



“Jesus for All People”

Sunday, February 7, 2021 at 8:00 am

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY (Contemporary Service)

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.”

WE WELCOME FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN

Epiphany Lutheran Church offers many resources and programs to help you and your children grow in your faith relationship with Jesus Christ. Our nursery has staffed personnel every Sunday from 7:30 AM – 12:30 PM. The nursery is not staffed on Saturday night, but still available for your use. Well children, ages infant to four (4) years, are welcome. ***There are new requirements to ensure the health and safety of our children posted on the doors.*** Each Sunday morning worship service has a special children’s message, and we offer Sunday school, except for holidays, for ages 3-adult at 9:30 am. If you need assistance, please ask an usher or elder to direct you to the bathrooms, nursery, or classrooms.

Please stand for portions of service marked with asterisk (*).

RINGING OF THE BELL

THE WELCOME

Pastor Chris Matthis

***OPENING MEDLEY** *“Before the Throne of God Above”*

Shane and Shane

***Before the throne of God above
I have a strong, and perfect plea:
A great High Priest, whose name is Love,
Who ever lives and pleads for me.***

***My name is graven on his hands,
My name is written on his heart;
I know that while in heaven he stands
No tongue can bid me thence depart
No tongue can bid me thence depart.***

***When Satan tempts me to despair,
And tells me of the guilt within,
Upward I look, and see him there
Who made an end of all my sin.***

***Because a sinless Savior died,
My sinful soul is counted free;
For God, the Just, is satisfied
To look on Him and pardon me
To look on Him and pardon me***

***Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Praise the One,
Risen Son of God!***

***Behold him there, the risen Lamb
My perfect, spotless righteousness,
The great unchangeable I AM,
The King of glory and of grace!***

***One in himself, I cannot die
My soul is purchased by his blood-----
My life is hid with Christ on high,
With Christ, my Savior and my God
With Christ, my Savior and my God***

***Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Praise the One,
Risen Son of God! REPEAT***

“Jesus Paid It All”

Kristian Stanfill

***I hear the Savior say,
Thy strength indeed is small;
Child of weakness, watch and pray,
Find in Me thine all in all.***

*Jesus paid it all,
All to Him I owe;
Sin had left a crimson stain,
He washed it white as snow.
Lord, now indeed I find
Thy power and Thine alone,
Can change the leper's spots
and melt the heart of stone.*

*Jesus paid it all,
All to Him I owe;
Sin had left a crimson stain,
He washed it white as snow.*

*And when before the throne
I stand in Him complete,
Jesus died my soul to save,
my lips shall still repeat*

*Jesus paid it all,
All to Him I owe;
Sin had left a crimson stain,
He washed it white as snow
Sin had left a crimson stain,
He washed it white as snow
He washed it white as snow
He washed it white as snow*

*O Praise the one who paid my debt
And raised this life up from the dead (Repeat x2)*

*Jesus paid it all,
All to Him owe;
Sin had left a crimson stain,
He washed it white as snow.
He washed it white as snow.*

+ PREPARATION +

***INVOCATION**

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of ✠ the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

*CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

People: But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Pastor: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

People: Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

Pastor: 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.

People: Amen.

+ WORD +

OLD TESTAMENT

Isaiah 49:21-31

(Wait upon the Lord to renew your strength.)

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.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Psalm 147:1-11

Pastor: Praise the LORD! For it is good to sing praises to our God;

People: for it is pleasant, and a song of praise is fitting.

Pastor: The LORD builds up Jerusalem;

People: He gathers the outcasts of Israel.

Pastor: He heals the broken-hearted

People: and binds up their wounds.

Pastor: He determines the number of the stars;

People: He gives to all of them their names.

Pastor: Great is our Lord, and abundant in power;

People: His understanding is beyond measure.

Pastor: The LORD lifts up the humble;
People: He casts the wicked to the ground.

Pastor: Sing to the LORD with thanksgiving;
People: make melody to our God on the lyre!

Pastor: He covers the heavens with clouds; He prepares rain for the earth;
People: He makes grass grow on the hills.

Pastor: He gives to the beasts their food,
People: and to the young ravens that cry.

Pastor: His delight is not in the strength of the horse,
People: nor His pleasure in the legs of a man,

Pastor: but the LORD takes pleasure in those who fear Him,
People: in those who hope in His steadfast love.

EPISTLE *1 Corinthians 9:16-27*
(All things to all men to save some)

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.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

*HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 1:29-39

(Jesus heals and prays)

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the first chapter.

People: 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.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Pastor Chris Matthis

SERMON SONG

"Everlasting God"

Chris Tomlin

***Strength will rise as we wait upon the Lord,
We will wait upon the Lord
We will wait upon the Lord.***

***Strength will rise as we wait upon the Lord,
We will wait upon the Lord
We will wait upon the Lord.***

***Our God, You reign forever!
Our hope, our strong Deliv'rer!***

***You are the everlasting God, the everlasting God!
You do not faint, You won't grow weary!***

***You're the defender of the weak, You comfort those in need!
You lift us up on wings like eagles.***

***Strength will rise as we wait upon the Lord,
We will wait upon the Lord
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You're the defender of the weak, You comfort those in need!
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SERMON

Pastor Chris Matthis

***CONFESSION OF FAITH**

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of Heaven and earth. And, in Jesus Christ His 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 into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

OFFERING

“Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.” (2 Corinthians 9:7). We give our tithes and offerings to God as an act of worship in gratitude for the gifts He has first given us. If you wish to give electronically using a credit card or automated bank withdrawal, please scan the QR code with your smartphone or visit www.epiphanylc.org and click on GIVE. As good stewards, please use credit wisely.



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*PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

*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.

*BENEDICTION

Pastor: The blessing of almighty God, the Father, the ☩ Son, and the Holy Spirit, be with you now and forever.

People: Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GUEST SPEAKER

Amber Dihn
Facing Homelessness, Denver

***SENDING SONG**

"People of God"

Wayne Watson

*With our lips let us sing one confession
With our hearts hold to one truth alone
For He has erased our transgression
Claimed us and called us His own, His very own*

*We're the people of God, called by His name
Called from the dark and delivered from shame
One holy race, saints everyone
Because of the blood of Christ Jesus, the Son*

*Hear us, O spirits of darkness
So you will know where we stand
We are His servants purchased with scars
Bought by the blood of the Lamb
The blood of the Lamb*

*We're the people of God, called by His name
Called from the dark and delivered from shame
One holy race, saints everyone
Because of the blood of Christ Jesus, the Son*

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Pastor: Go in peace, serve the Lord!

People: Thanks be to God!

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SERVING THE LORD THIS WEEKEND

(February 6-7, 2021)

Readings: *(Old Testament)* Isaiah 49:21-31 *(Psalm)* Psalm 147:1-11
(Epistle) 1 Corinthians 9:16-27 *(Holy Gospel)* Mark 1:29-39

	5:00 pm	8:00 am	11:00 am
Preacher	<i>Pastor Chris Matthis</i>	<i>Pastor Chris Matthis</i>	<i>Pastor Chris Matthis</i>
Elders	<i>Joel Crosswhite</i>	<i>Mitch Arndt</i>	<i>Todd Rychecky</i>
Accompanist	<i>Nathan Eickmann</i>	<i>Praise Team</i>	<i>Nathan Eickmann</i>
Sound System		<i>Tim Schneider</i>	
Video	<i>Pastor Chris Matthis</i>		
Acolyte		<i>Ava Sprankle</i>	
Altar Guild	<i>Audrey Olson</i>		
Children's Message	<i>Pastor Chris Matthis</i>	<i>Pastor Chris Matthis</i>	<i>Pastor Chris Matthis</i>
Nursery		<i>Ev Dawson</i>	<i>Ev Dawson</i>
Greeters			
Lectors	<i>Tim Hutchison</i>	<i>Tom Sprankle</i>	<i>Larry Drees</i>
Snacks	<i>Suspended</i>	<i>Suspended</i>	<i>Suspended</i>
Ushers			



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