; LCMC National; Augustana District; International Missions Ministries—Augustana World Missions

Chuck Cederman	Harold Haseley	Lester Walck	Carol Harbart
Britt Gamache	Mark Lendway	Ralph DeVantier	Don Haseley
Lori Haseley (St. James)		Harry Dickenson	Nancy Thorstad

#### Serving in the Military

Nate Allen	James Garavaglia	Jillian Kelkenberg	Phillip Messina
Seth Spitler	Ben Thorstad	Justin DeVantier	Jeremy Ditto

N.F. Air Base

#### Those in Nursing Homes and Shut-Ins

Edna Walck Paul Greinert Nora Hingle Janice Wick Marge Kordzikowski

#### Special Offertory Prayer

#### Sharing Christ's Peace

#### *Great Thanksgiving*

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

**C: We lift them to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C: It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

P: It is indeed right and salutary...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

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

#### *Eucharistic Prayer*

The Lord's Prayer

P: We pray as Jesus taught us, Our Father,

**C: 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**

Lamb of God

**C: Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, grant us peace, grant us peace.**

### **Distribution of Holy Communion**

*All who are baptized and believe that Jesus is present in, with and under the forms of bread and wine are invited to receive Holy Communion.*

*Post Communion Canticle*

**C: Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell everyone what he has done. Let everyone who seeks the Lord rejoice and proudly bear his name. He recalls his promises and leads his people forth in joy with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

*Post Communion Prayer*

P: We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life; and we pray that in your mercy you would strengthen us, through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen**

Blessing

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

**C: Amen**

**Closing Hymn**      **"You Who Dwell in the Shelter of the Lord"**      **Insert**  
*Postlude*

GO IN PEACE, SERVE THE LORD  
**THANKS BE TO GOD**

**WELCOME** to St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church. We are glad to have you join us to worship today. We invite you to join us each Sunday at 8:30 or 11:00 a.m. If you would like to request a meeting or arrange a visit from Pastor Tom, please call the office at 731-4433 or his cell phone at 990-6244.

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**Old Testament Reading:**  
**Isaiah 40:21–31**

- 21 Do you not know? Do you not hear?  
Has it not been told you from the  
beginning?  
Have you not understood from the  
foundations of the earth?
- 22 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 dwell in;
- 23 who brings princes to nothing,  
and makes the rulers of the earth as  
emptiness.
- 24 Scarcely are they planted, scarcely sown,  
scarcely has their stem taken root in the  
earth,  
when he blows on them, and they wither,  
and the tempest carries them off like  
stubble.
- 25 To whom then will you compare me,  
that I should be like him? says the Holy  
One.
- 26 Lift up your eyes on high and see:  
who created these?  
He who brings out their host by number,  
calling them all by name,  
by the greatness of his might,  
and because he is strong in power  
not one is missing.
- 27 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?”
- 28 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.
- 29 He gives power to the faint,  
and to him who has no might he increases  
strength.
- 30 Even youths shall faint and be weary,  
and young men shall fall exhausted;
- 31 but they 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.

**Epistle: 1 Corinthians 9:16–27**

<sup>16</sup>If I preach the gospel, that gives me no ground  
for boasting. For necessity is laid upon me. Woe to

me if I do not preach the gospel! <sup>17</sup>For if I do this of  
my own will, I have a reward, but not of my own  
will, I am still entrusted with a stewardship. <sup>18</sup>What  
then is my reward? That in my preaching I may  
present the gospel free of charge, so as not to make  
full use of my right in the gospel.

<sup>19</sup>For though I am free from all, I have made  
myself a servant to all, that I might win more of  
them. <sup>20</sup>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 not being myself under the law) that  
I might win those under the law. <sup>21</sup>To those outside  
the law I became as one outside the law (not being  
outside the law of God but under the law of Christ)  
that I might win those outside the law. <sup>22</sup>To the weak  
I became weak, that I might win the weak. I have  
become all things to all people, that by all means I  
might save some. <sup>23</sup>I do it all for the sake of the gos-  
pel, that I may share with them in its blessings.

<sup>24</sup>Do you not know that in a race all the run-  
ners compete, but only one receives the prize? So  
run that you may obtain it. <sup>25</sup>Every athlete exer-  
cises self-control in all things. They do it to receive  
a perishable wreath, but we an imperishable. <sup>26</sup>So  
I do not run aimlessly; I do not box as one beat-  
ing the air. <sup>27</sup>But I discipline my body and keep  
it under control, lest after preaching to others I  
myself should be disqualified.

**Holy Gospel: Mark 1:29–39**

<sup>29</sup>Immediately [Jesus] left the synagogue and  
entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with  
James and John. <sup>30</sup>Now Simon’s mother-in-law  
lay ill with a fever, and immediately they told him  
about her. <sup>31</sup>And he came and took her by the hand  
and lifted her up, and the fever left her, and she  
began to serve them.

<sup>32</sup>That evening at sundown they brought to him  
all who were sick or oppressed by demons. <sup>33</sup>And the  
whole city was gathered together at the door. <sup>34</sup>And  
he healed many who were sick with various diseases,  
and cast out many demons. And he would not per-  
mit the demons to speak, because they knew him.

<sup>35</sup>And rising very early in the morning, while it  
was still dark, he departed and went out to a desolate  
place, and there he prayed. <sup>36</sup>And Simon and those  
who were with him searched for him, <sup>37</sup>and they  
found him and said to him, “Everyone is looking for  
you.” <sup>38</sup>And he said to them, “Let us go on to the  
next towns, that I may preach there also, for that  
is why I came out.” <sup>39</sup>And he went throughout all  
Galilee, preaching in their synagogues and casting  
out demons.



**About the Cover:** In a world befallen by every disease, the presence of Jesus means restoration. He looks with compassion upon those who are afflicted. He has come to take care of the root cause of these afflictions, the sin that has plagued the world ever since Adam and Eve’s rebellion against their Creator. But the One through whom all things were made has taken humanity’s sin and death to the cross, where He made full satisfaction. Thus, He has healed our relationship with the Creator.