

*They who wait  
for the Lord  
shall renew their  
strength.*



ISAIAH 40:31

**February 7, 2021  
Fifth Sunday after Epiphany  
9:30 AM Worship**

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## PRELUDE AND BELLS

### AS WE GATHER

*(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.")*

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### INVOCATION

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

**C: 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      1 Corinthians 9:24–25

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 are 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.**

SPECIAL MUSIC ..... Bell Choir  
“Praise to the Lord”

KYRIE

*(Kyrie is a Greek word meaning “O Lord.” It is a cry to the Lord for help and strength\*. In ancient times, the crowds would shout “Lord, have mercy” as the King entered their town. The church has taken over his prayer to greet its King Jesus Christ*

*in the church service. As the people so long ago expected help from their King, so we Christians expect help from our Savior.)*  
\*Matt. 9:27; Matt. 15:22; Matt. 20:30-31; Luke 17:13.

**P:** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C: And also with you.**

**A** In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **C** Lord, have mer - cy.

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

**C** Lord, have mer - cy.

**A** 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.

**C** Lord, have mer - cy.

**A** For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,

let us pray to the Lord. **C** Lord, have mer - cy.

**A** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra-cious Lord. **C** A - men

# SALUTATION



♩ The Lord be with you.

♩ And al - so with you.

P: Let us pray:

**C: Immortal and everlasting God, through your power are the weak made strong and the ill made whole in body, mind, and spirit. Strengthen us through your Son's presence in Word and Sacrament that we may be bearers of your grace to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

FIRST READING ..... Isaiah 40:21-31

*(General revelation declares the "eternal power and divine nature" (Rom 1:20) and the glory of the God of creation (Psa 19:1-4). That there is a god is "clearly perceived" in what he created. Who God is may be up for clarification but denying there is a creator is inexcusable. "Lift up your eyes and see!")*

<sup>21</sup>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? <sup>22</sup>It 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; <sup>23</sup>who brings princes to nothing, and makes the rulers of the earth as emptiness. <sup>24</sup>Scarcely 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. <sup>25</sup>To whom then will you compare me, that I should be like him? says the Holy One. <sup>26</sup>Lift 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. <sup>27</sup>Why do you say, O Jacob, and speak, O Israel, "My way is hidden from the Lord, and my right is disregarded by my God"? <sup>28</sup>Have 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. <sup>29</sup>He gives power to the faint,

and to him who has no might he increases strength. <sup>30</sup>Even youths shall faint and be weary, and young men shall fall exhausted; <sup>31</sup>but 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.

PSALM.....Psalm 147:1-11  
*(We have various names for stars, such as Sirius and Rigel, and even for constellations, like Andromeda and Pegasus. Yet God named them long before humanity ever had the thought to do so. Scientists study the stars and have learned much but only God knows the true character of the stars, for he created them all. This same God who created the expanse of the heavens, cares for people—even the outcast among us. He provides food for beast and bird. And he takes great pleasure in those who revere him and hope in the faithfulness of his loving care.)*

Praise the Lord!

For it is good to sing praises to our God;  
for it is pleasant, and a song of praise is fitting.

**2 The Lord builds up Jerusalem;  
he gathers the outcasts of Israel.**

<sup>3</sup> He heals the brokenhearted  
and binds up their wounds.

**4 He determines the number of the stars;  
he gives to all of them their names.**

<sup>5</sup> Great is our Lord, and abundant in power;  
his understanding is beyond measure.

**6 The Lord lifts up the humble;  
he casts the wicked to the ground.**

<sup>7</sup> Sing to the Lord with thanksgiving;  
make melody to our God on the lyre!

**8 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.

**10 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.

SECOND READING ..... 1 Corinthians 9:16-27  
*(Charles Spurgeon is known as the “prince of preachers.” If so, Paul might be lauded as the king. Yet, Paul would never have thought so. He was compelled to preach the Gospel; he preached in obedience to a calling by God. His whole person was employed in this great cause.)*

<sup>16</sup>For if 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! <sup>17</sup>For if I do this of my own will, I have a reward, but if not of my own will, I am still entrusted with a stewardship. <sup>18</sup>What 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. <sup>19</sup>For though I am free from all, I have made myself a servant to all, that I might win more of them. <sup>20</sup>To 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. <sup>21</sup>To 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. <sup>22</sup>To 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. <sup>23</sup>I do it all for the sake of the gospel, that I may share with them in its blessings. <sup>24</sup>Do you not know that in a race all the runners run, but only one receives the prize? So run that you may obtain it. <sup>25</sup>Every athlete exercises self-control in all things. They do it to receive a perishable wreath, but we are imperishable. <sup>26</sup>So I do not run aimlessly; I do not box as one beating the air. <sup>27</sup>But I discipline my body and keep it under control, lest after preaching to others I myself should be disqualified.

ALLELUIA

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the  
 words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 1<sup>st</sup> chapter.

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

GOSPEL READING .....Mark 1:29-39

*(Two pericopes earlier than this reading, Jesus called his first disciples on the shores of Galilee. Upon entering the synagogue in Capernaum, he healed a man with an unclean spirit; then, he healed many at the beginning of our reading. Just after our reading, he was back to healing—first a leper and then a paralytic. The second half of the reading (verses 35-39) should be our focus, since it was the emphasis for Jesus. All of the healing demanded Jesus' focusing in prayer that resulted in moving on to the next town. He moved on, not so much to heal as to preach. Though he continued to heal and cast out demons, his emphasis was preaching.)*

<sup>29</sup>Immediately {Jesus} left the synagogue and entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. <sup>30</sup>Now Simon's mother-in-law lay ill with a fever, and immediately they told him about her. <sup>31</sup>And he came and took her by the hand and lifted her up, and the fever left her, and she began to serve them. <sup>32</sup>That evening at sundown they brought to him all who were sick or oppressed by demons. <sup>33</sup>And the whole city was gathered together at the door. <sup>34</sup>And 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. <sup>35</sup>And rising very early in the morning, while it was still dark, he departed and went out to a desolate place, and there he prayed. <sup>36</sup>And Simon and those who were with him searched for him, <sup>37</sup>and they found him and said to him, "Everyone is looking for you." <sup>38</sup>And 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." <sup>39</sup>And he went throughout all Galilee, preaching in their synagogues and casting out demons.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON ..... Pastor Chuck Mann

SPECIAL MUSIC ..... Choir

"Come Gentle Peace"

## 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 into hell. 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 OF THE CHURCH

### OFFERTORY PRAYER

Receive these gifts and tokens, our offerings and tithes, as our thanks to what You have first freely given to us in Your creation and in our lives. Even as You bless all Your servants with various and unique gifts of the Holy Spirit, continue to grant us the grace to use them always to Your honor and glory; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING



☐ The Lord be with you. ☑ And al - so 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 him thanks and praise.

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 singing:



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.**

#### THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

*Matthew 26:26–28;*

*Mark 14:22–24; Luke 22:19–20; 1 Corinthians 11:23–25*

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 ✕ 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 ✕ 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.

*1 Corinthians 11:26*

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

*Revelation 22:20*

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

**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, for ever and ever. Amen**

## COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

(Single Aisle Station – one side at a time, social distancing)

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

**C: Amen**

## POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE



☞ Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell ev-'ry-one what he has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - jice and proud-ly bear his name.



He re - calls his prom - is - es and leads his peo - ple forth in joy with



shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

## POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

**P:** Let us pray.

We praise You, almighty God, for having fed us with Your very body and blood, and for giving us the gifts of forgiveness, life, and salvation. Go with us, we pray, as we journey in the days ahead until we gather together in fellowship again. Protect us on our way, and let Your holy angels watch over us, that the evil enemy may have no power over us; 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 *Psalm 32:10*

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

*Numbers 6:24–26*

In the name of the Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

**HYMN ..... On Next Two Pages**

**“On Eagle’s Wings”**

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord!

**C: Thanks be to God!**

POSTLUDE

Today’s Worship Leaders & Volunteers – Thank You!

PASTOR..... Pastor Chuck Mann

ACOLYTES ..... Maddie Jaeger & Ryleigh Schmidt

COMMUNION ASSISTANT ..... Melanie Beckman

READER..... Sheila Lind

ORGANIST ..... LeAnn Richard

USHERS/GREETERS ..... Tyge & Alli Sheldon

ALTAR GUILD ..... Peggy Moran & Donna Kroll

SERVICE GROUP COORDINATORS ..... Evangelism Committee

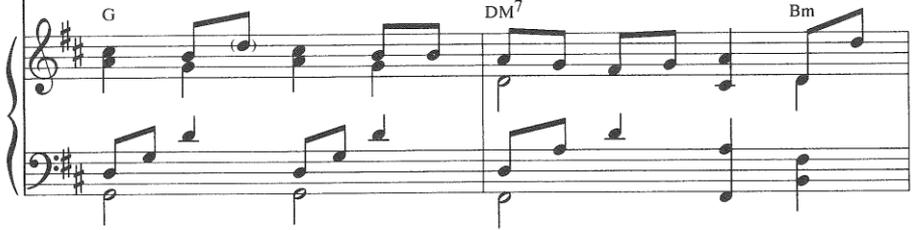
# You Who Dwell in the Shelter of the Lord

## *On Eagle's Wings*

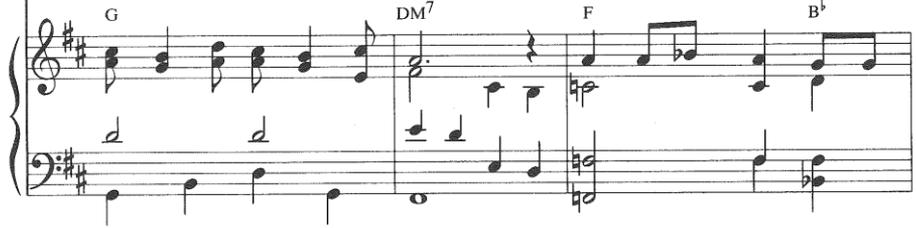
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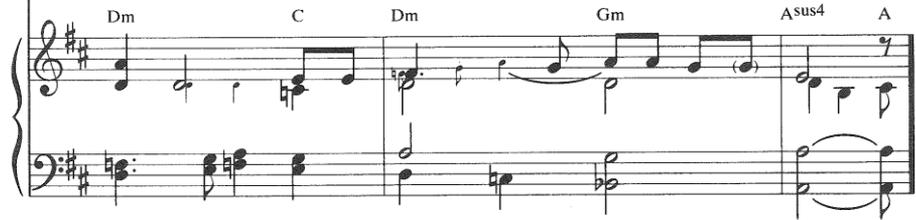
1 You who . . . dwell in the shel - ter of the Lord, who a -  
 2 Snares of the fowl - er will nev - er cap - ture you, and  
 3 For to the an - gels God's giv - en a com - mand to



bide in this shad - ow for life, say to the Lord: "My . . .  
 fam - ine will bring you no fear; un - der God's wings your . . .  
 guard you in all of your ways; up - on their hands they will



ref - uge, . . . my . . . rock . . . in whom I . . . trust!"  
 ref - uge . . . with . . . faith - ful - ness . . . your . . . shield.  
 bear you up, lest you dash . . . your foot a - gainst a stone.



*Refrain*

“And I will raise you up on ea - gle's wings,

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bear you on the breath of dawn, make you to shine like the

Em A<sup>7</sup> D A G D<sup>7</sup>

sun, and hold you in the palm of my hand.”

G Em A Bm F<sup>#m</sup> Em A<sup>7</sup> D

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## **Our Mission**

“Working hand in hand to know Christ and make Christ known through Worship, Christian Education, Evangelism, Fellowship, Caring Ministries, and Service.”

## **Welcome to all who have come to worship.**

Welcome to worship, dear family of Christ. Please share Christ’s peace with someone near you.

## **Visitors**

We welcome all visitors to First Lutheran today.

## **Holy Communion**

*All are welcome to receive the Lord's Body and Blood who are baptized in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit and believe that Jesus Christ, crucified and risen, is truly present in, with and under the forms of bread and wine for the forgiveness of sins, life and salvation. Receive the bread into your open, flat palm. Ask if you wish to receive grape juice or a gluten free wafer. Alert an usher if you, or someone you know, needs communion served in the pew.*

## **Nursery**

The nursery, located beside the narthex, is available for use for any parent feeling the need to use it during worship services with their child.

## **Thank you for your giving**

Sunday, January 31<sup>st</sup>, Attendance – 105

Facebook Online Viewing - 170

General Fund & Plate Giving - \$2,480.00

## **Sympathy**

Our sympathy goes out to Gary & Cindy Thiel & family on the death of their sister-in-law, Carolyn Murray. Carolyn’s funeral was this past Friday in Kansas. May God give them comfort in this time of sorrow.

## **Prayer Requests**

Family of Robert Walter on his death, Cindy Thiel, George Sheldon, Jason Sauer – Son of Wes Sauer, Haley Beaudry – Brother to Mac Beaudry, Kathy Solomonson, Mary Ann Beeks, Josiah Johnson – Brother to Steph Mann, Greg Merrill – Uncle to Steph Mann, Wayne & Cindy Vorland – Parents of Aaron Vorland, Shauntaye & Oaklynn Kopecky – Kurle family member, Mary Schulz, Ross Lorentzen, Gwen DeMontigny, Kayla Boger – Family member of Steve & Peggy Wollmuth, Keith Hammerbeck – Family friend of the Kugler's, Deborah Davenport – Mother of Laura Gardner's friend, Virgie Emineth, Cindy Delmonico – Mother to Melissa Kugler, Glenn Weist, Anna Belle, Ruby from Pine Ridge, Claire Boucher – Friends of Aaron & Lexie Solomonson newborn, Jamie Baumann, James Tolbert, Brad Taylor – Friend of Pastor Chuck, Taylor Gardner, Harold Holtz, Elaine Renfrow – Mother to Lynette Sondrol, Sandi Femling – Cousin to Melanie Beckman, Laren Holznagel, Harlow Tatum – Daughter to Brea (Gutknecht) Tatum, Melisa Chrest, Ruth Lund – Mother to Doddie Kuntz, Derek Laning, Jacklyne Carlson, John Krebsbach – Brother to Peggy Wollmuth, Arlo Omoth – Brother to Jeneen Loe, Shirley Nelson, Bob Miller, Rodney Jaeger

## **Pastoral Care**

**Please call Pastor Chuck** if you or a loved one are in the hospital or know you will be going to the hospital. The church does not usually get informed of your stay by any of the hospitals even if you are registered under our congregation's name. We want to make sure you get pastoral care. Thank you!

## **Secret Prayer Partner Tea (Please note change in time!)**

The Secret Prayer Partner Tea will be held next Sunday, February 14<sup>th</sup>, at **1:00 pm**. If you would like your name removed from the list or would like your name added to the list, please let Jeannette know in the church office no later than February 11<sup>th</sup>. If you plan to be at the tea, please call Donna at 315-0275 or Judy at 220-4410 by February 7<sup>th</sup>.

## **Thank You**

THANKS to the FLC Church Council, FLCW, Evangelism Committee, Men's Bible Study group, and an anonymous party, all registration fees will be covered for FLC campers to Camp of the Cross Ministries this summer. There is an early bird discount for registering with CCM by April 1, 2021. Please let Peggy Moran know by May 24, 2021, if you have campers registered so the funds can be sent to the camp before the camp season begins.

## **Bible Study**

Bible Study led by Cathy Sheldon will begin next Sunday, February 14<sup>th</sup>, at 8:30 am. The name of the study will be "Jesus" by Max Lucado. This is a 6-week study. Books can be picked up in the church office at \$3.75 a book.

## **The Marriage Course**

The Marriage Course will go from Saturday, February 20 through April 3, from 6-8 pm (depending on discussion time) each Saturday. This is a free 7-week course. There will be a mixture of short films and study journals that couples will work through together privately at their tables. This is open to couples married at least 1 year and up to 70, 80 or however many years you are married. If you are interested in investing in your marriage and would like to sign-up for the course, please email Pastor Chuck ([pastorchuck@westriv.com](mailto:pastorchuck@westriv.com)) or Jeannette ([flc@westriv.com](mailto:flc@westriv.com)) by February 12<sup>th</sup>. Questions or concerns, please contact Pastor Chuck by email or cell (701-891-9443). More information can be found in the February newsletter.

## **CCM Annual Meeting Representatives Needed**

CCM ANNUAL Meeting will be held February 28, 2021, at 2:00 pm at St. Paul Lutheran Church at Garrison in person, with the option of attending virtually via ZOOM. Attendees need to register ahead of time to keep organization in voting with in person and virtual attendance. Each congregation is allowed 3 representatives and their rostered leader for voting purposes. Please let Peggy Moran or the church office know if you could represent First Lutheran for this meeting.

## **LWR Personal Care Kits**

LWR is in need of personal care kits. If you would like to purchase any of the items listed below to help with a kit, please bring the items to the church and put downstairs in the quilt room. They will be sending these kits out in May.

- One light-weight bath-size towel (between 20" x 40" & 52" x 27"), dark color recommended
- 2 or 3 bath-size bars of soap equaling 8 to 9 oz., any brand, in original wrapping
- One adult-size toothbrush in its original packaging
- One sturdy comb, remove packaging
- One metal nail clipper, remove packaging

## **Thrivent Choice Dollar Cards**

If you are a Thrivent member and able to get cards to help out with fundraisers, etc., FLCW could use your help with your card(s) to help purchase items for the LWR kits. If you would like to use your card to help them out, please talk to Marlys Knell.

## **Steph Mann Phone Number**

Please check to make sure you have the correct phone number for Steph Mann. It is 701-891-9413. If you are not getting replies back from her it may be that you have the wrong number that was published earlier.

## **Technology Special Committee**

-Mission/Objective: The technology special committee will evaluate current technology resources such as: (program & equipment), use of social media platforms and will make recommendations to the council for better ways to use technology in the future. (Areas to be included but not limited to, FLC website, administration software, Social networking, audio/visual email, network etc.)

We are looking for 2 more committee members to join us. Meetings will be held once per month possibly beginning in February 2021. We would especially like church members of varying ages to get varying opinions from youth all the way up to our most senior members who would like to help us! Please talk to Pastor Chuck with questions or to volunteer!

## Prayer Shawl Ministry

- ⇒ **Class:** We are looking at how many would be interested in a class to be scheduled in the future in learning how to knit or crochet. Please contact Jeannette and specify which you would like to learn and stay tuned for time/date TBA.
- ⇒ **Distribution of Shawls:** There will be a sheet located on top of the prayer shawl box. It will have a place for the *name of the person taking the shawl, number of shawls being taken and the recipient*. You do not need to fill out all of it, please at least fill out the number so we know how many shawls we have been able to provide. If you would like us to add the recipient to the prayer chain, please include the name.

## Mailboxes

Please check your mailbox in the narthex. Your 2021 FLCW Books and 2021 offering envelopes are in your mailbox in the narthex for those that have not already picked theirs up. If you do not see a mailbox for yourself, please talk to Jeannette in the church office during office hours to have one made for you. Every member should have one! Your box is the one under your name.

## Kitchen Items

Please check the church kitchen and see if you are missing any of your kitchen items from home. Some of the bowls, pots, pans, etc. have been there for over a year. If you took food to the Mann household, your dishes were brought to the church for you to pick up. Items not claimed by March 1<sup>st</sup> will be given a chance for a free-will offering or given to the McLean County Resource Center.

## Clapping During Worship

At FLC, we are so blessed with many gifted musicians that have been so willing to share their gift of music during this unprecedented time of change due to COVID-19. We are especially thankful for their time and energy to share their beautiful music with us each week. To help focus our hearts and minds on Jesus, please refrain from *clapping* during the service as their special music is taking place of the hymns in the normal liturgy of the divine service. The musicians

understand that in reverence to God, it is their honor and service to God and congregation to bless us with their harmonious music.

**THIS WEEK AT FIRST LUTHERAN**

TODAY	9:30 AM	Worship w/Holy Communion
	10:45 AM	Sunday School Bible Study Led by Alexis Solomonson
	7:00 PM	AA Meeting AI-Anon Meeting
MON.	10:00 AM	Chat & Sew Quilting
TUES.	8:00 AM	Men's Bible Study
	10:00 AM	Mommy's Group
WED.	9:30 AM	Friendship Bible Study
	6:15 PM	Confirmation
	6:45 PM	Bell Choir
	7:15 PM	FLY
	7:30 PM	Choir
SUNDAY	8:30 AM	Bible Study Led by Cathy Sheldon
	9:30 AM	Worship
	10:45 AM	Sunday School Bible Study Led by Alexis Solomonson
	1:00 PM	Secret Prayer Partner Tea
	7:00 PM	AA Meeting
	7:00 PM	AI-Anon Meeting



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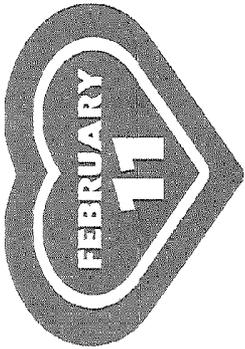
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# *Listening for the Promise*

## WEEKLY DEVOTIONAL

### **Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany – February 7, 2021**

*“He came and took her by the hand and lifted her up. Then the fever left her and she began to serve them” – Mark 1:31*

I never had the honor of knowing my mother-in-law. She died when my husband was just 2 years old. But from all the stories I have ever heard, I believe she and I would have become fast friends.

There are two stories in the bible about mothers-in-law. In the Old Testament, we read about Ruth’s mother-in-law, Naomi. In the New Testament, we read about Peter’s mother-in-law, laid up with a high fever. Both of these ladies were great women of faith.

Mark tells us that Jesus had cast a demon out of a man in the synagogue in Capernaum. After the service concluded, Peter, Andrew, James, John and Jesus walked over to the home of Peter’s mother-in-law. Her home was not far. The men came into the home and found her in bed with a high fever and she was in a life-threatening situation. Jesus merely touched her hand and the fever was dispelled. He raised her from her bed, and without any convalescence, she began to wait on Peter and his friends. This is the beginning of a life made immediately available to Jesus and His ministry. Whenever he was in Capernaum, he always had a place to stay.

Her priorities were changed. Her home became a safe haven. Time and again, the sick and oppressed were brought to her door. Remember the paralytic who was lowered through the roof so Jesus could heal him? It was her house – her roof. She understood desperation. Helping a paralyzed man get into the presence of Jesus was more important to her than keeping her roof intact.

The important message today is that not only does Jesus free Peter’s mother-in-law from illness, but when he touches her hand, he frees her for a life of purpose, and meaning, and good works – yes, good works. I don’t mean those things we do in the vain hope of justifying ourselves before God or others, but rather those things we do as a response to the Gospel, the Good News we have received as a result of the hand of Jesus upon our lives.

When Jesus takes hold of your hand, healing occurs, and your eyes will be opened to what God intends for your life. Imagine what marvelous deed he will do in and through you. Amen!