

**THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY**  
**February 5, 2012**  
**8 AM**



***OUR MISSION IS:***  
***TO LOVE, SERVE, AND STRENGTHEN ALL PEOPLE IN CHRIST JESUS.***

**OUR SAVIOUR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
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**Pastor Maurice Schaus**  
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**Sunday, February 5, 2012**  
**Holy Communion**

**PRELUDE**

*Welcome to worship. We are glad you are here! If you are interested in joining Our Saviour's, please speak to Pastor Maurice after service or call the office during the week (715-536-5813).*

**WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*In Isaiah it is the one God who sits above the earth and numbers the stars—it is that God who strengthens the powerless. So in Jesus' healing work we see the hand of the creator God, lifting up the sick woman to health and service (diakonia). Like Simon's mother-in-law, we are lifted up to health and diakonia. Following Jesus, we strengthen the powerless; like Jesus, we seek to renew our own strength in quiet times of prayer.*

***The Martyrs of Japan, died 1597***

*Christianity was brought to Japan in the sixteenth century by Jesuit and Franciscan missionaries. The religion was suppressed, however, and in 1597 twenty-six missionaries and converts were crucified. Nevertheless, Christianity survived and later prospered.*

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

*The assembly stands. All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

L In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

L 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.

C **Amen.**

L Let us come before God, confessing our sin.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

L Most merciful God,

C **we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

L In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

**\*ENTRANCE HYMN**

**Arise, Your Light Has Come!**

**WOV 652**

**\*GREETING**

L The grace of Jesus Christ, the mercy of the Holy One, and the Spirit of the living God be with you all.

C **And also with you.**

**\*KYRIE (ELW Setting 10)**

**\*CANTICLE OF PRAISE (ELW Setting 10)**

**\*PRAYER OF THE DAY**

L Let us pray. Everlasting God,

**C 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.**

**FIRST LESSON: Isaiah 40:21–31**

L The First Lesson is from Isaiah, the 40th chapter

<sup>21</sup>Have 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?

<sup>22</sup>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 live in;

<sup>23</sup>who brings princes to naught, and makes the rulers of the earth as nothing.

<sup>24</sup>Scarcely 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.

<sup>25</sup>To whom then will you compare me, or who is my equal? says the Holy One.

<sup>26</sup>Lift 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.

<sup>27</sup>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"?

<sup>28</sup>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.

<sup>29</sup>He gives power to the faint, and strengthens the powerless.

<sup>30</sup>Even youths will faint and be weary, and the young will fall exhausted;

<sup>31</sup>but 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.

L The Word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM 147:1–11, 20c**

<sup>1</sup>Hallelujah! How good it is to sing praises to our God!

How pleasant it is to honor God with praise!

<sup>2</sup>**The LORD rebuilds Jerusalem, and gathers the exiles of Israel.**

<sup>3</sup>The LORD heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds.

<sup>4</sup>**The LORD counts the number of the stars and calls them all<sup>1</sup> by their names.**

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

<sup>6</sup>**The LORD lifts up the lowly, but casts the wicked to the ground.**

<sup>7</sup>Sing to the LORD with thanksgiving; make music upon the harp to our God,

<sup>8</sup>**who covers the heavens with clouds and prepares rain for the earth, making grass to grow upon the mountains.**

<sup>9</sup>God provides food for the cattle  
and for the young ravens when they cry.  
<sup>10</sup>**God is not impressed by the might of a horse,  
and has no pleasure in the speed of a runner,**  
<sup>11</sup>but finds pleasure in those who fear the LORD,  
in those who await God's steadfast love.<sup>20c</sup> Hallelujah!

## **SECOND LESSON: 1 Corinthians 9:16–23**

L The Second Lesson is from 1st Corinthians, the 9th chapter  
<sup>16</sup>If 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! <sup>17</sup>For 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. <sup>18</sup>What 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.  
<sup>19</sup>For though I am free with respect to all, I have made myself a slave to all, so that I might win more of them. <sup>20</sup>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 I myself am not under the law) so that I might win those under the law. <sup>21</sup>To 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. <sup>22</sup>To 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. <sup>23</sup>I do it all for the sake of the gospel, so that I may share in its blessings.

L The Word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

## **\*GOSPEL: Mark 1:29–39**

L The Holy Gospel according to St Mark, the 1st chapter  
<sup>29</sup>As soon as they left the synagogue, they entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John.  
<sup>30</sup>Now Simon's mother-in-law was in bed with a fever, and they told him about her at once. <sup>31</sup>He came and took her by the hand and lifted her up. Then the fever left her, and she began to serve them.  
<sup>32</sup>That evening, at sundown, they brought to him all who were sick or possessed with demons. <sup>33</sup>And the whole city was gathered around the door. <sup>34</sup>And 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.  
<sup>35</sup>In the morning, while it was still very dark, he got up and went out to a deserted place, and there he prayed. <sup>36</sup>And Simon and his companions hunted for him. <sup>37</sup>When they found him, they said to him, "Everyone is searching for you." <sup>38</sup>He 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." <sup>39</sup>And he went throughout Galilee, proclaiming the message in their synagogues and casting out demons.

L The Gospel of the Lord.

## **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

**5**

## **SERMON**

**Pastor Maurice Schaus**

## **HYMN OF THE DAY**

**Praise To The Lord, The Almighty**

**LBW 543**

## **\*CREED**

**C I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again 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 INTERCESSION**

L Lord in your mercy,  
C **Hear our prayer.**

**\*PEACE**

L The peace of the Lord be with you always.  
C **And also with you.**

**OFFERING**

**Now The Silence**

**LBW 205**

**\*OFFERING PRAYER**

L 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.  
C **Amen.**

**\*PREFACE**

L The Lord be with you.  
C **And also with you.**  
L Lift up your hearts.  
C **We lift them to the Lord.**  
L Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
C **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**  
L It is indeed right and salutary . . . we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**\*SANCTUS** (ELW Setting 10)

**\*THANKSGIVING**

**EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER  
THE LORD'S PRAYER**

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**

**COMMUNION**

**God, Whose Almighty Word**

**ELW 673, LBW 400**

L The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.  
C **Amen**

**\*POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

L Let us pray. Everlasting God, we bless you that you have brought us to the mountaintop and fed us with the life and light of your Son. Send us in his name from this place to bring light into dark corners, healing where lives are torn, and nourishment to every hungry heart, in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.  
C **Amen.**

**\*BLESSING**

L The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord's face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.  
In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.  
C **Amen**

**\*SENDING HYMN**

**On Our Way Rejoicing**

**LBW 260**

## DISMISSAL

**L** Go in peace. Serve the Lord.  
**C** **Thanks be to God.**

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**RESTROOMS**...are located in the hallway between the staircase and the narthex. There are changing tables in these bathrooms.

**WORSHIP HELPS**...include hearing assist devices and large print bulletins. Please see an usher to use them. Also, if you are not able to come forward for communion, the communion servers would be glad to come to you in your pew. Please let an usher know you would prefer this.

**TIME OF FELLOWSHIP**...at 9:15 in the Lounge each Sunday morning. Everyone is invited!

**SUNDAY SCHOOL** for ages 3 through 103 takes place at 9:15 AM each Sunday. Everyone is welcome to attend.

**CHURCH OFFICE**...hours are 9 AM-5 PM, Monday through Friday. You can contact us at 715-536-5813, fax us at 715-536-3658, or email us at [office@oslcelca.org](mailto:office@oslcelca.org).

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ELCA Vision Statement

**Claimed** by God's grace for the sake of the world, we are a new creation through God's living Word by the power of the Holy Spirit;

**Gathered** by God's grace for the sake of the world, we will live among God's faithful people, hear God's Word, and share Christ's supper;

**Sent** by God's grace for the sake of the world, we will proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed, serve all people following the example of our Lord Jesus, and strive for justice and peace in all the world.