

Christ Lutheran

February 7, 2021

For the
SAKE
of the
GOSPEL,
that I may
SHARE
with them in its
BLESSINGS.

1 CORINTHIANS 9:23

Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany

Prelude

Welcome

Opening Song/Hymn

"The People That in Darkness Sat" LSB 412
"Today Your Mercy Calls Us" LSB 915 (Online)

Invocation, Confession, & Absolution

- P O Lord, open my lips,
C **and my mouth will declare Your praise.**
- P Make haste, O God, to deliver me;
C **make haste to help me, O Lord.**
- P Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
C **as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**
- P O Lord, have mercy.
C **O Christ, have mercy.**
- P O Lord, have mercy.
C **Hear my prayer, O Lord; let my cry come to You.**
- P In the day of my trouble I will call upon You,
C **for You answer me.**
- P Hide Your face from my sins,
C **and blot out all my iniquities.**
- P Create in me a clean heart, O God,
C **and renew a right spirit within me.**
- P Cast me not away from Your presence,
C **and take not Your Holy Spirit from me.**
- P Restore to me the joy of Your salvation,
C **and uphold me with a willing spirit.**
- P Because Your steadfast love is better than life,
C **my lips will praise You.**
- P For You have been my help,
C **and in the shadow of Your wings I will sing for joy.**
- P Teach me Your way, O Lord, that I may walk in Your truth;
C **unite my heart to fear Your name.**
- P I give thanks to You, O Lord my God, with my whole heart,
C **and I will glorify Your name forever.**
- P May all who seek You rejoice and be glad in You.
C **May those who love Your salvation say evermore, "God is great!"**
- P Save Your people and bless Your heritage!
C **Be their shepherd and carry them forever.**
- P Give ear, O Lord, to my prayer;
C **listen to my plea for grace.**
- P Almighty God... in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C **Amen.**

The Old Testament Lesson

Isaiah 40:21-31

Do you not know? Do you not hear?
Has it not been told you from the beginning?
Have you not understood from the foundations of the earth?
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 dwell in;
who brings princes to nothing,
and makes the rulers of the earth as emptiness.
Scarcely are they planted, scarcely sown,
scarcely has their stem taken root in the earth,
when he blows on them, and they wither,
and the tempest carries them off like stubble.
To whom then will you compare me,
that I should be like him? says the Holy One.
Lift up your eyes on high and see:
who created these?
He who brings out their host by number,
calling them all by name;
by the greatness of his might
and because he is strong in power,
not one is missing.
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"?
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.
He gives power to the faint,
and to him who has no might he increases strength.
Even youths shall faint and be weary,
and young men shall fall exhausted;
but they 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.

℣ This is the Word of the Lord.

c Thanks be to God.

The Epistle Lesson

1 Corinthians 9:16-27

For if I preach the gospel, that gives me no ground for boasting. For necessity is laid upon me. Woe to me if I do not preach the gospel! For if I do this of my own will, I have a reward, but if not of my own will, I am still entrusted with a stewardship. What then is my reward? That in my preaching I may present the gospel free of charge, so as not to make full use of my right in the gospel.

For though I am free from all, I have made myself a servant to all, that I might win more of them. 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 not being myself under the law) that I might win those under the law. To those outside the law I became as one outside the law (not being outside the law of God but under the law of Christ) that I might win those outside the law. To the weak I became weak, that I might win the weak. I have become all things to all people, that by all means I might save some. I do it all for the sake of the gospel, that I may share with them in its blessings.

Do you not know that in a race all the runners run, but only one receives the prize? So run that you may obtain it. Every athlete exercises self-control in all things. They do it to receive a perishable wreath, but we an imperishable. So I do not run aimlessly; I do not box as one beating the air. But I discipline my body and keep it under control, lest after preaching to others I myself should be disqualified.

℣ This is the Word of the Lord.

c Thanks be to God.

The Children's Chat

The Holy Gospel

Mark 1:29-39

And immediately he left the synagogue and entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. Now Simon's mother-in-law lay ill with a fever, and immediately they told him about her. And he came and took her by the hand and lifted her up, and the fever left her, and she began to serve them.

That evening at sundown they brought to him all who were sick or oppressed by demons. And the whole city was gathered together at the door. And he healed 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.

And rising very early in the morning, while it was still dark, he departed and went out to a desolate place, and there he prayed. And Simon and those who were with him searched for him, and they found him and said to him, "Everyone is looking for you." And he said to them, "Let us go on to the next towns, that I may preach there also, for that is why I came out." And he went throughout all Galilee, preaching in their synagogues and casting out demons.

℟ This is the Gospel of our Lord.

c Praise to You, O Christ. Alleluia!

The Affirmation of Faith

The Nicene Creed

- C I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.**

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Message Song/Hymn

"Everlasting God" (Praise Team)

"O Word of God Incarnate" LSB 523 (Online)

Message

"Free, Yet Servants to All"

We Go to God in Prayer

P Lord, in Your mercy:

C Hear our prayer.

The Lord's Prayer

P Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

C 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.

The Lord's Supper

The Words of Institution

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C And also with you.

P The gifts of God for you, God's people.

C Amen.

We Ask God's Blessings on This Holy Meal

Psalm 145:14-16

- P At Your gracious invitation we come. Lord Jesus, bless us and these Your gifts!
- C The eyes of all look to You, O Lord, and You give them their food in due season. For You open Your hand and satisfy the desires of every living thing. Amen.**

Distribution Songs

"My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less" LSB 576

"Hold Me Jesus" (Praise Team)

"Seize My Heart" (Praise Team)

The Post Communion Prayer

- P Almighty and everlasting God,
- C We thank and praise You for feeding us the life-giving body and blood of Your Beloved Son, Jesus Christ.**
- P Send us Your Holy Spirit that, having with our mouths received the Holy Sacrament, we may by faith obtain and eternally enjoy Your divine grace, the forgiveness of sins, unity with Christ, and life eternal.
- C Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

Sending

- A My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God, my Savior.**
- P For he has regarded the lowliness of His handmaiden.
- C For behold, from this day all generations will call me blessed.**
- P For the Mighty One has done great things to me, and holy is His name;
- C and His mercy is on those who fear Him from generation to generation.**
- A My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God, my Savior.**
- P He has shown strength with His arm; He has scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.
- C He has cast down the mighty from their thrones and has exalted the lowly.**
- P He has filled the hungry with good things, and the rich He has sent empty away.
- C He has helped His servant Israel in remembrance of His mercy as He spoke to our fathers, to Abraham and his seed forever.**
- P Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
- C as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**
- A My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God, my Savior.**
- P Go in peace; serve the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.**
- P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ... be with you all.
- C Amen.**

Closing Song/Hymn

"Who You Say I Am" (Praise Team)

"On What Has Now Been Sown" LSB 921 (Online)

Postlude

The service is over...the worship begins! Romans 12:1

What was the most important thing I learned today?



Who can I share Jesus with this week?

Find Words from the Scripture Readings

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EVERLASTING	PREACH	POWER
SYNAGOGUE	GOSPEL	SHARE
STRENGTH	HEALED	EARTH
BLESSING	PRAYED	JESUS
HEAVENS	EAGLES	PRIZE

DEAR
LORD,

AMEN.



The Hymnal Project

"In early 2017, a group of artists, arrangers, and liturgists, led by Peter Prochnow, were commissioned through the Michigan District, LCMS to create several new hymn arrangements, based on the original music, intended to facilitate enhanced worship in a multitude of modern musical contexts.

The spirit of the project is simple: Hymns are arranged with various instrumentations and made available free of charge, in the form of a lead sheet and reference recording, so whether you learn by reading or by hearing, you can easily implement these arrangements and modify for your context without cost.

We are grateful for the generosity of the donors, Carl and Patsy Fabry, in partnership with the Michigan District, LCMS."

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