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**Fifth Sunday After Epiphany
February 9th, 2020**



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Pastor: Matthew Weber

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PRELUDE

NEW FAITH, NEW LIFE

RITTER

GATHERING

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,
the eternal voice from heaven,
the anointed and beloved one,
the Spirit moving over the waters.

Amen.

As we approach the mystery of God, let us come in confession,
trusting the love of Christ crucified and risen.

Silence is kept for reflection.

God who searches us and knows us,
*you have shown us what is good,
but we have looked to other lights to find our way.
We have not been just in our dealings with others.
We have chosen revenge over mercy.
We have promoted ourselves
instead of walking humbly with you.
Forgive us our sin,
and show us your salvation
in the face of Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.*

Receive the promise of baptism:
You are a beloved child of God;
your sins are forgiven ☩
Rejoice and be glad, for yours is the reign of heaven.
Amen.

GATHERING HYMN

BUILT ON A ROCK
Vs 1-3, 5



1 Built on a rock the church shall stand, e - ven when stee - ples are
2 Sure - ly, in tem - ples made with hands God the Most High is not
3 Christ builds a house of liv - ing stones; we are his own hab - i -
5 Through all the pass - ing years, O Lord, grant that, when church bells are



fall - ing; crum - bled have spires in ev - 'ry land, bells still are
dwell - ing— high in the heav'ns his tem - ple stands, all earth - ly
ta - tion: he fills our hearts. his hum - ble thrones. grant - ing us
ring - ing, man - y may come to hear your Word, who here this



chim - ing and call - ing— call - ing the young and old to rest, call - ing the
tem - ples ex - cel - ling. Yet God who dwells in heav'n a - bove deigns to a -
life and sal - va - tion. Where two or three will seek his face, he in their
prom - ise is bring - ing: "I know my own, my own know me; you, not the



souls of those dis - tressed, long - ing for life ev - er - last - ing.
bide with us in love, mak - ing our bod - ies his tem - ple.
midst will show his grace, bless - ings up - on them be - stow - ing.
world, my face shall see; my peace I leave with you. A - men."

Text: Nikolai F. S. Grundtvig, 1783–1872; tr. Carl Doving, 1867–1937, adapt.
Music: KIRKEN DEN ER ET GAMMEL HUS, Ludvig M. Lindeman, 1812–1887
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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.

And also with you.

HYMN OF PRAISE

GLORY TO GOD



Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



Lord God, heav-en-ly King, al - might-y God and Fa - ther, we



wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.



Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,



you take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;



you are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther: re - ceive our prayer.



For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,



you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,



in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - - men.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Let us pray. God of the covenant,
In our baptism you call us to proclaim the coming of your kingdom. Send us, equip us, and walk with us, so that we may faithfully witness to your love and peace in every circumstance of life, in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

WORD

FIRST READING

PSALM 122

after the reading:
The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN’S SERMON

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?



You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

GOSPEL

MARK 6:1-29

before the reading
The Holy Gospel according to Mark, the Sixth chapter:
Glory to you, O Lord.

after the reading:
The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Following the sermon, we pause for a few moments of silence, expecting that God's Holy Spirit will continue to speak to us

HYMN OF THE DAY

I LOVE TO TELL THE STORY



1 I love to tell the sto - ry of un - seen things a - bove,
2 I love to tell the sto - ry: how pleas - ant to re - peat
3 I love to tell the sto - ry, for those who know it best



of Je - sus and his glo - ry, of Je - sus and his love.
what seems, each time I tell it, more won - der - ful - ly sweet!
seem hun - ger - ing and thirst - ing to hear it like the rest.



I love to tell the sto - ry, be - cause I know it's true;
I love to tell the sto - ry, for some have nev - er heard
And when, in scenes of glo - ry, I sing the new, new song,



it sat - is - fies my long - ings as noth - ing else would do.
the mes - sage of sal - va - tion from God's own ho - ly word.
I'll sing the old, old sto - ry that I have loved so long.

Refrain



I love to tell the sto - ry; 'twill be my theme in glo - ry



to tell the old, old sto - ry of Je - sus and his love.

Text: Katherine Hankey, 1834-1911
Music: HANKEY, William E. Fischer, 1849-1936

APOSTLES' CREED

Living together in trust and hope, let us 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 into hell.*

*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

God of revelation, as we gather in praise for the gracious mystery of your Son, we remember the many needs of your church and your world.

after each petition:

Lord, in your mercy.
hear our prayer.

the prayers conclude:

Guide us on the path of salvation, O God, that the radiance and power of your Holy Spirit working in the world will gather together all peoples and nations in one community to offer you worship and proclaim your splendor.

Amen.

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

we greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace, saying "Peace be with you" or similar words.

SHARING OF LIFE AND MINISTRY

MEAL

OFFERING

8:30

**CHRIST, WHOSE GLORY FILLS THE SKIES
(CHANCEL CHOIR)**

CANDLYN

11:00 MAKE ME A SERVANT

HAYES

OFFERTORY RESPONSE

LET THE VINEYARDS

Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of
bless-ing. Gath-er a har-vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be
fed with the bread of life. Gath-er the hopes and dreams of all; u -
nite them with the prayers we of - fer. Grace our ta - ble with your
pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Let us pray. Blessed are you, O God,
*through your goodness
you have blessed us with these gifts:
ourselves, our time, and our possessions.
Use us and what we have gathered,
in feeding the world with your love,
through the one who gave himself for us,
Jesus Christ, Our Savior and Lord.
Amen.*

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The musical score consists of four staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. Each staff contains a melody line with lyrics underneath. The lyrics are: "The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.", "Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.", "Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.", and "It is right to give our thanks and praise." The music is simple and hymn-like, using quarter and eighth notes.

PROPER PREFACE

It is indeed, our duty and delight ... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.
Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

Holy God, mighty Lord, Gracious Father, endless is your mercy and eternal is your reign ...

We proclaim the Lord's death until he comes:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ, in union with the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, Almighty God
now and forever.

Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

Lord, remember us in your mercy, and teach us to pray:

***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

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

Behold who you are, become what you receive.

Thanks be to God.

COMMUNION

Christ is the Host at this feast; All are welcome at the table of God's grace. The Chalice contains wine; red wine and white grape juice are provided in the trays. After you receive the bread, you may either dip (intinct) the bread in the chalice and receive the bread and wine together; or, you may eat the bread, and drink either from the chalice or from a small glass in the tray. Please let the server know if you require a gluten-free wafer.



HYMNS DURING COMMUNION

THE KING OF LOVE MY SHEPHERD



1 The King of love my shep - herd is, whose good - ness
2 Where streams of liv - ing wa - ter flow, my ran - somed
3 Per - verse and fool - ish oft I strayed, but yet in
4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill, with thee, dear



fail - eth nev - er; I noth - ing lack if
soul he lead - eth and, where the ver - dant
love he sought me, and on his shoul - der
Lord, be - side me, thy rod and staff my



I am his and he is mine for - ev - er.
pas - tures grow, with food ce - les - tial feed - eth.
gent - ly laid, and home, re - joic - ing, brought me.
com - fort still; thy cross be - fore to guide me.



TAKE MY LIFE



- 1 Take my life, that I may be con - se - crat - ed, Lord, to thee;
- 2 Take my hands and let them move at the im - pulse of thy love;
- 3 Take my voice and let me sing al - ways, on - ly, for my King;
- 4 Take my sil - ver and my gold, not a mite would I with - hold;



take my mo - ments and my days; let them flow in cease - less praise.
take my feet and let them be swift and beau - ti - ful for thee.
take my lips and let them be filled with mes - sag - es from thee.
take my in - tel - lect, and use ev - 'ry pow'r as thou shalt choose.

- 5 Take my will and make it thine;
it shall be no longer mine.
Take my heart, it is thine own;
it shall be thy royal throne.

- 6 Take my love; my Lord, I pour
at thy feet its treasure store;
take myself, and I will be
ever, only, all for thee.

Text: Frances R. Havergal, 1836–1879, alt.
Music: PATMOS, William H. Havergal, 1793–1870

BLEST BE THE TIE



- 1 Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Chris - tian love;
- 2 Be - fore our Fa - ther's throne we pour our ar - dent prayers;
- 3 We share our mu - tual woes, our mu - tual bur - dens bear,
- 4 From sor - row, toil, and pain, and sin we shall be free;



the u - ni - ty of heart and mind is like to that a - bove.
our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, our com - forts and our cares.
and of - ten for each oth - er flows the sym - pa - thiz - ing tear.
and per - fect love and friend - ship reign through all e - ter - ni - ty.

Text: John Fawcett, 1740–1817, alt.
Music: DENNIS, Johann G. Nægeli, 1773–1836, adapt.

THE BLESSING

after all have returned to their places

The Body and Blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ, Strengthen you and keep you in God's Grace.

Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray. We give you thanks, Almighty God,

that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life. In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

SENDING

BENEDICTION

Live your lives in Christ, rooted and built up in him, and abound in thanksgiving;
And the blessing of the Holy Trinity, Father, Son and Holy Spirit be upon you and remain with you forever.

Amen



SENDING HYMN

ETERNAL FATHER, STRONG TO SAVE



1 E - ter - nal Fa - ther, strong to save, whose arm has bound the
 2 O Sav - ior, whose al - might - y word the winds and waves sub -
 3 O Ho - ly Spir - it, who didst brood up - on the cha - os
 4 O Trin - i - ty of love and pow'r, all trav - 'lers guard in



rest - less wave, who bade the might - y o - cean deep its
 mis - sive heard, who walked up - on the foam - ing deep, and
 dark and rude, and bid its an - gry tu - mult cease, and
 dan - ger's hour from rock and tem - pest, fire and foe, pro -



own ap - point - ed lim - its keep: oh, hear us when we
 calm a - mid the storm didst sleep: oh, hear us when we
 give, for wild con - fu - sion, peace: oh, hear us when we
 tect them where - so - e'er they go; thus ev - er - more shall



cry to thee for those in per - il on the sea.
 cry to thee for those in per - il on the sea.
 cry to thee for those in per - il on the sea.
 rise to thee glad hymns and praise from land and sea.

Text: William Whiting, 1825-1878, alt.
 Music: MELITA, John B. Dykes, 1823-1876

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Christ is with you.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

TO GOD BE THE GLORY

DO'ANE/SCHRADER

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*In Our
Thoughts
and Prayers*



Our thoughts and prayers are with:

Family and friends of Paulette Traver (Hal & Sherry Traver's sister-in-law), Ian Condie, Family and friends of Jim Cobb (Vicki Hosman's father), Maggie Condie, Allie Nicodemus (Mary Stephenson's granddaughter), Silas (Eric & Cindy Hermanson's grandson), Rev. Darrel Peterson, Verne Roenfeldt, Sydney and Zach Brinkmann (Earl and Sue Weihe's niece and nephew), Lynda White (daughter of Jim & Colleen Wood), John Harman, Cal Hosman, Rita Hinze (Dorothea Madry's mother), Jean Roenfeldt, Ron Sadecky (Cindy Hermanson's step father), Joe Fjell (Beth Whitney's brother), Christa Stone (Katherine Allen's mother), Ryan Rickard (Laverne Rickard's son), Dale Fjell (cousin of Beth Whitney), Brittney (Steve Knuth's niece), Johnna Tavera (Shane Allen's sister), Sue Last, Gary Mindt (Lori Rieger's uncle), Vicki Hosman, Miguel Martinez, Rick Thorstad, Agnes Spino, Liam Sinclair, Butch Abbott, Jon Zimmer, Shirley Kutowy, Julie Christianson, Brenda Allen, Jenny L. Staggs, Dewy Hertz

Pray for our Military:

Ryan Winter, (Eric & Cindy Hermanson's Son in-Law), Joshua Specht & Jeremiah Specht (Steve & Leanne Alfrey's Sons), Shayne Braunlich (former student of Beth Whitney), Aaron Clabaugh (Diana Stigleman's nephew), Stephen Terrell, Heath Terrell, Trevor Toft, Jason Anderson, Chase Pofahl, Tyler Pofahl, Lara Pitt, Alicia Phelps, Trevor Koch, Josh Moyer, Jesse Newell, Shirley Kidoroy



If you are a guest this morning, WELCOME!

Please sign the "Friendship Pad" as it is passed to you.
As you join us in worship, our hope is that you will find renewed strength in God.

If you would like more information about becoming a member or
if you would like to be added to the weekly e-mail list to find out
what's going on at Holy Love, e-mail the office at:
office@holylovelutheran.org



Holy Love Welcomes our Newest Members

Mike, Kim, Braxton, Karson & Kameron Longe
Elvi Bjorkquist
Andrea Lugo

Welcome to the Family

Thank You

To whoever found my necklace with the cross on it last week - Thank you !!! My Mom gave the cross 30+ years ago and I was devastated to think I'd lost it.

~ Beth Whitney

Holy Love Calendar

Today at Holy Love Lutheran Church

8:30 am Worship Service
9:30 am Fellowship
10 am Sunday School
11:00 am Worship Service
12 pm Confirmation Class
12:15 pm Executive Team Meeting

*A Full Calendar can be viewed on our website at
www.holylovelutheran.org/happenings*

This Week at Holy Love Lutheran Church

Mon, Feb 10 5:30 pm Praise Song
6:30 pm NA

Tues, Feb 11 4 pm Finance Team
5:30 pm Preschool Board
6 pm Halo Girls Corps

Wed, Feb 12 9:15 am Women's Bible Study
6 pm NA Meeting & Support

Thurs, Feb 13 7 pm Holy Knit Wits

Fri, Feb 14 7 am Men's Breakfast @
Village Inn
6 pm NA Meeting

Today's Worship Assistants

Organist	Nancy Collins
Special Music	Chancel Choir
Lector	
Assisting Minister	Debbie Anderson
Acolyte	Calvin Ahumuza
Ushers (8:30)	Charlie Anderson Aubrey Hall Tom Hare
Ushers (11:00)	Dave Anderson Greg Watson
Communion Assistant	
Altar Guild	Donita Harvey Melissa Meacham
Fellowship Hosts	Christian Ed



If you would like to add someone on to the Prayer List, please complete a prayer request card found in the pew or email Lori at office@holylovelutheran.org.

The deadline for items to appear in the bulletin and the E-News is Tuesday morning. The deadline for the Prayer Chain is Thursday morning. Thank you.

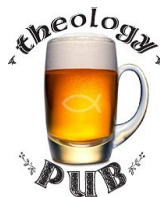


Women of Holy Love are invited to join our Bible study and enjoy fellowship, treats and lessons from the Bible. We will meet in the youth room from 9:15-11:00 am. Studies are found in the ELCA Gather Magazine. Extra copies will be provided.

Our next study date is:
February 12 at 9:15 am.

A complete list of study dates can be found on the Holy Love calendar at www.holylovelutheran.org

If you have questions, please contact Peggy Apmann at 303-693-1802 or rgammg@yahoo.com



Theology Pub meets the third Thursday of each month at LuBo's pizza in Centennial.

When: Feb. 20th from 6-7 pm

Where: 15332 E. Ida Dr., Unit H Centennial. CO 80015

Topic: The Theology of Feasting (and fasting)



Holy Love typically does First Instruction in Holy Communion for third graders, and anyone who's older than third grade but hasn't participated in their first instruction yet. If you know someone who falls into that category and who would like to start learning about Holy Communion, please email Pr. Matthew (pastor@holovelutheran.org) so that we can schedule the first session when everyone can be there.



URGENT ATTENTION REQUIRED

Holy Love has **10 reserved spots for Confirmation Week 1 (June 21st to June 27th)**. Registration has been open since November, so please have family conversations about attending ASAP. We will very soon be asked if our spots will be used up, or if they can be surrendered to other students. If you are getting confirmed this year, and have not yet attended this camp session, please make attending this year a **TOP PRIORITY**. It is an invaluable faith formation experience. We do have scholarship money available to help, put in a request via e-mail to Amy or Pr. Matthew ASAP

Social Networking

When: Feb. 25th, 5:30 - 7 pm

Where: 

4550 S. Reservoir Rd
Aurora, CO 80015



February 26th
Services at 7 am, 12 pm, & 7 pm



Dimanche Gras Lunch

SUNDAY, SUNDAY, SUNDAY
February 23rd 12:00-2:00 PM

Holy Love Youth are holding their 3rd Annual Dimanche Gras Lunch to help raise funds to send our teens to the ELCA National Youth Gathering in Minneapolis, MN.

Join us for food with a Mardi Gras flare, jazzy music and Hurricane punch (non-alcoholic of course) served by our finest young people! A link has been included in the weekly E-News if you would like to bring a dish. Your contributions are greatly appreciated. *Free Will donations welcome!*

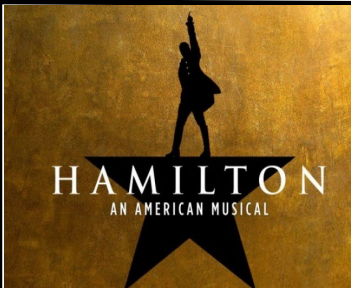
SAVE!
the
DATE!

Our Christian Education Committee is holding a General Meeting for Parents & Youth of all Ages!

Please plan on attending.

March 1st at 12 pm

Pizza will be provided.



Because our congregation has participated in the Theology and Theater program this year, we are receiving a special opportunity to attend the musical "Hamilton" when it returns to the Buell Theater this summer. Exact details have yet to be provided, however, here's the gist of it.

We are being offered tickets for Tuesday, August 25th (tentatively). Pastor Dan is making a guess that ticket prices will be between \$90 - \$180 per ticket depending on the location in the theater.

If you would like to reserve a ticket, please let Lori know in the office no later than Feb. 16th. We will need to know how many tickets and whether you want best or cheapest seats available. Please understand that you are placing an order when you put your name on the list. Payment will be due April 1st - this is also your opt out date. If you reserve a ticket, details will be sent to you as soon as possible. Unfortunately, there will not be a talk back with the cast as with other T&T productions.



Friday, April 24th
7am - 12pm
Volunteers Needed

Holy Love Lutheran Church is participating in its 21st year of hosting the 9Health Fair. Please consider donating your time to help us reach over 500 members of the community! We are looking for people to help set up Thursday evening, day of fair medical and non-medical volunteers, assistance with take down, and food donations for Thursday dinner, Friday breakfast and lunch. No experience necessary! For questions, contact Keely Teynor at keely9healthfair@gmail.org. Please sign up on the bulletin boards in the Narthex, or send an email to Keely and she'll put you in touch with the right person. Thanks for your participation - we couldn't do this without you!

***We are still in need of a Medical Coordinator. If you know someone who would be interested, please let Keely know ASAP!*



Office Hours

The Holy Love Church Office Hours Mon-Fri 9 am - 1 pm

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Preschool & Kindergarten 303.693.8519

Holy Love Evangelical Lutheran Church is committed to proclaiming and living the Good News of God's love in Jesus Christ as we gather for worship and study, and scatter for witness and service to our neighbors.



**Hearing Loop installed.
Switch hearing aid to T-coil.**

Worship



Worship Assistants Sign up Online

You can sign up on our website under the "Worship" or "Youth and Family" tabs. If you have questions, or need help, please see Debbie Anderson .



Sunday Flowers

The flower charts for 2020 are posted in the Narthex.

Please consider providing 1 or 2 bouquets for a Sunday morning. Add your name and possibly a short note about why you are providing flowers, place a check made out to Holy Love Lutheran Church for \$35 per bouquet and "flowers for (date)" on the memo line, in the offering plate or on the desk in the office. Bring the bouquet(s) home after church that Sunday or deliver to a shut-in, etc.

Social Media Disclaimer

As our world is constantly changing, so too does the way we communicate with one another. Many people rely on social and electronic mediums for information and to stay connected. We want to see what's going on, not just hear or read. With that said, please know that pictures of Holy Love's functions may be posted on social media or on our website. Should you wish not to be shown in these posts, please provide a signed and dated letter to be kept on file in the office, stating your desire not to be shown in our publications. Thank you.

Do You Get Holy Love's Weekly Email?

If not, you can easily sign up right now!

Text
HOLYLOVE
to 22828 to get started.



Message and data rates may apply.

Psalm 122

I rejoiced with those who said to me,
 “Let’s go to the LORD’s house!”
 Now our feet are standing
 in your gates, Jerusalem!

Jerusalem is built like a city
 joined together in unity.
 That is where the tribes go up—
 the LORD’s tribes!
 It is the law for Israel
 to give thanks there to the LORD’s name,
 because the thrones of justice are there—
 the thrones of the house of David!

Pray that Jerusalem has peace:
 “Let those who love you have rest.
 Let there be peace on your walls;
 let there be rest on your fortifications.”
 For the sake of my family and friends,
 I say, “Peace be with you, Jerusalem.”
 For the sake of the LORD our God’s house
 I will pray for your good.

Mark 6:1-29

Jesus left that place and came to his hometown. His disciples followed him. On the Sabbath, he began to teach in the synagogue. Many who heard him were surprised. “Where did this man get all this? What’s this wisdom he’s been given? What about the powerful acts accomplished through him? Isn’t this the carpenter? Isn’t he Mary’s son and the brother of James, Joses, Judas, and Simon? Aren’t his sisters here with us?” They were repulsed by him and fell into sin.

Jesus said to them, “Prophets are honored everywhere except in their own hometowns, among their relatives, and in their own households.” He was unable to do any miracles there, except that he placed his hands on a few sick people and healed them. He was appalled by their disbelief.

Then Jesus traveled through the surrounding villages teaching.

He called for the Twelve and sent them out in pairs. He gave them authority over unclean spirits. He instructed them to take nothing for the journey except a walking stick—no bread, no bags, and no money in their belts. He told them to wear sandals but not to put on two shirts. He said, “Whatever house you enter, remain there until you leave that place. If a place

doesn’t welcome you or listen to you, as you leave, shake the dust off your feet as a witness against them.” So they went out and proclaimed that people should change their hearts and lives. They cast out many demons, and they anointed many sick people with olive oil and healed them.

Herod the king heard about these things, because the name of Jesus had become well-known. Some were saying, “John the Baptist has been raised from the dead, and this is why miraculous powers are at work through him.” Others were saying, “He is Elijah.” Still others were saying, “He is a prophet like one of the ancient prophets.” But when Herod heard these rumors, he said, “John, whom I beheaded, has been raised to life.”

He said this because Herod himself had arranged to have John arrested and put in prison because of Herodias, the wife of Herod’s brother Philip. Herod had married her, but John told Herod, “It’s against the law for you to marry your brother’s wife!” So Herodias had it in for John. She wanted to kill him, but she couldn’t. This was because Herod respected John. He regarded him as a righteous and holy person, so he protected him. John’s words greatly confused Herod, yet he enjoyed listening to him.

Finally, the time was right. It was on one of Herod’s birthdays, when he had prepared a feast for his high-ranking officials and military officers and Galilee’s leading residents. Herod’s daughter Herodias came in and danced, thrilling Herod and his dinner guests. The king said to the young woman, “Ask me whatever you wish, and I will give it to you.” Then he swore to her, “Whatever you ask I will give to you, even as much as half of my kingdom.”

She left the banquet hall and said to her mother, “What should I ask for?”

“John the Baptist’s head,” Herodias replied.

Hurrying back to the ruler, she made her request: “I want you to give me John the Baptist’s head on a plate, right this minute.” Although the king was upset, because of his solemn pledge and his guests, he didn’t want to refuse her. So he ordered a guard to bring John’s head. The guard went to the prison, cut off John’s head, brought his head on a plate, and gave it to the young woman, and she gave it to her mother. When John’s disciples heard what had happened, they came and took his dead body and laid it in a tomb.