

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY
Sunday February 7, 2021 11:00 AM



FOR THOSE DESIRING TO RECEIVE THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

(The Lord's Supper is celebrated at this congregation in the confession and glad confidence that, as He says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but His very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him and with one another. Our Lord invites to His table those who trust in His words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us, that they may show forth His death until He comes.

Because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm and because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, a or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and The Lutheran Church–Missouri Synod, and yet desire to receive the Sacrament, are asked first to speak with the Pastor. For further study, see Matt. 5:20 who are not yet instructed, in doubt, 3ff; 10:32ff; 18:15–35; 26:26–29; 1 Cor. 11:17–34.)

THINK ABOUT THIS

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-in-law, 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."

PRESERVICE MUSIC

WELCOME

HYMN 684 COME UNTO ME, YE WEARY

- 1 "Come unto Me, ye weary,
And I will give you rest."
O blessèd voice of Jesus,
Which comes to hearts oppressed!
It tells of benediction,
Of pardon, grace, and peace,
Of joy that hath no ending,
Of love that cannot cease.**

- 2 "Come unto Me, ye wand'ers,
And I will give you light."**

O loving voice of Jesus,
Which comes to cheer the night!
Our hearts were filled with sadness,
And we had lost our way;
But Thou hast brought us gladness
And songs at break of day.

3 "Come unto Me, ye fainting,
And I will give you life."
O cheering voice of Jesus,
Which comes to aid our strife!
The foe is stern and eager,
The fight is fierce and long;
But Thou hast made us mighty
And stronger than the strong.

4 "And whosoever cometh,
I will not cast him out."
O patient love of Jesus,
Which drives away our doubt,
Which, though we be unworthy
Of love so great and free,
Invites us very sinners
To come, dear Lord, to Thee!

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**SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM of *Kennedy Marie Decker* born May 17, 2020
daughter of Jeremy and Mika.**

INVOCATION

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Because all men are born in sin and our Lord Jesus Christ has said: "Unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God," and has commanded us: "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit," and has promised: "He who believes and is baptized will be saved," it is fitting and right that in obedience to His command and trusting in His promise, you bring this child to be baptized in His name.

Receive the sign of the holy cross both upon the forehead and upon the heart to mark you as one redeemed by Christ, the Crucified.

SCRIPTURE LESSON Hear the holy Gospel according to St. Mark:

People were bringing little children to Jesus to have him touch them, but the disciples rebuked them. When Jesus saw this, he was indignant. He said to them, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. I tell you the truth, anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it." And he took the children in his arms, put his hands on them and blessed them. *(Mark 10:13-16 NIV)*

ADMONITION TO THE PARENTS

Dear Parents: In asking that your child be baptized, you are acting in accordance with Christ's command. As Christian people you are also accepting the responsibility of rearing her as a Christian. It will be your duty to teach her, by word and example, the truths God has revealed in His Word concerning her sin, and her Savior, Jesus Christ, and to help her as she struggles with the sinful nature to live a Christ-like life. Do you clearly understand what you are undertaking? If so then answer, "We do."

PARENTS: **We Do.**

ADMONITION TO THE SPONSORS

After this child has been baptized, it is your duty and privilege, along with her parents, to remember her in your prayers, put her in mind of her Baptism, give your counsel and aid that she be brought up in the true knowledge and worship of God and be taught the Ten Commandments, the Creed, and the Lord's Prayer; and that, as she grows in years, you place in her hands the Holy Scriptures, bring her to the services of God's house, and provide for her further instruction in the Christian faith, that she come to the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood and thus, abiding in her baptismal grace in the communion with the Church, she may grow up to lead a godly life to the praise and honor of Jesus Christ. Do you promise to fulfill these obligations? If so then answer, "Yes"

SPONSORS: **Yes.**

May God make you able to will and to do this act of love, and with His grace fulfill what you are unable to do.

ADMONITION TO THE CONGREGATION

We as members of St. Paul Lutheran Church and fellow Christians, in accepting this child as a member of the family of Christ, accept a responsibility of Christian love and concern

too. I ask you: Will you accept this child as your fellow-member of the body of Christ, and provide and continue those efforts as God's people that will enable her to grow in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ? If so then answer, "We will."

CONGREGATION: **We will.**

Let us then, as the first act of our responsibility, implore the blessing of the Lord Jesus Christ upon this child as we together pray the Lord's Prayer.

(all please stand)

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.

The Lord preserve your coming in and your going out from this time forth and even forevermore.

Amen.

Let us all confess the Christian faith which we believe and into which this child is to be baptized.

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.

(congregation may be seated)

I now ask parents and sponsors to answer on behalf of this child. Because you, as parents have been given authority and responsibility for this child by God, and because you, as sponsors have been given spiritual authority by these parents I ask you all to speak for this child.

Do you renounce the devil and all his works and all his ways? If so then answer, "I do renounce them."

PARENTS AND SPONSORS: **I do renounce them.**

Do you believe in God Father, Son and Holy Spirit, as confessed by the family of Christ in the Apostles' Creed? If so then answer, "I do."

PARENTS AND SPONSORS: **I do.**

Do you desire to be baptized into this Christian faith? If so then answer, "I do."

PARENTS AND SPONSORS: **I do.**

Then come and be baptized.

Kennedy Marie Decker, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Dear Lord, in Your Holy Word You tell us the importance of Holy Baptism saying: "As many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ."

Kennedy Marie Decker, May the almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has begotten you again of water and of the Spirit and has forgiven you all your sins, strengthen you with His grace unto life everlasting.

Let us pray. Almighty and most merciful God and Father, we thank You that You have granted this, Your servant the new birth in Holy Baptism and made her a member of Your dear Son, Jesus Christ. As she has now become Your child, keep her in her baptismal grace, so that she may hold fast to the Christian faith and lead a godly life to the praise and honor of Your holy name and finally receive the promised inheritance in heaven, through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord. Amen.

PEACE

Peace be with you.

Amen.

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY *(sing responses)*

The Lord be with you

And with thy spirit

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.

Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

ISAIAH 40:21–31

²¹Do 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?
²²It 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 like a tent to dwell in;
²³who brings princes to nothing,
and makes the rulers of the earth as emptiness.
²⁴Scarcely are they planted, scarcely sown,
scarcely has their stem taken root in the earth,
when he blows on them, and they wither,
and the tempest carries them off like stubble.
²⁵To whom then will you compare me,
that I should be like him? says the Holy One.
²⁶Lift up your eyes on high and see:
who created these?
He who brings out their host by number,
calling them all by name,
by the greatness of his might,
and because he is strong in power
not one is missing.
²⁷Why do you say, O Jacob,
and speak, O Israel,
“My way is hidden from the LORD,
and my right is disregarded by my God”?
²⁸Have you not known? Have you not heard?
The LORD is the everlasting God,
the Creator of the ends of the earth.

He does not faint or grow weary;
his understanding is unsearchable.
²⁹He gives power to the faint,
and to him who has no might he increases strength.
³⁰Even youths shall faint and be weary,
and young men shall fall exhausted;
³¹but they who wait for 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.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE READING

1 CORINTHIANS 9:16–27

¹⁶If I preach the gospel, that gives me no ground for boasting. For necessity is laid upon me. Woe to me if I do not preach the gospel! ¹⁷For if I do this of my own will, I have a reward, but not of my own will, I am still entrusted with a stewardship. ¹⁸What then is my reward? That in my preaching I may present the gospel free of charge, so as not to make full use of my right in the gospel.

¹⁹For though I am free from all, I have made myself a servant to all, 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 not being myself under the law) that I might win those under the law. ²¹To those outside the law I became as one outside the law (not being outside the law of God but under the law of Christ) that I might win those outside the law. ²²To the weak I became weak, that I might win the weak. I have become all things to all people, that by all means I might save some. ²³I do it all for the sake of the gospel, that I may share with them in its blessings.

²⁴Do you not know that in a race all the runners compete, but only one receives the prize? So run that you may obtain it. ²⁵Every athlete exercises self-control in all things. They do it to receive a perishable wreath, but we an imperishable. ²⁶So I do not run aimlessly; I do not box as one beating the air. ²⁷But I discipline my body and keep it under control, lest after preaching to others I myself should be disqualified.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA (sing)

Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

GOSPEL ANNOUNCEMENT (sing responses)

The Holy Gospel according...

Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

GOSPEL READING...

MARK 1:29–39

²⁹Immediately [Jesus] left the synagogue and entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. ³⁰Now Simon's mother-in-law lay ill with a fever, and immediately they told him about her. ³¹And he came and took her by the hand and lifted her up, and the fever left her, and she began to serve them.

³²That evening at sundown they brought to him all who were sick or oppressed by demons. ³³And the whole city was gathered together at the door. ³⁴And he healed 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.

³⁵And rising very early in the morning, while it was still dark, he departed and went out to a desolate place, and there he prayed. ³⁶And Simon and those who were with him searched for him, ³⁷and they found him and said to him, "Everyone is looking for you." ³⁸And he said to them, "Let us go on to the next towns, that I may preach there also, for that is why I came out." ³⁹And he went throughout all Galilee, preaching in their synagogues and casting out demons.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S HYMN OF THE MONTH "Let Me Learn of Jesus"

**Let me learn of Jesus; He is kind to me;
Once He died to save me, Nailed upon the tree.**

**When I go to Jesus, He will hear me pray,
Make me pure and holy, Take my sins away.**

**Let me think of Jesus; He is full of love,
Looking down upon me. From His throne above.**

Oh, how good is Jesus! May He hold my hand
And at last receive me To a better land.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY 398 "HAIL TO THE LORD'S ANOINTED"

- 1 Hail to the Lord's anointed,
Great David's greater Son!
Hail, in the time appointed,
His reign on earth begun!
He comes to break oppression,
To set the captive free,
To take away transgression
And rule in equity.

- 2 He comes with rescue speedy
To those who suffer wrong,
To help the poor and needy
And bid the weak be strong;
To give them songs for sighing,
Their darkness turn to light,
Whose souls, condemned and dying,
Were precious in His sight.

- 3 He shall come down like showers
Upon the fruitful earth;
Love, joy, and hope, like flowers,
Spring in His path to birth.
Before Him on the mountains
Shall peace, the herald, go;
And righteousness in fountains
From hill to valley flow.

- 4 Kings shall fall down before Him
And gold and incense bring;
All nations shall adore Him,
His praise all people sing.
To Him shall prayer unceasing

**And daily vows ascend;
His kingdom still increasing,
A kingdom without end.**

- 5 **O'er ev'ry foe victorious,
He on His throne shall rest,
From age to age more glorious,
All blessing and all-blest.
The tide of time shall never
His covenant remove;
His name shall stand forever—
That name to us is Love.**

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SERMON

(The offering will be received at the end of the service)

OFFERTORY (sing)

**Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.
Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with Thy free Spirit. Amen.**

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

HOLY COMMUNION

(Visitors, please read the statement at the beginning of this service folder)

PREFACE (sing responses)

The Lord be with you

And with Thy spirit

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up unto the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

It is meet and right so to do.

It is truly meet, right, and salutary... evermore praising you and saying:

SANCTUS (sing)

**Holy, holy, holy, Lord, God of Sabaoth.
Heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is He, blessed is He,
blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.**

WORDS OF OUR LORD

PAX DOMINI

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

AGNUS DEI (sing)

**O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.
O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.
O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. Amen.**

DISTRIBUTION

HYMNS 741 "JESUS CHRIST, MY SURE DEFENSE"

- 1 Jesus Christ, my sure defense
And my Savior, now is living!
Knowing this, my confidence
Rests upon the hope here given,
Though the night of death be fraught
Still with many_an anxious thought.**

- 2 Jesus, my Redeemer, lives;
Likewise I to life shall waken.
He will bring me where He is;
Shall my courage then be shaken?
Shall I fear, or could the Head
Rise and leave His members dead?**

- 3 No, too closely I am bound
By my hope to Christ forever;
Faith's strong hand the Rock has found,
Grasped it, and will leave it never;
Even death now cannot part
From its Lord the trusting heart.
- 4 I am flesh and must return
To the dust, whence I am taken;
But by faith I now discern
That from death I shall awaken
With my Savior to abide
In His glory, at His side.
- 5 Glorified, I shall anew
With this flesh then be enshrouded;
In this body I shall view
God, my Lord, with eyes unclouded;
In this flesh I then shall see
Jesus Christ eternally.
- 6 Then take comfort and rejoice,
For His members Christ will cherish.
Fear not, they will hear His voice;
Dying, they will never perish;
For the very grave is stirred
When the trumpet's blast is heard.
- 7 Laugh to scorn the gloomy grave
And at death no longer tremble;
He, the Lord, who came to save
Will at last His own assemble.
They will go their Lord to meet,
Treading death beneath their feet.
- 8 O, then, draw away your hearts
From all pleasures base and hollow;

**Strive to share what He imparts
While you here His footsteps follow.
As you now still wait to rise,
Fix your hearts beyond the skies!**

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BLESSING AND PEACE

May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart in His peace.

NUNC DIMITTIS (sing)

Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace according to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, which Thou hast prepared before the face of all people, a light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of Thy people Israel. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

THANKSGIVING (sing response)

O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,
And His mercy endureth forever.

PRAYER (sing response)

Let us pray...

Amen.

SALUTATION AND BENEDICAMUS (sing responses)

The Lord be with You

And with thy spirit

Bless we the Lord.

Thanks be to God

BENEDICTION (sing response)

Amen, amen, amen.

DOXOLOGY Δ 940 **"HOLY GOD, WE PRAISE THY NAME"** *st. 5*

**5 Holy Father, holy Son,
Holy Spirit, three we name Thee;**

**Though in essence only one,
Undivided God we claim Thee
And, adoring, bend the knee
While we own the mystery.**

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LEAVING *(Please wait to be dismissed row-by-row. Maintain a distance of at least 6 feet.)*

OFFERING *(The offering plates are in the back of the church).*

POSTLUDE

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