

# THE FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

Saturday, February 6, 2021 – 5:30 p.m.

St. Matthew Lutheran Church

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Columbia Heights, MN 55421

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## INVOCATION:

L: Our worship begins the way our lives in Christ begin in baptism: In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

## PRAYER TO THE HOLY SPIRIT: “Spirit of the Living God”

Spirit of the living God, Fall afresh on me. Spirit of the living God, Fall afresh on me.

Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me. Spirit of the living God, Fall afresh on me. *(Repeat song)*

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## OPENING PRAISE: Isaiah 40:21-31

L: Do you not know? Have you not heard? Has it not been told you from the beginning? Have you not understood since the earth was founded?

C: **He sits enthroned above the circle of the earth, and its people are like grasshoppers. He stretches out the heavens like a canopy, and spreads them out like a tent to live in.**

L: He brings princes to naught and reduces the rulers of this world to nothing.

C: **No sooner are they planted, no sooner are they sown, no sooner do they take root in the ground, than he blows on them and they wither, and a whirlwind sweeps them away like chaff.**

L: “To whom will you compare me? Or who is my equal?” says the Holy One. Lift up your eyes and look to the heavens: Who created all these?

C: **He who brings out the starry host one by one and calls forth each of them by name. Because of his great power and mighty strength, not one of them is missing.**

L: Why do you complain, Jacob? Why do you say, Israel, “My way is hidden from the LORD; my cause is disregarded by my God”? Do you not know? Have you not heard?

C: **The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He will not grow tired or weary, and his understanding no one can fathom.**

L: He gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak. Even youths grow tired and weary, and young men stumble and fall;

**ALL: But those who hope in the LORD will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint.**

## RESPONSE:

“On Eagles’ Wings”

You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord, Who abide in His shadow for life,

Say to the Lord, “My refuge, my Rock in whom I trust!”

**CHORUS:** And He will raise you up on eagles' wings, Bear you on the breath of dawn,  
Make you to shine like the sun And hold you in the palm of His hand.

The snare of the fowler will never capture you, And the famine will bring you no fear,  
Under His wings your refuge, His faithfulness your shield; **CHORUS:**

You need not fear the terror of the night, Nor the arrow that flies by day,  
Though thousands fall about you, Near you it shall not come; **CHORUS:**

For to His angels He's given a command, They shall guard you in all of your ways,  
Upon their hands they will bear you up, Lest you dash your foot against a stone. **CHORUS:**

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**"Shine, Jesus, Shine"**

**VERSE**

A                      D/A                      A                      E



1. Lord, the light of Your love is shin - ing,  
2. Lord, I come to Your awe - some pres - ence,

3                      A                      D/A                      A                      E



In the midst of the dark - ness shin - ing;  
From the shad - ows in - to Your ra - diance;

5                      D                      E/D                      C#m7                      F#m



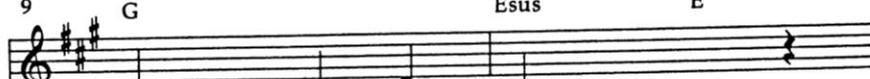
Je - sus, Light of the world, shine up - on us,  
By Your blood I may en - ter Your bright - ness;

7                      D                      E/D                      C#m7                      F#m



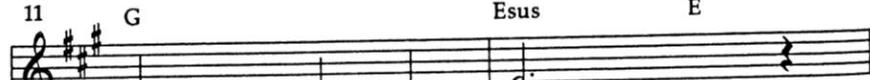
Set us free by the truth You now bring us;  
Search me, try me, con - sume all my dark - ness;

9                      G                      Esus                      E



Shine on me,  
Shine on me,

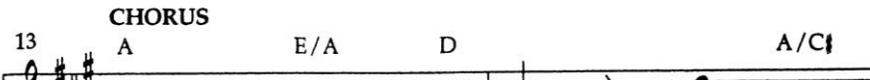
11                      G                      Esus                      E



Shine on me.  
Shine on me.

**CHORUS**

13                      A                      E/A                      D                      A/C#



Shine, Je - sus shine, fill this

15 Bm D/E E D/E E  
land with the Fa - ther's glo - ry.

17 A E/A D A/C#  
Blaze, Spir - it blaze; set our

19 Bm Bm/A G D/E E  
hearts on fire.

21 A E/A D A/C#  
Flow, riv - er flow, flood the

23 Bm D/E E D/E E  
na - tions with grace and mer - cy.

25 A E/A D A/C#  
Send forth Your Word, Lord, and

27 Bm E A  
let there be light.

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### CONFESSION OF OUR SINS:

- L:** We are busy people. There are lots of demands on time. Some demands we place on ourselves. Some are placed there by others. But we are also called by God. That is our first and greatest calling. And it comes with expectations: Love God with heart, soul, mind and strength. Love our neighbors as ourselves. It is easy for us to get distracted, to get lazy, to lose sight of the main thing. Let's confess that to our God who is full of grace.
- C:** **Heavenly Father, we have not lived up to the calling you have placed upon us. We have fallen short. We have missed the mark. We have let less important things become more important than you and your will for us. We need your mercy and grace. We need the perfect forgiveness that comes only through the perfect sacrifice of Jesus. In humility we ask you for that now. In the name of Jesus, Amen.**

### FORGIVENESS IS ANNOUNCED

## SONG OF PRAISE: "I Will Glory in the Cross"

The musical score is written in treble clef, key of D major (one sharp), and 4/4 time. It consists of six staves of music with corresponding lyrics and guitar chords. The chords are: D, G, D, Dsus/E, D/F#, Bm, Asus, A, Em, Bm, G, Asus, A, D, G, D, Dsus/E, D/F#, Bm, Asus, A, Em, Bm, Gmaj7, D/F#, A7, 1. D, 2. D.

I will glo - ry in the cross where my  
 (opt. lyric) (Hal-le - lu - jah for the cross)

3 Je - sus was cru - ci - fied. Through His blood I stand for -

6 giv - en, cleansed from sin and jus - ti - fied. I will  
 (Hal-le -

9 glo - ry in the cross. I will ev - er lift it  
 lu - jah for the cross.)

12 high as a ban - ner for sal - va - tion, as the

15 stan - dard for my I will life.  
 (Hal-le) -

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### PRAYER OF THE DAY:

L: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

L: Let us pray.

C: **Almighty God, you have given us the privilege of joining you in your mission to redeem the world. Focus our lives around that. Put our feet on the path you are on. Make us vigilant to carry out your mission. Lead us to join you joyfully in what you are doing around us. In the name of Jesus, Amen.**

### GREETING TIME

+ NURTURE +

### CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

**EPISTLE LESSON: I Corinthians 9:16-27**

For when I preach the gospel, I cannot boast, since I am compelled to preach. Woe to me if I do not preach the gospel! If I preach voluntarily, I have a reward; if not voluntarily, I am simply discharging the trust committed to me. What then is my reward? Just this: that in preaching the gospel I may offer it free of charge, and so not make full use of my rights as a preacher of the gospel. Though I am free and belong to no one, I have made myself a slave to everyone, to win as many as possible. To the Jews I became like a Jew, to win the Jews. To those under the law I became like one under the law (though I myself am not under the law), so as to win those under the law. To those not having the law I became like one not having the law (though I am not free from God's law but am under Christ's law), so as to win those not having the law. To the weak I became weak, to win the weak. I have become all things to all people so that by all possible means I might save some. I do all this for the sake of the gospel that I may share in its blessings. Do you not know that in a race all the runners run, but only one gets the prize? Run in such a way as to get the prize. Everyone who competes in the games goes into strict training. They do it to get a crown that will not last, but we do it to get a crown that will last forever. Therefore I do not run like someone running aimlessly; I do not fight like a boxer beating the air. No, I strike a blow to my body and make it my slave so that after I have preached to others, I myself will not be disqualified for the prize.

**L:** The Word of the Lord.

**C:** **Thanks be to God!**

**HOLY GOSPEL:**

**L:** The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, chapter one.

**C:** **Glory to You, O Lord!**

As soon as they left the synagogue, they went with James and John to the home of Simon and Andrew. Simon's mother-in-law was in bed with a fever, and they immediately told Jesus about her. So he went to her, took her hand and helped her up. The fever left her and she began to wait on them. That evening after sunset the people brought to Jesus all the sick and demon-possessed. The whole town gathered at the door, and Jesus healed many who had various diseases. He also drove out many demons, but he would not let the demons speak because they knew who he was. Very early in the morning, while it was still dark, Jesus got up, left the house and went off to a solitary place, where he prayed. Simon and his companions went to look for him, and when they found him, they exclaimed: "Everyone is looking for you!" Jesus replied, "Let us go somewhere else—to the nearby villages—so I can preach there also. That is why I have come." So he traveled throughout Galilee, preaching in their synagogues and driving out demons.

**L:** This is the Gospel of our Lord.

**C:** **Praise to You, O Christ!**

**SONG OF THE DAY: "God, Whose Almighty Word"**

**God, whose almighty word Chaos and darkness heard**

**And took their flight: Hear us, we humbly pray,**

**And where the Gospel day Sheds not its glorious ray, Let there be light!**

**Lord, who once came to bring, On your redeeming wing,**

**Healing and sight, Health to the sick in mind,**

**Sight to the inly blind: Oh, now to humankind Let there be light.**

**Spirit of truth and love, Life-giving, holy dove,**

**Speed forth your flight; Move on the water's face,**

**Bearing the lamp of grace, And in earth's darkest place Let there be light!**

**Holy and blessed Three, Glorious Trinity,**

**Wisdom, love, might! Boundless as ocean's tide,**

**Rolling in fullest pride, Through the earth, far and wide, Let there be light!**

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**MESSAGE:** "Resetting, Refreshing and Renewing Our Sense of Mission" – Pastor Bill Hugo

## **CONFESSION OF FAITH: Apostles' Creed**

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, his 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. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

**+ EMPOWER +**

## **PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH:**

*(Prayer response – P: Lord, in your mercy, C: Hear our prayer.)*

**P: Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:**

**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.**

## **WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

## **PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND BENEDICTION**

### **CLOSING HYMN: “Lift High the Cross”**

**REFRAIN: Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim  
‘Till all the world adore his sacred name.**

**Come, Christians, follow where our captain trod,  
Our king victorious, Christ, the Son of God. REFRAIN:**

**Led on their way by this triumphant sign,  
The hosts of God in conqu’ring ranks combine, REFRAIN:**

**All newborn soldiers of the crucified  
Bear on their brows the seal of him who died. REFRAIN:**

**O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree,  
Raise us, and let your cross the magnet be. REFRAIN:**

**So shall our song of triumph ever be:  
Praise to the Crucified for victory! REFRAIN:**

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