

Fifth Sunday after Epiphany
February 4, 2024



*And he went throughout
Galilee, proclaiming
the message...*

MARK 1:39, NRSV

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OUR WORSHIP



Liturgical Color

Green: *The color of life, refreshment, regeneration*

Hail to the Lord's Anointed



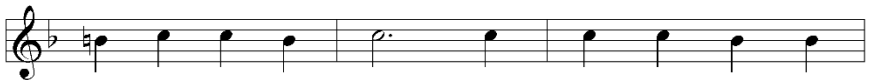
1 Hail to the Lord's A - noint - ed, Great Da - vid's great - er
2 He comes with res - cue speed - y To those who suf - fer
3 Kings shall bow down be - fore him And gold and in - cense
4 O'er ev - 'ry foe vic - to - rious, He on his throne shall



Son! Hail, in the time ap - point - ed, His reign on
wrong, To help the poor and need - y And bid the
bring; All na - tions shall a - dore him; His praise all
rest, From age to age more glo - rious, All bless - ing



earth be - gun! He comes to break op - pres - sion, To
weak be strong, To give them songs for sigh - ing, Their
peo - ple sing. To him shall prayer un - ceas - ing And
and all - blest. The tide of time shall nev - er His



set the cap - tive free, To take a - way trans -
dark - ness turn to light Whose souls, con - demned and
dai - ly vows as - cend, His king - dom still in -
cov - e - nant re - move; His name shall stand for -



gres - sion, And rule in eq - ui - ty.
dy - ing, Are pre - cious in his sight.
creas - ing, A king - dom with - out end.
ev - er - That name to us is Love.

The Apostolic Greeting

P The grace of our Lord † Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

C And also with you.

Confession and Absolution

P God invites us to come into his presence and worship him with humble and penitent hearts. Therefore, let us acknowledge our sinfulness and ask him to forgive us.

C **Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful, and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

P God our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son † and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Prayer and Praise

P For all that we need in life and for the wisdom to use all your gifts with gratitude and joy, hear our prayer, O Lord.



C: Lord, have mer - cy.

P For the steadfast assurance that nothing can separate us from your love and for the courage to stand firm against the assaults of Satan and every evil, hear our prayer, O Christ.



C: Christ, have mer - cy.

P For the well-being of your holy Church in all the world and for those who offer here their worship and praise, hear our prayer, O Lord.



C: Lord, have mer - cy.

P Merciful God, maker and preserver of life, uphold us by your power and keep us in your tender care:



C: A - men.

P The works of the Lord are great and glorious; his name is worthy of praise.

O Lord, Our Lord



C: O Lord, our Lord, how glo - rious is your name in



all the earth. Al - might - y God, mer - ci - ful Fa - ther,




you crown our life with your love. You take a - way our sin;



you com - fort our spir - it; you make us pure and



ho - ly in your sight. You did not spare your on - ly Son,




but gave him up for us all. O Lord, our Lord,




how glo - rious is your name in all the earth.



O Son of God, e - ter - nal Word of the Fa - ther,



you came to live with us; you made your Fa - ther known;



you washed us from our sins in your own blood. You are the



King of glo - ry; you are the Lord! O Lord, our Lord,



how glo - rious is your name in all the earth.

The Prayer of the Day

P Let us pray.

Almighty God, you sent your one and only Son as the Word of life for our eyes to see and our ears to hear. Help us to believe what the Scriptures proclaim about him and do the things that are pleasing in your sight through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



The Word

First Lesson Isaiah 40:27–31

²⁷Why do you say, O Jacob, and complain, O Israel, "My way is hidden from the Lord; my cause is disregarded by my God"?

²⁸Do you not know? Have you not heard? The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He will not grow tired or weary, and his understanding no one can fathom.

²⁹He gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak. ³⁰Even youths grow tired and weary, and young men stumble and fall; ³¹but those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint.

Psalm 103

Refrain



I will hear what the Lord pro-claims: peace to his peo - ple.

Psalm tone



Praise the LORD, O my soul;*
all my inmost being, praise his holy name.

He forgives all your sins*
and heals all your diseases;

he redeems your life from the grave*
and crowns you with love and compassion. **Refrain**

The LORD is compassionate and gracious,*
slow to anger, abounding in love.

He does not treat us as our sins deserve*
or repay us according to our iniquities.

For as high as the heavens are above the earth,*
so great is his love for those who fear him;

as far as the east is from the west,*
so far has he removed our transgressions from us. **Refrain**

As a father has compassion on his children,*
so the LORD has compassion on those who fear him;

for he knows how we are formed,*
he remembers that we are dust.

Our days are like grass, like a flower of the field;*
the wind blows over it and it is gone.

But the LORD'S love is with those who fear him*
from everlasting to everlasting.

**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. **Refrain****

Second Lesson 1 Peter 5:6–11

⁶ Humble yourselves, therefore, under God's mighty hand, that he may lift you up in due time. ⁷ Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you.

⁸ Be self-controlled and alert. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour. ⁹ Resist him, standing firm in the faith, because you know that your brothers throughout the world are undergoing the same kind of sufferings.

¹⁰ And the God of all grace, who called you to his eternal glory in Christ, after you have suffered a little while, will himself restore you and make you strong, firm and steadfast. ¹¹ To him be the power for ever and ever. Amen.

Verse of the Day

P Alleluia. Jesus said, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life." Alleluia.

C: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

These words are writ - ten that we may be - lieve that

Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Gospel Mark 1:29–39

²⁹ As soon as they left the synagogue, they went with James and John to the home of Simon and Andrew. ³⁰ Simon’s mother-in-law was in bed with a fever, and they told Jesus about her. ³¹ So he went to her, took her hand and helped her up. The fever left her and she began to wait on them.

³² That evening after sunset the people brought to Jesus all the sick and demon-possessed. ³³ The whole town gathered at the door, ³⁴ and Jesus healed many who had various diseases. He also drove out many demons, but he would not let the demons speak because they knew who he was.

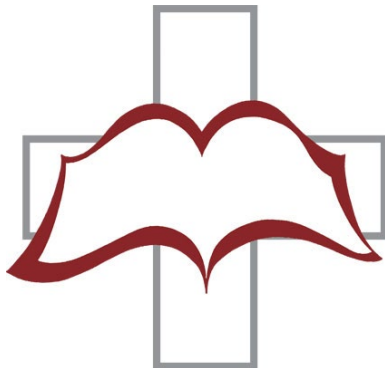
³⁵ Very early in the morning, while it was still dark, Jesus got up, left the house and went off to a solitary place, where he prayed. ³⁶ Simon and his companions went to look for him, ³⁷ and when they found him, they exclaimed: “Everyone is looking for you!”

³⁸ Jesus replied, “Let us go somewhere else—to the nearby villages—so I can preach there also. That is why I have come.” ³⁹ So he traveled throughout Galilee, preaching in their synagogues and driving out demons.

P This is the gospel of the Lord.



C: Praise be to you, O Christ!



Praise to the Lord, the Almighty



1 Praise to the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre -
 2 Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things is won - drous - ly
 3 Praise to the Lord, who has fear - ful - ly, won - drous - ly,
 4 Praise to the Lord, who will pros - per your work and de -
 5 Praise to the Lord! Oh, let all that is in me a -



a - tion! O my soul, praise him, for
 reign - ing And, as on wings of an
 made you, Health has be - stowed and, when
 fend you; Sure - ly his good - ness and
 dore him! All that has life and breath,



he is your health and sal - va - tion!
 ea - gle, up - lift - ing, sus - tain - ing.
 heed - less - ly fall - ing, has stayed you.
 mer - cy shall dai - ly at - tend you.
 come now with prais - es be - fore him!



Let all who hear Now to his tem - ple draw
 Have you not seen All that is need - ful has
 What need or grief Ev - er has failed of re -
 Pon - der a - new What the Al - might - y can
 Let the A - men Sound from his peo - ple a -



near, Join - ing in glad ad - o - ra - tion!
 been Sent by his gra - cious or - dain - ing?
 lief? Wings of his mer - cy did shade you.
 do As with his love he be - friends you.
 gain; Glad - ly for - ev - er a - dore him!

The Sermon

Text: Mark 1:29-39

PRAISE TO THE ONE WHO PREACHED THE GOSPEL

The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one being with the Father.

Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary,
and became fully human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate.

He suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures.

He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped
and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Offering Is Gathered

*(In case you didn't place your contribution in the offering plate
before worship, it is still available after the service directly outside
the entrance of the sanctuary.)*

The Prayer of the Church

The Lord's Prayer *(spoken by all)*

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 Sacrament

P The Lord be with you.



C: And al - so with you.

P Lift up your hearts.



C: We lift them up to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



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

P Praise to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In love he has blessed us with every spiritual blessing. *In the past he spoke to us through the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, who is the radiance of his glory.* Now have come the salvation and the power and kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ. To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and thanks and honor and glory for ever and ever.

Holy, Holy, Holy

C: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lord of hosts.

The whole earth is full of your glo - ry.

You are my God, and I will ex - alt you.

I will give you thanks, for you have be - come my sal -

va - tion. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lord of hosts.

The whole earth is full of your glo - ry.

The Words of Institution

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.



C: A - men.

O Christ, Lamb of God



C: O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



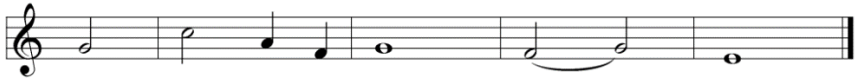
world; have mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God, you



take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.



O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



world; grant us your peace. A - men.

The Distribution

Please note: Receiving the Lord's Supper is an expression of common faith and fellowship. If you are visiting us today or are new to the congregation, please speak with Pastor Grosnick before coming forward to receive the Sacrament today.

Thanksgiving

Thank the Lord



C: Thank the Lord and sing his praise. Tell ev-'ry-one what he has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re-joice and proud-ly bear his name.



He re-news his prom-is - es and leads his peo-ple forth in joy with



shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!

P Hear the prayer of your people, O Lord, that the lips which have praised you here may glorify you in the world, that the eyes which have seen the coming of your Son may long for his coming again, and that all who have received in his true body and blood the pledge of your forgiveness may be restored to live a new and holy life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C: A - - men.

The Blessing

P Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and give you peace.

C: A - men. A - men. A - men.

The image shows a single line of musical notation in C major, 4/4 time. It consists of a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a 4/4 time signature. The melody is: C4 (quarter), D4 (quarter), E4 (quarter), F#4 (quarter), G4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), B4 (quarter), C5 (quarter), B4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), G4 (quarter), F#4 (quarter), E4 (quarter), D4 (quarter), C4 (quarter). The lyrics 'A - men. A - men. A - men.' are written below the notes.

Sent Forth by God's Blessing

1 Sent forth by God's bless - ing, Our true faith con -
2 With praise and thanks - giv - ing, To God ev - er -

The image shows the first line of musical notation for 'Sent Forth by God's Blessing'. It is in G major (one sharp) and 3/4 time. The melody is: G4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), B4 (quarter), C5 (quarter), B4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), G4 (quarter), F#4 (quarter), E4 (quarter), D4 (quarter), C4 (quarter). The lyrics are written below the notes.

fess - ing, The peo - ple of God from his dwell - ing take
liv - ing, The tasks of our ev - 'ry - day life we will

leave. The sup - per is end - ed; Oh, be now ex -
face. Our faith ev - er shar - ing, In love ev - er

The image shows the second line of musical notation. The melody is: G4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), B4 (quarter), C5 (quarter), B4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), G4 (quarter), F#4 (quarter), E4 (quarter), D4 (quarter), C4 (quarter). The lyrics are written below the notes.

tend - ed The fruits of this ser - vice in all who be -
car - ing, Em - brac - ing his chil - dren of each tribe and

lieve. The seed of his teach - ing, Re - cep -
race. With your feast you feed us; With your

The image shows the third line of musical notation. The melody is: G4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), B4 (quarter), C5 (quarter), B4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), G4 (quarter), F#4 (quarter), E4 (quarter), D4 (quarter), C4 (quarter). The lyrics are written below the notes.

tive souls reach - ing, Shall blos - som in ac - tion for
light now lead us; U - nite us as one in this

The image shows the fourth line of musical notation. The melody is: G4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), B4 (quarter), C5 (quarter), B4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), G4 (quarter), F#4 (quarter), E4 (quarter), D4 (quarter), C4 (quarter). The lyrics are written below the notes.

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race. With your feast you feed us; With your

The image shows the fifth line of musical notation. The melody is: G4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), B4 (quarter), C5 (quarter), B4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), G4 (quarter), F#4 (quarter), E4 (quarter), D4 (quarter), C4 (quarter). The lyrics are written below the notes.

tive souls reach - ing, Shall blos - som in ac - tion for
light now lead us; U - nite us as one in this

The image shows the sixth line of musical notation. The melody is: G4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), B4 (quarter), C5 (quarter), B4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), G4 (quarter), F#4 (quarter), E4 (quarter), D4 (quarter), C4 (quarter). The lyrics are written below the notes.

tive souls reach - ing, Shall blos - som in ac - tion for
light now lead us; U - nite us as one in this



God and for all. His grace did in - vite us; His
 life that we share. Then may all the liv - ing With
 love shall u - nite us To work for God's
 praise and thanks - giv - ing Give hon - or to
 king - dom and an - swer his call.
 Christ and his name that we bear.



Lenten Worship

Ash Wednesday is February 14. This year Faith and Bethlehem congregations are joining together for midweek worship throughout the season of Lent. Each Wednesday from February 14 through March 20, come either to Faith at 10:00 AM or to Bethlehem Lutheran at 6:00 PM. This year's Lenten theme is: "God On Trial."

Divine Call Received

Late on Sunday afternoon, January 14, Pastor Lidtke learned that earlier that day the members of Mt. Sinai Lutheran Church in Montrose, MI, and King of Kings Lutheran Church in Frankenmuth, MI, had extended a call for him to serve them as pastor.

He is meeting with Bethlehem congregation this morning, and will return to Faith to announce his decision on February 11.

Worship Time Change

Faith's Church Council met this past Monday evening. Considering the congregation's financial standing, the Council agreed that we can no longer afford to pay two pastors to meet Faith's ministry needs.

Pastor Grosnick will continue to preach weekly through the month of February. Beginning Sunday, March 3, Faith's worship service will begin a half hour later at 10:30 AM. This allows Pastor Lidtke to conduct worship at Bethlehem at 9:00 AM and then make the drive to Faith to conduct services.

Thanksgiving Celebration for Pastor Grosnick

Pastor Grosnick's service to Faith congregation these last couple of years has been a blessing. As a way to thank him for his faithful service, the Church Council is planning for a celebration gathering following the worship service on February 25. Please keep the day and time open. More details will be announced soon.

Notes from Church Council Meeting of January 29

- Our investment money that remains with the Church Extension Fund are being redeemed. An estimated \$12,529.58 will be received.
- Lester Fritz, Bethlehem's organist, is reaching out to a representative of the Johannes Organ Company to see what can be done to diagnose and solve the speaker problems our organ is experiencing. (Currently the external speakers are not working.)
- Pastor Lidtke hopes to reintroduce the order of Common Service in our worship services soon. Perhaps we can also learn the order of Morning Praise. This will provide more variety in our services.

Financial Report

January 2024

Church Savings	\$ 1,028.87
Church Checking	\$ 10,732.07
WELS Church Extension Fund	\$ 12,529.58

Church Donations:

1/2/2024	\$1292
1/8/2024	\$ 643
1/15/2024	\$ 357
1/22/2024	\$ 394
1/29/2024	\$ 322
Total	\$3008

Expenses:	Amount
City of Oshkosh	\$ 56
Healthy Lawns (snow)	\$180 (per service)
Kwik Trip	\$ 12
WI Public Service	\$507 (Actual \$641)
Total:	\$755

Salaries:	
Pastor Grosnick	\$ 540
Pastor Lidtke	\$1000
Pastor mileage	\$85 (estimate)
Joanne McAleer (Treasurer)	\$ 210
Total:	\$1835