

# Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

February 4, 2024

*Greetings and Welcome*

*Prelude by Susan Roegge*

## GATHERING

*\*Call to Worship and Confession*

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

**C: Amen.**

P: God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C: Amen.**

*Silence for Reflection and Confession*

P: Most merciful God,

**C: we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. 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. 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: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

*Gathering Song – “Sanctuary”*

*(piano)*

**Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary, pure and holy, tried and true;  
With thanksgiving, I’ll be a living sanctuary for You.**

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*\*Greeting and Prayer of the Day*

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Let us pray ...

**C: Amen.**

*\*Sharing Christ’s Peace*

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

**C: And also with you.**

*All are invited to share the peace of Christ with one another.*

*Children’s Sermon*

*Hymn of Praise – “Be Still for the Presence of the Lord”*

*(piano)*

- 1. Be still, for the presence of the Lord, the Holy One is here.  
Come, bow before him now, with reverence and fear.  
In him no sin is found, we stand on holy ground.  
Be still, for the presence of the Lord, the Holy One is here.**
- 3. Be still, for the power of the Lord is moving in this place;  
He comes to cleanse and heal, to minister his grace.  
No work too hard for him, in faith receive from him.  
Be still, for the power of the Lord is moving in this place.**

## WORD

*Reading:* Psalm 122

Reader: Terri Kimler

- <sup>1</sup>I was glad when they said to me,  
‘Let us go to the house of the LORD!’
- <sup>2</sup>Our feet are standing  
within your gates, O Jerusalem.
- <sup>3</sup>Jerusalem—built as a city  
that is bound firmly together.
- <sup>4</sup>To it the tribes go up,  
the tribes of the LORD,  
as was decreed for Israel,  
to give thanks to the name of the LORD.
- <sup>5</sup>For there the thrones for judgement were set up,  
the thrones of the house of David.
- <sup>6</sup>Pray for the peace of Jerusalem:  
‘May they prosper who love you.
- <sup>7</sup>Peace be within your walls,  
and security within your towers.’
- <sup>8</sup>For the sake of my relatives and friends  
I will say, ‘Peace be within you.’
- <sup>9</sup>For the sake of the house of the LORD our God,  
I will seek your good.

Reader: The Word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

*\*Gospel Reading:* Mark 5:21-43

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 5<sup>th</sup> chapter.

**C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>21</sup>When Jesus had crossed again in the boat to the other side, a great crowd gathered round him; and he was by the lake. <sup>22</sup>Then one of the leaders of the synagogue named Jairus came and, when he saw him, fell at his feet <sup>23</sup>and begged him repeatedly, ‘My little daughter is at the point of death. Come and lay your hands on her, so that she may be made well, and live.’ <sup>24</sup>So he went with him.

And a large crowd followed him and pressed in on him. <sup>25</sup>Now there was a woman who had been suffering from hemorrhages for twelve years. <sup>26</sup>She had endured much under many physicians, and had spent all that she had; and she was no better, but rather grew worse. <sup>27</sup>She had heard about Jesus, and came up behind him in the crowd and touched his cloak, <sup>28</sup>for she said, 'If I but touch his clothes, I will be made well.' <sup>29</sup>Immediately her hemorrhage stopped; and she felt in her body that she was healed of her disease. <sup>30</sup>Immediately aware that power had gone forth from him, Jesus turned about in the crowd and said, 'Who touched my clothes?' <sup>31</sup>And his disciples said to him, 'You see the crowd pressing in on you; how can you say, "Who touched me?"' <sup>32</sup>He looked all round to see who had done it. <sup>33</sup>But the woman, knowing what had happened to her, came in fear and trembling, fell down before him, and told him the whole truth. <sup>34</sup>He said to her, 'Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace, and be healed of your disease.'

<sup>35</sup>While he was still speaking, some people came from the leader's house to say, 'Your daughter is dead. Why trouble the teacher any further?' <sup>36</sup>But overhearing what they said, Jesus said to the leader of the synagogue, 'Do not fear, only believe.' <sup>37</sup>He allowed no one to follow him except Peter, James, and John, the brother of James. <sup>38</sup>When they came to the house of the leader of the synagogue, he saw a commotion, people weeping and wailing loudly. <sup>39</sup>When he had entered, he said to them, 'Why do you make a commotion and weep? The child is not dead but sleeping.' <sup>40</sup>And they laughed at him. Then he put them all outside, and took the child's father and mother and those who were with him, and went in where the child was. <sup>41</sup>He took her by the hand and said to her, 'Talitha cum', which means, 'Little girl, get up!' <sup>42</sup>And immediately the girl got up and began to walk about (she was twelve years of age). At this they were overcome with amazement. <sup>43</sup>He strictly ordered them that no one should know this, and told them to give her something to eat.

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

*Song*— "Alleluia, Song of Gladness," v. 1 ELW 318

*(organ)*

**Alleluia, song of gladness, voice of joy that cannot die;  
alleluia is the anthem ever dear to choirs on high;  
in the house of God abiding thus they sing eternally.**

*Sermon:* "Fear or Faith"

*Refrain: Healer of our ev'ry ill, light of each tomorrow,  
give us peace beyond our fear, and hope beyond our sorrow.*

- 1 **You who know our fears and sadness, grace us with your peace and gladness;  
Spirit of all comfort, fill our hearts. *Refrain***
- 2 **In the pain and joy beholding how your grace is still unfolding,  
give us all your vision, God of love. *Refrain***
- 3 **Give us strength to love each other, ev'ry sister, ev'ry brother;  
Spirit of all kindness, be our guide. *Refrain***
- 4 **You who know each thought and feeling, teach us all your way of healing;  
Spirit of compassion, fill each heart. *Refrain***

*\*The Apostles' Creed*

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He 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, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again 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*

*Stewardship Time*

“Psalm 122,” arr. Hal Hopson  
*Faith Singers*

Stewardship is about our grateful response to God's grace for us. How do you respond? If you would like to financially support our ministry together, you can place a donation in an offering box or through our website. If you would like to support our ministry together through service, you can find a list of ministry teams online or on our ministry team menu. Consider joining a ministry team, or starting a new one, today!

*–Please take a moment to sign into the Welcome Folder in your pew–*

*\*Great Thanksgiving*

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 our thanks and praise.**

*\*Words of Institution*

P: 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.

*\*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.**

*Communion Songs*

“Beautiful Savior” ELW 838 (organ)

- 1 Beautiful Savior, King of creation, Son of God and Son of Man!  
Truly I'd love thee, truly I'd serve thee, light of my soul, my joy, my crown.**
- 2 Fair are the meadows, fair are the woodlands,  
robed in flow'rs of blooming spring;  
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer, he makes our sorrowing spirit sing.**
- 3 Fair is the sunshine, fair is the moonlight, bright the sparkling stars on high;  
Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer than all the angels in the sky.**

4 **Beautiful Savior, Lord of the nations, Son of God and Son of Man!  
Glory and honor, praise, adoration, now and forevermore be thine!**

“Be Still My Soul”

*(piano)*

- 1 **Be still my soul! the Lord is on thy side  
Bear patiently the cross of grief or pain.  
Leave to thy God to order and provide;  
In every change He faithful will remain.  
Be still, my soul! thy best, thy heavenly friend  
Through thorny ways leads to a joyful end.**
- 2 **Be still, my soul! thy God doth undertake  
To guide the future as He has the past.  
Thy hope, thy confidence let nothing shake;  
All now mysterious shall be bright at last.  
Be still, my soul! the waves and winds still know  
His voice who ruled them while He dwelt below.**
- 3 **Be still, my soul! the hour is hastening on  
When we shall be forever with the Lord.  
When disappointment, grief, and fear are gone,  
Sorrow forgot, love's purest joys restored.  
Be still, my soul! when change and tears are past,  
All safe and blessed we shall meet at last.**

*\*Post-Communion Blessing*

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C: **Amen.**

*\*Closing Prayer*

## SENDING

*\*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.

C: **Amen.**

1. **Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;  
naught be all else to me, save that thou art:  
thou my best thought by day and by night,  
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.**
2. **Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word;  
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord.  
Thou my soul’s shelter, thou my high tower,  
raise thou me heav’nward, O Pow’r of my pow’r.**
3. **Riches I heed not, nor vain, empty praise,  
thou mine inheritance, now and always:  
thou, and thou only, first in my heart,  
great God of heaven, my treasure thou art.**
4. **Light of my soul, after victory won,  
may I reach heaven’s joys, O heaven’s Sun!  
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,  
still be my vision, O Ruler of all.**

*\*Dismissal*

P: Go in peace, serve the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

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The altar plants are given today by Sharon Zuiderveld  
in memory of Mary Roth  
*and by*  
the Roth/Snodgrass family in memory of  
Bishop John’s mother, Mary Ella Roth



## Worship Assistants

Communion Assistant: Karen Sibert  
Greeter: Hallie Mayner  
Reader: Terri Kimler  
Usher: Paul Scheerer  
Pastor: Adam Dichsen  
Sabbatical Pastor: Paul Schwartzkopf  
Music Director: Jean Welch  
Organist: Susan Roegge  
Pianist: Jean Welch  
Drummer: John Demien  
Financial Assistants: Ken Devlin & Kelly Street  
Chancel Committee: Martha Krohe  
Coffee Host: Terri Kimler



### Singers:

Benen Dichsen	Rigby Dichsen	Adam Krohe	Carol VanderKloot
Louis Dichsen	Kelly Hartz	Kris Roth	
Marilyn Dichsen	Terri Kimler	Melissa Street	

### Church Council Members:

Malinda Carlson	Kelly Hartz	Patty Nelson	Monica Proefrock
Ken Devlin	Greg Kimler	Mike Oldenettel	Kelly Street
Marilyn Dichsen			

## What's Coming Up at Faith?

Sunday, February 4, 9:30am: Worship

10:45am: Sunday School

Wednesday, February 7, 7:00am: Men's Prayer Group

5:15pm: Worship Core Team

6:00pm: Women of Faith Galentine's Day Party

Sunday, February 11, 9:30am: Worship

10:45am: Sunday School

Wednesday, February 14, 7:00am: Men's Prayer Group

7:00pm: Ash Wednesday Service

Thursday, February 15, 6:00pm: Church Council Meeting

## News Updates

### Sunday School

Calling all kids! After worship, fellowship, and snacks, we will gather for music and then head to our classes. We have two classes this year, one for pre-K through Kindergarten and the other for early elementary. If you have questions or are interested in helping, contact Patty Nelson at 217-653-3105.

**Contribution Envelopes for 2024** are available in the gathering area.

### Women of Faith Fellowship

Join us on Wednesday, February 7 at 6:00pm in the Great Room at Faith for our **2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Galentine's Party!** We'll have a waffle bar and a bloom bar from *Another Way: Blooms & More*. For \$20 you can enjoy unlimited homemade waffles and be guided in making your own beautiful arrangement to take home or gift to a friend. **Please RSVP to Monica Proefrock by Sunday, February 4** at 217-737-0475 or [monica.proefrock@gmail.com](mailto:monica.proefrock@gmail.com). Checks can be made to Faith Lutheran with *Galentine's* in the memo line.

### Poinsettias

Please take a poinsettia home if you would like.

### Ash Wednesday Service – February 14, 7:00pm

Lent is just around the corner! Join us for our traditional service of the imposition of ashes. The practice reminds us that we are dust and to dust we shall return... but also proclaims that we find life in the cross of Christ.

### Discipleship Group

Join our monthly discussion at **10:00am on Wednesday, February 21**, in the Faith Library. This month, we'll explore "foolishness," both God's and our own. For more information, please contact Kelly Hartz at (217) 502-1979 or by email at [khartz@sompo-intl.com](mailto:khartz@sompo-intl.com).

### Lenten Wednesday Workshops: "Grounded: Plugging into Faith"

Lent will look a little different this year with Pastor Adam on sabbatical, but please plan to join us for midweek Lenten evenings that will help us learn about ourselves as people of faith and of Faith, and to grow deeper in our relationships with God and each other. Plan to join us in the Great Room on **Wednesday evenings from February 21 through March 20** for a potluck meal beginning at 6:00pm followed by a time of learning and fellowship at 6:45pm, and take time this Lent to become Grounded in Faith. *Monica Proefrock*

## **Valentines for Seniors Card Drive**

This event is hosted by Illinois Senator Jil Tracy from January 5 to February 5, and she would formally like to invite you to participate. You may provide festive or decorated handwritten cards, encouraging and uplifting notes, or drawings. We ask that you put only your first name on the cards. Sharon Zuiderveld will be collecting your cards and will get them to Senator Tracy's office.

## **“Cars 2” at the Illinois Theater in Jacksonville**

On Sunday, February 18 at 7:00pm, junior high and high school students are invited to a special showing of Cars 2 at the Illinois Theater in Jacksonville. Admission is FREE and includes popcorn and drink. Contact Mariah Lomelino at 217-473-5559 with any questions and to secure you or your group's reservation.

This movie is part of special events for youth sponsored by the Jacksonville Area Conference of Churches, Westfair Baptist Church, and the Illinois College Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA). Chaperons will be available from the Illinois College FCA during the event. A second movie event with a different film is scheduled for March 20. Stay tuned for more information. Invite friends, connected to church or not! It's just an evening of fun for local junior high and high school students!

## **Music Rehearsals**

**Exaltation Ringers** rehearse on some Sundays after the service at 10:45am in the Choir Room. We ring one Sunday each month. If you are interested in ringing, please let me know. Jean Welch, *Music Director*

## **Fairly-Traded Coffee/Tea**

Check out the coffee display from Equal Exchange. Simply select the product(s) you would like to purchase, and place the money in the container provided by the display (**\$6.50** regular; **\$7.50** decaf; **\$3.00** tea; **\$2.50** chocolate bars; **\$5.50** hot chocolate; **\$6.50** cashews). Checks should be made out to Faith Lutheran Church with “*coffee*” designated in the memo area.

## **Sign-Up Sheets**

are available at the podium in the gathering area. Please take a moment to sign up to be an Usher, Reader, Greeter, Communion Assistant, Coffee Host, Chancel Committee volunteer, and to Donate Altar Plants. **Thank You!** *We are Gifted to Serve!*