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Sunday Morning Worship
10:00 a.m.
February 4, 2024

Fifth Sunday After Epiphany

A Warm Welcome to all as we gather as God's people to worship our Lord. We pray our worship together would strengthen your faith and desire to know and serve the One who loves us with an everlasting love as made known to us in Jesus Christ.

*Visitors, if you are worshipping with us today, we are glad to have you with us.
Please join us again soon!*

(In preparation for our worship together, you are invited to take a moment of silence to offer your own prayers of worship and praise.)

KEY: ELW and any page number = Worship hymnal (cranberry),
OSB = Other Song Book (red), W&P = Worship & Praise (purple).

* Indicates please stand if able. Congregational responses are printed in **BOLD** type.

Prelude Music

Welcome and Announcements

‡WE PREPARE OUR HEARTS‡

Welcome Hymn:

“Arise, Your Light Has Come”

ELW #314

- 1. Arise, your light has come!
The Spirit's call obey;
show forth the glory of your God
which shines on you today.**
- 2. Arise, your light has come!
Fling wide the prison door;
proclaim the captive's liberty,
good tidings to the poor.**
- 3. Arise, your light has come!
All you in sorrow born,
bind up the brokenhearted ones
and comfort those who mourn.**

**4. Arise, your light has come!
The mountains burst in song!
Rise up like eagles on the wing,
God's pow'r will make us strong.**

***Confession of Sins and Assurance of God's Forgiveness**

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the minister begins.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, creator of darkness and light, word of truth, wind sweeping over the waters. **Amen.**

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

(Silence is kept for reflection)

God, our rock and refuge,
we pour out our hearts before you. We have known you but have not always loved you. We have wounded one another and sinned against you. We have not always recognized the Holy Spirit dwelling in each of us. Remember your covenant. Renew your creation. Restore us, that we might proclaim your good news to all. Amen.

The voice of the Lord is upon the waters. God has spoken: The time of grace is now. In Jesus, the reign of God has come near. By the authority of † Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. You are God's beloved. **Amen.**

***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**

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.

‡GOD'S WORD SPEAKS TO US‡

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 40:21-31

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 147:1-11, 20c

Read Responsively

¹Hallelujah! How good it is to sing praises to our God!
How pleasant it is to honor God with praise!

²**The LORD rebuilds Jerusalem,
and gathers the exiles of Israel.**

³The LORD heals the brokenhearted
and binds up their wounds.

⁴**The LORD counts the number of the stars
and calls them all by their names.**

⁵Great is our LORD and mighty in power;
there is no limit to God's wisdom.

⁶**The 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,

⁸**who covers the heavens 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.

¹⁰**God 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!**

Epistle Reading: 1 Corinthians 9:16-23

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 Verse**

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Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of eternal life.

Alleluia. Alleluia.

***Gospel: Mark 1:29-39**

Response after the announcement of the gospel:
Glory to you, O Lord.

²⁹As soon as they 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 sundown, 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.

Response after the gospel reading:
Praise to you, O Christ.

Kids Sermon:

Angie Hinze

Sermon:

Pastor Kathy

(Silence for Reflection and Meditation)

‡WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD‡

Hymn of the Day:

"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

ELW #859

**1. Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise him, for he is your health and salvation!
Let all who hear now to his temple draw near,
joining in glad adoration!**

**2. Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things is wondrously reigning
and, as on wings of an eagle, uplifting, sustaining.
Have you not seen all that is needful has been
sent by his gracious ordaining?**

**3. Praise to the Lord, who will prosper your work and defend you;
surely his goodness and mercy shall daily attend you.
Ponder anew what the Almighty can do
if with his love he befriend you.**

**4. Praise to the Lord! Oh, let all that is in me adore him!
All that has life and breath, come now with praises before him!
Let the amen sound from his people again.
Gladly forever adore him!**

Installation of 2024 Planning Council

***Profession of Faith: The 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 of the Church:**

Each petition ends with:

God of grace...**receive our prayer.**

The prayers conclude with:

...Knowing the Holy Spirit intercedes for us, we offer these prayers and the silent prayers of our hearts in the name of our Savior, Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

***Sharing of the Peace**

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

(You are invited to share the peace of Christ with one another)

Offering

***Offertory Prayer**

Blessed are you, Holy One,

for all good things come from you. In bread and cup you open heaven to us. Meet us at this table, that we receive what we seek and follow your Son, Jesus, in whose name we pray. Amen.

✠HOLY COMMUNION✠

Here our Lord gives to us His own Body and Blood for the forgiveness of all our sins.

***The Great Thanksgiving**

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The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

***Words of Institution**

***The 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.

***Invitation to Communion**

These are the gifts of God for the people of God. All is ready and all are welcome.

Distribution of Communion:

Christ is truly present in the Lord's Supper with gifts of forgiveness, life, and salvation.

All are welcome and invited to receive Holy Communion.

(Communion will be served continuously at two stations in the front of the church.

APPLE JUICE and GLUTEN FREE WAFERS are available. Just ask the server.

Children who are not yet communicants are invited to come forward for a blessing.)

Distribution Music

Tahnee Hutchinson

***Post-Communion Blessing**

***Post-Communion Prayer**

Giver of every gift, Christ's body is our food, and we are Christ's body. Raise us to life by your power for the benefit of all and to your glory, now and forever. **Amen.**

‡WE DEPART TO SERVE‡

***Benediction**

God who names you, Christ who claims you, and the Holy Spirit who dwells in you,
‡ bless you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Sending Hymn:

“Oh, Worship the King”

**ELW #842
vv. 1,3&5**

**1. Oh, worship the King, all-glorious above.
Oh, gratefully sing God's power and love;
our shield and defender, the Ancient of Days,
pavilioned in splendor, and girded with praise.**

**3. Your bountiful care what tongue can recite?
It breathes in the air, it shines in the light,
it streams from the hills, it descends to the plain,
and sweetly distills in the dew and the rain.**

**5. O measureless might, ineffable love,
while angels delight to hymn you above,
the humbler creation, though feeble their lays,
with true adoration shall sing to your praise.**

Dismissal

Go in peace and love to serve the Lord. And remember, you are God's beloved.
Thanks be to God.

Postlude

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Amy Hauschild, 2/8; Kyndal Burgner, 2/9

If we have missed your birthday, please let the office know. Thanks.

In Our Thoughts and Prayers+

Prayers for healing: **Drew Selck** (Cancer), **LuVerne Knoedler** (recovering from surgery), **Ruth Harris** (recovery from a fall), **Joni** (stage 4 cancer), **Kathy Johnson** (health issues), **William Gibbs** (Cancer— Larry Gibbs' brother), **Vicki Schmidt** (cancer treatment), **Catherine Rahrs** (Val Rahrs' mother), **Patty** (cancer—Jim Dorn's sister-in-law).

Prayers for comfort and peace for: Family and friends of **Joy Arnold**, **Les Bennett** (Mary Jo Huelle's cousin) and **Barb Huelle** (Bill Huelle's sister-in-law).

Prayers for comfort and safety: **Zeke Chilcott** (deployed—friend of Marissa Wright), **Jeffery Christeleit** (deployed—Brian & Jodi Christeleit's son and Jim & Sheila Miller's grandson).



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FEBRUARY FOOD DONATIONS REQUESTED

FOOD PANTRY: Canned Meat

BACKPACKS: Granola Bars

Containers are located outside Fellowship Hall.

Thanks for your generosity.



Lenten Meals

Lent is fast approaching. If you would be interested in providing a Wednesday Lenten meal, please contact Bill Huelle. We have March 6 still available.

CLCW FEBRUARY MISSION PROJECT: Bake-less Bake Sale



Instead of spending the money to make baked items and asking people to purchase them, the women are asking for cash donations in the amount that you might normally spend to make or buy items at a bake sale. Money raised goes to our mission projects for the world, our nation, and our local community. Donations may be placed in the tan "Designated Giving" envelopes in the pews. Please be sure to mark on them CLCW Project on the envelope. Thank you for your support.

JAM on Wednesdays from 5:30-7:00 p.m.



Our Wednesday evening youth group is for kids in kindergarten through 6th grade. We begin with dinner (Tater tot casserole/bread/relishes/dessert) at 5:30 p.m. followed by storytelling, music, crafts, games, and lots of fun until 7 p.m. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact Angie at the church.

The Parish Ed Committee is considering forming a fellowship aimed at "young adults." We would like the congregations' feedback to determine interest.

Please check out our Facebook page to take our survey. If you have any questions, please contact a committee member.



Coffee and Fellowship

We would like to invite people to stay after worship for a time of fellowship. The coffee pot will be on, but if you would like to provide treats, please sign up on the sheet outside the office.



OWLS (Older, Wiser Lutherans)

Wednesday, February 7th @ 12 p.m.

Join us for food, fellowship, and fun with all the Older Wiser Lutherans! We will have tater tot casserole/bread/relishes and dessert. The program

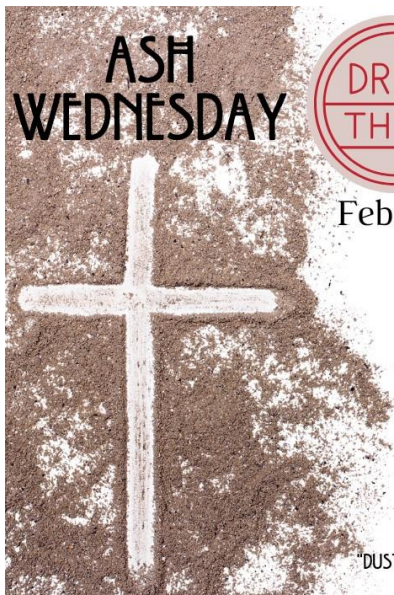
for this month will be Larry Gibbs. He will share the two books that he has written with our group.





SUNDAY, FEB. 11 (Following Worship) A Fundraiser for the Laundry Love Program

If you are interested in bringing a crock pot of soup or a dessert, please talk to Angie or sign up outside the office. And don't forget to stay after worship on the 11th for some delicious homemade soups and desserts!



IMPOSITION OF ASHES

February 14, 2024 12-1pm
in front of



CALVARY LUTHERAN
CHURCH ELCA

17 E 27th St, Scottsbluff

"DUST YOU ARE AND TO DUST YOU SHALL RETURN" (GENESIS 3:19)

WORSHIP LEADERS

Pastor Kathy

This Sunday – February 4

USHERS: Kent & Dawn Holub

LAY READER: Angie Hinze

HEAD COMMUNION ASST: Vicki Howell

COMMUNION ASSTS: Deb Brown & Marlene Downer

POWERPOINT: Andi Dorn

ACOLYTES: Merrick Walsh & DaKota Newsom

MEDIA: Jeff Van Patten

AUDIO: Jim Dorn

ALTAR GUILD: Deb Brown, Vicki Howell, Tracy Steele, Shari Copsey

ORGANIST: Tahnee Hutchinson

COFFEE & FELLOWSHIP: *Please sign up!*

Next Sunday – February 11

USHERS: Monty & Shari Copsey

LAY READER: Marti Wegelin

HEAD COMMUNION ASST: Barb Jensen

COMMUNION ASSTS: Rick & Lynn Margheim

POWERPOINT: Mary Jo Huelle

ACOLYTES: Ayden Tompkins & Rhyan Buckley

MEDIA: Jack Martin

AUDIO: Chris Jensen

ALTAR GUILD: Andi Dorn, Shelly Koehler

PIANIST: Tahnee Hutchinson

COFFEE & FELLOWSHIP: Souper Bowl of Caring

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, February 4

10 a.m. – Worship

11 a.m. – Coffee & Fellowship

Monday, February 5

7 p.m. – Hannah Circle @ Beth Janecek's

Tuesday, February 6

1 p.m. – Quilting

Wednesday, February 7

12 p.m. – OWLs Luncheon

5:30 p.m. – JAM

5:30 p.m. – Social Ministry

6 p.m. – Confirmation

7p.m. – Choir Practice

Thursday, February 8

11:30 a.m. – Exec Comm

Saturday, February 10

5:30 p.m. – Worship

Sunday, February 11

10 a.m. – Worship

Installation of Council

11 a.m. – Soup Dinner – Souper Bowl of Caring

FEBRUARY 4, 2024
FIFTH SUNDAY
AFTER EPIPHANY



Jesus' followers are sent to serve.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

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

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| Sunday | Mark 1:29-39 | Jesus heals many people |
| Monday | Isaiah 40:21-31 | The Lord gives strength |
| Tuesday | 1 Corinthians 9:16-23 | For the sake of the gospel |
| Wednesday | 1 Timothy 1:12-17 | Gratitude for mercy |
| Thursday | Joshua 22:1-6 | The eastern tribes return |
| Friday | Acts 20:25-35 | Paul speaks to the elders |
| Saturday | Psalms 147:1-11, 20c | Praise the Lord |
| Sunday | Mark 9:2-9 | Transfiguration of Jesus |

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

He [Jesus] came and took her [Simon Peter's mother-in-law] by the hand and lifted her up. Then the fever left her, and she began to serve them.
Mark 1:31 (NRSV)

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Weak:

Almighty and living God, we give you thanks and praise for raising us up to a new life to worship you and serve others with joy through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer:

Lord, you feed the animals and even the young ravens. We thank you for nurturing us with your presence in Jesus and for this meal today. Amen. (Psalms 147)

A Blessing to Give:

May God bless you with the joy of service.



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HYMN OF THE WEEK
*The Spirit Sends Us
Forth to Serve*



Take a moment to tell or think about a recent mountain high and/or valley low in your life.

CARING CONVERSATIONS

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

- Describe someone you know who likes to serve others.
- A disciple's life is one of service. How is this important to the good news of Jesus?

DEVOTIONS

Read: Mark 1:29-39.

Jesus heals Simon Peter's mother-in-law from an illness, a condition possibly approaching death. There is a clear association with the resurrection in this reading. This woman, whose name is not given, is touched by Jesus, lifted up, and begins to serve. This is a description of discipleship of all the unnamed followers of Jesus throughout history; touched and healed by Jesus, given new life, and sent out to serve. There is no hesitation about her calling; as a disciple, she serves. Other references to serve are found in Mark 1:13 when the angels of God served Jesus in the wilderness, and again in Mark 10:45, Jesus as the Son of Man came to serve. Service is the life of a follower of Jesus. It is not a burden. It is the great joy of life. Those who think the "good life" is to be served by others miss the point of the "gospel life" of Jesus. The joy of living is the ability to use whatever gifts one may have to bless others with service. Discuss: In what ways have you experienced joy when serving others?

Pray: Living God, help us to see and believe that the life worth living is a life of service that brings peace, joy, and your saving grace through Jesus Christ, our great healer. Amen.

SERVICE

Jesus calls us to serve our neighbor in love. Based on the Daily Bible readings and theme for this week, how can you bring Jesus' healing touch to someone in need?

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

Isaiah 40:21-31 expresses great joy at the saving presence of God in the lives of the exiles, those who have felt abandoned and imprisoned by others. Write a list of names of those you know who are experiencing difficult times.

Pray: Lord God, help (read list of names) feel your presence and know that 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. In Jesus' name, amen. (Isaiah 40:31)



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