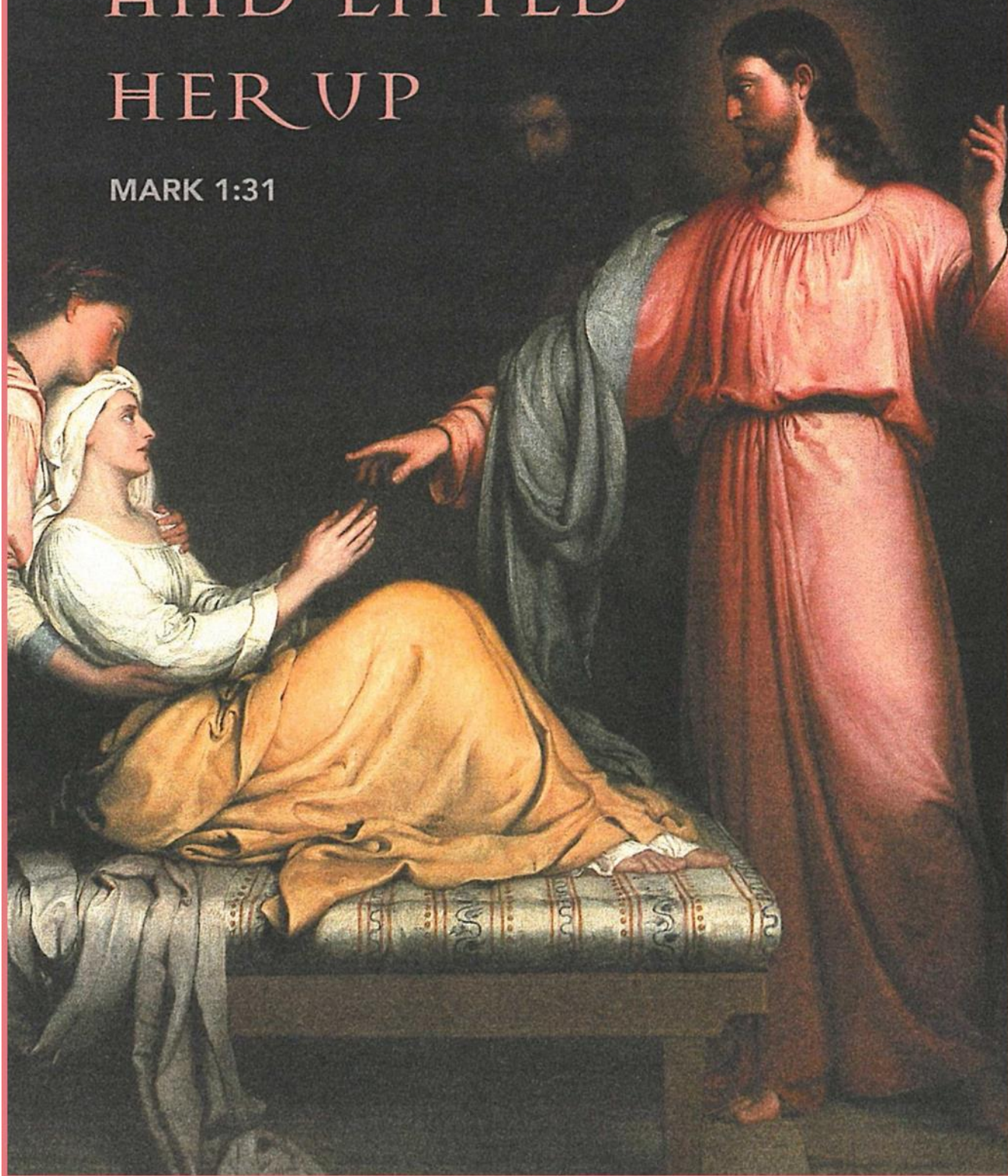


JESUS TOOK HER  
BY THE HAND  
AND LIFTED  
HER UP

MARK 1:31





+ Fifth Sunday After The Epiphany +

**February 7, 2021**

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### **AS WE GATHER**

In today's Gospel from Mark, Jesus says, "Let us go on to the next towns, that I may preach there also, for that is why I came out." His ministry and mission for this world was one for all people. Even as Jesus early on in His earthly ministry heals people, including Simon's mother-in-law, so He comes to us still with healing through the forgiveness of sins. Blessed by Him and His unending grace, we can be rejuvenated and strengthened on "wings like eagles" and serve all in His name and "become all things to all people, that by all means I might save some . . . for the sake of the gospel."

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### **REGARDING COMMUNION**

*Epiphany* means "the manifesting" or "showing forth." Jesus was *made known* as God in flesh by the descent of the Holy Spirit and voice of the Father when baptized, as well as through the miracles of healing he did for the ill and suffering. We come to our Lord's Table as a people baptized into the name of the Holy Triune God ... as Christians who desire to continue in the faith and life of Jesus. Our Lord Jesus *makes himself known* to us still as we gather at the altar to receive his body and blood in the bread and wine for our forgiveness and healing and strength. Then we go forth to *make him known* to others in word and witness. ***Since Christian denominations have differing understandings of Holy Communion, if you are not a member of a Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod congregation and have not communed here before, we ask that you speak with the pastor or elder prior to communing with us the first time. Those not communing are invited to cross their arms over their chests and approach the pastor for a blessing during the distribution. Also, if certain factors prohibit you from partaking of regular wine, non-alcoholic wine is available in the center circle of the tray. If you would like to begin sharing this sacred meal with us on a regular basis, please ask the pastor for a time of faith instruction and formation.***

***Liturgical Color:***

***Green is the color of life and growth in the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.***

**Prelude** ..... Paula Easterwood  
(*"Prelude 1; C Major"* by: J. S. Bach)

## Welcome

*Stand*

**Invocation Hymn** ..... *"Come unto Me, Ye Weary"* #684 (1-2)



1 "Come un - to Me, ye wea - ry, And I will give you rest."  
2 "Come un - to Me, ye wan - d'ers, And I will give you light."



O bless - ed voice of Je - sus, Which comes to hearts op-pressed!  
O lov - ing voice of Je - sus, Which comes to cheer the night!



It tells of ben - e - dic - tion, Of par-don, grace, and peace,  
Our hearts were filled with sad - ness, And we had lost our way;



Of joy that hath no end - ing, Of love that can - not cease.  
But Thou hast brought us glad - ness And songs at break of day.

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## Divine Service, Setting Four

# Confession and Absolution

*The sign of the cross † may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.*

**Confession and Absolution**.....page 203

**P** In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

**P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**C** who made heaven and earth.

**P** If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

**C** But with You there is forgiveness; therefore, You are revered.

**P** Since we are gathered to hear God’s Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

**C** **Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**

**P** Almighty God, in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for his sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** **Amen.**

## Service of the Word

### Entrance Hymn ..... “On Eagles’ Wings” #727 (1, 4)



1 You who dwell in the shel-ter of the Lord, Who a -  
4 For to His an - gels He’s giv - en a com - mand To



bide in His shad - ow for life,  
guard you in all of your ways; Up -



Say to the Lord: “My\_\_\_ ref - uge, My\_\_\_  
on their\_\_\_ hands they will bear you up, Lest you



rock\_\_\_ in whom\_\_\_ I\_\_\_ trust!”  
dash\_\_\_ your foot a - gainst a stone.

*Refrain*



And He will raise you up on ea - gles’ wings,



Bear you on the breath of dawn, Make you to shine like the



sun, And hold you in the palm of His hand. 2 The

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**Kyrie.....page 204**



**☐** Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

**Gloria in Excelsis.....page 204**



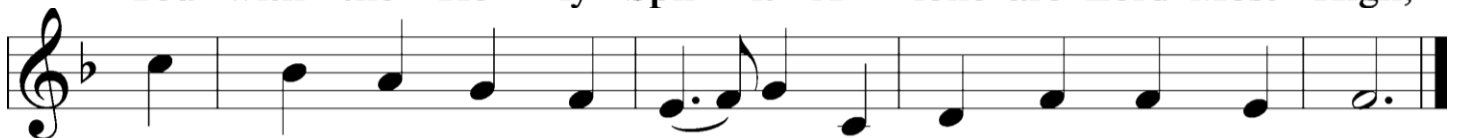
**☐** 1 To God on high be glo - ry And peace to all the earth;  
2 To You, O sole - be - got - ten, The Fa - ther's Son, we pray;  
3 For You a - lone are ho - ly; You on - ly are the Lord.



Good-will from God in heav - en Pro - claimed at Je - sus' birth!  
O Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, You take our sins a - way.  
For - ev - er and for - ev - er, Be wor - shiped and a - dored;



We praise and bless You, Fa - ther; Your ho - ly name, we sing—  
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus; Re - ceive our heart - felt cry,  
You with the Ho - ly Spir - it A - lone are Lord Most High,



Our thanks for Your great glo - ry, Lord God, our heav'n - ly King.  
Where You in pow'r are seat - ed At God's right hand on high—  
In God the Fa - ther's glo - ry. "A - men!" our glad re - ply.

**Salutation** ..... *(spoken in unison)*

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** **And also with you.**

**P** Let us pray.

**Collect of the Day** ..... *(spoken in unison)*

**O Lord, keep Your family the Church continually in the true faith that, relying on the hope of Your heavenly grace, we may ever be defended by Your mighty power; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

*Sit*

**Old Testament Reading** ..... **Isaiah 40:21-31**

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?

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;

who brings princes to nothing,  
and makes the rulers of the earth as emptiness.

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.

To whom then will you compare me,  
that I should be like him? says the Holy One.

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.

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 to him who has no might he increases strength.  
Even youths shall faint and be weary,  
and young men shall fall exhausted;  
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.

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

**Gradual** ..... *(spoken in unison)*

**Praise the Lord, all nations!**

**Extol him, all peoples!**

**For great is his steadfast love toward us,**

**and the faithfulness of the Lord endures forever.**

**Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name;**

**bring an offering, and come into his courts!**

**Epistle Reading** ..... **1 Corinthians 9:16-27**

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! 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. 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.

For though I am free from all, I have made myself a servant to all, 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 not being myself under the law) that I might win those under the law. 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. 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. I do it all for the sake of the gospel, that I may share with them in its blessings.

Do you not know that in a race all the runners compete, but only one receives the prize? So run that you may obtain it. Every athlete exercises self-control in all things. They do it to receive a perishable wreath, but we an imperishable. So I do not run aimlessly; I do not box as one beating the air. But I discipline my body and keep it under control, lest after preaching to others I myself should be disqualified.

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

*Stand*

**Alleluia and Verse** .....page 205



**C** Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



**C** These things are writ - ten that you may be - lieve that



Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.



**C** Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

**Holy Gospel** ..... **Mark 1:29-39**

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the first chapter.

**C** Glory to You, O Lord.

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

That evening at sundown they brought to him all who were sick or oppressed by demons. And the whole city was gathered together at the door. And he healed



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.

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. And Simon and those who were with him searched for him, and they found him and said to him, "Everyone is looking for you." 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." And he went throughout all Galilee, preaching in their synagogues and casting out demons.

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** Praise to You, O Christ.

**Nicene Creed**..... page 206

**I believe in one God,  
the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth  
and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the only-begotten Son of God,  
begotten of His Father before all worlds,  
God of God, Light of Light,  
very God of very God,  
begotten, not made,  
being of one substance with the Father,  
by whom all things were made;  
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven  
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary  
and was made man;  
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.  
He suffered and was buried.  
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures  
and ascended into heaven  
and sits at the right hand of the Father.  
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,  
whose kingdom will have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord and giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,**

who spoke by the prophets.

And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,  
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,  
and I look for the resurrection of the dead  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

*Sit*

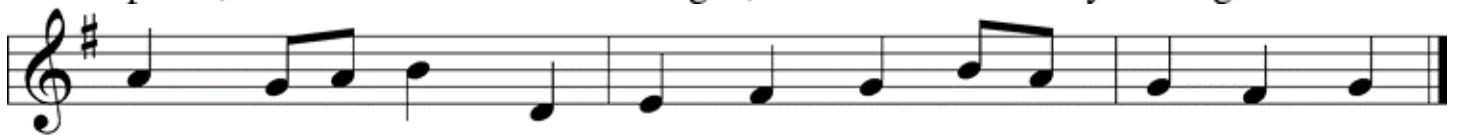
**Hymn of the Day** ..... *“When to Our World the Savior Came” #551*



1 When to our world the Sav - ior came The sick and  
2 That good phy - si - cian! Night and day The peo - ple  
3 His prais - es then were heard and sung By o - pened  
4 Of long a - go: yet liv - ing still, Who died for  
5 His sov - 'reign pur - pose still re - mains Who rose in



help - less heard His name, And in their weak - ness  
thronged a - bout His way; And won - der ran from  
ears and loos - ened tongue, While light - ened eyes could  
us on Cal - v'ry's hill; Who tri - umphed o - ver  
pow'r, and lives and reigns; Till ev - 'ry tongue con -



longed to see The heal - ing Christ of Gal - i - lee.  
soul to soul, “The touch of Christ has made us whole!”  
see and know The heal - ing Christ of long a - go.  
cross and grave, His heal - ing hands stretched forth to save.  
fess His praise, The heal - ing Christ of all our days.

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**Sermon** ..... *“The Servant of Renewal”*

*Stand*

**Prayer of the Church**

**P** Lord, in Your mercy,  
**C** hear our prayer.

*Sit*

**Offertory** ..... Paula Easterwood

*(Music for reflection while preparations are made for Communion.)*

## Offering

*Offering plates will not be passed during the service; worshipers may place their offerings into the plate located at the entrance.*

*“Through him (Jesus) then let us continually offer up a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that acknowledge his name. Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.” (Hebrews 13:15-16)*

**Stand**

# Service of the Sacrament

**Communion Liturgy** .....pages 208-209

**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 truly good, right, and beneficial that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:



**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth a - dored;



Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.



Sing ho - san-na in the high-est, sing ho - san - na to the Lord;



Tru - ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

**P** Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

We give you thanks for the redemption You have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may faithfully eat and drink of the fruits of His Cross and receive the blessing of forgiveness, life and salvation that come to us in His body and blood.

Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

**Lord's Prayer**.....*page 209*

**C** **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 Words of Our Lord**.....*page 209*

**P** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C** Amen.

**Agnus Dei**.....page 210

**C** 1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
You take the sin of the world a - way;  
You take the sin of the world a - way;  
O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,  
Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.  
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

*Sit (until motioned to rise and proceed forward if going for Communion or a blessing).*

### Communion Distribution

*Distribution of the Lord's gifts in Holy Communion is in standing format with Pastor and the Elder near the chancel steps. You will be released by the usher to head forward, maintaining physical distance between each person or family unit. Pastor will drop the wafer into your hands, so please cup them together and hold them chest-level. Individual plastic cups only are being used, so if you're not taking the non-alcoholic wine from the center, please make sure to take from the outer circle first until all of those are gone before reaching for the next level in. A basket to the left of the table is available for you to place your used cup inside.*

**Communion Hymns** ..... Paula Easterwood

**Stand**

**Post Communion Canticle**..... "Nunc Dimittis" page 211

**C** 1 O Lord, now let Your ser - vant De -  
 2 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All  
 part in heav'n - ly peace, For I have seen the  
 glo - ry to the Son, All glo - ry to the  
 glo - ry Of Your re - deem - ing grace:  
 Spir - it, For - ev - er Three in One;  
 A light to lead the Gen - tiles Un -  
 For as in the be - gin - ning, Is  
 to Your ho - ly hill, The glo - ry of Your  
 now, shall ev - er be, God's tri - une name re -  
 peo - ple, Your cho - sen Is - ra - el.  
 sound - ing Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

**Post-Communion Collect**..... *page 212*

**P** Let us pray. O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

**Benedicamus and Benediction**..... *page 212*

**P** Let us bless the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

**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.

**Sending Hymn**..... *"Your Hand, O Lord, in Days of Old" #846*



1 Your hand, O Lord, in days of old  
2 Your touch then, Lord, brought life and health,  
3 O be our great de - liv - 'er still,



Was strong to heal and save; It tri - umphed o - ver  
Gave speech and strength and sight; And youth re - newed and  
The Lord of life and death; Re - store and quick - en,



ills and death, O'er dark - ness and the grave.  
fren - zy calmed Re - vealed You, Lord of light.  
soothe and bless, With Your life - giv - ing breath.



To You they came, the blind, the mute,  
And now, O Lord, be near to bless,  
To hands that work and eyes that see



The pal - sied and the lame, The lep - ers in their  
Al - might - y as be - fore, In crowd - ed street, by  
Give wis - dom's heal - ing pow'r That whole and sick and



mis - er - y, The sick with fe - vered frame.  
beds of pain, As by Gen - nes - 'ret's shore.  
weak and strong May praise You ev - er - more.

# Dismissal ..... (Bethlehem's Mission)

**P** Grow in Christ,

**C** Live in Love and Share the Faith!

# Postlude ..... Paula Easterwood ("Gavotte", by: M. Camidge)

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## Next week's readings:

**Exodus 34:29-35; 2 Corinthians 3:12-18; 4:1-6; Mark 9:2-9**

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**Attendance Last Saturday: 14**

**Total Offering: \$2,817.00**

**Home Use: \$2,467.00**

**Attendance Last Sunday: 45**

**Non-Offering: \$300.00**

**Benevolences: \$50.00**

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## Serving us today:

Elders/Ushers..... Jack Easterwood, Jeremy VanWey

Musicians ..... Paula Easterwood

Altar Committee..... Darlene Laubenstein (Chair), Karon Harding,  
Esther Keseman, Georgia Luker

Flower Committee ..... Penny Humphrey (Chair), Sheree Moody

## This Week's Schedule

- Monday 10:00 a.m. Moms and Tots
- 7:00 p.m. Mary Martha Guild
- Tuesday 7:00 p.m. Church Council Meeting
- Wednesday 6:00 p.m. Movie Night with Pastor—"The Vessel"
- Thursday 9:30 a.m. Pastor at Warrensburg Christian School
- 7:00 p.m. "Jesus' Final Week"-Zoom Bible Study
- Saturday 11:00 a.m. Hygiene Product Drive
- 5:30 p.m. Worship
- Sunday 8:00 a.m. The Lutheran Hour broadcast on 96.9
- 9:00 a.m. Radio Broadcast 98.5 (can also be heard at [www.blchurch.com](http://www.blchurch.com), under the Sermons tab)
- 9:30 a.m. Sunday School—Jr. and Sr. Youth
- 10:30 a.m. Worship
- 1:00 p.m. Youth Catechesis



## Prayers

**For Sustenance, Healing, and Provision**—We remember those who are dealing with illness, are homebound or in nursing homes, undergoing and recovering from surgery, as well as going through hospitalization & rehabilitation: Leora Baack (Charlene McCarter's mother), Pr. Ricky Bertels, Paula Brewer, Ray & Mary Carstensen, Denise (Penny Humphrey's sister), Marion & Leona Droege, Wilma Gertz, Ralph Hein, Roy Hillmann (Bonnie Rich's father), Sharon Hochsprung, Mary Johnson, Marty Lehn, Marvin Logan (Nicole Clemons' father), Troy McCarter (Lloyd McCarter's brother), Kathy Marshall, Johnny Nichol, Jim Rudy, Cindy Smith, Caleb Thomas, Lynne Trimble (Kaye Fair's sister), and Paula Willis (Bonnie Rich's friend). *We remember as well all who are dealing with COVID—19, especially the healthcare providers who are straining to prevent, stem the spread, and treat those who are ill!*

**For Pregnant Mothers**, especially Brittany Brown as she and her husband Joe await childbirth this year. May the Lord grant good health and joyful expectation!

**For Military Members**—We remember all service and support personnel who are deployed and stationed away from us and their families: Andy Burden, Ty Carter, Ethan Hillsman, Chance Hillsman and Logan LeBaige.

## Worship Services (Masks required at all services)

**Sunday Services are at 10:30 a.m.** You can also watch it live on Facebook or YouTube, or go to it directly from the webpage at [blchurch.com](http://blchurch.com).

**Saturday Services are at 5:30 p.m.** The order of worship is the shorter service of Early Evening Prayer. Holy Communion is observed on 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> weekends of the month, as has been our regular practice.

## Congregational Events

**Movie Night with Pastor** will happen once again on the Wednesday before Ash Wednesday, **February 10 at 6 p.m.** After a year of big losses and questions about death, life, and carrying on (with despair and hope), we will watch and discuss a film that holds a lot for consideration before we begin another Lent and head toward Easter. *The Vessel* (starring Martin Sheen) is a stunning and hopeful film that wrestles with the small and big questions life day-to-day in the shadow of death. We will watch it downstairs in either the youth room or the fellowship hall—depending on the size of the group. If you want to bring a dinner or snack for yourself, feel free to do so, but food and drinks will not be provided. Those wanting to watch it at home on their own and contribute questions or comments to the discussion are welcome to call, text, or e-mail them to Pr. Joel.

**Quilting Group is Back!** Quilting will be held on the **2nd Tuesday** of the month, starting **February 9 at 9:30 a.m.** Please consider joining our group if you are free. Sewing and quilting skills are not needed to help with this project. Please contact Georgia Luker if you have any questions.

### Service Opportunities

**Jeremiah 29:11 Warehouse Membership**—Bethlehem has teamed up with three other congregations in town (Warrensburg Church of the Brethren, The Potter’s House Evangelical Free Church, and Mt. Calvary Apostolic Church)—under the name Partners in Christ—to belong to this worthwhile community endeavor. Operating under the Manna Harvest umbrella, the warehouse enables local nonprofits to access product philanthropy (mostly from Amazon, Walmart, and CVS) for the meeting of their needs and those they serve. This is large-scale gleaning that prevents wastage and allows for the flourishing of wise stewardship. The annual membership cost for Partners in Christ is \$1,200, which is split equally by the four congregations, so that provides a total of \$12,000 in “purchasing power” at the warehouse throughout the year— \$3,000 for us and each partner. Darlene Laubenstein (Mission Board chair), Rebecca Stewart (Congregational Life Facilitator), and Pastor Joel are Bethlehem’s three access people. If you would like to learn more, visit [www.mannaharvestinc.org](http://www.mannaharvestinc.org).

**Hygiene Product Collection**—during the month of February, Mary-Martha Guild and the Mission Board will be collecting hygiene products for Nursing Homes and the Food Center. There is a container by the north entrance where you can leave items that you would like to donate. Some things might include shampoo, deodorant, toothpaste, toothbrushes, etc. These things are extremely needed and will be very much appreciated!

**Food Center Needs:** pouch tuna, canned meats, cake mixes and icing, diapers, jelly in squeezable bottles. Other staples are also welcome. Donations can be dropped off at 137 E. Culton, **T & TR, 1-4 pm & Saturday, 9-11 am** or left at the north church entrance in the round barrel by the bulletin board.

### Youth

**Let It FLOW**—All junior and senior high youth are welcomingly encouraged to attend this Bible study being led by Pr. Joel on every Sunday morning **from now until February 21st** (in the downstairs youth room) **from 9:30—10:10 a.m.** In this Epiphany, from the remembrance of Jesus’ Baptism to the emphasis on his works of healing and restoring, we’ll focus on what Jesus meant about coming “**For the Life Of the World**” and what that means for us and the purpose of our lives. Each session will include viewing a superb video and having a discussion that bridges us from

there to Scripture and daily life. So, whether you attend Sunday school every week, hardly ever, or never, please consider committing to this excellent and engaging study that you won't regret! (And spread the word!)

### Faith Discussion and Bible Study

**New Zoom Bible Study—Open to Everyone.** This Bible study begins on **February 4, at 7:00 p.m.** Join us for an eight-week study of “**Jesus’ Final Week**”, which will include Palm Sunday, the Last Supper, the trial, Jesus' death, and his resurrection. Focusing on these events will bring new understanding to who Jesus is and how he loves us. **Please contact Cindy or Rebecca if you are interested in joining this class so we can get materials out to you.**

### Miscellaneous

**Prayer Requests & Spiritual Care**—If you would like to make a prayer request, contact Pr. Joel or email the church office. Also, if you're feeling the strain and needing to talk and be encouraged in the living of life from day to day, don't hesitate to call or text Pr. Joel or contact your elder or the church office. We rely upon the Holy Spirit and his gifts in Christ during every time of uncertainty, and can never be thankful enough for the gift of each other!

### Offerings

You can mail your offerings to Bethlehem and have pastor put it in the offering plate on the altar with a prayer of trust for you, or you can give through the online offering called “*Simply Giving*”. If you did not receive 2021 envelopes and would like them, please contact Teresa Hillsman.

### Elders

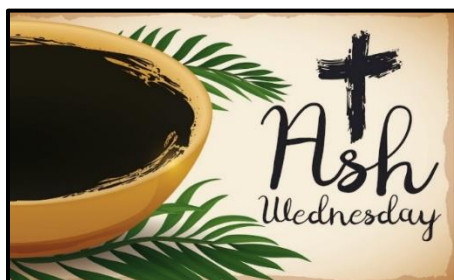
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Join us for the beginning of the Lenten Season with our Ash Wednesday Communion Service on **February 17, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.** (Masks are required).

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### **Our Mission**

· Grow in Christ · Live in Love · Share the Faith

### **Our Vision**

To be a community of believers, disciples, and servants while we deepen our personal faith and reach others for Christ.



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Please note that Bethlehem Lutheran Church has a closed-circuit video system. This allows for the viewing of the service on screens in the building and helps to enhance our security. Please see a trustee or an elder if you have any questions.