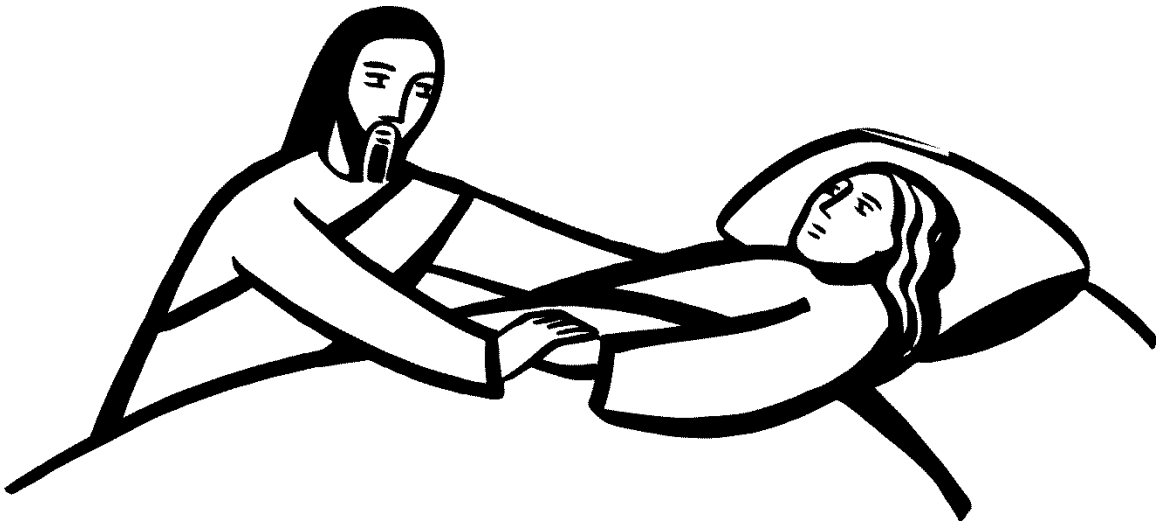


Healing Waters Lutheran Parish

BERGEN LUTHERAN CHURCH

*Fifth Sunday after Epiphany
Lectionary 5
Sunday, February 7, 2021*



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Gathering

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✚ one God, whose voice is upon the waters, whose mercy is poured out upon all people, whose goodness cascades over all creation.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin, trusting in the abundant grace of God.

Holy God, you search us and know us. You are acquainted with all our ways. We confess that our hearts are burdened by sin—our own sins and the broken systems that bind us. We turn inward, failing to follow your outward way of love. We distrust those who are not like us. We exploit the earth and its resources and fail to consider generations to come. Forgive us, gracious God, for all we have done and left undone. Even before the words are on our tongues, you know them; receive them in your divine mercy.

Amen.

How vast is God's grace! Through the power and promise of ✚ Christ Jesus, our sins are washed away and we are claimed as God's own beloved. Indeed, we are forgiven. In the wake of God's forgiveness, we are called to be the beloved community living out Christ's justice and the Spirit's reconciling peace.

Amen.

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.

KYRIE

In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,
let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

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.

Word

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

PSALM & HYMN: Psalm 147:1-11, 20c *Read responsively.*

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

²The Lord rebuilds Jerusalem, and gathers the exiles of Israel.

³The Lord heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds.

⁴The Lord counts the number of the stars and calls them all by their names.

⁵Great is our Lord and mighty in power; there is no limit to God's wisdom.

⁶The Lord lifts up the lowly, but casts the wicked to the ground.

⁷Sing to the Lord with thanksgiving; make music upon the harp to our God, ⁸who covers the heavens with clouds and prepares rain for the earth, making grass to grow upon the mountains.

⁹God provides food for the cattle and for the young ravens when they cry.

¹⁰God is not impressed by the might of a horse, and has no pleasure in the speed of a runner,

¹¹but finds pleasure in those who fear the Lord, in those who await God's steadfast love. ²⁰Hallelujah!

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.

¹⁶If 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! ¹⁷For 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. ¹⁸What 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.

¹⁹For though I am free with respect to all, I have made myself a slave to all, so that I might win more of them. ²⁰To 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. ²¹To 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. ²²To 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. ²³I do it all for the sake of the gospel, so that I may share in its blessings.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

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 Mark.

Glory to you, O Lord.

²⁹As soon as [Jesus and the disciples] left the synaogque, they entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. ³⁰Now Simon's mother-in-law was in bed with a fever, and they told him about her at once. ³¹He came and took her by the hand and lifted her up. Then the fever left her, and she began to serve them.

³²That evening, at sunset, they brought to him all who were

sick or possessed with demons. ³³And the whole city was gathered around the door. ³⁴And 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.

³⁵In the morning, while it was still very dark, he got up and went out to a deserted place, and there he prayed. ³⁶And Simon and his companions hunted for him. ³⁷When they found him, they said to him, "Everyone is searching for you." ³⁸He 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." ³⁹And he went throughout Galilee, proclaiming the message in their synagogues and casting out demons.

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

Meditative Music

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

With confidence in God's grace and mercy, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need.

...let us pray.

Have mercy, O God.

Listen as we call on you, O God, and enfold in your loving arms all for whom we pray, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

Meal

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

OFFERING PRAYER

O God, receive these gifts as you receive us: like a mother receives her child, with arms open wide. Nourish us anew in your tender care, and empower us in faithful service to tend to others with this same love, through Jesus Christ, our saving grace.

Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also 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.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might:

Heav'n and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God. You are most holy, and great is the majesty of your glory. You so loved the world that you gave your only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but have eternal life. We give you

thanks for his coming into the world to fulfill for us your holy will and to accomplish all things for our salvation.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:

Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying:

This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught 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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Beloved: here is bread; here is wine. Here is Jesus. Come and be fed.

Open your cups.

The body of Christ broken for you.

The blood of Christ shed for you.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Christ Jesus, at this table we have feasted on your very life and are strengthened for our journey. Send us forth from this banquet nourished in body and in spirit to proclaim your good news and serve others in your name.

Amen.

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

BLESSING

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

Amen.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Be the light of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

Gathered in Faith ~ Sent to Serve

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HWP ANNOUNCEMENTS for February 7, 2021

PRAYER LIST

Augustana – Bette Schweer

Bergen – Vivian Anderson, Bonnie Westfield

St. Lucas – Richard Jolstad, Theodora Miller, Sheldon Haaland, Savannah Rausch

Community – George Gerdes, Tim Yerigan, Sallie Bellicot, Landyn Berends, Libby Dack, Gail Gregoire, Janet Tantow, Gary Johnson, Jill Boehne, Cindy Buyert, Tony Rodriguez -- *Please let Angie, Mort or your church secretary know of any changes that should be made to the prayer list.*

WORSHIP TIMES:

Augustana –Worship Sundays at 9:30 am

Bergen –Worship Sundays at 8:30 am*

St. Lucas –Worship Sundays at 10:45 am

*Bergen service has a live Zoom worship every Sunday at 8:30 am. Zoom information and bulletins are available on the website. The service will be recorded and posted on the Healing Waters Parish website.

Wednesday Lent Worship will be at 6:30 p.m. at Augustana starting February 17th. Hoping to get a great turnout from all three congregations. Lent services will be live on Zoom, recorded and put on our website.

2021 SYNOD CONFERENCE ASSEMBLIES:

Lac qui Parle Conference Assembly - will be held via Zoom on Sunday, Feb. 14 at 2:00 p.m. Augustana and Bergen synod delegates are welcome to meet at Augustana in the basement at 2:00 p.m. to attend the Zoom meeting together or you may Zoom from your home. Please contact Mort to let her know how you will attend.

Prairie Conference Assembly – will be held via Zoom on Sunday, March 7 at 2:00 p.m. via Zoom. St. Lucas synod delegates are welcome to meet at Augustana in the basement at 2:00 p.m. to attend the Zoom meeting together or you may Zoom from your home. Please contact Mort to let her know how you will attend.

UPCOMING BIG BIRTHDAYS!!

Theodora Miller will be turning 100 on February 21. Send cards to:

Theodora Miller
Glenwood Retirement Village
719 2nd St SE
Glenwood, MN 56334

Irene Erickson turns 100 on June 25th. Send cards to:
Bethany on the Lake
c/o Irene Erickson
1020 Lake St. Rm 2220
Alexandria, MN 56308

Mort's Office Hours:

Augustana office Monday through Thursday 9:00 am to 4:00 pm.

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE is Tuesday, February 16th. Reminder: Submit information or articles to Angie Thostenson at office@healingwatersparish.org.

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RECEIVE THE NEWSLETTER ELECTRONICALLY – if you would prefer to read the newsletter online, please email office@healingwatersparish.org.

BERGEN ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR FEBRUARY 7th, 2021

Bergen Worship is being offered both In-Person and over Zoom at 8:30 am on Sunday mornings. Connect to Zoom using the Virtual Worship/Sermons link on the HealingWatersParish.org page or by phone. **REMEMBER: Kathy will be playing music starting at 8:20 am, come or tune in early and enjoy!**

BERGEN OPPORTUNITIES-----LOOKING AHEAD:

February 7 – 8:30 am Worship with Communion (In-Person & Zoom)

February 11 – Bible Study 4-5 pm – Bergen possibly and Zoom

February 14 – 8:30 am Worship (In-Person & Zoom) Sunday School during church

February 17 – Ash Wed w/Communion & Imposition of Ashes - Augustana 6:30 pm

February 18 – Bible Study 11-12 noon at Augustana & Zoom

February 21 – 8:30 am Worship (In-Person & Zoom)

February 24 – Lenten Worship – 6:30 pm Augustana

February 25 - Bible Study 4-5 pm at St. Lucas & Zoom if possible

February 28 - 8:30 am Worship (In-Person & Zoom) Sunday School during church

SUNDAY SCHOOL RESUMES NEXT WEEK! It will be the 2nd and last Sunday of the month during church. Come – Learn – Enjoy the fun!

The Bergen Quilters are looking for used sheets (any size – any color). Please bring to church.

February Work Group – Rick & Tina Klosterboer

There are copies of the In-Person Worship Procedure following CoVid Guidelines on the table downstairs – feel free to take.

THOUGHT TO REMEMBER: The color of Epiphany is green. Green also is the color of new growth.