

FEBRUARY 7, 2021
THE FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY
CHRIST EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
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Weekly Worship: Sunday @ 9:30am

Sunday School: 10:45am on Zoom

Welcome in the name of Christ, whose church this is! If you are seeking a church home, please notify the church office. Contact information is on the front of the bulletin.

To contact Pastor Deb, please call or text her cell @ 570-350-5115.

FOR YOUR CONVENIENCE: Hearing Assistive Devices are located on the table at the entrance to the worship space. An ADA Compliant restroom and changing station are located in the entrance hallway. A first aid kit, water, juice and snacks are in the kitchenette adjacent to the Parlor (main entrance room).

ABOUT COMMUNION: We are observing pew communion. Please pick-up a pre-filled communion set when you enter church. During worship you will be instructed when to partake of the elements.

FOR SECURITY: During worship, only the upper level main entrance doors are open- all other doors are locked.

Have any questions? An usher will be glad to help you!

In accordance to the Executive Order of the Commonwealth of PA, CDC and ELCA guidelines of 10%, indoor capacity of 20 people will be seated in the sanctuary, 20 people seated in Roth Hall and 10 people in the parlor where you can see and hear the service. Masks must be worn and social distancing observed.

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THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY
9:30am Worship Service

GREETINGS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING

PLEASE STAND

GATHERING HYMN

“For the Beauty of the Earth”

ELW #879

*For the beauty of the earth, for the beauty of the skies,
 for the love which from our birth over and around us lies:
 Christ, our God, to thee we raise this our sacrifice of praise.*

*For the wonder of each hour of the day and of the night,
 hill and vale and tree and flow’r, sun and moon and stars of light:
 Christ, our God, to thee we raise this our sacrifice of praise.*

*For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind’s delight
 for the mystic harmony linking sense to sound and sight:
 Christ, our God, to thee we raise this our sacrifice of praise.*

*For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child
 friends on earth and friends above; for all gentle thoughts and mild:
 Christ, our God, to thee we raise this our sacrifice of praise.*

*For each perfect gift of thine, peace on earth and joy in heaven
 For thyself, best gift divine, to our world so freely giv’n:
 Christ, our God, to thee we raise this our sacrifice of praise.*

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P 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.

C Amen.

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

PLEASE KNEEL OR BE SEATED

Silence is kept for reflection.

P Holy God,

C 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.

P 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.

C Amen.

PLEASE STAND

GREETING

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**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

A 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.

C **Amen.**

PLEASE BE SEATED

WORD

A READING FROM ISAIAH

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.

²¹Have 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?

²²It 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;

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

²⁴Scarcely 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.

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

²⁶Lift 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.

²⁷Why do you say, O Jacob,
 and speak, O Israel,
 “My way is hidden from the LORD,
 and my right is disregarded by my God”?

²⁸Have 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.

²⁹He gives power to the faint,
 and strengthens the powerless.

³⁰Even youths will faint and be weary,
 and the young will fall exhausted;

³¹but 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.

L The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God!**

L Please join in reading the Psalm - Congregation responses are in **bold** type

Psalm 147:1-11, 20c

The LORD heals the brokenhearted. (Ps. 147:3)

¹Hallelujah! How good it is to sing praises to our God!
 How pleasant it is to honor God with praise!

²**The LORD rebuilds Jerusalem,
 and gathers the exiles of Israel.**

³The LORD heals the brokenhearted
and binds up their wounds.

⁴**The LORD counts the number of the stars
and calls them all by their names.**

⁵Great is our LORD and mighty in power;
there is no limit to God's wisdom.

⁶**The LORD lifts up the lowly,
but casts the wicked to the ground.**

⁷Sing to the LORD with thanksgiving;
make music upon the harp to our God,

⁸**who covers the heavens with clouds
and prepares rain for the earth, making grass to grow upon the mountains.**

⁹God provides food for the cattle
and for the young ravens when they cry.

¹⁰**God is not impressed by the might of a horse,
and has no pleasure in the speed of a runner,**

¹¹but finds pleasure in those who fear the LORD,
in those who await God's steadfast love. Hallelujah!

PLEASE STAND

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

P Alleluia.

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

THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO ST. MARK THE 1st CHAPTER

C **Glory to you, O Lord**

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.

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

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

³⁵In 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 neighboring 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.

P The Gospel of the Lord.
C Praise to you, O Christ.

PLEASE BE SEATED

SERMON

Pastor Taylor

PLEASE STAND

HYMN OF THE HYMN

"God of Grace and God of Glory"

ELW #705

*God of grace and God of glory, on your people pour your pow'r;
 crown your ancient church's story; bring its bud to glorious flow'r.
 Grant us wisdom, grant us courage for the facing of this hour, for the facing of this hour.*

*Lo! The hosts of evil round us scorn the Christ, assail his ways!
 From the fears that long have bound us free our hearts to faith and praise.
 Grant us wisdom, grant us courage for the living of these days, for the living of these days.*

*Cure your children's waring madness; bend our pride to your control;
 Shame our wanton, selfish gladness, rich in things and poor in soul.
 Grant us wisdom, grant us courage lest we miss your kingdom's goal, lest we miss your
 kingdom's goal.*

*Save us from weak resignation to the evils we deplore;
 let the gift of your salvation be our glory evermore.
 Grant us wisdom, grant us courage serving you whom we adore, serving you whom we adore.*

APOSTLES' CREED

P Let us join in confessing our faith using the words of the Apostle's Creed.

C 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

THE PRAYERS

A Guided by Christ made known to the nations, let us offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all people in need.

A brief silence.

A For the church: for ministries of healing and wholeness, for hospital, hospice, and military chaplains, for those serving in prison ministry, for all who proclaim freedom and release in the name of Christ, let us pray.

C Have mercy, O God.

A For creation: for insects in the grass, clouds on the mountaintops, for cattle and the rainwater they drink, for the humility to take our place among all creatures of the earth, let us pray.

C Have mercy, O God.

A For the nations: for all who lead in cities and towns, states and countries; for community organizers, school officials, and CEOs; for international health organizations, that in times of trial, fear, or hopelessness, they find freedom in service to those most in need, let us pray.

C Have mercy, O God.

A For all wearied by life's burdens: for those who are poor, for those lacking supportive relationships, for those crushed by debt, for those struggling with chronic pain or other sickness, for those exhausted from overwork or stress, and for all who cry out to you. Especially we pray for Betty Lou, Jack, Shirley, Jean, Wilma, Emily, Dawn, Mark, Ava, Bob, Theresa, Betsy, George, Melinda, Barbara, Anthony, Dina, Joanne, Elizabeth, Kay, Rich, Jack, Karen, Deanna, Clyde, Carol, Wayne, Rodney, Bonnie, Pauline, Jean, Carl, Neal, Larry, Debbie, Larry, Ken, Patt and Sandy, let us pray.

C **Have mercy, O God.**

A For this congregation: for outreach and social ministries centered here; for parish nurses and visitors; for ministries of companionship and support, for the young people in this place who open us to new understandings, let us pray.

C **Have mercy, O God.**

A In thanksgiving for the faithful departed, who were called by name and now rest from their labors, that their lives serve as witnesses to the goodness of God, let us pray.

C **Have mercy, O God.**

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

C **Amen.**

SHARING OF THE PEACE

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **And also with you.**

Please wave to each other or share the peace sign

OFFERTORY PRAYER

P Let us take a moment to thank God and thank you for your offering that you place in the plates when you enter or leave the sanctuary.

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

C **Amen**

MEAL

THE 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, our duty and our joy...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**C Holy, holy, holy 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.**

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

P Blessed are you, O holy God:
you are the Life and Light of all.
By your powerful word you created all things.
Through the prophets you called your people to be a light to the nations.
Blessed are you for Jesus, your Son.
He is your Light, shining in our darkness
and revealing to us your mercy and might.

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

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
 and gave it for all to drink, saying:
 This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
 shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
 Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore,
 his preaching and healing,
 his dying and rising,
 and his promise to come again,
 we await that day when all the universe
 will rejoice in your holy and life-giving light.

By your Spirit bless us and this meal,
 that, refreshed with this heavenly food,
 we may be light for the world,
 revealing the brilliance of your Son.

Through him all glory and honor is yours,
 Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit,
 in your holy Church,
 both now and forever.

C **Amen**

LORD'S PRAYER

P Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

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.**

COMMUNION

- P* Lamb of God,
C you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
P Lamb of God,
C you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

- P* Beloved: here is bread; here is wine. Here is Jesus.
Come and be fed.

HOLY COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

COMMUNION BLESSING

- P* The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen us and keep us in His grace.
C Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

- A* 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.
C Amen.

SENDING

BENEDICTION

P God the creator strengthen you;
 Jesus the beloved fill you;
 and the Holy Spirit the comforter ✝ keep you in peace.

C Amen.

SENDING HYMN

“I Love to Tell the story”

ELW #661

*I love to tell the story of unseen things above, of Jesus and his glory, of Jesus and his love.
 I love to tell the story, because I know it's true; it satisfies my longings as nothing else would do.*

*Refrain: I love to tell the story; 'twill be my theme in glory
 to tell the old, old story of Jesus and his love.*

*I love to tell the story: how pleasant to repeat what seems, each time I tell it more wonderfully
 sweet!
 I love to tell the story for some have never heard the message of salvation from God's own holy
 word. (Refrain)*

*I love to tell the story, for those who know it best seem hungering and thirsting to hear it like the
 rest.
 And when, in scenes of glory, I sing the new, new song, I'll sing the old, old story that I have
 loved so long. (Refrain)*

DISMISSAL

P Go in peace. Be the light of Christ

C Thanks be to God.

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Worship Helpers

Asst. Minister Marty Kellow
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The flowers are offered to the glory of God by Patt & Cindy Derr in honor of their 43rd wedding anniversary.

The bulletins are offered to the glory of God.

NEXT SUNDAY**FEBRUARY 14, 2021****THE TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD****Worship Service 9:30am****Sunday school 10:45am on Zoom**

**WILLING WORKERS FEBRUARY MEETING HAS BEEN
CANCELLED**

**2021 FLOWERS AND BULLETIN SPONSOR CHARTS
ARE AVAILABLE**

Please call the church office (570-788-1572) to sponsor flowers or bulletins for the coming year.

QUILTING FOR LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF

The project has been put on hold until further notice.

PLEASE NOTE:

Individual communion cups are ready for pick up for you to use at home. They are inside the front door of the parlor and may be picked up during office hours. Please help yourself. If you cannot come to the church during the hours posted, please call the church office (570-788-1572) to make other arrangements. You may also commune with what you have handy at home; bread, crackers, juice, wine, etc.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Our Congregational Meeting will be held **Sunday February 21st at 10:30am.** We hope to have a virtual meeting. Zoom and other information on how you can attend this meeting will be coming.

YOU MAY COME AND WORSHIP FROM THE PARKING LOT IN YOUR CAR -If listening in the parking lot, please tune radio to 90.1FM

WE ARE LIVE!

FaceBook Live that is. Our Sunday morning 9:30am service is on our FaceBook page “Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church Congregation’ or catch the service on the website video tab using ‘clconyngham.org’. The bulletin is on the web site using the bulletin tab.

**IN-HOUSE WORSHIP SERVICES HAVE BEEN
SUSPENDED THROUGH SUNDAY FEBRUARY 7TH**