FIFTH SUNDAY
AFTER EPIPHANY
FEBRUARY 7, 2021
IMMANUEL
LUTHERAN
CHURCH
Missouri Synod



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> *Sunday* 9:00 AM Worship Service

> > 10:30 AM

Adult Bible Class Sunday School

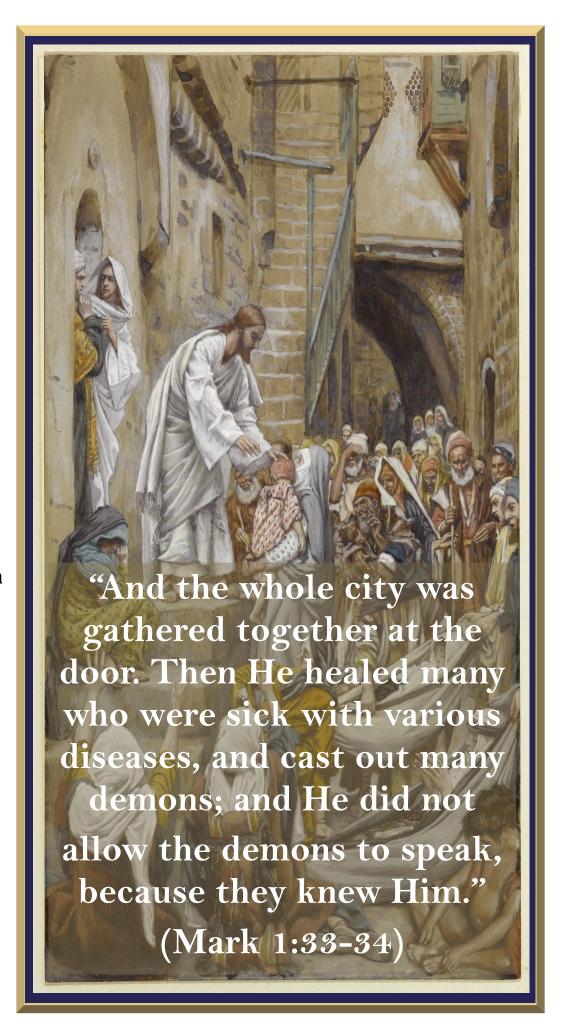
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WELCOME to IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

We wish to extend a warm welcome to all our visitors this morning. It is our hope that you will benefit by your worship here with us, and that you will return again soon. We would greatly appreciate it if everyone would fill out an Attendance/Communion card so that we can keep track of our attendance. They are located in the pew racks in front of you.

This week we celebrate Holy Communion. We teach that in the receiving of the Lord's Supper each person receives the real presence of the Body and Blood of Christ for the forgiveness of their sins. If you are not a member of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod and desire to partake of Communion, please ask to speak with Pastor Weber or one of the elders prior to the service.

- A Prayer Upon Entering Church O God, our loving Father, as I run and grow weary and walk and feel faint in this earthly life of trials, troubles, and temptations, raise me up by Your grace that I be invigorated by Your Word and the hope affirmed through Christ's empty tomb; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.
- **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-inlaw, 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."

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PRELUDE

(A quiet time for prayer and meditation)





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5 Frail children of dust and feeble as frail, In Thee do we trust, nor find Thee to fail. Thy mercies, how tender, how firm to the end, Our maker, defender, redeemer, and friend!

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6 O measureless Might, ineffable Love, While angels delight to hymn Thee above, Thy humbler creation, though feeble their lays, With true adoration shall sing to Thy praise.

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A INVOCATION

- P In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

▲ CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

- P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
- C But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

(We take a moment of silence to reflect on our sin and our need for the Savior.)

- P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
- C 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.

P 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. (John 20:19-23)

C Amen.

+ SERVICE OF THE WORD +

- **▲ INTROIT** *Psalm 13:3–5; antiphon: v. 6*
 - P I will sing to the Lord, because He has dealt bountifully with me.
 - C Consider and hear me, O Lord my God; enlighten my eyes, lest I sleep the sleep of death;
 - P Lest my enemy say, "I have prevailed against him"; lest those who trouble me rejoice when I am moved.
 - C But I have trusted in Your mercy; my heart shall rejoice in Your salvation.
 - P I will sing to the Lord, because He has dealt bountifully with me.

▲ KYRIE



C Lord, have mer-cy; Christ, have mer-cy; Lord, have mer-cy.

A GLORIA IN EXCELSIS



2 To You, O sole-be - got - ten, The Fa - ther's Son, we pray; 3 For You a - lone are ho - ly; You on - ly are the Lord.



Good-will from God in heav - en Pro-claimed at Je-sus' birth! O Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, You take our sins a - way. For - ev - er and for - ev - er, Be wor-shiped and a - dored;



We praise and bless You, Fa - ther; Your ho - ly name, we sing—Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus; Re - ceive our heart - felt cry, You with the Ho - ly Spir - it A - lone are Lord Most High,



Our thanks for Your great glo - ry, Lord God, our heav'n-ly King. Where You in pow'r are seat-ed At God's right hand on high—In God the Fa-ther's glo - ry. "A - men!" our glad re - ply.

▲ SALUTATION

- P The Lord be with you.
- C And also with you.

▲ PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray. O Lord, keep Your family, the Church, continually in the true faith that, relying on the hope of Your heavenly grace, we may ever be defended by Your

mighty power; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING Isaiah 40:21–31

(The Lord's understanding is unsearchable.)

21 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? 22 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 out like a tent to dwell in. 23 He brings the princes to nothing; He makes the judges of the earth useless. 24 Scarcely shall they be planted, scarcely shall they be sown, scarcely shall their stock take root in the earth, when He will also blow on them, and they will wither, and the whirlwind will take them away like stubble. 25 "To whom then will you liken Me, or to whom shall I be equal?" says the Holy One. 26 Lift up your eyes on high, and see who has created these things, who brings out their host by number; He calls them all by name, by the greatness of His might and the strength of His power; not one is missing. 27 Why do you say, O Jacob, and speak, O Israel: "My way is hidden from the Lord, and my just claim is passed over by my God"? 28 Have you not known? Have you not heard? The everlasting God, the Lord, the Creator of the ends of the earth, neither faints nor is weary. His understanding is unsearchable. 29 He gives power to the weak, and to those who have no might He increases strength. 30 Even the youths shall faint and be weary, and the young men shall utterly fall, 31 But those who wait on 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.

- P This is the Word of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

PSALM *Psalm 147:1–11; antiphon: v. 5*

- P Great is our Lord, and mighty in power; His understanding is infinite.
- C Praise the Lord! For it is good to sing praises to our God; for it is pleasant, and praise is beautiful.
- P The Lord builds up Jerusalem; He gathers together the outcasts of Israel.
- C He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds.
- P He counts the number of the stars; He calls them all by name.
- C Great is our Lord, and mighty in power; His under standing is infinite.
- P The Lord lifts up the humble; He casts the wicked down to the ground.
- C Sing to the Lord with thanksgiving; sing praises on the harp to our God,
- P Who covers the heavens with clouds, who prepares rain for the earth, who makes grass to grow on the mountains.
- C He gives to the beast its food, and to the young ravens that cry.
- P He does not delight in the strength of the horse; He takes no pleasure in the legs of a man.
- C The Lord takes pleasure in those who fear Him, in those who hope in His mercy.
- P Great is our Lord, and mighty in power; His

understanding is infinite.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE (Children remain seated)

EPISTLE 1 Corinthians 9:16–27 (Sharing the Gospel with all people)

16 For if I preach the gospel, I have nothing to boast of, for necessity is laid upon me; yes, woe is me if I do not preach the gospel! 17 For if I do this willingly, I have a reward; but if against my will, I have been entrusted with a stewardship. 18 What is my reward then? That when I preach the gospel, I may present the gospel of Christ without charge, that I may not abuse my authority in the gospel. 19 For though I am free from all men, I have made myself a servant to all, that I might win the more; 20 and to the Jews I became as a Jew, that I might win Jews; to those who are under the law, as under the law, that I might win those who are under the law; 21 to those who are without law, as without law (not being without law toward God, but under law toward Christ), that I might win those who are without law; 22 to the weak I became as weak, that I might win the weak. I have become all things to all men, that I might by all means save some. 23 Now this I do for the gospel's sake, that I may be partaker of it with you. 24 Do you not know that those who run in a race all run, but one receives the prize? Run in such a way that you may obtain it. 25 And everyone who competes for the prize is

▲ temperate in all things. Now they do it to obtain a perishable crown, but we for an imperishable crown. 26 Therefore I run thus: not with uncertainty. Thus I fight: not as one who beats the air. 27 But I discipline my body and bring it into subjection, lest, when I have preached to others, I myself should become disqualified.

- P This is the Word of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA and VERSE



▲ HOLY GOSPEL *Mark* 1:29–39

(Jesus, who came for all people, heals many.)

- P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the first chapter.
- C Glory to You, O Lord.
- 29 Now as soon as they had come out of the synagogue, they entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. 30 But Simon's wife's mother lay sick with a fever, and they told Him about her at once. 31 So He came and took her by the hand and lifted her up, and immediately the fever left her. And she served them. 32 At evening, when the sun had set, they brought to Him all who were sick and those who were

demon-possessed. 33 And the whole city was gathered together at the door. 34 Then He healed many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons; and He did not allow the demons to speak, because they knew Him. 35 Now in the morning, having risen a long while before daylight, He went out and departed to a solitary place; and there He prayed. 36 And Simon and those who were with Him searched for Him. 37 When they found Him, they said to Him, "Everyone is looking for You." 38 But He said to them, "Let us go into the next towns, that I may preach there also, because for this purpose I have come forth." 39 And He was preaching in their synagogues throughout all Galilee, and casting out demons.

- P This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- C Praise to You, O Christ.

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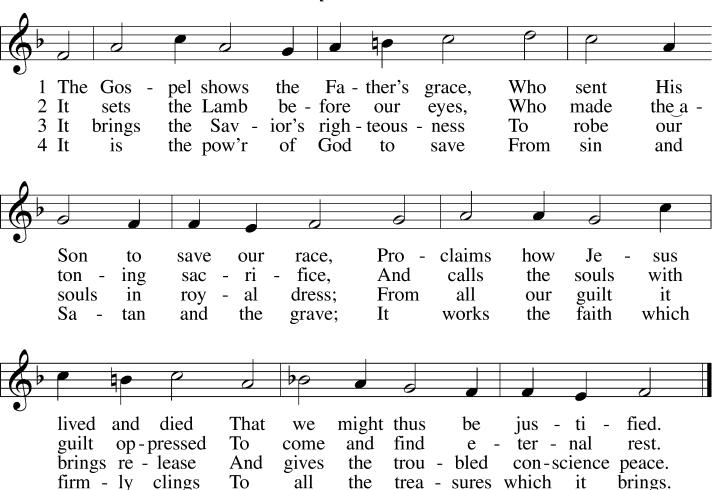
All I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of

life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

HYMN OF THE DAY The Gospel Shows the Father's Grace LSB 580



It bears to all the tidings glad
And bids their hearts no more be sad;
The weary, burdened souls it cheers
And banishes their guilty fears.

May we in faith its message learn
 Nor thanklessly its blessings spurn;
 May we in faith its truth confess
 And praise the Lord, our righteousness.

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SERMON "Jesus' Purpose Driven Life Drives Ours"

(Mark 1:38)

OFFERING (Please place your offering in the offering plate as you leave.)



▲ SHARING OF THE PEACE "Peace be with you" (John 20:21) (Learning and sharing through ASL (American Sign Language))

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBER, DALE MOEHRING by Profession of Faith

A PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P Let us pray for all people of God and for all people in their need. For the Church of God everywhere, that the Lord Jesus would continue to work among His people to forgive sins, deliver from death and the devil, and strengthen and preserve them in the one true faith unto life everlasting, and that His people always remember why He has come as Savior from sin, let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

P For the kingdoms of this world, that God would guide rulers to act with justice and integrity in service to all those entrusted to their care, and that when surrounded by violence and uncertainty, His people might trust in His unsearchable wisdom and cling to His promises of rescue in Christ Jesus, let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

P For those who grieve and those in need of healing and deliverance, [especially...], that God who heals the broken hearted and binds up their wounds would grant them relief and preserve them in the hope of His steadfast love in Christ Jesus. For those who suffer from chronic illness and longterm suffering that, as Jesus healed the mother-in- law of Simon Peter, God would give power to the faint, increase the strength of those who have no might, and preserve them in patience and the faith that in Christ they will mount up with wings like eagles, run and not be weary and walk and not faint, let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

(Additional petitions may follow.)

P Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

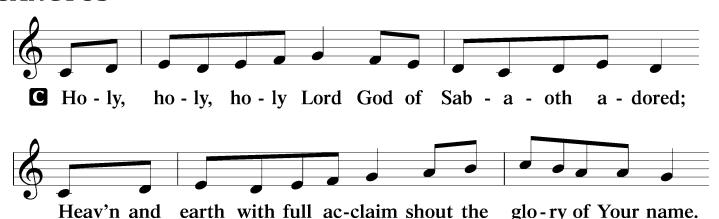
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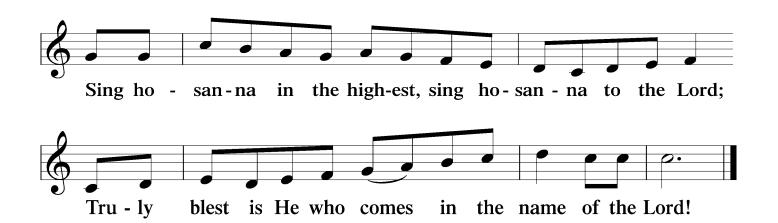
+SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT +

▲ PREFACE

- P The Lord be with you.
- C And also with you.
- P Lift up your hearts.
- C We lift them to the Lord.
- P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.
- P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord; for what had been hidden from before the foundation of the world You have made known to the nations in Your Son. In Him, being found in the substance of our mortal nature, You have manifested the fullness of Your glory. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

SANCTUS





▲ PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

P Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your onlybegotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

▲ LORD'S PRAYER (Matthew 6:9–13)

C 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.

▲ THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

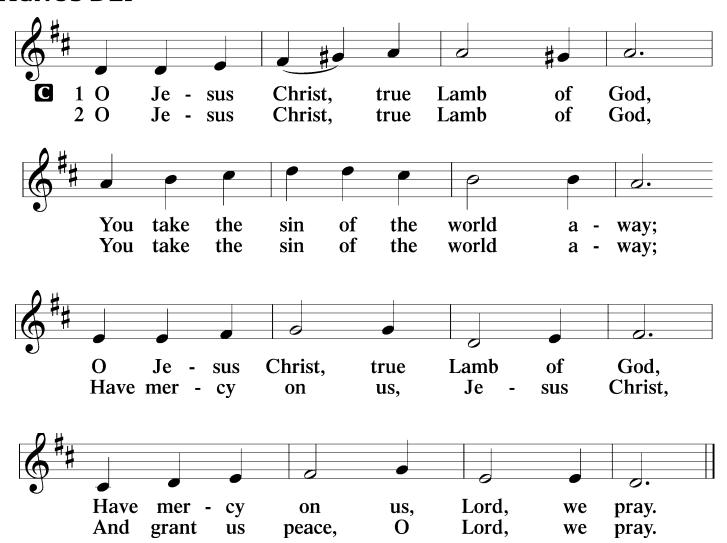
- P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."
- P In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

▲ Pax Domini

- P The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- C Amen.



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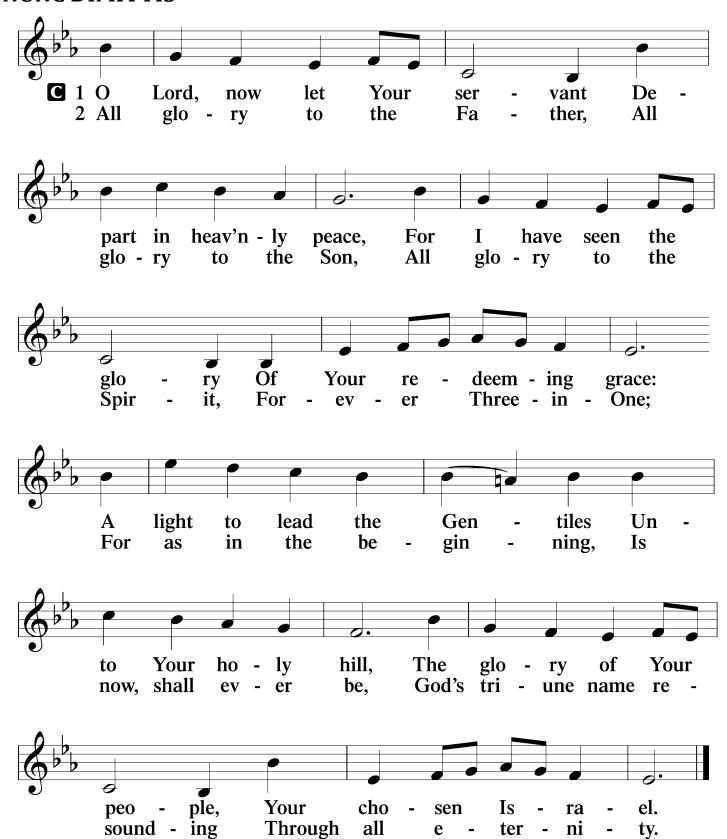


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▲ POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

P Let us pray. We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You

have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

A BENEDICAMUS

- P Let us bless the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

▲ BENEDICTION

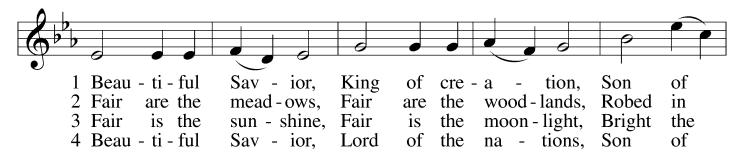
- P The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

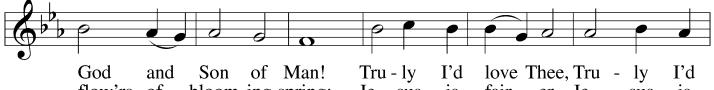
 Numbers 6:24-26
- C Amen.

SENDING HYMN

Beautiful Savior

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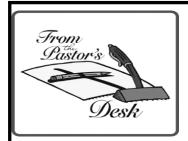
DISMISSAL

P Go in peace. Serve the Lord!

C Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE:

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Portals of Prayer for January to March 2021 are available in the Narthrex or office.

Adult Bible Class/Sunday School at 10:30 a.m.; Rev. Goetz leading the class!

Memory Verse Challenge

The LCMS invites everyone to join together memorizing a verse together each week.

This week's memory verse: Hebrews 4:15

"For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without

LENTEN SERVICES

Mid-week Lenten Services begin next week, Wednesday, February 17th.

ASH WEDNESDAY

Soup Supper starts at 5:00 p.m. Mid-week Service begins at 6:00 p.m.

A sign-up sheet has been placed in the kitchen for your convenience.!

Birthdays

Members

- 2 Nora Galvan
- 3 Elias Perez
- 18 Jaclyn Marchant
- 18 Lauren Marchant
- 22 Rodney Robinson

Winter Texans

- 4 JoAnne Schroeder
- 12 Wanda Klima
- 13 Duane Gunderson
- 13 Bob Burnison
- 26 Lynda Meyers
- 28 Harvey Sadlovsky School
- 20 Sophia G. Cruz





Anniversaries



Members

None Winter Texans Del & Elaine Blume

14 - Ron & Lynda Meyers

The Son of God, Christ Jesus, Makes Us a New Creation

The Lord alone "is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth" (Is. 40:28). He "sits above the circle of the earth" and "stretches out the heavens like a curtain" (Is. 40:22). Yet, His almighty power is demonstrated chiefly by His mercy and compassion. "He gives power to the faint, and to him who has no might he increases strength" (Is. 40:29). The only begotten Son of the Father, the very Word by whom all things were made, becomes flesh and takes all the poverty and weakness of our sin and death upon Himself, bearing it in His body to the cross. As He dies for us there, He also raises us up, a new creation, in His resurrection from the dead. Thus, by the preaching of this Word, He heals "many who were sick with various diseases," and He casts out "many demons" (Mark 1:34, 39). And His preaching

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Sunday Worship		35		
Plate:			\$	485.00
Envelopes:			\$	980.00
Donation: Ceme	tery		\$	600.00
Memorial: Shirle	ey Weber		\$	275.00
	Total:		\$ 2	2,340.00
Bible Class:	22			\$ 21.00

The Transfiguration of Our Lord Readings:

2 Kings 2:1-12 or Exodus 34:29-35 Psalm 50:1-6 2 Corinthians 3:12-13 (14-18); 4:1-6 Mark 9:2-9

	Bi-Weekly Church Activity Schedule		
	February Sunday Servants:		
Elder:	Earl Neuhaus		
Altar Guild:	Loretta Eilers & Suzanne Wehling		
Music:	Doris Pickering		
This Week	Fifth Sunday after Epiphany		
Usher:	Earl Neuhaus		
Sunday:	Holy Communion Worship Service	9:00 am	
	Sunday School & Adult Bible Study	10:30 am	
Next Week	The Transfiguration of Our Lord		
Usher:	Ken & Bob Eilers		
Sunday:	Worship Service	9:00 am	
24	Sunday School & Adult Bible Study	10:30 am	