



February 7, 2021
5th Sunday After Epiphany



Worship Participants

Minister: Pastor Lamont Koerner

Organist/Pianist: Brian Voss

Hymn Leader: Janet Beckman

Reader: Lynne Moratzka

In Isaiah the one God who sits above the earth and numbers the stars also strengthens the powerless. So in Jesus' healing work we see the hand of the creator God, lifting up the sick woman to health and service. Like Simon's mother-in-law, we are lifted up and healed to serve. Following Jesus, we strengthen the powerless; like Jesus, we seek to renew our own strength in quiet times of prayer.

Prelude

Welcome

Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✚ one God,
whose voice is upon the waters,
whose mercy is poured out upon all people,
whose goodness cascades over all creation. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin, trusting in the abundant grace of God. (*Silence is kept for reflection.*)

Holy God,
you search us and know us. You are acquainted with all our ways.
We confess that our hearts are burdened by sin—
our own sins and the broken systems that bind us.
We turn inward, failing to follow your outward way of love.
We distrust those who are not like us.
We exploit the earth and its resources and fail to consider generations to come.
Forgive us, gracious God, for all we have done and left undone. Amen.

How vast is God's grace!
Through the power and promise of ✚ Christ Jesus,
our sins are washed away
and we are claimed as God's own beloved.
Indeed, we are forgiven.
In the wake of God's forgiveness,
we are called to be the beloved community
living out Christ's justice
and the Spirit's reconciling peace. **Amen.**

Hymn: *ELW 715 - Christ Be Our Light, verses 1, 2, & 5*

Greeting

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

Prayer of the Day

Everlasting God, you give strength to the weak and power to the faint. Make us agents of your healing and wholeness, that your good news may be made known to the ends of your creation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Reading: Isaiah 40:21-31

Gospel: Mark 1:29-39

Message

Generosity Moment

Hymn: *ELW 886 Oh, For a Thousand Tongues to Sing, verses 1 - 4*

Prayers of the People

Communion - Words of Institution

Lord's Prayer

Table Blessing/Prayer

Blessing and Sending

Postlude

Consider Being a Worship Assistant

COVID has kept us apart for a long time. We miss seeing people face to face. While we are still doing services on-line, we would love to see your face and hear your voice - and so would others in our congregation. People of all ages are welcome to record parts of our service each week. Read a Lesson, lead us in saying the Creed or Confession together, read the prayers, or lead us in our singing. You choose! You can record from your own home: we will help you with some simple step by step instructions. It really is easy and so important to connect more of us together through our worship.

If you are interested all you need do is contact Pastor Lamont: lamont.koerner@elimscandia.org , Brian Voss: brian.voss@elimscandia.org, or Janet Beckman: janet.beckman@elimscandia.org and let us know. Or you can go directly to our [SignUpGenius](#) page.

For readings, refer to your Bible or use an online Bible source, such as [Bible Gateway](#). [NOTE: The New Revised Standard Version (NRSV) is used.]