

# Salem Lutheran Church

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## FEBRUARY 7, 2021 ~ 5<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

*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.*

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

**P:** Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, in whose image we are made, who claims us and calls us beloved. **Amen.**

Holy One,

**ALL:** we confess that we have sinned and we are not awake for you. We are not faithful in using your gifts. We forget the least of our siblings. We do not see your beautiful image in one another. We are infected by sin that divides your beloved community. Open our hearts to your coming, open our eyes to see you in our neighbor, open our hands to serve your creation. **Amen.**

**P:** Beloved, we are God's children, and Jesus, our Beloved, opens the door to us. Through † Jesus you are forgiven, by Jesus you are welcome, in Jesus you are called to rejoice! Let us live in the promises prepared for us from the foundation of the world. **Amen.**

### GATHERING SONG

*Gather Us In*

ELW 532 verses 1 & 3

Here in this place the new light is streaming,  
now is the darkness vanished away;  
see in this space our fears and our dreamings  
brought here to you in the light of this day.  
Gather us in, the lost and forsaken,  
gather us in, the blind and the lame;  
call to us now, and we shall awaken,  
we shall arise at the sound of our name.

Here we will take the wine and the water,  
here we will take the bread of new birth,  
here you shall call your sons and your daughters,  
call us anew to be salt for the earth.  
Give us to drink the wine of compassion,  
give us to eat the bread that is you;  
nourish us well, and teach us to fashion  
lives that are holy and hearts that are true.

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Music: Marty Haugen

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### **GREETING**

**P:** The grace of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you. **All: Amen**

### **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

*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.***

### **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

### **WORD**

**FIRST READING: Isaiah 40:21-31**

**THE PSALMODY: Psalm 147:1-11, 20c**

<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!

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

**GOSPEL: Mark 1:29-39**

**P:** The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark the 1<sup>st</sup> chapter. **All: 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.

**P:** The Gospel of the Lord given to you. **ALL: Praise to you O Christ.**

## MESSAGE

### HYMN OF THE

*On Eagle's Wings*

ELW 787 verses 1 & 4

You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord,  
who abide in this shadow for life,  
say to the Lord: "My refuge,  
my rock in whom I trust!"

#### Refrain

And he will raise you up on eagle's wings,  
bear you on the breath of dawn,  
make you to shine like the sun,  
and hold you in the palm of his hand.

For to the angels God's given a command  
to guard you in all of your ways;  
upon their hands they will bear you up,  
lest you dash your foot against a stone.

#### Final refrain

And he will raise you up on eagle's wings,  
bear you on the breath of dawn,  
make you to shine like the sun,  
and hold you in the palm of his hand;  
and hold you, hold you in the palm of his hand.

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Music: Michael Joncas

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## APOSTLES' CREED

**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

##### PEACE

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

##### PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL BLESSING

Jesus, we believe you are present in the Sacrament of Holy Communion. We love You above all things and we desire to receive You into our souls. Since we cannot now receive You sacramentally, come spiritually into our hearts. We embrace You as You are already there, and because of You we are united with You in death and in life. Never permit us to be separated from You. **Amen.**

##### 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

#### SENDING

##### BLESSING

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

##### SENDING SONG

*I Love to Tell the Story*

ELW 661 verses 1 & 3

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;  
I'll sing this theme in glory  
and tell the old, old story  
of Jesus and his love.  
I love to tell the story,  
For those who know it best

seem hungry 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*

Text: Katherine Hankey, 1834-1911  
Music: William E. Fischer, 1849-1936  
Tune Name: Hankey  
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## **DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Be the light of Christ. **ALL: Thanks be to God.**

## **++++++ANNOUNCEMENTS & PRAYER LIST++++++**

**A Special Thank you** to Salem's choir for providing the voices for today's hymns. Special thank you to Mark Hoefler for reading today.

**Thank you for continuing to support the ministries** of our congregation during these unprecedented times. As it becomes clear that we're in this phase for a longer haul, we want to say a particular thanks for your faith, your generosity, and your perseverance. Your faithful stewardship of all God's gifts is the heart of disciple-making and neighbor-loving.

**Our Daily Bread** ~ please have the casseroles delivered to Salem and ready for pickup by **Friday, February 19th**. Thank you for caring for the less fortunate and your generosity.

**Souper Bowl Sunday ~ Canned Soup Drive.** February 7<sup>th</sup> is *Souper Bowl Sunday!*

Join in filling baskets with canned soups for Mason-Dixon Community Services Food Pantry. **We've extended the Drive through this week.** Drop off at Church.

Tuesdays 9:30 – 4:30  
Wednesdays 1:00 – 4:00  
Thursdays 9:30 – 4:30

**Great news from Thrivent!** *We have been granted matching funds up to \$250 to use toward the purchase of cans of soup for the Souper Bowl Drive. Together with Thrivent we can make an impact for our community.*

Participation in a Thrivent Action Team project is prayer. Since the members of our congregation are the team, let's us pray the prayer written below.

*Dear Heavenly Father,*

*We thank you for giving us gifts and talents to use in service and share our love for others. Place in our hearts a desire to live faithfully and do the things you have prepared in advance for us to do. Today we pray that you would bless the work of our hands. May we be good stewards of your blessings and may many lives and hearts be impacted. May all honor and glory be yours. Amen*

**Ongoing Prayer Concerns:** Family and Friends of Barb Vogel, Carol Porter, Cindy Miller, Family and friends of Ed Barthlome, Charlie Phoebus, Douglas Porter, Austin Phoebus (deployed), Deana Vanhart, Family and friends of Phil Kulinski, Family and friends of Sandy Barthel, Faith LeBrun, Howard Kramer, James Rickman, Mike, Thelma Preisinger, Brenda Baker, Kimberley, Donna Glorioso, John Bragg, Jenny's mom and sister Donna, Norma Knudsen, Anne Mills, Rachel's baby girl Diana, Capt'n Jim McMahan, Pr. Dick Kiesling, Karen, Donna Miller, Laura Riley, Judy Newsome, Bruce Greer, Debbie McDonald, Michelle Harshman, Lisa Barwick, Dorothy Portera, Nick Carmichael, Walt Karoll, Marianna Putnam, Dawn Weaver, Joan Burleigh, Donald Rembert, Steve Sussan, Betty Burnet, Carrie Claus, Dorothy Long, Bailey Law, Pr. Myers, Maurice Grove, Nancy Roschli, Margaret Shank, Jim McNicholas, Aunt Marie, Joan Evans, Steve Norman, Joan & John Kusick, Robin Sealover, Kaidyn Jamison, Jumela Beecher, Seth

Bates, Steve White, Margret Krebbal, Frank Gailitz, Dan Gnau, Paula Feldman, Dolly Suiratt, Talu Elvove Arikan, Jim Bair, Craig Perry Beel, Joyce Craig, Aston Dean, Kattie Hale, Ray Morrison, Nicole Phelps, Kim Scott, Natalie Szparza, Pat Ward, Curtis Waters, Jason Whitney, Karen Wiley, Nick Wingate, and Jeanie Z., Will & Bernadine Boyce, Bishop Elizabeth Eaton, Bishop Bill Gohl.

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