



Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany
February 7, 2021

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Worship: Thursday, 6:30pm ~ Sunday, 7:45 & 10:30 am
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WELCOME TO GOD'S HOUSE May the Epiphany Light of the Gospel warm your heart with Christ's love.

Thank you for joining us for worship. If you have any questions about our service or practice, please feel free to ask one of the ushers or a pastor.

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HOLY COMMUNION Today we have the privilege of receiving Christ's true body and blood in, with and under the bread and wine of Holy Communion. Through this sacrament the Holy Spirit seals to us the forgiveness of sins, life and salvation for the strengthening of our faith. Scriptures also teach that as we commune together, we are publicly testifying to a complete unity of faith based on a confession of all of God's Word. For this reason we respectfully request that all of those who are not members of the WELS or our sister ELS please speak with one of the pastors before communing with us. Thank you.

A PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP Confirm in us your gospel, Lord, your promise of salvation. And make us keen to hear your Word and follow our vocation: To spend our lives in love for you, to bear each other's burdens, too. And then, at last, when death shall loom, O Savior, come and bear your loved ones safely home. Amen.

SERVICE THEME Our gracious Lord controls all things for our good and his glory.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Service of Word & Sacrament

OPENING HYMN

Hail, O Source of Every Blessing | **CW 87**

Hail, O Source of ev'ry blessing, Father of our human race!
Gentiles now, your grace possessing, In your courts obtain a place.
Grateful now, we fall before you, In your Church rejoice to live,
See your glory and adore you, Thankful for the grace you give.

Once far off but now invited, We approach your sacred throne,
In your covenant united, Reconciled, redeemed, made one.
Now revealed to eastern sages, See the star of mercy shine,
Myst'ry hid in former ages, Myst'ry great of love divine.

Hail, O all-inviting Savior! Gentiles now their off'rings bring,
In your temples seek your favor, Jesus Christ, our Lord and King.
May we, body, soul, and spirit, Live devoted to your praise,
Glorious realms of bliss inherit, Grateful anthems ever raise.

M: The grace of our Lord † Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

C: (spoken) And also with you.

CONFESSION OF SINS

M: God invites us to come into his presence and worship him with humble and penitent hearts. Therefore, let us acknowledge our sinfulness and ask him to forgive us.

C: Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful, and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.

M: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son † and of the Holy Spirit.

C: (spoken) Amen.

LORD, HAVE MERCY

M: For all that we need in life and for the wisdom to use all your gifts with gratitude and joy, hear our prayer, O Lord.

C: (spoken) Lord, have mercy.

M: For the steadfast assurance that nothing can separate us from your love and for the courage to stand firm against the assaults of Satan and every evil, hear our prayer, O Christ.

C: (spoken) Christ, have mercy.

M: For the well-being of your holy Church in all the world and for those who offer here their worship and praise, hear our prayer, O Lord.

C: (spoken) Lord, have mercy.

M: Merciful God, maker and preserver of life, uphold us by your power and keep us in your tender care:

C: (spoken) Amen.

M: The works of the Lord are great and glorious; his name is worthy of praise.

Sing

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Let us pray.

Almighty God, you sent your one and only Son as the Word of Life for our eyes to see and our ears to hear. Help us believe what the Scriptures proclaim about him and do the things that are pleasing in your sight; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: (spoken) Amen.

THE WORD OF GOD

FIRST LESSON

In the most difficult of days, remember that our merciful God remembers us.

Job 7:1-7

Isn't man's time on earth like being compelled to serve in the army?

Aren't his days like those of a hired man?

²Like a slave, he longs for shade,

or like a day laborer, he waits for his pay.

³In the same way, I have been allotted months of futility,
and nights of agony have been assigned to me.

⁴When I lie down, I think, "How long before I get up?"

But the night drags on,

and I am filled with restlessness until dawn.

⁵My flesh is clothed with maggots and caked with dirt.

My skin scabs over and then oozes again.

⁶My days pass by more swiftly than the shuttle of a weaver's loom.

They come to an end without hope.

⁷Remember that my life is just a breath.

My eyes will never again see good fortune.

SECOND LESSON

Romans 8:28-30

God directs all things for our benefit, both in time and in eternity.

²⁸We know that all things work together for the good of those who love God, for those who are called according to his purpose, ²⁹because those God foreknew, he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, so that he would be the firstborn among many brothers. ³⁰And those he predestined, he also called. Those he called, he also justified. And those he justified, he also glorified.

HYMN OF THE DAY

Beautiful Savior | **CW 369**

Beautiful Savior, King of creation, Son of God and Son of Man!

Truly I'd love thee, Truly I'd serve thee, Light of my soul, my Joy, my Crown.

Fair are the meadows, Fair are the woodlands, Robed in flow'rs of blooming spring;

Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer; He makes our sorr'wing spirit sing.

Fair is the sunshine, Fair is the moonlight, Bright the sparkling stars on high;
Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer, Than all the angels in the sky.

Beautiful Savior, Lord of the nations, Son of God and Son of Man!
Glory and honor, Praise, adoration Now and forevermore be thine!

GOSEL

Mark 1:29-39

Jesus has the power and authority to control all things physical and spiritual for the benefit of his people.

²⁹They left the synagogue and went with James and John to the home of Simon and Andrew. ³⁰Simon's mother-in-law was lying in bed, sick with a fever. Without delay they told Jesus about her. ³¹He went to her, took her by the hand, and raised her up. The fever left her, and she began to serve them. ³²That evening, when the sun had set, the people kept bringing to him all who were sick and demon-possessed. ³³The whole town gathered at the door. ³⁴He healed many people who were sick with various diseases and drove out many demons. But he did not allow the demons to speak, because they knew who he was.

³⁵Jesus got up early in the morning, while it was still dark, and went out. He withdrew to a solitary place and was praying there. ³⁶Simon and his companions searched for him, ³⁷and, when they found him, they said to him, "Everyone is looking for you!"

³⁸He told them, "Let's go somewhere else, to the neighboring villages, so that I can preach there too. In fact, that is why I have come." ³⁹Then he went throughout the whole region of Galilee, preaching in their synagogues and driving out demons.

M: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: (spoken) Praise be to you, O Christ!

"Jesus Reveals His Saving Purpose"

Pastor Zuberbier

1. We can go to him for help.
2. He came to us to preach.

PRESENTING OF OUR OFFERING

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

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.

THE SACRAMENT

M: The Lord be with you.

C: (spoken) And also with you.

M: Lift up your hearts.

C: (spoken) We lift them up to the Lord.

M: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

C: (spoken) It is right to give him thanks and praise.

M: Praise to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In love he has blessed us with every spiritual blessing. In the past he spoke to us through the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, who is the radiance of his glory. Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ. To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and thanks and honor and glory for ever and ever.

C: (spoken) Amen.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

M: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

M: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: (spoken) Amen. O Christ, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us and grant us your peace. Amen.

DISTRIBUTION HYMN

I Lay My Sins on Jesus | CW 372

I lay my sins on Jesus, The spotless Lamb of God;
He bears them all and frees us From the accursed load.
I bring my guilt to Jesus To wash my crimson stains
White in his blood most precious Till not a spot remains.

I lay my wants on Jesus; All fullness dwells in him.
He heals all my diseases; My soul he does redeem.
I lay my griefs on Jesus, My burdens and my cares;
He from them all releases; He all my sorrows shares.

I rest my soul on Jesus, This weary soul of mine.
His right hand me embraces; I in his arms recline.
I love the name of Jesus, Immanuel, Christ, the Lord;
Like fragrance on the breezes His name abroad is poured.

I long to be like Jesus: Meek, loving, lowly, mild;
I long to be like Jesus, The Father's holy child.
I long to be with Jesus Amid the heav'nly throng
To sing with saints his praises, To learn the angels' song.

M: Hear the prayer of your people, O Lord, that the lips which have praised you here may glorify you in the world, that the eyes which have seen the coming of your Son may long for his coming again, and that all who have received in his true body and blood the pledge of your forgiveness may be restored to live a new and holy life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: (spoken) Amen.

THE BLESSING

M: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and † give you peace.

C: (spoken) Amen.

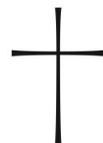
CLOSING HYMN

God Be with You till We Meet Again | CWS 327

God be with you till we meet again, By his counsels guide, uphold you,
With his sheep securely fold you- God be with you till we meet again.

*Refrain: Till we meet, Till we meet, Till we meet at Jesus' feet.
Till we meet, Till we meet – God be with you till we meet again.*

God be with you till we meet again, 'Neath his wings protecting hide you,
Daily manna still provide you – God be with you till we meet again. *Refrain*



ORGANIST

Pam Zuberbier

GREETERS

7:45 ~ Norene Gonring
10:30 ~ Judine Schicker



Weekly Announcements

MEDITATIONS AND FORWARD IN CHRIST The new issue of *Meditations* (Starts Feb. 28) are available in the narthex. The February issue of *Forward in Christ* is also available.



LENT begins on **Ash Wednesday, February 17**. Our six Lenten Services will be at 3:30 & 6:30 pm each Wednesday. The theme for our services this year is: *The Hands of the Passion*. Come join your church family as together we grow in our faith as we witness Jesus walking down his Via Dolorosa, his Way of Sorrow.

SCRIP NEWS Kwik Trip is at it again! For the month of February only, Kwik Trip is giving a 10% rebate – so don't wait to stock up!

MEMORIAL A special gift has been given to the General Fund in loving memory of Larry Lohse.

DIVINE CALLS Last Sunday, January 31, under the Holy Spirit's guidance, we extended two divine calls. Pastor Jonathan Loescher (his wife is Jessica and they have 3 children 12, 9, 3) who currently serves Bethany Lutheran Church in Hustisford, WI, was called to be our Associate Pastor.

Mrs. Heidi Leibl (her husband is Benjamin and they have 3 children 7, 4, 2) who currently serves Grace Lutheran School, Oshkosh, was called to be our First Grade teacher. Please keep Pastor Loescher and Mrs. Leibl and their families in your prayers as they deliberate their calls.

ANNUAL VOTERS MEETING The Annual Voters Meeting is scheduled for Sunday, February 14 immediately following the 10:30 service. Annual Reports are available in the narthex.



KINDERGARTEN ROUND-UP will be held on Friday, February 26 from 9:00–11:00 am. If you know anyone who is looking for a school for next year, please invite them. Mrs. Mildebrandt has flyers available with more information. Registration for Kindergarten will be on Tuesday, March 9 at 6:30 pm.

ST. PETER'S THREE AND FOUR-YEAR OLD PRESCHOOL The School Board has made adjustments to our preschool program for the 2021-22 school year. We will be offering a combined class for children three and four years old. We are planning for a total of twenty-four students. The hours will be 8:00 am to 3:00 pm Monday through Friday. There is an option for half days. There will be twelve spots open for full days (\$3000 per year) and twelve for half days (\$1500 per year). The wife of our new principal, Kathrine Raddatz, will be our new preschool teacher, since Mrs. Westphal is retiring. If you are interested in applying for your child, please contact our acting principal, Mr. Hinds at 922-1160 ext. 302.

LWMS CONVENTION The annual convention, called *Taste and See* was held virtually this year, please visit: www.welstasteandsee.com for workshops, mission speakers, and devotions, as well as cooking tutorials with mission families, recipes, family fun activities, and mission updates. Visit the LWMS website to stay updated – www.lwms.org and check out the LWMS board by the card display in the narthex.

Last Week's Stewardship

Worship: 122 + 50 + 125 = 297

Midweek Bible Class: 14 + 10 = 24

First Fruits to the Lord 2021:

	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>Year-to-Date</u>
Thank offerings in support of the unified budget	\$21,235.08	
Other receipts in support of the unified budget	2,100.00	
Total receipts in support of the unified budget	23,335.08	\$111,638.87
Requirement to support proposed unified budget	32,079.96	160,399.80
Overage (Shortfall)	(8,744.88)	(48,760.93)
Honoring the Lord!	505.00	
Improvement Fund	153.00	
WLA Forward in Trust	41.00	
Ministerial Education TA	100.00	
Institutional Ministries	50.00	
WELS	100.00	

Daily Bible Readings

02/07	Matthew 7:13-29	02/11	Joel 2:18-3:21
02/08	Jonah 1, 2	02/12	Zephaniah 1
02/09	Jonah 3, 4	02/13	Zephaniah 2:1-3:7
02/10	Joel 1:1-2:17		

This Week at St. Peter's

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TUESDAY	6:30 pm	Coordinating Council
WEDNESDAY	10:00 am	Bible Class
	6:30 pm	Bible Class
	7:00 pm	Communicating Christ
THURSDAY	<i>No School</i>	
	6:30 pm	Worship
FRIDAY	<i>No School</i>	
NEXT SUNDAY	11:30 am	Annual Voters Meeting