

5th Sunday after Epiphany

Sunday, Feb. 4th, 2018

Evangelical Lutheran Worship (ELW)
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CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS (ELW p. 94)

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever. **Amen.**

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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

Gracious God, **have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of † Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith. **Amen.**

OPENING HYMN *Praise to the Lord the Almighty* (ELW 859)

GREETING (ELW p. 184)

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 (ELW p. 184)

CANTICLE OF PRAISE *Glory to God* (ELW p. 185)

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.

²¹Have 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?

²²It 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;

²³who brings princes to naught,

and makes the rulers of the earth as nothing.

²⁴Scarcely 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.

²⁵To whom then will you compare me,

or who is my equal? says the Holy One.

²⁶Lift 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.

²⁷Why do you say, O Jacob, and speak, O Israel,

“My way is hidden from the LORD,

and my right is disregarded by my God”?

²⁸Have 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.

²⁹He gives power to the faint, and strengthens the powerless.

³⁰Even youths will faint and be weary,

and the young will fall exhausted;

³¹but 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

- ¹Hallelujah! How good it is to sing praises | to our God!
How pleasant it is to honor | God with praise!**
- ²The LORD re- | builds Jerusalem,
and gathers the ex- | iles of Israel.**
- ³The LORD heals the | brokenhearted
and binds | up their wounds.**
- ⁴The LORD counts the number | of the stars
and calls them all | by their names.**
- ⁵Great is our LORD and might- | y in power;
there is no limit | to God's wisdom.**
- ⁶The LORD lifts | up the lowly,
but casts the wicked | to the ground.**
- ⁷Sing to the LORD| with thanksgiving;
make music upon the harp | to our God,**
- ⁸who covers the heav- | ens with clouds
and prepares rain for the earth, making grass to grow
up- on the mountains.**
- ⁹God provides food | for the cattle
and for the young ravens | when they cry.**
- ¹⁰God is not impressed by the might | of a horse,
and has no pleasure in the speed | of a runner,**
- ¹¹but finds pleasure in those who | fear the LORD,
in those who await God's steadfast love. ^{20c} | Hallelujah!**

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 9:16-23

A reading from 1 Corinthians.

¹⁶If 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! ¹⁷For 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. ¹⁸What 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.

¹⁹For though I am free with respect to all, I have made myself a slave to all, so that I might win more of them. ²⁰To 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. ²¹To 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. ²²To 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. ²³I 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:



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, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

GOSPEL: Mark 1:29-39

The holy gospel according to Mark. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

²⁹As soon as [Jesus and the disciples] left the synagogue, they entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. ³⁰Now Simon's mother-in-law was in bed with a fever, and they told him about her at once. ³¹He came and took her by the hand and lifted her up. Then the fever left her, and she began to serve them. ³²That evening, at sunset, they brought to him all who were sick or possessed with demons. ³³And the whole city was gathered around the door. ³⁴And 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.

³⁵In the morning, while it was still very dark, he got up and went out to a deserted place, and there he prayed. ³⁶And Simon and his companions hunted for him. ³⁷When they found him, they said to him, “Everyone is searching for you.” ³⁸He 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.” ³⁹And 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

HYMN OF THE DAY *My Faith Looks Up to Thee* (ELW 759)

APOSTLE’S CREED (Back cover of hymn book or ELW p.105)

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Let us pray, **Have mercy, O God.**

SHARING THE PEACE

GIFT GATHERING AND SONG

Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right
spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your
pres - ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me.
Re - store to me the joy of your sal - va - tion, and up - hold me
with your free Spir - it. Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God,

and re - new a right spir - it with - in me.

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

Merciful God, as grains of wheat scattered upon the hills were gathered together to become one bread, so let your church be gathered together from the ends of the earth into your kingdom, for yours is the glory through Jesus Christ, now and forever. Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING (ELW p. 190)

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY (ELW p. 190)

LORD’S PRAYER (ELW p. 191)

COMMUNION SONG (ELW p. 191)

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
world; grant us peace, grant us peace, Lamb of God.

COMMUNION HYMNS

On Eagle’s Wings (ELW 787)

Let Christ Be Our Light (ELW 715)

Arise, Your Light Has Come! (ELW 314)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

Radiant God, with our eyes we have seen your salvation, and in this meal, we have feasted on your grace. May your Word take flesh in us, that we may be your holy people, revealing your glory made known to us in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

BLESSING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SENDING SONG *I'm So Glad Jesus Lifted Me* (ELW 860)

DISMISSAL

All who desire communion with Jesus and approach the sacrament with faith, are welcome at the Lord's Table. While both the common cup and individual glasses are offered, we encourage the use of the common cup to emphasize the unity we share in the Body of Christ, the church (please indicate your preference to the servers). A non-alcohol option is available in the tray. You may also partake of bread only, or come to the table for a blessing only.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

The scripture for Monday's Lectio Divina is 2 Corinthians 4:3-6.

CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING on Thurs, Feb 8th at 7:00 pm.

COFFEEHOUSE at the church on Sat., Feb 10th, 10 am - 1 pm, to raise funds for our youth to attend CLAY. Enjoy a beverage, sandwiches & baking, play board games, or just enjoy good company! Volunteers also needed to make the food to be dropped off on Saturday at 9:30 am. Contact Julia Wirth at jjwirth@bell.net.

25th ANNUAL PANCAKE SUPPER on Tues, February 13th, 5:30 - 7:30 pm. Your voluntary offerings (matched by FaithLife up to \$300) will help send our youth to this summer's CLAY Gathering.

MEN'S BREAKFAST is on Wed, Feb 14th at 9 am at Chances R Restaurant.

The next **WOMEN'S LUNCH** is on Tues, Feb 20th, at 11 am, at the Four Seasons Cookhouse on Merivale Road. All interested ladies, please come out and enjoy good food and great company.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING on Sunday, Feb 25th at 11:00.

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