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*"Solomon's Evangelical Lutheran Church, following the example of Jesus Christ, seeks to live in the confidence and fullness of God's grace; to preach the Good News boldly and truthfully; to support and serve others in faith; to work in harmony with all creation."*

**FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY**  
**FEBRUARY 7, 2021**

**February 7, 2021**  
Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

*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 (diakonia). 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.*

**GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**PRELUDE**

**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.

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.**  
**Even before the words are on our tongues,**  
**you know them;**  
**receive them in your divine mercy.**  
**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.**

**GATHERING SONG** *Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing* (ELW 886)  
 Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing



1 Oh, for a thou-sand tongues to sing my great Re-deem-er's praise,  
 2 My gra-cious Mas-ter and my God, as-sist me to pro-claim,  
 3 The name of Je-sus charms our fears and bids our sor-rows cease,  
 4 He speaks, and lis-t'ning to his voice, new life the dead re-ceive;



the glo-ries of my God and king, the tri-umphs of his grace!  
 to spread through all the earth a-broad the hon-ors of your name.  
 sings mu-sic in the sin-ner's ears, brings life and health and peace.  
 the mourn-ful, bro-ken hearts re-joice, the hum-ble poor be-lieve.

5 Look unto him, your Savior own, O fallen human race! Look and be saved through faith alone, be justified by grace!	6 To God all glory, praise, and love be now and ever giv'n by saints below and saints above, the church in earth and heav'n.
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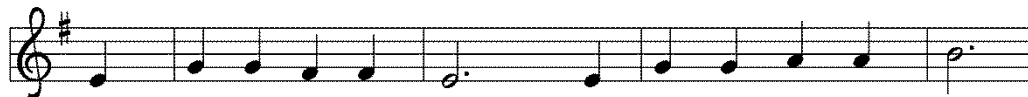
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**GREETING**

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.**

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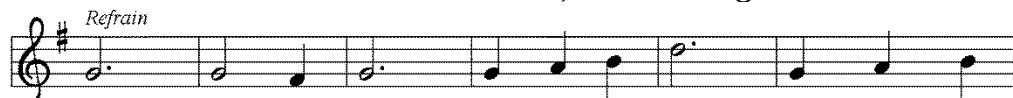


1 Have mer - cy on us, Lord, and hear our sol - emn prayer.  
2 Have mer - cy on us, Christ, and wash a - way our sin.  
3 Have mer - cy on us, Lord; make sin and shame de - part.



We come to hear your liv - ing word; it saves us from de - spair.  
Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may be - gin.  
Re - new us with your sav - ing pow'r; cre - ate in us new hearts!

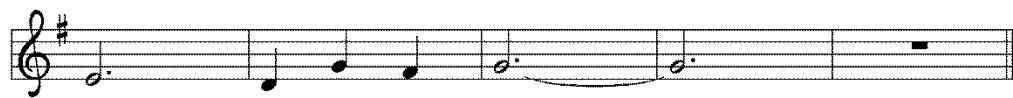
## CANTICLE OF PRAISE *Christ, Be Our Light*



Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the



dark - ness. Christ, be our light! Shine in your



church gath - ered to - day.

Text: Bernadette Farrell, b. 1957

Music: CHRIST, BE OUR LIGHT, Bernadette Farrell

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## 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.**

## **FIRST READING: Isaiah 40:21-31**

A reading from Isaiah.

*The Judeans in exile have a good reason to be hopeful: the one who will bring them to freedom is the God who created the world, the God who subdues the rulers of the earth and gives strength to those who are weary.*

<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 word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM: Psalm 147:1-11, 20c**

(Read responsively between lector and congregation, beginning with the lector)

<sup>1</sup>Hallelujah! How good it is to sing praises | to our God!

How pleasant it is to honor | God with praise!

<sup>2</sup>**The LORD re- | builds Jerusalem,  
and gathers the ex- | iles of Israel.**

<sup>3</sup>The LORD heals the | brokenhearted  
and binds | up their wounds.

<sup>4</sup>**The LORD counts the number | of the stars  
and calls them all | by their names.**

<sup>5</sup>Great is our LORD and might- | y in power;  
there is no limit | to God's wisdom.

<sup>6</sup>**The LORD lifts | up the lowly,  
but casts the wicked | to the ground.**

<sup>7</sup>Sing to the LORD | with thanksgiving;  
make music upon the harp | to our God,

<sup>8</sup>**who covers the heav- | ens with clouds  
and prepares rain for the earth, making grass to grow up- | on the mountains.**

<sup>9</sup>God provides food | for the cattle  
and for the young ravens | when they cry.

<sup>10</sup>**God is not impressed by the might | of a horse,  
and has no pleasure in the speed | of a runner,**

<sup>11</sup>but finds pleasure in those who | fear the LORD,  
in those who await God's steadfast love. <sup>20c</sup> | Hallelujah!

## SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 9:16-23

A reading from 1 Corinthians.

*God entrusted Paul with the responsibility of bringing the gospel to diverse people. Hence the focus of Paul's ministry is not his own rights or privileges as an apostle but the privilege of serving God by freely sharing the good news of Christ with others.*

<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.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



## **GOSPEL: Mark 1:29-39**

The holy gospel according to Mark.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

*Everywhere Jesus goes, many people expect him to set them free from oppression. Everywhere he goes, he heals people and sets them free. Disease, devils, and death are running for their lives. The forces that diminish human life are rendered powerless by Jesus.*

<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 of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**SERMON**

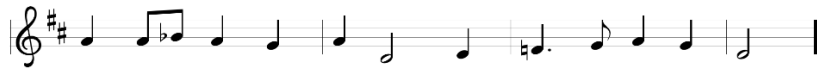
**Pastor Bill**



# HYMN OF THE DAY *On Eagle's Wings* (ELW 787)



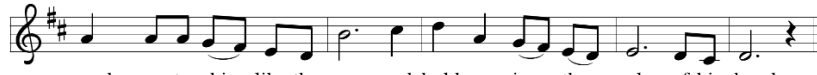
1 You who dwell in the shel-ter of the Lord, who a-bide in this shad-ow for life,



say to the Lord: "My ref - uge, my rock in whom I trust!"



And he will raise you up on ea-gle's wings, bear you on the breath of dawn,



make you to shine like the sun, and hold you in the palm of his hand.



2 The snare of the fowl-er will nev-er cap-ture you, and fam-ine will bring you no



fear; un-der God's wings your ref-uge, with faith-ful-ness your shield.



3 You need not fear the ter-ror of the night, nor the ar-row that flies by



day; though thou-sands fall a - bout you, near you it shall not come.



4 For to the an-gels God's giv-en a com-mand to



guard you in all of your ways; up - on their hands they will



bear you up, lest you dash your foot a - gainst a stone.



And he will raise you up on ea-gle's wings, bear you on the breath of dawn,



make you to shine like the sun, and hold you in the palm of his hand.



And hold you, hold you in the palm of his hand.

Text: Michael Joncas, b. 1957  
Music: ON EAGLE'S WINGS, Michael Joncas  
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*Please stand if you are able.*

Please join me as we confirm our faith together in the words of the Apostles' Creed.

## **CREED**

**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.**

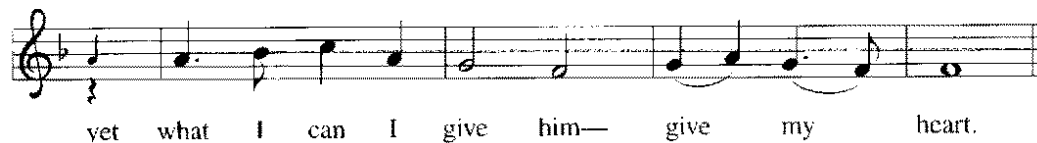
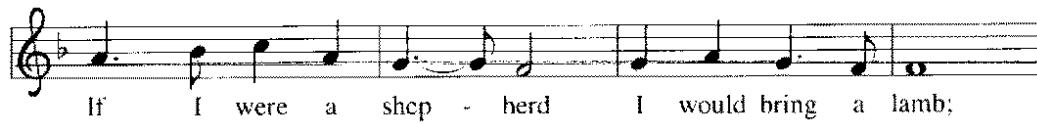
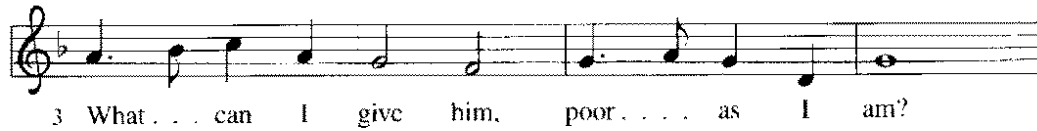
## **PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH** *(Please respond)*

*P: let us pray. C: Have mercy, O God.*

## **PEACE**

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

## OFFERTORY *In the Bleak Midwinter*



Text: Christina Georgina Rossetti, 1830–1894  
Music: CRANHAM, Gustav Holst, 1874–1934

## OFFERING PRAYER

O God,  
receive these gifts as you receive us:  
like a mother receives her child, with arms open wide.  
Nourish us anew in your tender care,  
and empower us in faithful service  
to tend to others with this same love,  
through Jesus Christ, our saving grace.  
**Amen.**

## **THANKSGIVING FOR THE WORD**

O God of justice and love, we give thanks to you that you illumine our way through life with the words of your Son. Give us the light we need, awaken us to the needs of others, and at the end bring all the world to your feast; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory forever. **Amen.**

## **LORD'S PRAYER**

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

**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.**

## **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 SONG *Spread, Oh, Spread, Almighty Word* (ELW 663)

### Spread, Oh, Spread, Almighty Word



- 1 Spread, oh, spread, al - might - y Word, spread the reign of God the Lord.
- 2 Tell of our Re - deem - er's grace, who, to save our hu - man race
- 3 Tell of God the Spir - it giv'n now to guide us on to heav'n,
- 4 Lord of har - vest, great and kind, rouse to ac - tion heart and mind;



Send forth our Cre - a - tor's call, heav-en's gifts ex - tend to all.  
and to pay re - bel - lion's price, gave him - self as sac - ri - fice.  
strong and ho - ly, just and true, work - ing both to will and do.  
let the gath - ring na - tions all see your light and heed your call.

Text: Jonathan F. Bahnmaier, 1774–1841; tr. *Lutheran Book of Worship*, alt.  
Music: GOTT SEI DANK, J. A. Freylinghausen, *Geistreiches Gesangbuch*, 1704  
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## DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Be the light of Christ.  
**Thanks be to God.**

## SILENT PRAYER

## POSTLUDE

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## SERVING TODAY

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Stewardship Thought - **February 7, 2021** (Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany, Year B)  
“He gives power to the faint, and strengthens the powerless.” – **Isaiah 40:29**

Yes, loving one’s neighbors can be difficult, but it is not impossible. God is with us and gives the strength and power we need to love others, even our enemies. Stewardship of relationships matters!

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Welcome Visitors!** We welcome you to our worship service. We hope your visit with us will be a time of blessing. If you have any concerns, please talk to the Head Usher. We invite you to worship with us again!

**2021 Altar Flowers Chart**—Kimberly will **not** be posting the new altar flowers chart as usual. INSTEAD, please call her to reserve your special Sunday! **Flowers will now be purchased from Royer’s Florist in Chambersburg. Please note the price will change to \$35.** For the price of two flower arrangements, you can give glory to God with the beauty of His creation on the altar; commemorate a loved one; and if you choose, have your flowers given to someone who is homebound or recovering from surgery or illness.

**Prayer requests** for the following persons: *Peace and comfort to the family and friends of Beverly Haugh who died last week, Lee Locke, Jennifer Haughie, Bud Armstrong, Gertie Reichard, Joyce Wildeson, Manny Negron, Jerry and Peggy Tyson, Sue Ressler, Eva Stahl, Clayton Schwartz and the Quincy Village Residents, Amos Egolf, Dee Dee Fox, Jody Swartz, Quentin, Linda Small Naus, Barbara Socks, Denise Bowen, Jack Hess, Sylvia Wenger, Patsy Wagner, Anne English, Millie Kulkusky, Jackson, Bonnie Hudson.*

If anyone has a prayer request, please call Janice McEntire. **Note:** At the beginning of each month, the Prayer Request List will start anew. If you would like to remain listed on the next month's list, or if you would like to have your name removed from the list before the end of the month, please call the office.

**Lenten Devotional** is in the narthex if you want to pick up one.

If you need to email Kimberly please continue to use [office@solomonslutheran.org](mailto:office@solomonslutheran.org) or [kimberly@solomonslutheran.org](mailto:kimberly@solomonslutheran.org). Thank you!

**Congregational Meeting** - The agenda for the congregational meeting tentatively scheduled for February 28<sup>th</sup> includes the presentation of the 2020 annual report. The meeting will be held immediately following the morning worship service.

**Youth Outreach Project** - Saturday, February 13, 2021 from 6:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. Ice cream sundaes, pretzels and chips will be served. Parents are welcome to attend and work with the youth. Please contact Janice at 717 264-3702 if you are planning on attending.

**Glossy Magazines** - The magazine recycling company's processing equipment for the Ronald McDonald House has been damaged and is in need of repair. Due to the pandemic, the repair is not possible for the foreseeable future; therefore, we are not collecting glossy magazines at this time.

**Power Packs:** With school back in session, the Power Packs program has now resumed. Currently, eight families have been identified at New Franklin Elementary School in need of food assistance. You can donate vegetable or fruit cups like last year. Donations of cash are also welcome if you are unable to shop or attend church due to the pandemic.

**Bulletin Announcement Forms** are located in both pamphlet racks. Please submit all bulletin announcements to by the Wednesday prior to the Sunday for inclusion in the bulletin.

**Council Minutes, Monthly Financial Statement and Committee Minutes** are available in the library for anyone to read.

**FEBRUARY 7, 2021**

**FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY**

*Jesus heals as he preaches and teaches.*



### **DAILY BIBLE READINGS**

These passages are related to the Lectionary texts for this Sunday.

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Mark 1:29-39</b>	<b>Jesus heals many people</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>Isaiah 40:21-31</b>	<b>The Lord gives strength</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>1 Corinthians 9:16-23</b>	<b>For the sake of the gospel</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Psalm 41</b>	<b>A prayer in time of sickness</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>James 5:13-18</b>	<b>Remember to pray</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>Proverbs 3:1-8</b>	<b>Trust God</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Psalm 147:1-11, 20c</b>	<b>Praise the Lord</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Mark 9:2-9</b>	<b>Transfiguration of Jesus</b>

### **SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK**

*[B]ut 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. **Isaiah 40:31 (NRSV)***

### **PRAYERS AND BLESSING**

#### **A Prayer for the Week:**

Everlasting God, you strengthen the powerless; send us out with your message of love and healing through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. (Isaiah 40:29)

#### **Mealtime Prayer:**

Dear God, you feed us with care and put rain upon the earth that your love we may share that gives all a new birth. Amen.

#### **A Blessing to Give:**

May the Lord renew your strength with wings like eagles, that you may run and not be weary, that you shall walk and not faint. (Isaiah 40:31)

### **CARING CONVERSATIONS**

Discuss in your home, small group, or use for personal reflections:

- Talk or think about a time you have felt sick or weary?
- When you or someone you know has been ill, what has helped the recovery?
- Jesus brings good news that is filled with acts of love that heals lives. What is something in your life that you would like healed?



## HYMN OF THE WEEK

*O Christ, Your Heart, Compassionate*



## DEVOTIONS

*Read:* Mark 1:29-39.

Does Jesus make a difference in this world or is he just a great guy with a sweet message and philosophy for a successful life? The world wants to know and the church needs to be able to answer in the affirmative: Yes, Jesus makes the difference for our world. This story from Mark 1 certainly believes it. The message that Jesus announces is more than words. It comes with actions that change lives. The hurts of the world find themselves at Jesus' feet again and again. Jesus doesn't have to go out and search for people in need. We all have a need for the kingdom that Jesus announces and lives. Demons are cast out, people are healed, Jesus prays, and his march forward into a world of need continues. Faith in Jesus is believing—at least wanting to believe—that Jesus makes the difference we need for hope and healing, peace and love. How does faith in Jesus make a difference in your world and the world of others?

*Pray:* **God of hope and healing, lead us into the world with good news that serves and loves others through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## SERVICE

Caring for the sick is a special way of showing Jesus' love. Think of someone you know who is in need of healing. Send that person a card to let them know you are thinking of them or call, if possible, and take time to brighten their day through conversation. Bring their needs to Jesus in prayer throughout the week.

## RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

Christians are a praying people. There are many traditions we can introduce into our homes to remind us to pray and to help make prayer a routine part of our lives. Jesus gives us a model for a faithful prayer life when he seeks out time to be alone in prayer (Mark 1:35-37). Set aside time to be alone in prayer this week to give God thanks and pray for Jesus' healing for others. Close your prayer time with the Lord's Prayer.