

**Feb. 7, 2021**

*The Fifth Sunday  
After the Epiphany*



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8:00, 9:30 & 11:00am

*Communion:*

*1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Sundays*

Adult Bible Study &

Sunday School:

9:30 am

(Grace Hall)

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Richard Willsea

Deaconess:

Karen Suter

# THE FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

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## ✠ PREPARATION ✠

**PRELUDE** (*Fri. only*) "Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness" arr. D. Blair  
*Trumpet Solo: Susan Messersmith*

(*Sun. only*) "Fanfare for Worship" S. Nielsen  
"Fight the Good Fight" setting: S. Weber

## WELCOME

*Stand*

## HYMN

"Fight the Good Fight"

**LSB 664 sts. 1-3**



1 Fight the good fight with all your might; Christ is your  
2 Run the straight race through God's good grace; Lift up your  
3 Cast care a - side, lean on your guide; His bound - less



strength, and Christ your right. Lay hold on life, and  
eyes, and seek His face. Life with its way be -  
mer - cy will pro - vide. Trust, and en - dur - ing



it shall be Your joy and crown e - ter - nal - ly.  
fore us lies; Christ is the path, and Christ the prize.  
faith shall prove Christ is your life and Christ your love.

## INVOCATION

**P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**G** Amen.

## OPENING SENTENCES

*Isaiah 40:21–22, 28; Psalm 147:3, 5*

**P** 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?

**C** It is He who sits above the circle of the earth, . . . who stretches out the heavens like a curtain.

**P** Have you not known? Have you not heard?

**C** The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth.

**P** He heals the brokenhearted

**C** and binds up their wounds.

**P** Great is our Lord, and abundant in power;

**C** His understanding is beyond measure.

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

**P** O God, You have come to call us to repentance and faith, to salvation and life. We come before You to confess and repent of our sins.

**C** Lord, have mercy.

**P** For the times we have tried to keep our faith a private concern, failing to be all things to all people for the sake of Your kingdom, instead seeking Your blessings only for ourselves.

**C** Lord, have mercy.

**P** For the times we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves and have neglected prayer and concern for the community in need around us and for people throughout the world.

**C** Lord, have mercy.

**P** For the many faults and failings that are known only to You.

**C** Lord, have mercy.

**P** We hear today in God's Word, "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." As we run to our Savior in repentance and rely on Him to receive the crown of life He alone has earned, and upon this your confession, I, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of our Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

**HYMN**

**"Fight the Good Fight"**

**LSB 664 sts. 4**

4 Faint not nor fear, His arms are near; He chang - es  
 not who holds you dear; On - ly be - lieve, and  
 you will see That Christ is all e - ter - nal - ly.

**✠ SERVICE OF THE WORD ✠**

**KYRIE**

- P** In peace let us pray to the Lord.
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- P** For the peace coming to us from beyond creation and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- P** For the peace of all people around the planet, for the well-being of the Church of God in time and space, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- P** For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise to our majestic God let us pray to the Lord.
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- P** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.
- C** **Amen.**

**HYMN OF PRAISE**

**"Glory to God, We Give You Thanks and Praise"**

**LSB 946**

- 1 Glo - ry to God, we give You thanks and praise;
- 2 Lord Je - sus Christ, the Fa - ther's on - ly Son,
- △ 3 A - lone, O Christ, You on - ly are the Lord,



Of heav'n - ly joy and earth - ly peace we sing.  
 You bore for us the load of this world's sin.  
 At God's right hand in maj - es - ty most high:

We wor - ship You, to You our hearts we raise,  
 O Lamb of God, Your glo - rious vic - t'ry won,  
 Who with the Spir - it wor - shiped and a - dored,

Lord God, al - might - y Fa - ther, heav'n - ly King.  
 Re - ceive our prayer, grant us Your peace with - in.  
 With all the heav'n - ly host we glo - ri - fy.

## 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.**

*Sit*

## OLD TESTAMENT READING

*Isaiah 40:21–31*

The Word is read...

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

## PSALM

*Psalms 147: 1-11*



<sup>1</sup>Praise the LORD!  
For it is good to sing praises | to our God;\*  
for it is pleasant, and a song of praise is | fitting.

<sup>2</sup>The LORD builds up Je- | rusalem;\*  
he gathers the outcasts of | Israel.

<sup>3</sup>He heals the broken- | hearted\*  
and binds | up their wounds.

<sup>4</sup>He determines the number | of the stars,\*  
he gives to all of | them their names.

<sup>5</sup>Great is our Lord, and abun- | dant in power;\*  
his understanding is beyond | measure.

<sup>6</sup>The LORD lifts up the | humble;\*  
he casts the wicked | to the ground.

<sup>7</sup>Sing to the LORD with thanks- | giving;\*  
make melody to our God | on the lyre!

<sup>8</sup>He covers the heavens with clouds;  
he prepares rain | for the earth;\*  
he makes grass grow | on the hills.

<sup>9</sup>He gives to the | beasts their food,\*  
and to the young ravens | that cry.

<sup>10</sup>His delight is not in the strength | of the horse,\*  
nor his pleasure in the legs | of a man,

<sup>11</sup>but the LORD takes pleasure in those who | fear him,\*  
in those who hope in his | steadfast love.

## EPISTLE

*1 Corinthians 9:16–27*

The Word is read...

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

*Stand*

**VERSE**

*Mark 1:39*

**C** **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**A** Jesus went throughout all Galilee, preaching in their synagogues and casting out demons.

**C** Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

## HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 1:29-39

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the first chapter.

**C** Glory to You, O Lord.

The Gospel is read...

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** Praise to You, O Christ.

*Sit*

## HYMN

### "Hail to the Lord's Anointed"

LSB 398



1 Hail to the Lord's a - noint - ed, Great Da - vid's great - er Son!  
2 He comes with res - cue speed - y To those who suf - fer wrong,  
3 He shall come down like show - ers Up - on the fruit - ful earth;  
4 Kings shall fall down be - fore Him And gold and in - cense bring;  
5 O'er ev - 'ry foe vic - to - rious, He on His throne shall rest,



Hail, in the time ap - point - ed, His reign on earth be - gun!  
To help the poor and need - y And bid the weak be strong;  
Love, joy, and hope, like flow - ers, Spring in His path to birth.  
All na - tions shall a - dore Him, His praise all peo - ple sing.  
From age to age more glo - rious, All bless - ing and all - blest.



He comes to break op - pres - sion, To set the cap - tive free,  
To give them songs for sigh - ing, Their dark - ness turn to light,  
Be - fore Him on the moun - tains Shall peace, the her - ald, go;  
To Him shall prayer un - ceas - ing And dai - ly vows as - cend;  
The tide of time shall nev - er His cov - e - nant re - move;



To take a - way trans - gres - sion And rule in eq - ui - ty.  
Whose souls, con - demned and dy - ing, Were pre - cious in His sight.  
And righ - teous - ness in foun - tains From hill to val - ley flow.  
His king - dom still in - creas - ing, A king - dom with - out end.  
His name shall stand for - ev - er— That name to us is Love.

## SERMON

*Stand*

**NICENE CREED**, *As printed on forwards screens, 9:30 & 11:00 services*

**RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS**, *8:00 service only, please see insert*

## 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.**

**A** 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 brokenhearted 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 long-term 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.*

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

**C Amen.**



**OFFERTORY****"Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful"****LSB 955**

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 the dreams of all; U - nite them with the prayers we  
of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with Your pres - ence, and  
give us A fore - taste of the feast to come.

**✠ 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.**

**PROPER PREFACE**

- 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

1 O ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,  
You draw the na - tions ev - er toward  
The joy of Your pure reign - ing.  
For You rule all in heav'n and earth  
With love and light, with might and mirth,  
Your care the world sus - tain - ing. So we beg Thee,  
Save us, Je - sus! Come and free us  
From sin's wa - ges, Bless - ed King of end - less a - ges.

## 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 only-begotten 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.

**C Amen.**

## **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  $\text{†}$  body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

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  $\text{†}$  blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

## **PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST**

**P** As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

**C Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

**P** O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood in this Sacrament, You lead us to remember all that You have done for us before we were born, to realize that You are with us today, and to await Your promised return one day to receive us into Your eternal kingdom. So remember us in Your kingdom now and teach us to pray:

**LORD'S PRAYER**, *As printed on the forward screens*

## **PAX DOMINI**

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C Amen.**

## AGNUS DEI



2 O Lamb of God, You take a - way  
The sin and guilt and shame that weigh  
So heav - y on our hearts, Lord.  
Grant us Your mer - cy, hear our plea!  
With - out Your grace, Lord, we would be  
Be - yond all hope and way - ward. Still You come to  
Share the mys - t'ry Masked through his - t'ry  
That sal - va - tion Is for ev - 'ry tribe and na - tion.

## DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

*Sit*

### HYMN

"Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness"

**LSB 849**



- 1 Praise the One who breaks the dark - ness With a lib - er -
- 2 Praise the One who blessed the chil - dren With a strong, yet
- 3 Let us praise the Word In - car - nate, Christ, who suf - fered

at - ing light; Praise the One who frees the pris - 'ners,  
 gen - tle, word; Praise the One who drove out de - mons  
 in our place. Je - sus died and rose vic - to - rious

Turn - ing blind - ness in - to sight. Praise the One who preached the  
 With the pierc - ing, two - edged sword. Praise the One who brings cool  
 That we may know God by grace. Let us sing for joy and

Gos - pel, Heal - ing ev - 'ry dread dis - ease, Calm - ing  
 wa - ter To the des - ert's burn - ing sand; From this  
 glad - ness, See - ing what our God has done; Let us

storms, and feed - ing thou - sands With the ver - y Bread of peace.  
 Well comes liv - ing wa - ter, Quench - ing thirst in ev - 'ry land.  
 praise the true Re - deem - er, Praise the One who makes us one.

**VOLUNTARY**

“Communion Morning”

R. Blake

*Stand*

**NUNC DIMITTIS**

1 Lord, let Your ser - vants go in peace; Your cov - e -  
 2 For all the na - tions He is light, For Is - rael,

nant shall nev - er cease. The prom - ised Sav - ior  
 glo - ry in plain sight. To Fa - ther, Son, and

here we see; His blood and bod - y set us free.  
 Spir - it sing— Three per - sons, yet for - ev - er one.

**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.**

**BENEDICTION**

*Based on 1 Corinthians 9*

**P** As the Lord healed the mother-in-law of Peter, so He heals the wounds of our hearts.

**C Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ.**

**P** As Jesus sent away the evil spirits, so He gives us His Spirit of faith and love.

**C Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ.**

**P** As He preached the Gospel to all of Galilee, so He brings His life to us.

**C Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ.**

**P** In all we do for the sake of the Gospel, that we may share in its blessings.

**C Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ.**

**P** The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.

The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and ✠ give you peace.

**C Amen.**

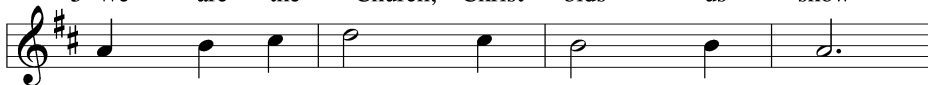
**HYMN**

“Forth in the Peace of Christ We Go”

**LSB 920**



1 Forth in the peace of Christ we go;  
 2 King of our hearts, Christ makes us kings;  
 3 Priests of the world, Christ sends us forth  
 4 Christ's are our lips, His Word we speak;  
 5 We are the Church; Christ bids us show



Christ to the world with joy we bring;  
 King - ship with Him His ser - vants gain;  
 This world of time to con - se - crate,  
 Proph - ets are we whose deeds pro - claim  
 That in His Church all na - tions find

Christ in our minds, Christ on our lips,  
 With Christ the Ser - vant - Lord of all,  
 This world of sin by grace to heal,  
 Christ's truth in love that we may be,  
 Their hearth and home where Christ re - stores

Christ in our hearts, the world's true king.  
 Christ's world we serve to share Christ's reign.  
 Christ's world in Christ to re - cre - ate.  
 Christ in the world, to spread Christ's name.  
 True peace, true love to all man - kind.

*Sit*

**ANNOUNCEMENTS AND DISMISSAL**

Deaconess Karen Suter

- A** Go in peace as you serve the Lord.
- C** **Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE**

"Forth in the Peace of Christ We Go"  
*Trumpet Solo: Susan Messersmith*

setting: J. Kohrs

**PARTICIPATING IN THIS SERVICE**

*Pastor: Rev. Richard Willsea, Deaconess: Karen Suter  
 Organist: Patty Barnes, Trumpet: Susan Messersmith*

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