

Sunday, February 7<sup>th</sup> 2021  
5 Epiphany

**PRELUDE**

**GATHERING**

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,  
who was in the beginning,  
who makes a dwelling among us,  
who covers us with justice and mercy.  
**Amen.**

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

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

God of goodness and lovingkindness,  
**we confess that we have sinned against you  
and our neighbors.**  
**We have turned away from your invitation to new life.**  
**We have turned away from the lowly and downtrodden.**  
**In your abundant mercy, forgive us our sins,**  
**those we know and those known only to you,**  
**for the sake of the one who came to live among us,**  
**Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.**

Hear the good news of peace and salvation!  
God forgives us all our sins,  
not through our own work,  
but through † Jesus Christ, made known to all people.  
We are claimed as God's own beloved;  
rejoice in this amazing gift of grace.  
**Amen.**

**GATHERING HYMN**

**Gather In Us**

**WOV 718**

**\*For the time being we will continue to refrain from singing the hymns and listen to the soloist sing them each week**

# Gather Us In



1 Here in this place the new light is stream-ing, now is the dark - ness  
2 We are the young, our lives are a mys - t'ry, we are the old who  
3 Here we will take the wine and the wa - ter, here we will take the  
4 Not in the dark of build-ings con - fin - ing, not in some heav - en,



van - ished a - way; see in this space our fears and our dream-ings  
yearn for your face; we have been sung through - out all of his - t'ry,  
bread of new birth, here you shall call your sons and your daugh-ters,  
light years a - way— here in this place the new light is shin - ing,



brought here to you in the light of this day.  
called to be light to the whole hu - man race.  
call us a - new to be salt for the earth.  
now is the king - dom, and now is the day.



Gath-er us in, the lost and for - sak - en, gath-er us in, the  
Gath-er us in, the rich and the haugh-ty, gath-er us in, the  
Give us to drink the wine of com-pas - sion, give us to eat the  
Gath-er us in and hold us for - ev - er, gath-er us in and



blind and the lame; call to us now, and we shall a - wak - en,  
proud and the strong; give us a heart, so meek and so low - ly,  
bread that is you; nour-ish us well, and teach us to fash - ion  
make us your own; gath-er us in, all peo - ples to - geth - er,



we shall a - rise at the sound of our name.  
give us the cour - age to en - ter the song.  
lives that are ho - ly and hearts that are true.  
fire . . of love in our flesh and our bone.

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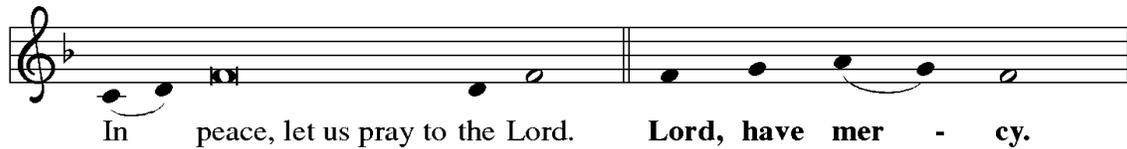
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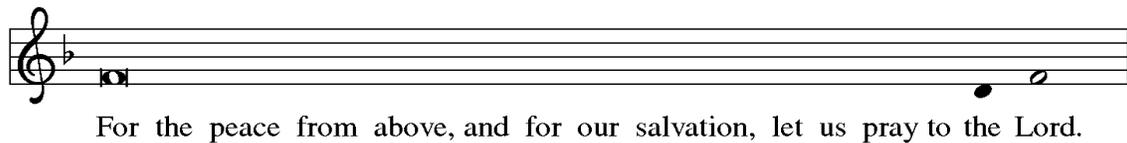
## GREETING

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.**

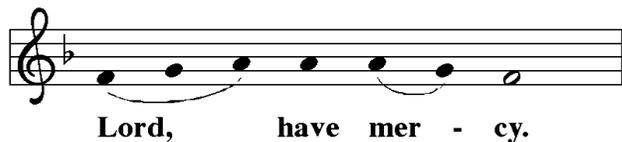
## KYRIE



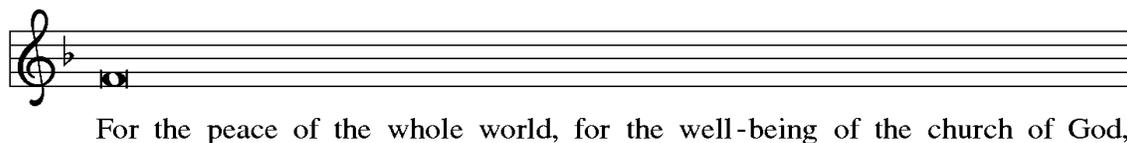
In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



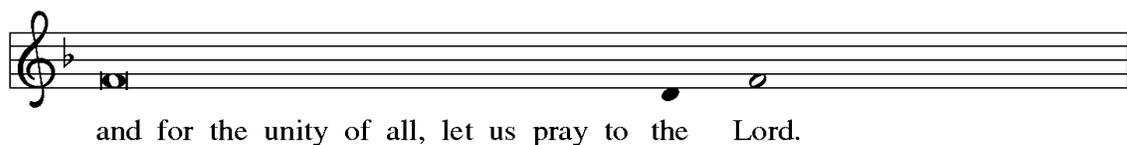
For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



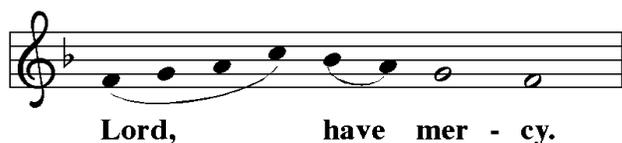
**Lord, have mer - cy.**



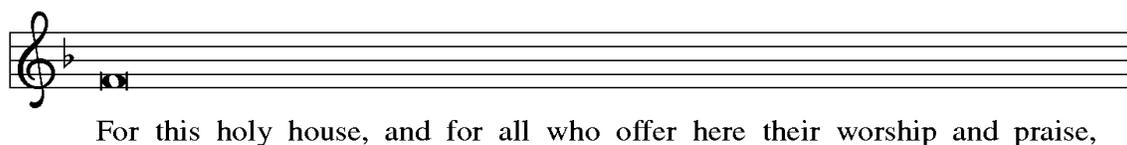
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



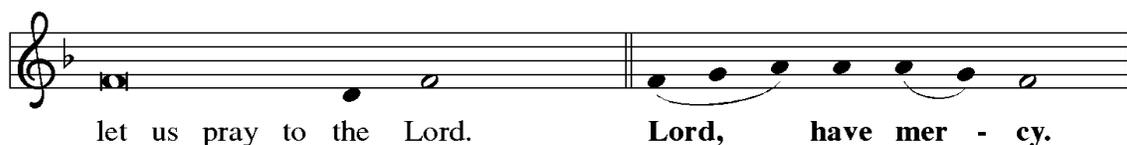
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



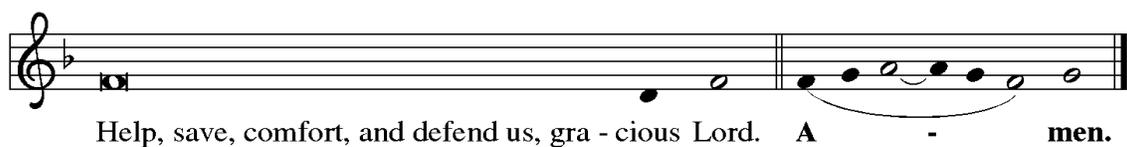
**Lord, have mer - cy.**



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



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



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

## 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.

## WORD

### 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.

Word of God, word of life

**Thanks be to God**

**Psalm**

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

<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 rebuilds Jerusalem,  
and gathers the exiles 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 mighty 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 heavens with clouds  
and prepares rain for the earth, making grass to grow upon 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**

<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.

Word of God. Word of Life.

**Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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.

## GOSPEL

**Mark 1:29-39**

<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.

*Response after reading.*

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## CHILDREN'S MOMENT

## SERMON

## HYMN OF THE DAY

On Eagle's Wings

WOV 779

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# On Eagle's Wings

Leader or All



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!"

Refrain  
All



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.

Leader or All



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.

Leader or All



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

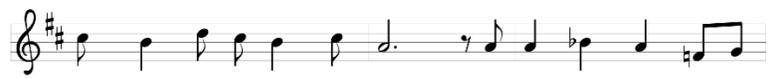


day; thou-gh thou-sands fall a - bout you, near you it shall not come.

Leader or All



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.

Final refrain  
All



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.

## **APOSTLES' 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**

*Response after each prayer petition...*

...let us pray.

**Have mercy, O God.**

## **PEACE**

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

## **MEAL**

**OFFERING (Please reflect on giving of your time, talents, and treasures and make an offering to God based on all that God has first given you.)**

Your continued financial giving is important for the health of our congregation – especially in this time. We appreciate your generosity, and we will need to work together to continue to support our mission. You always have the FOLLOWING options:

- Mail your offering to the church office – 237 E. Daley Street, Spring Green 53588
- Give by texting 833.914.1465.
- Simply Giving - sign up by contacting Financial Secretary Scott Mueller at 608.588.5702 or [scott.tami.mueller@gmail.com](mailto:scott.tami.mueller@gmail.com).
- GIVEPLUS Vanco Payment solutions - Go to the App Store or Google Play and search "give plus church" and make a donation.

## **OFFERTORY PRAYER**

**Gracious God,  
you came to us as one unknown,  
bringing joy and salvation to the earth.  
Nourish us at your banquet table,  
that with all who welcome your birth  
we may proclaim your peace,  
revealed in Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.**

## GREAT THANKSGIVING

Four staves of musical notation in G major, 4/4 time. The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one flat (F major), and a common time signature. The music consists of quarter and eighth notes, with some phrases marked with a 'P' (Piano) or 'C' (Crescendo) dynamic marking.

**P** The Lord be with you. **C** And al - so with you.

**P** Lift up your hearts. **C** We lift them to the Lord.

**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C** It is right to give him thanks and praise.

## PREFACE

## HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Four staves of musical notation in G major, 4/4 time. The music features a mix of quarter, eighth, and sixteenth notes, with some phrases marked with a 'P' (Piano) dynamic marking.

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,

heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -

san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who

comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

### 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,  
forever and ever. Amen.

**COMMUNION** (Please share in taking the Sacrament of Holy Communion in your home. Use whatever you have available for the hosts (such as wine or grape juice and bread or crackers) and remember that we Lutherans believe in Communion in one kind, so if you only have bread or crackers that is sufficient to partake in the Sacrament of Holy Communion.)

### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

We give you thanks, gracious God, that you have once again fed us from your very self with the body and blood of Christ. Through this mystery, send us forth to proclaim your promise to a world in need, through the same Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

## SENDING

### BLESSING

### SENDING HYMN

Christ, Be Our Light

ELW 715

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### DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Share the gift of Jesus.  
Thanks be to God.

### POSTLUDE

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# Christ, Be Our Light



1 Long - ing for light, we wait in dark - ness. Long - ing for  
2 Long - ing for peace, our world is trou - bled. Long - ing for  
3 Long - ing for food, man - y are hun - gry. Long - ing for  
4 Long - ing for shel - ter, man - y are home - less. Long - ing for  
5 Man - y the gifts, man - y the peo - ple, man - y the



truth, we turn to you. Make us your own,  
hope, man - y de - spair. Your word a - lone  
wa - ter, man - y still thirst. Make us your bread,  
warmth, man - y are cold. Make us your build - ing,  
hearts that yearn to be - long. Let us be ser - vants



your ho - ly peo - ple, light for the world to see.  
has pow'r to save us. Make us your liv - ing voice.  
bro - ken for oth - ers, shared un - til all are fed.  
shel - ter - ing oth - ers, walls made of liv - ing stone.  
to one an - oth - er, signs of your king - dom come.



*Refrain*

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.

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## WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday, February 7th,, 2021

Those in prayer: Lynne Gordon (Sharon & Russ Jones' daughter), Clarence Taplin, George Buringa (Tara's father-in-law), Margaret Akins, David Williams, Derrick Gee, Jim Hackl, Bill and Helen Birkemeier, Pam Brander, Carol Scoles, Mary Gaynor (Ross Johanning's sister, Silas Schwabe (Ross Johanning's nephew),  
**Please notify the office when you are ready for your loved one to be taken off of the prayer list.**

### Annual Reports and Meeting

Annual Reports are available for viewing. An email was sent with the report attached last week and hard copies are available for those who would like one.

The annual meeting is being held today, in the sanctuary, following worship, as well as virtually on zoom. Here is the link to the meeting if you would like to attend virtually:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81123822531?pwd=aTRKN3dhanVJZ0U3RINDNXFMSE43Zz09>

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### Book Discussion

Please join Pastor Kirsten in our Lenten journey this year in reading and discussing Richard Beck's book *Trains, Jesus, and Murder: The Gospel According to Johnny Cash*.

Here's a write up describing the book.

"Saints and sinners, all jumbled up together.' That's the genius of Johnny Cash, and that's what the gospel is ultimately all about.

Johnny Cash sang about and for people on the margins. He famously played concerts in prisons, where he sang both murder ballads and gospel tunes in the same set. It's this juxtaposition between light and dark, writes Richard Beck, that makes Cash one of the most authentic theologians in memory." (amazon.com)

We will meet via Zoom on the Tuesdays in Lent, Feb. 23 - March 30, at 5:30 PM. Come for one or all the discussions. Please let Pr. Kirsten know if you'd like to participate, and she will send you the Zoom link.

### CLCW News

Our bakeless bake sale is under way. Please help support us with our upcoming ministries this year through this project.

The Date has been set - May 6-7-8<sup>th</sup> Mark your Calender!

Church Wide Rummage Sale – (tentatively scheduled)

2 years of covid cleaning and collecting should mean you now have many wonderful, gently used items to contribute. More info to come.



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### Happy Anniversary!!

Bill and Helen Birkmeier celebrated 70 years of marriage on February 3rd! Congratulations to them! Feel free to send them your well wishes in a card. Their address is 477 Rainbow Rd #5.

## Homeless Care Packages

For the third year in a row our confirmation class will be assembling homeless care packages during class on February 17th. As always we are in need of several donations to make these packages come to life. If you would be willing to donate any of the following items please email or call Melissa and let her know. We were able to make 30 kits the first year and 60 kits last year. We are aiming to make at least 30 this year as well. A bin will be placed in the Narthex for donations to be placed.

- cereal or granola bars (softer are better in case of teeth issues)
- individually wrapped beef jerky (think soft beef jerky like slim Jims)
- gloves/mittens
- cracker packs
- travel size hand lotions and or hand sanitizers
- \$5 bills to place in each package
- Chapstick
- hand warmers
- Gallon size ziplock bags

## Farmer Angel Network Virtual Program for Farmers, Wednesday, February 10, 1-2:30 pm

The Farmer Angel Network will be hosting the February program: **Breaking the Farm Stress Cycle** workshop focuses on the science of how stress affects the brain and how positive wellness practices can break the stress cycle. We discuss both acute and chronic stress; the impacts of chronic stress on health and decision making; and positive steps and techniques that can be used to break the chronic stress cycle, including planning activities, nutrition, exercise, and mindfulness **Project Recovery** staff will offer support options available through their program as well.

Join us on Wednesday, February 10th , 2020 from 1-2 pm to hear Alana Voss, Agriculture Educator for Extension Juneau & Sauk Counties.

Pre-registration is necessary to obtain the Zoom link. You can register at: <https://bit.ly/FarmerAngelNetworkBreakingtheFarmStressCycle> or email: [alana.voss@wisc.edu](mailto:alana.voss@wisc.edu) or call Sauk Co. Extension Office: 608-355-3250

## ARDC Survey

The ADRC is currently working on our Aging Plan for 2022-2024. The Older Americans Act requires that we prepare an Aging Plan every three years to plan for services needed for residents over age 60. This plan is due to our funder in the summer of 2021. Before then, the ADRC needs to hear from folks throughout Sauk County as to what services they need from the ADRC. These comments help us determine the best way to spend funds in Sauk County during the next aging plan's cycle (2022-2024). In an effort to get as much input as possible, we are hoping to have as many in the age group mentioned above take the survey. A link to the survey can be found online at: <https://forms.gle/nqeb2UA1WgRP8Y4J7>.