

**Sunday Morning Worship
February 7, 2021**

Fifth Sunday after Epiphany



Zion

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INTRODUCTION

In Isaiah the one God who sits above the earth and numbers the stars also 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 and healed to serve. Following Jesus, we strengthen the powerless; like Jesus, we seek to renew our own strength in quiet times of prayer.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

On Eagle's Wings

A.K. Organ

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, whose voice is upon the waters, whose mercy is poured out upon all people, whose goodness cascades over all creation.

C: **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin, trusting in the abundant grace of God.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Holy God,

C: **you search us and know us. You are acquainted with all our ways. We confess that our hearts are burdened by sin—our own sins and the broken systems that bind us. We turn inward, failing to follow your outward way of love. We distrust those who are not like us. We exploit the earth and its resources and fail to consider generations to come. Forgive us, gracious God, for all we have done and left undone. Even before the words are on our tongues, you know them; receive them in your divine mercy. Amen.**

P: How vast is God's grace! Through the power and promise of + Christ Jesus, our sins are washed away and we are claimed as God's own beloved. Indeed, we are forgiven. In the wake of God's forgiveness, we are called to be the beloved community living out Christ's justice and the Spirit's reconciling peace.

C: **Amen.**

HYMN #886 (vs. 1-3)

Oh for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

GREETING / PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Sisters and brothers in Christ, beloved children of God: grace, mercy and peace be with you all.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Let us pray . . .

C: **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.**

THE WORD

FIRST READING: Isaiah 40:21-31

Reader: Jeff Slyman

R: 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.

R: The word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 9:16-23

Reader: Jeff Slyman

R: 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.

R: The word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION #250 (vs. 3)

Blessed Be the God of Israel

C: **My child, as prophet of the Lord you will prepare the way, to tell God's people they are saved from sin's eternal sway. Then shall God's mercy from on high shine forth and never cease to drive away the gloom of death and lead us into peace.**

HOLY GOSPEL

P: The Gospel according to **Mark 1:29-39**

C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

P: ²⁹As soon as [Jesus and the disciples] 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.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON Kervyn Mach

HYMN #612 (vs. 1,4)

Healer of Our Every Ill

RESPONSE TO GOD'S WORD

APOSTEL'S CREED

P: Let us confess our faith,

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, his 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 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 THE CHURCH *(Response after each petition)*

P: Lord in your mercy,

C: **Hear our prayer . . .**

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.**

OFFERING—Invitation—God's Work Continues

OFFERTORY SONG #113

C: **Now, Lord, you let your servant go in peace: your word has been fulfilled. My own eyes have seen the salvation which you have prepared in the sight of ev-'ry people: a light to reveal you to the nations and the glory of your people Israel. Now Lord, you let your servant go in peace.**

BLESSING

P: God the creator strengthen you; Jesus the beloved fill you; and the Holy Spirit the comforter + keep you in peace.

C: **Amen.**

HYMN #661

I Love to Tell the Story

DISMISSAL

P: What is the mission of Zion Lutheran Church?

C: **The mission of Zion Lutheran Church is: "Serving Christ through serving others."**

P: Go in peace. Be the light of Christ.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

God Who Made the Earth and Heaven

Arr. Turner

*The altar flowers are given to the honor and glory of God
by Mary Ann Hensler in loving memory of Mary Cost.*

*Prayer concerns for Zion's prayer chain may be submitted
to the church office by calling 1 937 667-3110 or e-mail.*

Total Attendance 1/30/2021& 1/31/2021: 47

Unified Giving: \$3,605.55

Building Fund: \$ 340.00

TREASURER’S REPORT:

November 2020

Unified Giving: \$23,222.87

Building Fund Giving: \$1,843.63

Expenses: \$16,096.85

Mortgage Payment: \$2,500.00

Building Fund Balance as of November 30, 2020: \$28,066.45

If you desire more detailed financial information there are ten copies of the balance sheet and income statement for the month of November 2020, on the table as you leave the fellowship hall. If you have any questions please bring them to our next Council meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FEBRUARY MISSION OF THE MONTH: Wernle Youth and Family Treatment Center

We are collecting gift cards for the center to use as rewards for Wernle young people. Specifically we need \$10 gift cards to McDonalds, Taco Bell, Wendy's, Subway, and Jimmy John's and \$25 gift cards to Walmart. If you do not want to pick up the cards but would like to participate, there will be a container labeled for Wernle where you can put your monetary donation.

F.Y.I.

Pastor and Jackie will be gone from February 1—February 14. They will be attending Continuing Education Classes. If you have a Pastoral emergency please contact Kervyn Mach at 1 (937) 479-7634 during Feb.1—Feb.14.

AN ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE will be held on Wednesday, February 17th at 7:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. For those who are unable to attend, the service will be live streamed.

VALENTINE VIDEO NIGHT

Our next meeting will be on Sunday, Feb. 14th at 5:00 p.m. All women of Zion and their guests are invited to enjoy fellowship together (at a safe distance!) as we watch a comedy video, visit with old friends and meet new ones. Bring one valentine card signed by you and if you wish bring a snack for yourself or you may bring a snack to share that can be individually wrapped or bagged. Beverages will be provided.

COMMUNION SCHEDULE FOR FEBRUARY

<u>Sunday</u>	<u>Saturday</u>
February 21	February 27

Staff

Pastor Jeff Glawe, *Pastor*; Terri Darrah, *Choir Director*;
Lori Sebastian, *Organist*; Jackie Glawe, *Christian Education Director*;
Linda Short, *Office Manager*; Sue Rambeau, *Treasurer*; Tina Putnam, *Sexton*