

*Welcome to Worship at  
Lutheran Church of the Resurrection*

**5<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY—FEBRUARY 7, 2021**

**11:00 A.M.**

**INTRODUCTION**

In Isaiah the one God who sits above the earth and numbers the stars also strengthens the powerless. So in Jesus' healing work we see the hand of the creator God, lifting up the sick woman to health and service (*diakonia*). Like Simon's mother-in-law, we are lifted up and healed to serve. Following Jesus, we strengthen the powerless; like Jesus, we seek to renew our own strength in quiet times of prayer.

**SERVICE OF WORD & PRAYER**

— GATHERING —

**WELCOME & WORSHIP ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*Adorn your sacred space with flowers and other beautiful signs of life.*

**SABBATH REFLECTION**

"Break Through"

—Tommy Walker

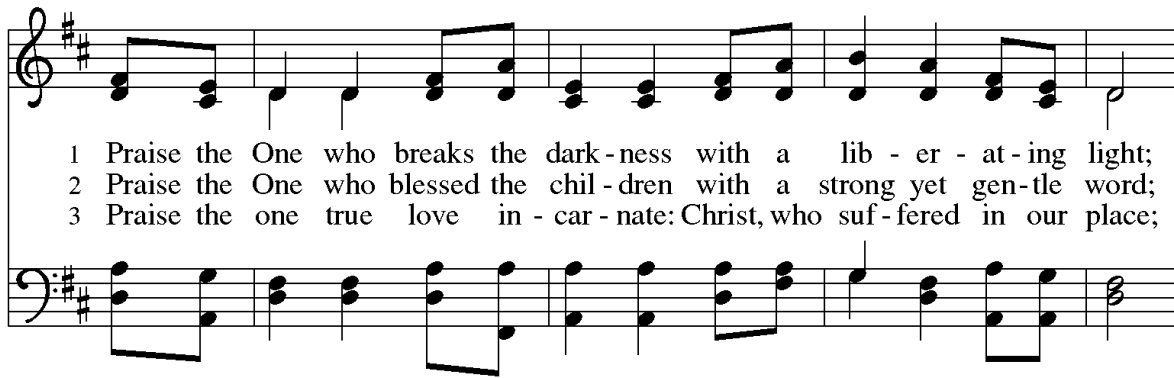
**INVOCATION**

In the name of the Father, and of the ✚ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

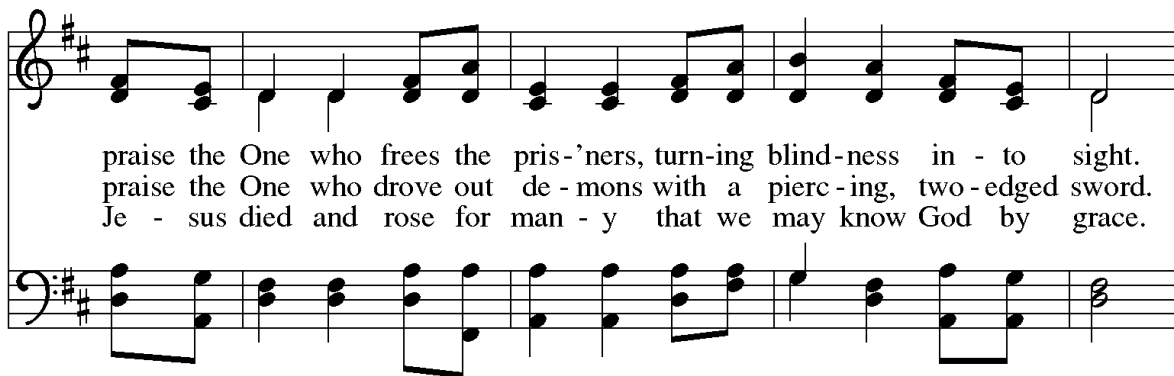
Amen.

# GATHERING SONG "Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness"

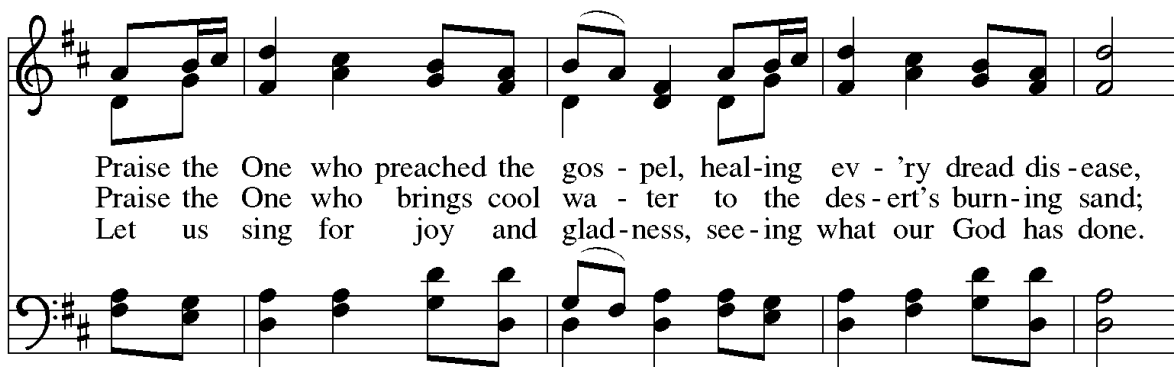
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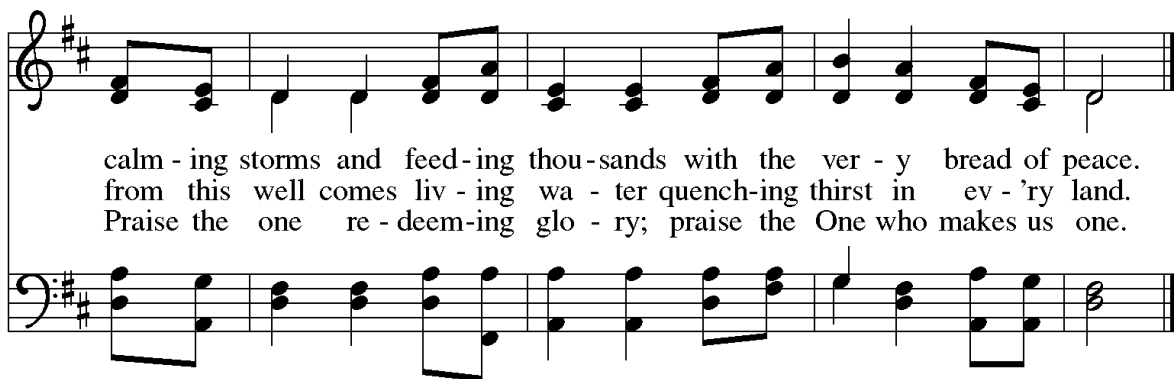
1 Praise the One who breaks the dark-ness with a lib - er - at - ing light;  
2 Praise the One who blessed the chil - dren with a strong yet gen - tle word;  
3 Praise the one true love in - car - nate: Christ, who suf - fered in our place;



praise the One who frees the pris - 'ners, turn - ing blind - ness in - to sight.  
praise the One who drove out de - mons with a pierc - ing, two - edged sword.  
Je - sus died and rose for man - y that we may know God by grace.



Praise the One who preached the gos - pel, heal - ing ev - 'ry dread dis - ease,  
Praise the One who brings cool wa - ter to the des - ert's burn - ing sand;  
Let us sing for joy and glad - ness, see - ing what our God has done.



calm - ing storms and feed - ing thou - sands with the ver - y bread of peace.  
from this well comes liv - ing wa - ter quench - ing thirst in ev - 'ry land.  
Praise the one re - deem - ing glo - ry; praise the One who makes us one.

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## **GREETING**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. *(2 Corinthians 13:13)*

**And also with you.**

In the beginning was the Word,  
**and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.**

In the Word was life,  
**and the life was the light of all people.**

The Word became flesh and lived among us,  
**and we have seen his glory, full of grace and truth.** *(John 1)*

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

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. Amen.**

**—WORD—**

## **CHILDREN'S HOMILY**

### **FIRST READING: 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.*

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<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.

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM: Psalm 147:1-11, 20c** (*read responsively*)

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

<sup>2</sup>**The LORD rebuilds Jerusalem,  
and gathers the exiles of Israel.**

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

<sup>4</sup>**The LORD 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 God's 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 upon the harp to our God,

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

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

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

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

**SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 9:16-23**

*God entrusted Paul with the responsibility of bringing the gospel to diverse people. Hence the focus of Paul's ministry is not his own rights or privileges as an apostle but the privilege of serving God by freely sharing the good news of Christ with others.*

<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.

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL SONG** "Day by Day" (from *Godspell*)

-Stephen Schwartz

Easy Waltz feel

Day by day, day by day, oh, dear Lord, three things I pray to see Thee more clear-ly, love Thee more dear-ly, fol-low Thee more near-ly, day by day, day by day. Day by day, day by day, oh, dear Lord, three things I pray to see Thee more clear - ly, love Thee more dear - ly, fol-low Thee more near - ly, day by day. Day by day, Day by day by day by day by day.

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## **GOSPEL: 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.*

The holy gospel according to St. Mark, the 1<sup>st</sup> chapter.

**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 sunset, 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.

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **HOMILY**

Pastor Stephen Friedrich



**RESPONSE TO THE WORD: HYMN "I'm So Glad Jesus Lifted Me" ELW # 760**



1 I'm so glad I'm so glad  
2 Sa - tan had me bound, Je - sus lift - ed me. Sa - tan had me bound,  
3 When I was in trou - ble, When I was in trou - ble,



Je - sus lift - ed me. I'm so glad  
Sa - tan had me bound, Je - sus lift - ed me,  
When I was in trou - ble,



sing - ing glo - ry, hal - le - lu - jah! Je - sus lift - ed me.

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JESUS LIFTED ME  
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**RESPONSE TO THE WORD: CREED AND CONFESSION**

In Christ, you have heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation.

**We believe in him and are marked with the seal  
of the promised Holy Spirit.** (*Ephesians 1:13-14*)

Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

**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.**

Build yourselves up on your most holy faith;

**pray in the Holy Spirit.** *(Jude 20)*

Keep yourselves in the love of God;

**look forward to the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ.** *(Jude 21)*

If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation:

**Everything old has passed away; behold, everything has become new!**

*(2 Corinthians 5:17)*

God has given us the ministry of reconciliation.

Therefore, let us be reconciled to God and to one another.

*Silence for reflection and self examination.*

Gracious God,

**have mercy on us. In your compassion forgive us our sins,  
known and unknown, things done and left undone.**

**Uphold us by your Spirit so that we may live and serve you in newness of life,  
to the honor and glory of your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

**Amen**

Almighty God have mercy on you,

forgive you all your sins through our † Lord Jesus Christ,

strengthen you in all goodness,

and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

**Amen**

## **EXCHANGE OF PEACE**

The peace of the Lord be with you always.  
**And also with you.**

## **—THANKSGIVING—**

*Collect an **OFFERING** for God's mission. Financial gifts can be made online [www.lcrmarietta.org/give](http://www.lcrmarietta.org/give), Canned food can also be collected.*

*LCR Musicians also have a musical offering to glorify God*

**MUSICAL OFFERING** “None But Jesus”

–Brooke Fraser *0*

## **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

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.*

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.

**Have mercy, O God.**

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.

**Have mercy, O God.**

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.

**Have mercy, O God.**

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 those affected by COVID-19, let us pray.

**Have mercy, O God.**

For this congregation: for outreach and social ministries centered here, especially the Linus Blanket Program, MUST and the Sandy Springs Community Assistance Center; 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.

**Have mercy, O God.**

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.

**Have mercy, O God.**

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.

**Amen.**

## **LORD'S PRAYER**

Let us pray with confidence in the words our Savior gave us:

**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**

## **— SENDING —**

### **MISSION ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **BLESSING**

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.

In the name of the Father, ✠ the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

# SENDING SONG "All Because of Jesus"

-Steve Fee



Giv-er of ev - 'ry breath! breathe, Au-thor of all e-ter ni - ty

Giv-er of ev - 'ry per - fect thing, to You be the glo - ry.

Mak-er of heav - en and of earth, no one can com -  
pre - hend Your worth. King o-ver all the u - ni-verse,  
to You be the glo - ry. And I am a-live be-cause  
I'm a-live in You. And it's all be-cause of Je -  
sus I'm a-live. It's all be-cause the blood  
of Je - sus Christ. that cov-ers me and raised  
this deadman's life it's all be-cause of Je - sus.

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Ev-'ry sun-rise sings\_\_Your praise, the u-ni - verse cries out\_\_Your praise; I'm

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sing-ing free-dome all\_\_my days, now that I'm\_\_ a - live.\_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_ And it's all\_\_ be-cause of Je - sus I'm a-live.\_\_\_\_\_ It's all

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\_\_ be-cause the blood\_\_ of Je - sus Christ,\_\_\_\_\_ that

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cov-ers me and riased\_\_ this dead man'slife\_\_\_\_\_ It's

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all be-cause of Je - sus. And it's all\_\_ be-cause of Je - sus I'm a-live.

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\_\_ It's all\_\_ be-cause the blood\_\_ of Je - sus Christ,\_\_\_\_\_

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that cov-ers me and raised\_\_ this dead man'slife.\_\_\_\_\_

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It's all be-cause of Je - sus I'm a - live.\_\_\_\_\_

## DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Be the light of Christ!

**Thanks be to God!**

**POSTLUDE** "You are the Rock of My Salvation"

-Teresa Muller

Capo 1

Em9 F#m7 Bm A/B GM7 A

You are the rock of my sal-va - tion, you are the strength of my

4 Bm A/B Em9 F#m7 Bm A/B

life. You are my hope and my in - spir-a - tion;

7 GM7 A Bm GM7 A

Lord, un - to you will I cry. I be - lieve in you, be -

10 F#m7 Bm7 GM7 A Bm7 A/B Bm7

lieve in you, for your faith - ful love to me. You have

13 GM7 A F#m7 Bm7 Em Em/G

been my help in time of need; Lord, un-to you will I cleave.

16 F#sus F# Em9 F#m7 Bm A/B

You are the rock of my sal-va - tion,

19 GM7 A Bm

you are the strength of my life.

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