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5th Sunday after the Epiphany



*[Jesus] went throughout all Galilee, preaching
in their synagogues and casting out demons.*

Mark 1:39

✠ In the Name of Jesus ✠

Welcome to worship in the season of Epiphany. “Epiphany” means “appearance”. In this season, we rejoice that God has appeared to us and made Himself known to us in the appearance of His Son, Jesus of Nazareth. Visitors, please sign our guest book and worship with us again soon!

Today we celebrate the Sacrament of Holy Communion in which we joyfully receive Christ’s Body and Blood, under bread and wine, for the forgiveness of our sins. As we celebrate the Sacrament, we also give public witness that we are in complete agreement with the denomination’s doctrinal teachings at whose altar we commune. Therefore, we ask that only communicant members of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod commune with us. All guests are asked to talk to Rev. Heller before coming to the altar to receive the Sacrament.

DIVINE SERVICE

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Introit

I will sing to the Lord,

because he has dealt bountifully with me.

Consider and answer me, O Lord my God;

light up my eyes, lest I sleep the sleep of death,

lest my enemy say, “I have prevailed over him,”

lest my foes rejoice because I am shaken.

But I have trusted in your steadfast love;

my heart shall rejoice in your salvation.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;

as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

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because he has dealt bountifully with me.

Kyrie

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O Lord, keep Your family the Church continually in the true faith that, relying on the hope of Your heavenly grace, we may ever be defended by Your mighty power; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Old Testament: 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.

Gradual

Praise the Lord, all nations!

Extol him, all peoples!

For great is his steadfast love toward us,

and the faithfulness of the Lord endures forever.

Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name;

bring an offering, and come into his courts!

Epistle Reading: 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 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 compete, 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.

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Holy Gospel: St. Mark 1:29-39

And immediately [Jesus] 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.

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**WE GO FROM THIS PLACE OF WORSHIP WHERE WE ARE ABOUT
EQUIPPING DISCIPLES TO MAKE DISCIPLES FOR JESUS**

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Announcements



Our Annual Voters Meeting will follow worship this morning.



Ingathering: The February Human Care ingathering is collecting tuna for Women's Action & Resource Center and also collecting children's snacks for the Elementary School Snack Pantry.



The February calendar, birthday and anniversary list and the November Council Minutes are on the table in the social hall.

The 2024 Greeters List is posted on the bulletin board. Please choose the month you would like to volunteer as a greeter.

In our thoughts and prayers,



† Kent Larson, Edwin Miller, Link Reinhiller, Hannah Schantz,
& George Zeiszler (brother of Laura Jorgenson);
† Myron & Carrie Hafner & family, on the death of Carrie's brother,
Jerry Wolf.

Stewardship of Offerings & Attendance

Attendance: 77 Offerings: \$2,556.00

"Every athlete exercises self-control in all things.

*They do it to receive a perishable wreath,
but we an imperishable."*

1 Corinthians 9:25

Self-control is a fruit of the Spirit – for the desires of the flesh are at war with the desires of the Spirit. Having received the new life in Christ by His grace, He now calls us to follow Him deliberately, with self-control, with intention.

† This Week at Concordia †

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| Sunday | 8:00 am | Worship @ Glen Ullin |
| | 9:15 am | Sunday School |
| | 10:00 am | Divine Service |
| | 11:00 am | Voters Meeting |
| Monday | 9:30 am | Circuit Pastors @ Holy Cross, Bismarck |
| Wednesday | 4:00 pm | Catechism |
| Sunday | 8:00 am | Worship @ Glen Ullin |
| | 9:15 am | Sunday School |
| | 10:00 am | Divine Service |
| | 11:00 am | Bible Class |