



THE FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

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A SPECIAL WELCOME TO OUR GUESTS!

We're thrilled that you are here and we want you to feel at home.

- * Restrooms are near the door that you came in today.
- * The service is printed in this worship folder. Join in as your comfortable. Ask anyone if you're lost - they'll be glad to help!
- * We're glad you brought your kids! We know and Jesus knows that little kids have a hard time sitting quietly sometimes. They are still welcome here. Jesus said: Let the little children come to me! If your little one is restless, feel free to spend a minute in the entryway, you should still be able to hear through speakers.
- * If you could use some hearing assistance, please ask the usher in the entryway, we have headsets available.

Please introduce yourself to Pastor Boettcher or Pastor Peil. They would love to meet you and serve you however they can!



From the River to the Mountain - The Devil's Work Undone

Martin Luther once said, "Where God built a church, there the devil would also build a chapel." Satan and the other demons hate God. They demonstrate hatred by hurting those that God loves in any way they can. The epiphany Christ wants us to have is this: demons are real, they are plentiful, and they are dangerous. But Christ would also have us see that he is continually undoing the devil's work. More, through his Word, Christ Jesus gives us the power to resist the devil and stand firm in the faith.

A personal prayer before worship

O Lord, our Maker, Redeemer, and Comforter, I am gathering with my brothers and sisters in Your presence to hear Your holy Word. Please open our hearts by Your Holy Spirit, that through the preaching of Your Word we may repent of our sins, believe in Jesus Christ, and grow day by day in grace and holiness. Hear me for Jesus' sake. Amen.

THE DIVINE SERVICE

 *The congregation speaks and sings the words in **BOLD type**.* 

Hymn 504 We Sing the Almighty Power of God

Please stand.

In the name of the Father and of the Son ✝ and of the Holy Spirit.

Matthew 28:19

Amen.

Confession and Absolution

If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

1 John 1:8-9

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

Holy God, gracious Father,

I am sinful by nature

and have sinned against you in my thoughts, words, and actions.

I have not loved you with my whole heart;

I have not loved others as I should.

I deserve your punishment both now and forever.

But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my sins

with his innocent suffering and death.

Trusting in him, I pray: God, have mercy on me, a sinner.

Silence for reflection

Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, who gave his life as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. 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.

Amen.

Lord, Have Mercy

In peace let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

Amen.

Glory to God in the Highest

The choir and congregation sing this new setting of the Glory to God as indicated:

Congregation:



Glo - ry, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God in the
high - est! Glo - ry, glo-ry to God, and peace to his
peo-ple on earth.

Choir: Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glory.

Congregation:



Glo - ry, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God in the
high - est! Glo - ry, glo-ry to God, and peace to his
peo-ple on earth.

Choir: Lord, Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us, have mercy on us. You are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive our prayer, receive our prayer.

Congregation:



Glo - ry, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God in the
high - est! Glo - ry, glo-ry to God, and peace to his
peo-ple on earth.

Choir: For You alone are the Holy One, You alone are the Lord, You alone are the most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in the glory of God the Father.

Congregation:

Glo - ry, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God in the
high - est! Glo - ry, glo-ry to God, and
peace to his peo - ple on earth.

Prayer of the Day

The Lord be with you.

2 Timothy 4:22

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, keep your family continually in true faith, so that those who rely only on the hope of your heavenly grace may be protected by your mighty power; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Be seated.

First Reading

Isaiah 40:27-31

When the devil's temptations make us tired and accusations make us weary, the LORD promises to renew our strength.

²⁷Why do you complain, Jacob?
Why do you say, 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.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Hymn 821 On Eagle's Wings

This hymn is a paraphrase of Psalm 91.

Second Reading

1 Peter 5:6-11

Our enemy the devil may stalk us like a hungry lion hunting prey, but the God of all grace cares for us and promises deliverance.

⁶Humble yourselves, therefore, under God's mighty hand, that he may lift you up in due

time. ⁷Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you.

⁸Be alert and of sober mind. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour. ⁹Resist him, standing firm in the faith, because you know that the family of believers throughout the world is undergoing the same kind of sufferings.

¹⁰And 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. ¹¹To him be the power for ever and ever. Amen.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

Please stand

Gospel Acclamation

Isaiah 40:31

Alleluia! Those who hope in the LORD will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles.

Alleluia!

The Holy Gospel

Mark 1:29-39

The devil loves to see God's children suffer. Jesus undoes the devil's work. This lesson is the basis of the sermon.

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

³²That evening after sunset the people brought to Jesus all the sick and demon-possessed. ³³The whole town gathered at the door, ³⁴and 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.

³⁵Very 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. ³⁶Simon and his companions went to look for him, ³⁷and when they found him, they exclaimed: "Everyone is looking for you!"

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

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to You, O Christ!

Be seated.

Hymn of the Day | 850 It is Well With My Soul

see a note on the back page for information about this hymn

Sermon Mark 1:29-39 Jesus sees

Please stand

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,

Romans 10:10; Dt 6:4

Matthew 6:9; Ex 6:3

Genesis 1:1; John 1:1

Colossians 1:16

Romans 10:9

**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 truly 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.**

*Matthew 16:16
 John 3:16
 John 1:1,8:12,17:22
 Colossians 2:9
 John 1:2
 John 10:30
 Hebrews 1:2; John 1:3
 1 Tim 2:4; Rom 3:23
 John 6:41; Luke 15:20
 Luke 1:34-35
 John 1:14
 Mk 15:25; Jn 19:16-18
 Jn 19:1-3; Lk 23:53
 1 Cor 15:4; Lk 24:6
 Acts 1:9
 Acts 7:55
 Matthew 26:64
 Acts 10:42; My 3:12
 2 Peter 1:11
 Jn 14:26; Acts 2:38
 Genesis 1:2; John 3:6
 John 15:26
 Mt 3:16-17; Lk
 Ez 11:5; 2 Pt 1:20-21
 1 Peter 2:5; Eph 2:19-22
 Ephesians 4:5; Acts 2:38
 1 Co 15:35-49; 1 Thes 4
 Psalm 106:48*

Be seated

In peace, let us pray to the Lord:
Lord, have mercy.
 For the gifts of divine peace and pardon, let
 us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**
 For the holy Christian Church, here and
 scattered throughout the world, and for the
 proclamation of the Gospel and the calling
 of all to faith, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord,
 have mercy.**
 For this nation, for our cities and
 communities, and for the common welfare
 of us all, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have
 mercy.**
 For seasonable weather and for the
 fruitfulness of the earth, let us pray to the
 Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For those who labor, for those whose work
 is difficult or dangerous, and for all who
 travel, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have
 mercy.**
 For all those in need, the hungry and
 homeless, for the widowed and orphaned,
 and for all those in prison, let us pray to the
 Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**
 For the sick and dying and for all those who
 care for them, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord,
 have mercy.**
 For the faithful who have gone before us, let
 us give thanks to God and ask Him to bring
 us with them to the unending feast in His
 Kingdom, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord,
 have mercy.**

Special intercessions may be included here.
All these things and whatever else You
know that we need, grant us, Father, for the

sake of Him who died and rose again and
now lives and reigns with You and the Holy
Spirit, one God forever. **Amen.**

Offering



Moved by God's love in Christ, we return to God our first and best gifts, purely out of thanks to Him.

There is an offering plate in the entry way for those who wish to give in that way.

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THE SACRAMENT

Stand

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is good and right so to do.

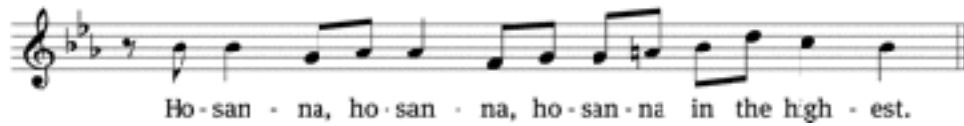
It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lived among us as a human being and revealed his glory as your only Son, full of grace and truth.

Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

Holy, Holy, Holy

Musical notation for the hymn 'Holy, Holy, Holy'. It consists of four staves of music in a G-flat major key (two flats) and 4/4 time. The lyrics are: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of heav - en - ly hosts: heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho-san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he, bless - ed is he, bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

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Prayer of Thanksgiving

We give thanks to you, O God, through your dear Son, Jesus Christ, whom you sent to be our Savior, our Redeemer, and the messenger of your grace. Through him you made all things; in him you are well pleased. He is the incarnate Word, conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. To fulfill your promises, he stretched out his hands on the cross and released from eternal death all who believe in you.

As we remember Jesus' death and resurrection, we thank you that you have gathered us together to receive your Son's body and blood. Send us your Spirit, unite us as one, and strengthen our faith so that we may praise you in your Son, Jesus Christ.

Amen.

The 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.

The Words of Our Lord Jesus

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night He was betrayed, took bread; and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to His disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my + body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then He took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my + blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

Amen.

O Christ, Lamb of God





Be seated

Distribution of the Lord's Supper

A NOTE TO OUR GUESTS *Children and those who are not communicant members of our church may come forward for a blessing. Those who do are asked to cross their arms on their chest to indicate this. Prince of Peace practices closed communion, because the Bible teaches it and because we love you. That means we ask that only members of Prince of Peace or other congregations in our fellowship take the Lord's Supper this morning. This is not a judgment of anyone's faith, it is simply our desire to uphold what God says in 1 Corinthians 10 and 11 about who should receive Holy Communion and how. Please speak to Pastor Boettcher or Pastor Peil about communing with us in the future if you're not part of our congregation. **Thank you for your understanding!***

A Personal Prayer before receiving Holy Communion *Dear Savior, we come to Your table at Your gracious invitation to eat and drink Your holy body and blood. Let us find favor in Your eyes to receive this holy sacrament in faith for the salvation of our souls and to the glory of Your holy name; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.*

A Personal Prayer after receiving Holy Communion *Dear Lord Jesus, we thank and praise You that You have again refreshed us with the gift of Your holy body and blood in this comforting sacrament. Bless our participation that we may depart from Your presence with peace and joy in the knowledge that we are reconciled to God. We ask this in Your name. Amen.*

Hymn 831 Why Should Cross and Trial Grieve Me

Hymn 867 Afflicted Saint, To Christ Draw Near

After the distribution, the minister speaks this blessing:

The true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you to life everlasting. Your + sins are forgiven.

Amen.

Stand

The Song of Simeon



which you have pre - pared be - fore the face of all people,
 a light to light - en the Gen - tiles
 and the glo - ry of your peo - ple Is - ra-el.

Prayer

Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good;
His mercy endures forever.

Psalm 118:1

Whenever we eat this bread and drink this cup,
we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

1 Corinthians 11:26

We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this saving gift. We pray that through it you will strengthen our faith in you and increase our love for one another. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Blessing

Numbers 6:24-26

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.

Amen.

Be seated

Closing Hymn | 924 Abide, O Dearest Jesus



Thank you to our musicians this morning, Neil Woller, Chandra Lange, Sophie Leng, Zach Brandt, Tom Bruce and Christopher Watanabe for using their gifts to serve us and our Savior with music this morning!

Horatio Spafford wrote the Hymn of the Day - It is Well With My Soul

Horatio Gates Spafford (1828-1888) was a wealthy Chicago businessman and lawyer, married with five children and living in Chicago in 1870 when his son, Horatio Spafford Jr., contracted scarlet fever and died. The next year, a massive fire devastated the city on October 8-10, 1871. The fire killed almost 300 people and destroyed the homes of around 100,000. Spafford suffered great losses when his real estate holdings burned to the ground. Two years after the fire, in 1873, Spafford decided to take his family to England to visit his friend, evangelist D. L. Moody, who was preaching there. A business matter delayed Spafford, so he sent his wife Anna (1842-1923) and their four daughters (11-year-old Anna, 9-year-old Margaret Lee, 5-year-old Elizabeth, and 2-year-old Tanetta) ahead of him. They sailed on the steamship Ville du Havre.

On November 22, 1873, an iron sailing ship struck the Ville du Havre and sank into the Atlantic Ocean in 12 minutes.

Rescuers found Spafford's wife unconscious and floating on a plank of wood. But sadly, all four of the couple's daughters perished. When Anna Spafford arrived in Cardiff, South Wales, she telegraphed her husband two words: "Saved alone...."

Spafford immediately booked passage on a ship and left to join his wife. As the ship crossed the Atlantic Ocean, in the area where the Ville du Havre had sunk, and his daughters had perished, Spafford penned the words, "When peace like a river, attendeth my way, When sorrows like sea billows roll, Whatever my lot, Thou hast taught me to say, It is well, it is well with my soul."

When we come to worship, and to the Eucharist in particular, we come into the presence of Almighty God, and to feast at his table, not because we are good people, but because we are forgiven sinners. We come, as we come to a doctor, not because we are well but because we are sick. We come, not because we've got it all together, but because God's got it all together and has invited us to join him. We come, not because our hands are full of our own self-importance or self-righteousness, but because they are empty and waiting to receive his love, his body and blood, his own very self.

here by grace alone: so we can relax. You don't have anything to prove in the presence of God; you shouldn't have anything to prove, either, in the presence of your fellow Christians. You don't have to pretend in the presence of God; no more should you need to pretend in the presence of your fellow Christians. The ground is level at the foot of the cross; the only people who are excluded from the party are those who exclude themselves, by supposing they don't need the cross, don't need God's forgiveness, don't need the free love of Jesus, in the first place.

- NTWRIGHT

This is as basic to Christianity as the ball is to football. And, just as you have a rotten game of football if people ignore the ball and simply tackle the opposition, or even the crowd, so you have a pretty poor time in church if you forget for a moment that we are here because we don't deserve to be.

And when that truth gets hold of you, and sinks down inside you like a hot drink on a cold day, then the effect on the whole life of the Christian community is quite marvelous. We are all