



# Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

February 7, 2021

10:30 AM

Join us for our livestream at <https://www.facebook.com/stjohnssummit/>  
or <https://www.youtube.com/user/StJohnsSummitNJ>  
Zoom Coffee Hour: URL: <https://zoom.us/j/753360733>



**Everyone is welcome.** As people of God, St. John's welcomes all regardless of age, economic status, ethnic background, gender, physical or mental ability, race or sexual orientation. We affirm that in Christ "there is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female." (Galatians 3:28) This is Christ's church, and Christ has bid you come.

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**Coffee Sale:** If you need fair trade coffee, teas, and chocolate, contact Jane Bowman.

**Budget Forum for 2021 Spending Plan: TODAY at 12:00 PM.** Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87217643324>

**Shrove Tuesday Zoom Event, February 16 at 5:30 PM.** Join us for one last hooray before the start of Lent. Come with donuts, pancakes, king cake, or libations. All ages invited. Let's have a little fun as a congregation together. Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81996918344?pwd=QWE3Rk1Bb2hJcS8ycG9RS2FJSGRPQT09>

**Ash Wednesday, February 17.** Lent begins on Ash Wednesday. A brief online worship service will be broadcast at **7:30 AM**. Full online Ash Wednesday service will be broadcast at **7:00 PM**. The Imposition of Ashes will be offered individually, outside at the rear entryway during the following windows of times: **8:00–9:00 AM, 12:00–1:00 PM, and 5:30–6:30 PM.**

**Annual Congregational Meeting, Sunday, February 21 following the 10:30 AM service.** The Annual Meeting will occur on Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82159990819?pwd=YVFRdGZb3JiR1ZxbDRTWEJoUzArQT09>.

**Pledge Update:** Thus far we have received 84 pledges for a total of \$422,030 towards our goal of \$450,000. If you haven't yet submitted your pledge, please do so today.

**Did you know** that you can easily donate shares of stocks or mutual funds to St. John's? Please contact Carolyn Rothman in the church office to get the St. John's account information needed to transfer shares. For instructions, click [here](#).

## **Ministers: The People of St. John's**

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### **Prayer Before Worship**

Gracious God, you call us to follow Christ and spread the good news of your love for all people.  
Help us to become all things to all people that we might reach many with your good news.  
Amen.

From *Feasting on the Word Worship Companion, Year B, Vol. 1*

**PRELUDE** Setting of *Nettleton*

By Joe Cox (b. 1954)

Organ

“Ballet Nr. 6”

By Michael Praetorius (1571–1621)

Virtual Recorder Ensemble

### **WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### **Gathering**

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

### **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

In the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

**To you, O God, all hearts are open, to you all desires known. We come to you, confessing our sins. Forgive us in your mercy, and remember us in your love. Show us your ways; teach us your paths; and lead us in justice and truth, for the sake of your goodness in Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

How vast is God’s love for us! Through water and the Word your sins are washed away. In the name of † Jesus Christ you are forgiven, and by the power of the Holy Spirit you are claimed as God’s own beloved. **Amen.**

# GATHERING HYMN ELW 843 Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness



- 1 Praise the One who breaks the dark-ness with a lib - er - at - ing light;
- 2 Praise the One who blessed the chil - dren with a strong yet gen - tle word;
- 3 Praise the one true love in - car - nate: Christ, who suf - fered in our place;



praise the One who frees the pris - 'ners, turn - ing blind - ness in - to sight.  
praise the One who drove out de - mons with a pierc - ing, two - edged sword.  
Je - sus died and rose for man - y that we may know God by grace.



Praise the One who preached the gos - pel, heal - ing ev - 'ry dread dis - ease,  
Praise the One who brings cool wa - ter to the des - ert's burn - ing sand;  
Let us sing for joy and glad - ness, see - ing what our God has done.

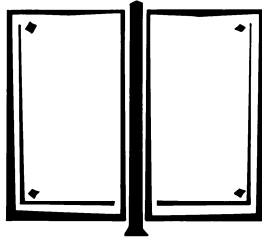


calm - ing storms and feed - ing thou - sands with the ver - y bread of peace.  
from this well comes liv - ing wa - ter quench - ing thirst in ev - 'ry land.  
Praise the one re - deem - ing glo - ry; praise the One who makes us one.

Text: Rusty Edwards, b. 1955

Music: NETTLETON, J. Wyeth, *Repository of Sacred Music*, Part II, 1813

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## **APOSTOLIC 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**

Let us pray. 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.**

## **Word**

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

## **FIRST READING** Isaiah 40:21–31

<sup>21</sup>Have you not known? Have you not heard? 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 live in; <sup>23</sup>who brings princes to naught, and makes the rulers of the earth as nothing.

<sup>24</sup>Scarcely are they planted, scarcely sown, scarcely has their stem taken root in the earth, when he blows upon them, and they wither, and the tempest carries them off like stubble.

<sup>25</sup>To whom then will you compare me, or who is my equal? says the Holy One. <sup>26</sup>Lift up your eyes on high and see: Who created these? He who brings out their host and numbers them, calling them all by name; because he is great in strength, mighty 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 strengthens the powerless.

<sup>30</sup>Even youths will faint and be weary, and the young will fall exhausted; <sup>31</sup>but those 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.

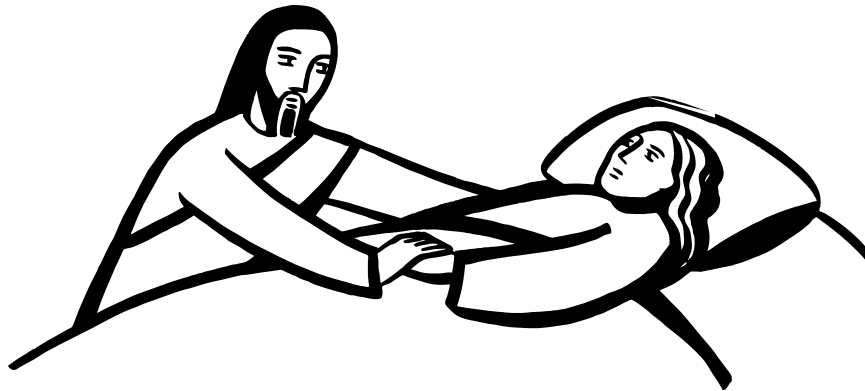
*The reader concludes:* The word of the Lord. *The assembly responds:* **Thanks be to God.**

**SECOND READING** 1 Corinthians 9:16–23

<sup>16</sup>If I proclaim the gospel, this gives me no ground for boasting, for an obligation is laid on me, and woe to me if I do not proclaim 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 entrusted with a commission. <sup>18</sup>What then is my reward? Just this: that in my proclamation I may make the gospel free of charge, so as not to make full use of my rights in the gospel.

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

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## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,  
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## GOSPEL Mark 1:29–39

The Holy Gospel according to Mark. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>29</sup>As soon as [Jesus and the disciples] left the synagogue, they entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. <sup>30</sup>Now Simon's mother-in-law was in bed with a fever, and they told him about her at once. <sup>31</sup>He came and took her by the hand and lifted her up. Then the fever left her, and she began to serve them.

<sup>32</sup>That evening, at sunset, they brought to him all who were sick or possessed with demons. <sup>33</sup>And the whole city was gathered around the door. <sup>34</sup>And he cured 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>In the morning, while it was still very dark, he got up and went out to a deserted place, and there he prayed. <sup>36</sup>And Simon and his companions hunted for him. <sup>37</sup>When they found him, they said to him, "Everyone is searching for you." <sup>38</sup>He answered, "Let us go on to the neighboring towns, so that I may proclaim the message there also; for that is what I came out to do." <sup>39</sup>And he went throughout Galilee, proclaiming the message in their synagogues and casting out demons.

*The Gospel is proclaimed, concluding:* The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

## HOMILY

The Rev. Blake A. Scalet

## HYMN OF THE DAY ACS 1016 Cast Out, O Christ

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'Cast Out, O Christ'. It consists of three staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like. The lyrics are arranged in five numbered lines, with the first line being the main text and the others providing alternative phrasings. The lyrics are: 1. Cast out, O Christ, cast far a - way the; 2. Our rag - ing griefs, our jeal - ous fears are; 3. Once long a - go, from Gal - i - lee, you; 4. Your word breathes life and health and hope that; 5. So come, O Christ, and cast a - way the; de - mons that de - stroy: the haunt - ing dreads that; Le - gion in their name. Our shack - led hearts im -; sailed to storm - tossed shores. And still, in pow'r, you; break through e - vil's thrall. You send us, strength-ened; de - mons that de - stroy. Trans - form our lives to; choke our souls, the hates that sti - fle joy.; plore your grace to loose our bind - ing shame.; brave new paths to breach our bolt - ed doors.; home in peace to live your gos - pel call.; sense your love and spread a - broad your joy.

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Text: Mary Louise Bringle, b. 1953

Music: A. Davison, *Kentucky Harmony*, 1816; arr. Theodore A. Beck, 1929–2003

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## **APOSTLES' CREED**

Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith:

**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 he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he 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 INTERCESSION**

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

## **LORD'S PRAYER**

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

**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.**

## **PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

## **GATHERING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

*If you would like to make a one-time or recurring electronic contribution, or want information about mailing checks, you may visit [www.stjohnssummit.org/giving](http://www.stjohnssummit.org/giving). You may also contact the church office for more options.*

**OFFERING MUSIC** Setting of *Consolation*  
Evelyn Estava, violin

By Robert J. Powell (b. 1932)

# OFFERING HYMN ELW 308 O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright!

## Verse 5

5. Oh, let the harps break forth in sound!  
our joy be all with music crowned, our  
voi - ces gai - ly blend - ing! For Christ goes with us all the way—  
to - day, to - mor - row, ev' - ry day! His love is nev - er end - ing!  
Sing out! Ring out! Ju - bi - la - tion! Ex - ul - ta - tion! Tell the sto - ry!  
Praise to Christ, who reigns in glo - ry!

Text: Philipp Nicolai, 1556–1608; tr. *Lutheran Book of Worship*  
Music: WIE SCHÖN LEUCHTET, Philipp Nicolai  
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## OFFERTORY PRAYER

Let us pray. **Yours, O God, is the greatness, the power, the glory, the splendor, and the majesty; for everything in heaven and on earth is yours. All things come of you, O Lord, and of your own have we given you. Amen.**

## Sending

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

### BLESSING

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace. **Amen.**

### SENDING HYMN ELW 858 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty



- 1 Praise to the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre - a - tion!
- 2 Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things is won - drous - ly reign - ing
- 3 Praise to the Lord, who will pros - per your work and de - fend you;
- 4 Praise to the Lord! Oh, let all that is in me a - dore him!



O my soul, praise him, for he is your health and sal - va - tion!  
and, as on wings of an ea - gle, up - lift - ing, sus - tain - ing.  
sure - ly his good - ness and mer - cy shall dai - ly at - tend you.  
All that has life and breath, come now with prais - es be - fore him!



Let all who hear now to his tem - ple draw near,  
Have you not seen all that is need - ful has been  
Pon - der a - new what the Al - might - y can do  
Let the a - men sound from his peo - ple a - gain.



join - ing in glad ad - o - ra - tion!  
sent by his gra - cious or - dain - ing?  
if with his love he be - friend you.  
Glad - ly for - ev - er a - dore him!

Text: Joachim Neander, 1650–1680; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878, alt.  
Music: LOBE DEN HERREN, *Ernewerten Gesangbuch*, Part II, Stralsund, 1665

## **DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Share the good news. **Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE** Setting of *Lobe den Herren*

By Johann Gottfried Walther (1684–1748)

Zoom Coffee Hour: URL: <https://zoom.us/j/753360733>



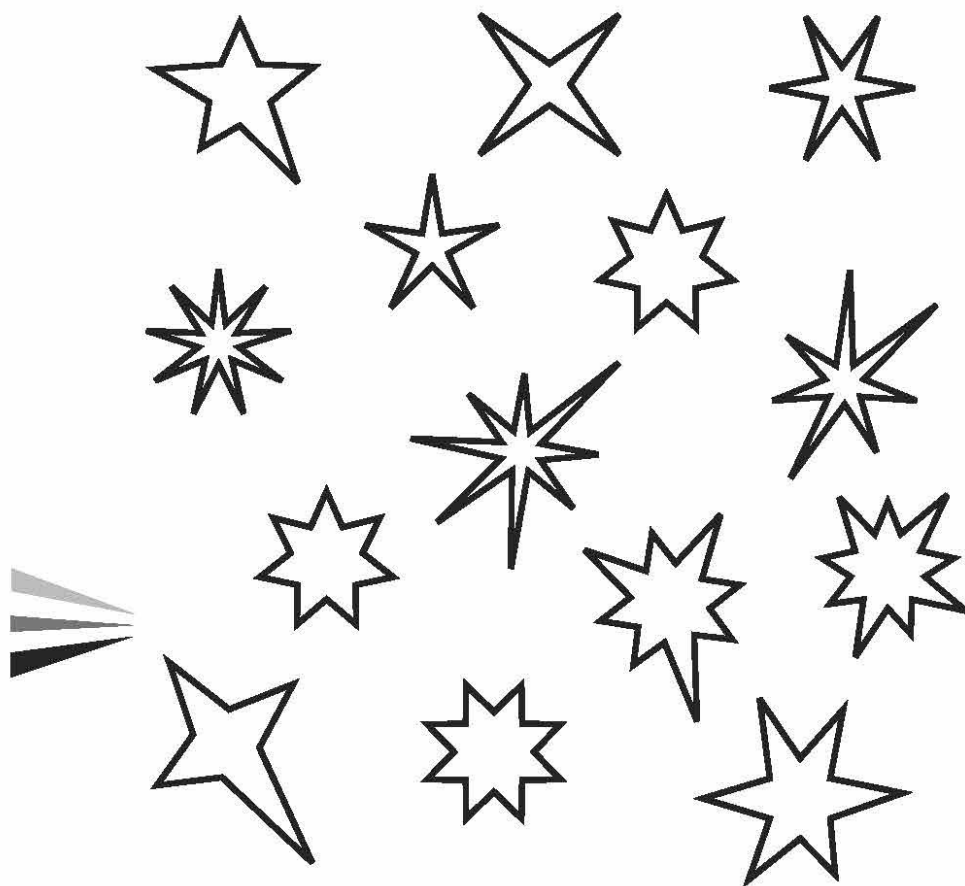
# READER

Epiphany 5

- Today is the **5<sup>th</sup> Sunday** in the season of Epiphany.
- During Epiphany, we remember our growth through **baptism**.
- We are part of a **family of Christians**.
- Jesus treated everyone like **family**.

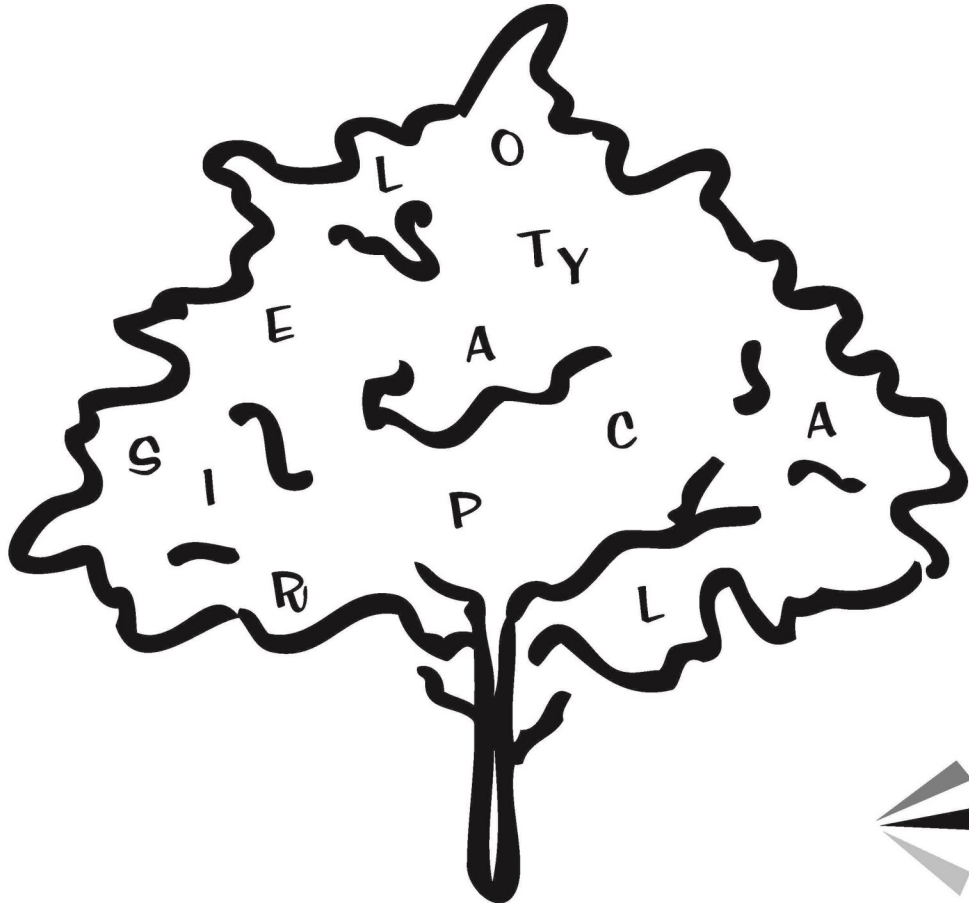
## How Do You See It?

Jesus welcomed people who others didn't accept. Look at these stars. Which two are alike?



## Where Can We Find Jesus?

Unscramble two words in the trees to find out where Jesus prayed.



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**Look It Up!**

Where else did Jesus pray in the Bible? Check out Luke 22:39-44.



**Bible Tip!**

In the New Testament, we read how Jesus healed many people. People were healed in the Old Testament, too! Who was healed in 2 Kings 5:1-19?

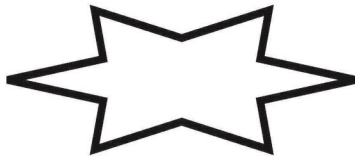


Write the missing words in the stars.

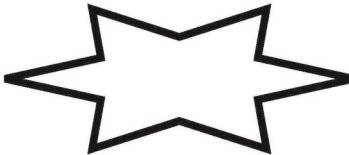
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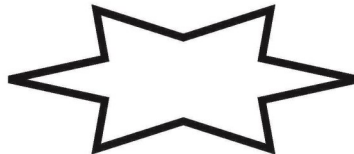
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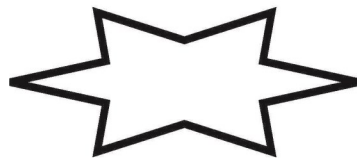
was gathered around the



And Jesus



many who were sick with various



.” —Mark 1:33-34.

## Everyone's Invited

When you go to church, who do you talk to? Who do you sit near? Who do you share the peace with?

**People I talk to**

**People I sit near**

**People I share the  
peace with**





# PRE-READER

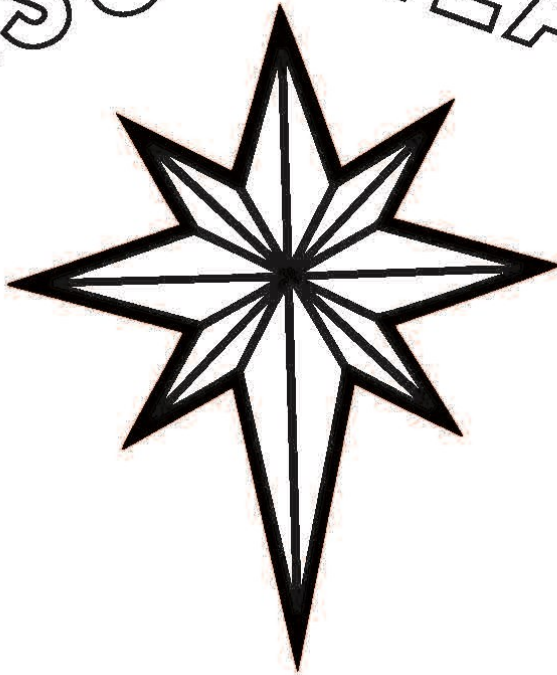
Epiphany 5

- Today is the **5<sup>th</sup> Sunday** in the season of **Epiphany**.
- During Epiphany we celebrate **Jesus' ministry**.
- Jesus came into the world to show people **God's love**.

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**Color in the star and the message about Jesus.**

JESUS HEALS



THE WORLD.

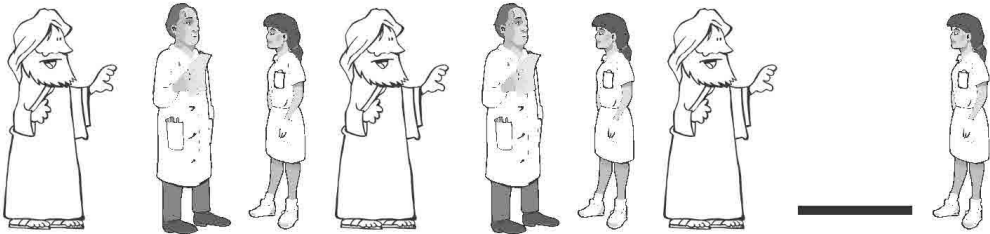
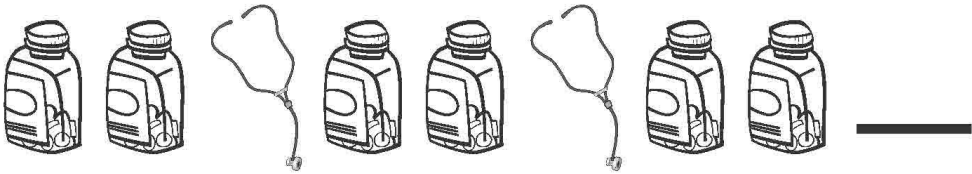
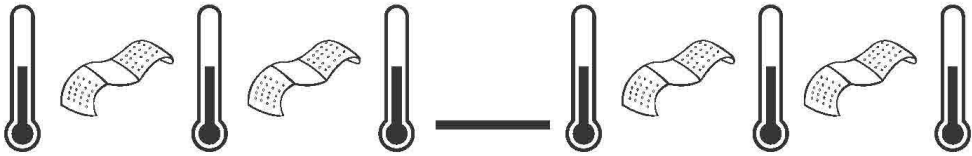
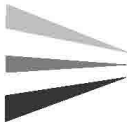


**Jesus showed love by teaching and healing.**



Jesus healed the sick when no one else could or would.  
He changed the pattern.

**Fill in these patterns to make them complete.**



Jesus healed people who were sick. He talked with them.  
He listened to them. He laid his hands on them.

**Put your hand here. Then in the hand write  
the names or draw picture of people in your  
congregation who need healing. (Sometimes  
their names are in the bulletin or worship  
folder.)**

