



St. Luke Lutheran Church
Pastor Eric Hanson
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The Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

Prelude: "Our God is an Awesome God" 3X

**Our God is an awesome God. He reigns from heaven above.
With wisdom, power, and love. Our God is an awesome God**

Greeting: L: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

Confession and Forgiveness *(please stand as you are able)*

(All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the leader begins.)

L: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever. **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 confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another. Gracious God,

C: have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

L: God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, & made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of + Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith. **C: Amen.**

Gathering Hymn: *(you may be seated)* "Gather Us In" #532

**Verse 1: Here in this place new light is streaming, now is the darkness vanished away;
see in this space our fears and our dreamings brought here to you in the light of this day.
Gather us in, the lost and forsaken, gather us in, the blind and the lame;
call to us now and we shall awaken, we shall arise at the sound of our name.**

**Verse 2: We are the young, our lives are a mystery, we are the old who yearn for your face;
we have been sung throughout all of history, called to be light to the whole human race
Gather us in, the rich and the haughty, gather us in, the proud and the strong;
give us a heart so meek and so lowly, give us the courage to enter the song.**

**Verse 3: Here we will take the wine and the water, here we will take the bread of new birth,
here you shall call your sons and your daughters; call us anew to be salt for the earth.
Give us to drink the wine of compassion, give us to eat the bread that is you;
nourish us well and teach us to fashion lives that are holy and hearts that are true.**

**Verse 4: Not in the dark of buildings confining, not in some heaven, light years away—
here in this place the new light is shining, now is the kingdom, now is the day.
Gather us in and hold us forever, gather us in and make us your own;
gather us in, all peoples together, fire of love in our flesh and our bones**

Kyrie L: Kyrie eleison C: Lord, have mercy.
L: Christe eleison C: Christ, have mercy.
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Canticle of Praise: “Glory to God”

Verse 1: Glory to God, glory to God, glory to God in the highest; glory to God, glory to God, and peace to God’s people on earth. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.

**Refrain: Glory to God, glory to God, glory to God in the highest;
glory to God glory to God & peace to God’s people on earth.**

Verse 2: 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; you are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive our prayer. [Refrain]

Verse 3: 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. Amen. [Refrain]

**Final: Glory to God, glory to God, glory to God in the highest;
glory to God, glory to God & peace to God’s people on earth, and peace to God’s people on earth.**

Prayer of the Day: 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.

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 40:21-31 *read by Ruby Schafer*

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.

Gospel Acclamation: “Celtic Alleluia” (*Stand as you are able*) **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. 2X**

L: The holy gospel according to.... C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Gospel Reading: Mark 1:29-39 (*Please stand as you are able*)

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 sunset, 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.

L: The gospel of the Lord. C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Children’s Message (*you may be seated*)

Sermon

Hymn of the Day: "On Eagles Wings" #787

Verse 1: You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord, Who abide in His shadow for life.
Say to the Lord, "My refuge My rock, in whom I trust!"

Refrain: And He will raise you up on eagle's wings, Bear you on the breath of dawn,
Make you to shine like the sun, And hold you in the palm of His hand.

Verse 2: The snare of the fowler will never capture you, And famine will bring you no fear,
Under His wings, your refuge, His faithfulness, your shield. [refrain]

Verse 3: You need not fear the terror of the night, Nor the arrow that flies by day,
Though thousands fall about you, Near you it shall not come. [refrain]

Apostles' Creed: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified died, & 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, & he will come to judge the living & 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, & the life everlasting. Amen.

The Prayers: (call and response)

Guided by Christ made known to the nations, let us offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all people in need. *A brief silence.* For the church: for ministries of healing and wholeness, for hospital, hospice, and military chaplains, for those serving in prison ministry, for all who proclaim freedom and release in the name of Christ, let us pray. **Have mercy, O God.**

For creation: for insects in the grass, clouds on the mountaintops, for cattle and the rainwater they drink, for the humility to take our place among all creatures of the earth, let us pray. **Have mercy, O God.**

For the nations: for all who lead in cities and towns, states and countries; for community organizers, school officials, and CEOs; for international health organizations, that in times of trial, fear, or hopelessness, they find freedom in service to those most in need, let us pray. **Have mercy, O God.**

For all wearied by life's burdens: for those who are poor, for those lacking supportive relationships, for those crushed by debt, for those struggling with chronic pain or other sickness, for those exhausted from overwork or stress, and for all who cry out to you especially, Gabriel Ryan, Ruth Holm, Keith Brown, Dolly Mensink, David Roschen, Jim Howard, Kelly Rehder, Naomi Berland, Nathlye Benrud, Nancy & Donald Nord, Dean Kirkland, Don & Ella Hadler, Marlene & Lloyd Roschen, Finley Budensiek, Brent Hokanson, Karl Thomforde and the family of Aaron Berg, let us pray. **Have mercy, O God.**

For this congregation: for outreach and social ministries centered here; for parish nurses and visitors; for ministries of companionship and support, for the young people in this place who open us to new understandings, let us pray. **Have mercy, O God.**

In thanksgiving for the faithful departed, who were called by name and now rest from their labors, that their lives serve as witnesses to the goodness of God, let us pray. **Have mercy, O God.**

Merciful God, hear the prayers of your people, spoken or silent, for the sake of the one who dwells among us, your Son, Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

Sharing the Peace: L: The peace of Christ be with you always. C: **And also with you.**

Offering & Doxology: "Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow"

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise Him all creatures here below.
Praise Him above ye heavenly host. Praise Father Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

Offertory Prayer:

P: O God, receive these gifts as you receive us: like a mother receives her child, with arms open wide.
Nourish us anew in your tender care, and empower us in faithful service to tend to others with this same love, through Jesus Christ, our saving grace. C: **Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving

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 Him thanks and praise.**

Salutation

Holy, Holy, Holy

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power & might, heav'n & earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest. Amen, amen, amen.

Words of Institution

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; & forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; & lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, & the power, and the glory, forever & ever. Amen.

Lamb of God

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. 2X

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace, Lamb of God.

Communion Prayer: We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life. In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. **C: Amen.**

Blessing *(please stand as you are able)*

L: May the Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.

The Lord look upon you with favor + and give you peace. **C: Amen.**

Sending Hymn: *"I Love to Tell the Story" #661*

Verse 1: I love to tell the story of unseen things above. Of Jesus and His glory, of Jesus and His love
I love to tell the story because I know it's true; It satisfies my longings as nothing else would do

Refrain: I love to tell the story 'Twill be my theme in glory. To tell the old old story of Jesus and His love

Verse 2: I love to tell the story how pleasant to repeat what seems, each time I tell it, more wonderfully sweet!
I love to tell the story, for some have never heard the message of salvation from God's own holy word.
[refrain]

Verse 3: I love to tell the story for those who know it best. Seem hungering and thirsting to hear it like the rest,
and when in scenes of glory. I sing the new new song, I'll sing the old old story that I have loved so long.
[refrain]

Dismissal L: Go in peace to love the Lord and serve your neighbor. **C: Thanks be to God.**

Sending: *"Go In Peace" 3X written by Debbi St. John*

Go In Peace And serve the Lord your God. Sow the seeds about the man of love.

Go into the world and tell them One by one. Go tell them what Jesus has done.

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