

Sunday, February 7, 2021 — Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

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# University Lutheran Church Lutheran Campus Ministry

10:30 AM Worship Service



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# SUNDAY WORSHIP

**PRELUDE**

John Fillo

**WELCOME**

Gary N. McCluskey, Pastor

## **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

*All may make the sign of the cross in remembrance of baptism as the presiding minister begins.*

**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.

*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.**

# OPENING HYMN

# GATHER US IN



1 Here in this place the new light is stream-ing, now is the dark - ness  
 2 We are the young, our lives are a mys - t'ry, we are the old who  
 3 Here we will take the wine and the wa - ter, here we will take the  
 4 Not in the dark of build-ings con - fin - ing, not in some heav - en,



van - ished a - way; see in this space our fears and our dream-ings  
 yearn for your face; we have been sung through - out all of his - t'ry,  
 bread of new birth, here you shall call your sons and your daugh - ters,  
 light years a - way— here in this place the new light is shin - ing,



brought here to you in the light of this day.  
 called to be light to the whole hu - man race.  
 call us a - new to be salt for the earth.  
 now is the king - dom, and now is the day.



Gath - er us in, the lost and for - sak - en, gath - er us in, the  
 Gath - er us in, the rich and the haugh - ty, gath - er us in, the  
 Give us to drink the wine of com - pas - sion, give us to eat the  
 Gath - er us in and hold us for - ev - er, gath - er us in and



blind and the lame; call to us now, and we shall a - wak - en,  
 proud and the strong; give us a heart, so meek and so low - ly,  
 bread that is you; nour-ish us well, and teach us to fash - ion  
 make us your own; gath - er us in, all peo - ples to - geth - er,



we shall a - rise at the sound of our name.  
 give us the cour - age to en - ter the song.  
 lives that are ho - ly and hearts that are true.  
 fire . . . of love in our flesh and our bone.

## **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**

**P** The Lord be with you.

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

**A** 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.**

## **FIRST READING**

**Isaiah 40:21-31**

<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.

## PSALM

Psalm 147:1-11, 20c

*The Psalm will be spoken in unison.*

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

<sup>2</sup>**The LORD re- <sup>1</sup> builds Jerusalem, and gathers the ex- <sup>1</sup> iles of Israel.**

<sup>3</sup>The LORD heals the <sup>1</sup> brokenhearted and binds <sup>1</sup> up their wounds.

<sup>4</sup>**The LORD counts the number <sup>1</sup> of the stars and calls them all <sup>1</sup> by their names.**

<sup>5</sup>Great is our LORD and might- <sup>1</sup> y in power; there is no limit <sup>1</sup> to God's wisdom.

<sup>6</sup>**The LORD lifts <sup>1</sup> up the lowly, but casts the wicked <sup>1</sup> to the ground.**

<sup>7</sup>Sing to the LORD <sup>1</sup> with thanksgiving; make music upon the harp <sup>1</sup> to our God,

<sup>8</sup>**who covers the heav- <sup>1</sup> ens with clouds and prepares rain for the earth, making grass to grow up- <sup>1</sup> on the mountains.**

<sup>9</sup>God provides food <sup>1</sup> for the cattle and for the young ravens <sup>1</sup> when they cry.

<sup>10</sup>**God is not impressed by the might <sup>1</sup> of a horse, and has no pleasure in the speed <sup>1</sup> of a runner,**

<sup>11</sup>but finds pleasure in those who <sup>1</sup> fear the LORD, in those who await God's steadfast love. <sup>20c</sup> <sup>1</sup> Hallelujah!

## SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 9:16-23

<sup>16</sup>If I proclaim the gospel, this gives me no ground for boasting, for an obligation is laid on me, and woe to me if I do not proclaim the gospel!

<sup>17</sup>For if I do this of my own will, I have a reward; but if not of my own will, I am entrusted with a commission. <sup>18</sup>What then is my reward? Just this: that in my proclamation I may make the gospel free of charge, so as not to make full use of my rights in the gospel.

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

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Refrain

Al - le - lu - ial Al - le - lu - ial Raise the Gos - pel  
o - ver the earth! Al - le - lu - ial Al - le -  
lu - ial Peace and jus - tice bring - ing to birth!

Verses

1. Speak, Lord, for your ser - vant's lis - t'ning, Speak, Lord,  
 2. Lis - ten to the Word now spo - ken, Hard - en  
 3. Wis - dom is the gift you give, Lord, Wis - dom

1. for we're long - ing to hear Good News, that at  
 2. not your hearts to the call. Je - sus comes to  
 3. is the bless - ing we seek, Wis - dom that con -

1. last the prom - ised reign of God is near!  
 2. of - fer ev - er - last - ing life for all  
 3. finds the strong and rais - es up the weak!

to Refrain

## GOSPEL

Mark 1:29-39

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

**C** 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 sundown, 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.

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

## HOMILY

Pastor Gary N. McCluskey

## HYMN OF THE DAY

## JESUS, COME! FOR WE INVITE YOU



1 Je - sus, come! for we in - vite you, guest and mas - ter,  
2 Je - sus, come! trans-form our plea - sures, guide us in - to  
3 Je - sus, come! in new cre - a - tion, heav'n brought near in  
4 Je - sus, come! sur - prise our dull - ness, make us will - ing



friend and Lord; now, as once at Ca - na's wed - ding,  
paths un - known; bring your gifts, com-mand your ser - vants,  
pow'r di - vine; give your un - ex - pect - ed glo - ry,  
to re - ceive more than we can yet im - ag - ine,



speak and let us hear your word: lead us through our need or  
let us trust in you a - lone: though your hand may work in  
chang-ing wa - ter in - to wine: rouse the faith of your dis -  
all the best you have to give: let us find your hid - den



doubt - ing, hope be born and joy re - stored.  
se - cret, all shall see what you have done.  
ci - ples— come, our first and great - est Sign!  
rich - es, taste your love, be - lieve, and live!



## AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

## APOSTLES' 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.**

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

**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. After each portion of the prayers the Assistant will say:*

**A** Let us pray.

*The congregation will respond with:*

**C** **Have mercy, O God.**

*The prayers conclude:*

**A** 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.**

# THE PEACE IS SHARED

P The peace of Christ be with you all.

C And also with you.

## OFFERTORY

## TAKE MY LIFE THAT I MAY BE

*Refrain/Estribillo*



To - ma, oh Dios, mi vo - lun - tad, y haz - la tu - ya, na - da más;  
Take my life, that I may be con - se - crat - ed, Lord, to thee;



to - ma, sí, mi co - ra - zón y tu tro - no en él ten - drás.  
take my mo - ments and my days; let them flow in cease - less praise.



1 Que mi vi - da en - te - ra es - té con - sa - gra -  
1 Take my hands and let them move at the im -  
2 Take my sil - ver and my gold, not a mite  
3 Take my voice and let me sing al - ways, on -  
4 Take my will and make it thine; it shall be



da a ti, Se - ñor; que a mis ma - nos pue -  
pulse of thy love; take my feet and let  
would I with - hold; take my in - tel - lect  
ly for my King; take my lips and let  
no lon - ger mine; take my heart, it is



*Refrain/Estribillo*

da guiar el im - pul - so de tu a - mor.  
them be swift and beau - ti - ful for thee.  
and use ev - 'ry pow'r as thou shalt choose.  
them be filled with mes - sag - es from thee.  
thine own; it shall be thy roy - al throne.

## OFFERING PRAYER

- 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.**

*Thank you to all who continue to support our ministry through your prayers, your calls, emails, and texts. Thank you to all who continue to support our ministry with your financial gifts. We know some in our community have lost their jobs and others have had theirs significantly scaled back. We continue to have the same needs of financial support along with a few additional costs as we operate much differently during this time.*

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*Thank you!*

## **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**C** Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## **BENEDICTION**

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

**C** Amen.

# CLOSING HYMN

# ACT JUSTLY

**Refrain**

D D

Act just - ly; love ten - der-ly.

D G/D D G/D A/D D

Walk, walk hum-bly with your God.

**Verses**

D G D Bm

1. How shall we come be - fore you? With what gifts  
 2. This is what the Lord asks you: on - ly this  
 3. Peo - ple, lift up your voic - es; by your ac -  
 4. On this plan - et of plen - ty, lives and fu -

Em Bm G

1. to a - dore you? Will our sac - ri - fic - es  
 2. will re - main true, what is good has been ex -  
 3. - tions make choic - es. In this time, the on - ly  
 4. - tures lie emp - ty. In this world, the on - ly

F# Bm G Em Asus A

1. please you? What should we bring to - day?  
 2. plained to you: Lis - ten a - gain to - day.  
 3. time we have, show us the way to live.  
 4. world we have, show us the way to live.

to Refrain

## SENDING

A Go in peace. Be the light of Christ.

C Thanks be to God.

## POSTLUDE

Aiko Yamada Mancini

## Participants in Worship

### **Pastor**

*Gary N. McCluskey*

### **Worship Assistant**

*Sophie Lott*

### **Lector**

*Kalyn Behnke*

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*Aiko Yamada Mancini*

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*Brian & Aiko Mancini*

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*Clifton Crawford, voice*

*Erin Crawford, voice*

*John Fillo, bass guitar*

*Nic Peters, percussion*

*Nils Peterson, voice*

*Aaron Griffith-VanderYacht, voice*

*Aiko Yamada Mancini, voice, piano,  
and percussion*