



February 6, 2022
Fifth Sunday of Epiphany
Peace Lutheran Church of Plymouth
Healing Stories

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

PRELUDE

Joyous Light of Heavenly Glory

arr. Valerie A Floeter

+GATHERING SONG

Drawn to the Light

ELW 593



1 Peo - ple who walk in dark - ness have sought a light in the
2 How can we tell a heav - en from hell if ev - 'ry - one
3 Where is the sun? Oh, there will be none! The Lamb is the



heart of the dark - est night. Just when we thought all would be
dwells in the dark of night? Morn - ing dis - pels, gent - ly com -
one who is shin - ing bright, bids us to come! Life has be -



lost, we were drawn to the light of God.
pels, and we're drawn to the light of God.
gun when we're drawn to the light of God.



Dawn is in sight! Gone is the night, drawn to the



light and the morn - ing. Glo - rious and bright, oh, what a



sight to be drawn to the light of God.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

+CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

ONE: In the name of the Father,
and of the ☩ Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

MANY: AMEN

ONE: 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.

MANY: AMEN

silence for reflection

ONE: Most merciful God,

MANY: 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

ONE: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us 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.

MANY: AMEN

+HYMN OF LIGHT

This Little Light of Mine

arr. Aaron David Miller

1) This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine;
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

2) Hide it under a bushel? Are you crazy?!
I'm gonna let it shine.
Hide it under a bushel? Are you crazy?!
I'm gonna let it shine.
Hide it under a bushel? Are you crazy?!
I'm gonna let it shine;
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

3) Won't let anyone (blow) it out!
I'm gonna let it shine.
Won't let anyone (blow) it out!
I'm gonna let it shine.
Won't let anyone (blow) it out!
I'm gonna let it shine;
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

4) Ev'rywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine.
Ev'rywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine.
Ev'rywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine;
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

+PRAYER OF THE DAY

ONE: The Lord be with you.

MANY: And also with you.

ONE: Let us pray.

God of miracles, sometimes we are slow to believe in your power, even when your miracles occur all around us each and every day.

MANY: Open our eyes to see and our hearts to believe. AMEN

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

SCRIPTURE

John 4:46-54

Then he came again to Cana in Galilee where he had changed the water into wine. Now there was a royal official whose son lay ill in Capernaum. ⁴⁷ When he heard that Jesus had come from Judea to Galilee, he went and begged him to come down and heal his son, for he was at the point of death. ⁴⁸ Then Jesus said to him, "Unless you see signs and wonders you will not believe." ⁴⁹ The official said to him, "Sir, come down before my little boy dies." ⁵⁰ Jesus said to him, "Go; your son will live." The man believed the word that Jesus spoke to him and started on his way. ⁵¹ As he was going down, his slaves met him and told him that his child was alive. ⁵² So he asked them the hour when he began to recover, and they said to him, "Yesterday at one in the afternoon the fever left him." ⁵³ The father realized that this was the hour when Jesus had said to him, "Your son will live." So he himself believed, along with his whole household. ⁵⁴ Now this was the second sign that Jesus did after coming from Judea to Galilee.

SCRIPTURE

John 5:1-18

After this there was a festival of the Jews, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. ² Now in Jerusalem by the Sheep Gate there is a pool, called in Hebrew Beth-zatha, which has five porticoes. ³ In these lay many invalids—blind, lame, and paralyzed. ⁵ One man was there who had been ill for thirty-eight years. ⁶ When Jesus saw him lying there and knew that he had been there a long time, he said to him, "Do you want to be made well?" ⁷ The sick man answered him, "Sir, I have no one to put me into the pool when the water is stirred up; and while I am making my way, someone else steps down ahead of me." ⁸ Jesus said to him, "Stand up, take your mat and walk." ⁹ At once the man was made well, and he took up his mat and began to walk.

Now that day was a sabbath. ¹⁰ So the Jews said to the man who had been cured, "It is the sabbath; it is not lawful for you to carry your mat." ¹¹ But he answered them, "The man who made me well said to me, 'Take up your mat and walk.'" ¹² They asked him, "Who is the man who said to you, 'Take it up and walk'?" ¹³ Now the man who had been healed did not know who it was, for Jesus had disappeared in the crowd that was there. ¹⁴ Later Jesus found him in the temple and said to him, "See, you have been made well! Do not sin any more, so that nothing worse happens to you." ¹⁵ The man went away and told the Jews that it was Jesus who had made him well. ¹⁶ Therefore the Jews started persecuting Jesus, because he was doing such things on the sabbath. ¹⁷ But Jesus answered them, "My Father is still working, and I also am working." ¹⁸ For this reason the Jews were seeking all the more to kill him, because he was not only breaking the sabbath, but was also calling God his own Father, thereby making himself equal to God.

ONE: Jesus is the light of the world.

MANY: Thanks be to God!

+HYMN OF THE DAY

Healer of Our Every Ill

ELW 612

Refrain



Heal - er of our ev - 'ry ill, light of each to - mor - row,



give us peace be - yond our fear, and hope be - yond our sor - row.



1 You who know our fears and sad - ness, grace us with your
2 In the pain and joy be - hold - ing how your grace is
3 Give us strength to love each oth - er, ev - 'ry sis - ter,
4 You who know each thought and feel - ing, teach us all your

Refrain



peace and glad - ness; Spir - it of all com - fort, fill our hearts.
still un - fold - ing, give us all your vi - sion, God of love.
ev - 'ry broth - er; Spir - it of all kind - ness, be our guide.
way of heal - ing; Spir - it of com - pas - sion, fill each heart.

INSTALLATION OF COUNCIL

+APOSTLES' CREED

ONE: With the whole church, let us confess our faith in the Triune God.

MANY: I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.
On the third day Jesus rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and will come 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 PEOPLE

ONE: As we celebrate the Light of Christ throughout the world, let us lift our prayers on behalf of all God's creation, every nation, all peoples, the church, and those among us who are in special need.

silence

ONE: We see the darkness of war, violence and divisions - between races, parties and neighbors.

MANY: Let your Light shine in the darkness. Let your love reconcile.

ONE: We see shadows of injustice - in governments, economics and laws.

MANY: Let your Light shine in the darkness. Let your love bring justice.

ONE: We see confusion and apathy fill your people, communities and the church.

MANY: Let your Light shine in the darkness. Let your love activate your people.

ONE: We see doubt and illness infect body, mind and soul, and we name before you now people we know in need of your care...

MANY: Let your Light shine in the darkness. Above all things, let us put on Jesus' love. AMEN

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

+SHARING OF CHRIST'S PEACE

ONE: The peace of Christ be with you all.

MANY: And also with you.

ONE: Let us share a sign of God's peace with one another.

OFFERING

Healer of Our Every Ill

arr. Anne Krentz Organ

+OFFERTORY PRAYER

ONE: Good and loving God, we rejoice in the birth of Jesus, who came among the poor to bring the riches of your grace.

MANY: As you have blessed us with your gifts, let them be blessings for others. With the trees of the field, with all earth and heaven, we shout for joy at the coming of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

PRAYER JESUS TAUGHT US

ONE: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us,

**MANY: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.**

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,

now and forever. AMEN

WELCOME TO THE TABLE

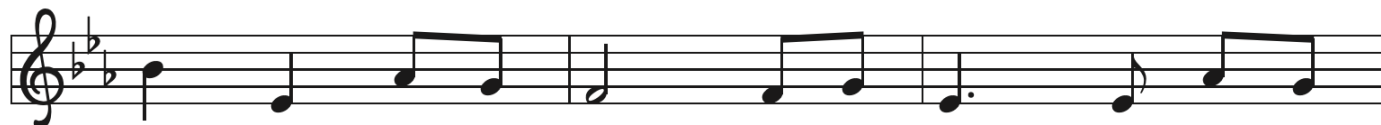
MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

Loaves Were Broken, Words Were Spoken

ACS 966



1 Loaves were bro - ken, words were spo - ken by the
2 Loaves were bro - ken, words were spo - ken in a
3 Loaves are bro - ken, words are spo - ken, as in
4 By the loaves you break and give us, send us



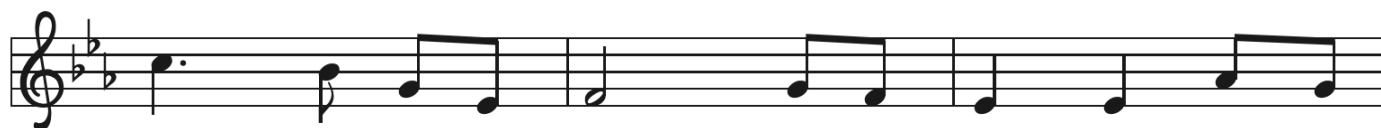
Gal - i - le - an shore. Je - sus, Bread of life from
qui - et room one night. In the bread and wine you
faith we gath - er here. Je - sus speaks a - cross the
in your name to share bread for which the mil - lions



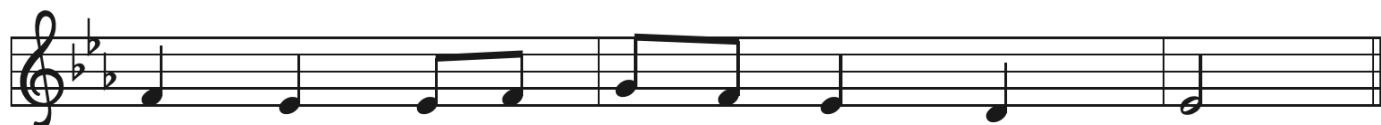
heav - en, was their food for - ev - er - more.
gave them, Christ, you came as Light from Light.
a - ges: "I am with you; do not fear!"
hun - ger, words that tell your love and care.



By your bod - y bro - ken for us, by your



wine of life out - poured, Je - sus, feed a - gain your



peo - ple. Be our Host, our Life, our Lord.

COMMUNION BLESSING

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

BENEDICTION

ONE: The Lord bless you and keep you
the Lord make his face shine upon you
the Lord look upon you with favor
and give you peace.

MANY: AMEN

1 Word of God, come down on earth, liv - ing rain from
2 Word e - ter - nal, throned on high, Word that brought to
3 Word that speaks God's ten - der love, one with God be -

heav'n de - scend - ing; touch our hearts and bring to birth
life cre - a - tion, Word that came from heav'n to die,
yond all tell - ing, Word that sends us from a - bove

faith and hope and love un - end - ing. Word al - might - y,
cru - ci - fied for our sal - va - tion, sav - ing Word, the
God the Spir - it, with us dwell - ing, Word of truth, to

we re - vere you; Word made flesh, we long to hear you.
world re - stor - ing, speak to us, your love out - pour - ing.
all truth lead us; Word of life, with one bread feed us.

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It features a treble and bass staff with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody is primarily in the treble staff, with the piano accompaniment in the bass staff. The lyrics are arranged in three systems, each corresponding to a line of music. The first system includes three numbered lines of lyrics. The second and third systems each have two lines of lyrics. The fourth system has two lines of lyrics. The score concludes with a double bar line.

+DISMISSAL

ONE: Go in peace, together in Jesus' love.

MANY: Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

#3 from *Three Voluntaries*

David N. Johnson

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

WEEK OF FEBRUARY 6, 2022

TODAY

Worship 9am with the sacrament of Holy Communion

5th Sunday of Epiphany

Healing Stories

John 4:46-54 & John 5:1-18

Families are encouraged to have their children in worship, but the nursery is available if needed. It will be open but not staffed; please plan to supervise your own children inside.

Today we welcome speaker Jason Bergmann, Executive Director of Operation Bootstrap Africa

Operation Bootstrap Africa partners with Africans to strengthen their future through education, healthcare, agriculture, and other long-term development projects. It was founded in 1965 with the premise that no person can pick themselves up by their own bootstraps—it is a physical impossibility. OBA strives to create opportunities and empower people to advance their own lives and communities.

CONFERENCE ASSEMBLY

On Sunday, February 13, 12:30pm, Peace will host the Conference Assembly for the Minneapolis Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America via Zoom. All are welcome to join as we discuss resolutions that will be sent to the April 30 Synod Assembly.

ALL COMMITTEE NIGHT - HOW CAN I

HELP? The next All Committee night meeting is **Tuesday, February 8, 2022, 6:30 pm via Zoom.** Come share your ideas for how Peace can CARE, CONNECT, and CELEBRATE in 2022.

LutheranLIVE!

Our Faith tradition, the Bible, and our God-given gift of thinking brains all lead to us asking questions. Questions are good.

Have you been wondering: Why a large and small catechism? Sounds like Katie did lots of work...why does Martin get all the credit? What's the Lutheran church like in Germany today? This is our "**LutheranLIVE!**" talk show for February 9th at 6:05 p.m.

Rev. Dr. William Russell has translated some of Martin Luther's writings from German into English. He is a pro when it comes to the Small Catechism, as well as historical knowledge of the Reformation. Special thanks to the leadership from our confirmation students as they co-host another episode of **LutheranLIVE!**

COVID updates:

Based on conversations with Peace membership and participants this is our plan for programming and worship through mid-February

Wednesday

- we hope to return to normal programming on Wed, Feb 16
- meals are "on pause"
- programming is virtual only
- 1st Communion is also virtual
- bells and choir are in person

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89123259739?pwd=dzM3RDFOKzJ4Z0drTW0yajJmRVB0UT09>

Meeting ID: 891 2325 9739

Passcode: Peaceful

Sunday

- Worship is in-person and virtual
- programming is virtual only

Join Zoom Meeting

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