

Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany

February 7, 2021

Invocation

- P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
G Amen.

Kyrie

- P** Lord, have mercy upon us.
G Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

Confession & Absolution

- P** Let us confess our sin to God our Father:
O Lord of hosts! Look on the affliction of your servants and remember us.
- G** We pour out our souls to you because by our own efforts we have failed.
Nothing we have tried has worked. We have tried again and again and still we have failed.
- P** O Lord of hosts! Look on the affliction of your servants and remember us.
- G** Save us from the embarrassment of our failure. Save us from envying those who have apparently succeeded.
Grant us some signs of success, that we not always be ashamed.
- P** O Lord of hosts! Look on the affliction of your servants and remember us.
- G** You know our need. You know our struggles, our brokenness, our sins.
You know that without your mercy we can do nothing.
Grant us mercy, for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ our Savior.
Amen.
- P** Because of Jesus, God has forgiven all our sin. Hear the gospel of Christ from 1 John:
"If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just, and will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness."
- G** Amen.

- P** Consider and answer me, O LORD my God;
light up my eyes, lest I sleep the sleep of death,
C lest my enemy say, “I have prevailed over him,”
lest my foes rejoice because I am shaken.
P But I have trusted in your steadfast love;
my heart shall rejoice in your salvation.
C I will sing to the LORD,
because he has dealt bountifully with me.
C 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.

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 40:21–31

- ²¹Do 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?
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 dwell in;
²³who brings princes to nothing,
and makes the rulers of the earth as emptiness.
²⁴Scarcely 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.
²⁵To whom then will you compare me,
that I should be like him? says the Holy One.
²⁶Lift 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.
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 to him who has no might he increases strength.
³⁰Even youths shall faint and be weary,
and young men shall fall exhausted;
³¹but 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.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Holy Gospel

Mark 1:29–39

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, chapter one.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

²⁹Immediately [Jesus] left the synagogue and entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. ³⁰Now Simon's mother-in-law lay ill with a fever, and immediately they told him about her. ³¹And he came and took her by the hand and lifted her up, and the fever left her, and she began to serve them.

³²That evening at sundown they brought to him all who were sick or oppressed by demons. ³³And the whole city was gathered together at the door. ³⁴And 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.

³⁵And rising very early in the morning, while it was still dark, he departed and went out to a desolate place, and there he prayed. ³⁶And Simon and those who were with him searched for him, ³⁷and they found him and said to him, "Everyone is looking for you." ³⁸And 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." ³⁹And he went throughout all Galilee, preaching in their synagogues and casting out demons.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Sermon Hymn

O Church, Arise

O Church, a - rise, and put your ar - mor on; hear the
Our call to war: to love the cap - tive soul, but to
Come see the cross, where love and mer - cy meet, as the
So Spi - rit come, put strength in ev - ery stride, give

call of Christ our Cap - tain. For now the weak can say that
rage a - gainst the cap - tor; And with the sword that makes the
Son of God is strick - en; Then see His foes lie crushed be -
grace for ev - ery hur - dle, that we may run with faith to

they wound - ed whole, in the strength that God has gi -
neath His feet, for of fight with faith and val -
win the prize of a Con - quer - or good and ris -

ven. or. With shield of faith and on belt of ev - ery Truth, side, we'll stand a -
en! And When faced as with trials and on ev - a - way, and we know the
ful. As saints of the stone old still line the way, and Christ e -
re - tell - ing

against the de - vil's lies, An ar - my bold, whose bat - tie
out - come is se - cure, Christ will have the prize for
mer - ges from the grave, and this vic - tory march con - tin - ues
tri - umphs of His grace, we hear their calls and hun - ger

cry is love, reach - ing out to those in dark - ness.
which He died: an in - her - it - ance of na - tions.
'til the day ev - ery eye and heart shall see Him.
for the day when with Christ we stand in Glo - ry.

A - rise! Shine for your light has

come! A - rise! Shine for the Ris - en

Son! Lift your eyes, we are His ra - di - ant

bride! A - rise! O Church, a - rise!

Epistle

1 Corinthians 9:16–27

¹⁶If 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!

¹⁷For 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. ¹⁸What 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.

¹⁹For though I am free from all, I have made myself a servant to all, 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 not being myself under the law) that I might win those under the law. ²¹To 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. ²²To 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. ²³I do it all for the sake of the gospel, that I may share with them in its blessings.

²⁴Do you not know that in a race all the runners compete, but only one receives the prize? So run that you may obtain it. ²⁵Every athlete exercises self-control in all things. They do it to receive a perishable wreath, but we an imperishable. ²⁶So I do not run aimlessly; I do not box as one beating the air. ²⁷But I discipline my body and keep it under control, lest after preaching to others I myself should be disqualified.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Prayer

P Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

Nicene Creed

I believe in one God,
the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth
and of all things visible and invisible.
And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried.
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures
and ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of the Father.
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and
the dead,
whose kingdom will have no end.
And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and
glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
and I look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life ✝ of the world to come. Amen.

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.

Holy Communion

Distribution Hymn #543

What Wondrous Love Is This

1 What won-drous love is this, O my soul, O my soul! What
2 When I was sink-ing down, sink-ing down, sink-ing down, When
3 To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing; To
4 And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on; And

won-drous love is this, O my soul! What won-drous love is this That
I was sink-ing down, sink-ing down, When I was sink-ing down Be -
God and to the Lamb I will sing; To God and to the Lamb, Who
when from death I'm free, I'll sing on. And when from death I'm free, I'll

caused the Lord of bliss To bear the dread-ful curse for my
neath God's righ-teous frown, Christ laid a-side His crown for my
is the great I AM, While mil-lions join the theme, I will
sing His love for me, And through e-ter-ni-ty I'll sing

soul, for my soul, To bear the dread-ful curse for my soul!
soul, for my soul, Christ laid a-side His crown for my soul.
sing, I will sing, While mil-lions join the theme, I will sing.
on, I'll sing on, And through e-ter-ni-ty I'll sing on.

Text: *A General Selection of Hymns and Spiritual Songs*, 1811; tune: *Southern Harmony*, 1835; text & tune: public domain

Distribution Hymn #790

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! O let all that is in me a -



a - tion! O my soul, praise Him, for He is your
 reign - ing And, as on wings of an ea - gle, up -
 made you, Health has be - stowed and, when heed - less - ly
 fend you; Sure - ly His good - ness and mer - cy shall
 dore Him! All that has life and breath, come now with



health and sal - va - tion! Let all who hear Now to His
 lift - ing, sus - tain - ing. Have you not seen All that is
 fall - ing, has stayed you. What need or grief Ev - er has
 dai - ly at - tend you. Pon - der a - new What the Al -
 prais - es be - fore Him! Let the A - men Sound from His



tem - ple draw near, Join - ing in glad ad - o - ra - tion!
 need - ful has been Sent by His gra - cious or - dain - ing?
 failed of re - lief? Wings of His mer - cy did shade you.
 might - y can do As with His love He be - friends you.
 peo - ple a - gain; Glad - ly for - ev - er a - dore Him!

Text: Joachim Neander, trns. Catherine Winkworth; tune: *Ander Theil Des Erneuernten Gesang-Buchs*, 1665;
 text & tune: public domain

Announcements

Bible Study *

Sunday @ 12:30 PM (Zoom) * Please text Pastor Mueller if you have not yet attended and would like a Zoom invitation link sent to your email.

Sunday School

Students in preschool through 8th grade are invited downstairs immediately after Communion for a brief (5-10 minute) period where they can grab a pre-packaged snack, hear a short message and take home materials to work on at home.

Youth Confirmation –Today 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM

New Member Class - Tonight 6:00pm - 7:30PM

Men's Tuesday Morning Bible Study – 6:30 AM

Wednesday Evening Zoom Bible Study (*The Screwtape Letters*) 7:00 PM – Contact Aaron for a Zoom invitation.

Titus 2: Women of Faith Bible Study

This brand new, women's Bible study is offered to all women ages 19 and up. Sign up in the church narthex or contact the church office.

Jr. High & Sr. High Youth Group (6th-12th Grade)

Join us Tuesday night at church for Bible study, fellowship and fun from 6:30-8:00 PM. We are reading through the book of Ephesians and preparing our hearts to serve the Lord in our community. Upcoming serve opportunities: Homeless Outreach in Granite City February 13th 12:30-3:00 PM

Mosaic Baby Bottle Campaign –The Mosaic Baby Bottle Campaign is here! Please pick up a baby bottle in the narthex, fill it with change or your donation and bring it back by 2/14. Mosaic transforms lives by providing free, life-affirming pregnancy & sexual health services, education & Christ-centered support.

Catch up with Sue, our missionary with Wycliffe – Join Sue in a Zoom forum to discuss “What lies ahead...” on Feb 8th. The call will be at 2 times: 10am CST (11am EST, 9am MST, 8am PST and 7pm CST (8pm EST, 6pm MST, 5pm PST). Contact the church office to sign up.

2020 Member Giving Statements have were sent via email January 13th. If you have not received your statement, please check your email “junk” folder or contact [Cheryl](#).



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