

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

February 4, 2018

11:00



AS WE GATHER

Today's Readings have one point in common: There is no competition to our great God on any level. In Isaiah's day, the people feared the nations around them. But the prophet reminds them that God is in control of not only nations but His whole creation. When Jesus healed Peter's mother-in-law, the people were amazed. But Jesus is ready to conquer the true opposition by preaching and casting out demons in towns throughout the area. The limited expectations about God by Jews and Gentiles alike were a challenge to Paul. But by becoming "all things to all people," he hopes to open their eyes to see the God who offers the blessings of the Gospel to everyone.

PRE-SERVICE "I Walk By Faith"

Falson

**I walk by faith -- each step by faith. To live by faith I put my trust in You.
I walk by faith -- each step by faith. To live by faith I put my trust in You.**

**Every step I take is a step of faith. No weapon formed against me shall prosper.
And every prayer I make is a prayer of faith. If my God is for me, who can be against me? REPEAT
SONG**

**I walk (I walk) by faith (by faith) -- each step (each step) by faith (by faith).
To live (to live) by faith I put my trust in You. REPEAT VERSE**

**I put my trust in You. I put my trust in You.
I put my trust in You. I put my trust in You.**

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WELCOME

✂ PREPARATION ✂

OPENING SONG "Glorious Day (Living He Loved Me)"

Bleecker/Hall

**One day when heaven was filled with His praises, One day when sin was as black as could be,
Jesus came forth to be born of a virgin, Dwelt among men my example is He.
The Word became flesh and the light shined among us. His glory revealed.**

**CHORUS: Living, He loved me, dying He saved me. Buried, He carried my sins far away.
Rising, He justified freely forever.
One day He's coming, O glorious day, O glorious day.**

**One day they led Him up Calv'ry's mountain. One day they nailed Him to die on a tree.
Suffering anguish, despised and rejected, Bearing our sins my Redeemer is He.
The hand that healed nations stretched out on a treeAnd took the nails from me. CHORUS**

**One day the grave could conceal Him no longer, One day the stone rolled away from the door.
Then He arose over death He had conquered. Now is ascended my Lord evermore.
Death could not hold Him, the grave could not keep Him From rising again CHORUS**

**One day the trumpet will sound for His coming,
One day the skies with His glories will shine.
Wonderful day my beloved one bringing. My Savior Jesus is mine. CHORUS**

Glorious Day. O Glorious Day.

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(Please Stand)

INVOCATION

Pastor: At our Lord's Epiphany, we celebrate God in man made manifest.

Men: *Manifest to the Magi.*

Women: *Manifest to the Jews.*

Men: *Manifest to the Gentiles.*

Women: *Manifest to all nations.*

All: **Manifest to us! Manifest through us!**

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.**



CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION *Psalm 45:7, 17*

*(If you would like private confession and absolution,
please call the office (314) 832-5600 to make an appointment with Pastor Clark)*

Pastor: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

People: **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. 1 John 1:8-9**

Pastor: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

People: **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. 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. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. 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.**

Pastor: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. *John 20:19-23*

People: **Amen.**

☩ WORD ☩

[OR]

Seminary Student: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for His sake God forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ He gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. May the Lord, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. *John 1:12, Philippians 1:6*

People: **Amen.**

SALUTATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray. O Lord, keep Your family the Church continually in the true faith

People: that, relying on the hope of Your heavenly grace, we may ever be defended by Your mighty power;

Pastor: through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

(Please Be Seated)



OLD TESTAMENT READING *Isaiah 40:21–31*

(The Lord reminds His people that He is willing and able to defend them.)

²¹ Do 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? ²² 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 dwell in; ²³ who brings princes to nothing, and makes the rulers of the earth as emptiness. ²⁴ Scarcely 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. ²⁵ To whom then will you compare me, that I should be like him? says the Holy One. ²⁶ Lift 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. ²⁷ 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”? ²⁸ 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. ²⁹ He gives power to the faint, and to him who has no might he increases strength. ³⁰ Even youths shall faint and be weary, and young men shall fall exhausted; ³¹ but 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.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.



EPISTLE *1 Corinthians 9:16–27* (Paul changes his approach to win different people.)

⁶ For if 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! ¹⁷ For if I do this of my own will, I have a reward, but if not of my own will, I am still entrusted with a stewardship. ¹⁸ What 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. ¹⁹ For though I am free from all, I have made myself a servant to all, that I might win more of them. ²⁰ 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 not being myself under the law) that I might win those under the law. ²¹ To 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. ²² To 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. ²³ I do it all for the sake of the gospel, that I may share with them in its blessings. ²⁴ Do you not know that in a race all the runners run, but only one receives the prize? So run that you may obtain it. ²⁵ Every athlete exercises self-control in all things. They do it to receive a perishable wreath, but we an imperishable. ²⁶ So I do not run aimlessly; I do not box as one beating

the air. ²⁷ But I discipline my body and keep it under control, lest after preaching to others I myself should be disqualified.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

(Please Stand)



HOLY GOSPEL *Mark 1:29–39* (Jesus heals Simon’s mother-in-law and many others.)

The congregation is invited to speak the scripture in bold

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the first chapter.

People: **Glory to You, O Lord.**

²⁹ And immediately he left the synagogue and entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. ³⁰ Now Simon's mother-in-law lay ill with a fever, and immediately they told him about her. ³¹ And he came and took her by the hand and lifted her up, and the fever left her, and she began to serve them. ³² That evening at sundown they brought to him all who were sick or oppressed by demons. ³³ And the whole city was gathered together at the door. ³⁴ And 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. ³⁵ And rising very early in the morning, while it was still dark, he departed and went out to a desolate place, and there he prayed. ³⁶ And Simon and those who were with him searched for him, ³⁷ and they found him and said to him, “Everyone is looking for you.” ³⁸ And 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.” ³⁹ And he went throughout all Galilee, preaching in their synagogues and casting out demons.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to You, O Christ.**



APOSTLES’ CREED

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I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And 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 into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

(Please Be Seated)



CHILDREN’S MESSAGE “This Little Gospel Light of Mine” v. 1

**This little gospel light of mine, I’m gonna let it shine.
This little gospel light of mine, I’m gonna let it shine.
This little gospel light of mine, I’m gonna let it shine.
Let it shine all the time let it shine.**

There's a peace I've come to know Though my heart and flesh may fail
There's an anchor for my soul I can say it is well

Jesus has overcome and the grave is overwhelmed
The victory is won He is risen from the dead

CHORUS: (And) I will rise when He calls my name
No more sorrow no more pain
I will rise on eagle's wings
Before my God fall on my knees and rise
I will rise

There's a day that's drawing near When this darkness breaks to light
And the shadows disappear And my faith shall be my eyes

Jesus has overcome and the grave is overwhelmed
The victory is won He is risen from the dead **CHORUS**

And I hear the voice of many angels sing Worthy is the Lamb
And I hear the cry of ev'ry longing heart Worthy is the Lamb
And I hear the voice of many angels sing Worthy is the Lamb
And I hear the cry of ev'ry longing heart
Worthy is the Lamb Worthy is the Lamb **CHORUS**

I will rise.

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SERMON



INSTALLATION OF NEWLY ELECTED COUNCIL MEMBERS

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PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

Pastor: Ruler of all, You sit enthroned above all human might and power. Give to all entrusted with authority among us wisdom to recognize Your rule and humility to serve the common good of our citizens. Remember all in our armed forces (especially...) and our first responders in every community, and protect them in their service. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: **hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Kind One, as the people of Capernaum gathered about Your Son, bringing to Him all who were in need, we bring before You in prayer this day all who are sad and lonely, the sick and injured, the hospitalized and homebound, the anguished and despairing (especially...) Heal the broken-hearted, bind up their wounds and give Your people grace to trust Your unfailing love. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: **hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Holy Father, provide for the needs of those who are new to our land, especially refugees. Provide for their needs of both body and spirit. Bless the efforts of ministries like Christian Friends of New Americans and our own congregation. Lord, in Your mercy,
People: **hear our prayer.**

(Special Petitions)

Pastor: Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.
People: **Amen.**

(Please be Seated)



GATHERING OF OFFERINGS

(Please Stand)



✠ SACRAMENT ✠

The Lord's Supper is celebrated at Ascension in the confession that, as He says, our Lord gives not only bread and wine but His very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him and one another. Our Lord invites to His table those who trust His words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us. All those who are not yet instructed, in doubt or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, and yet desire to receive the Sacrament, are asked first to speak with the pastor.

PREFACE

Pastor: The Lord be with you. [2 Timothy 4:22]
People: **And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts. [Colossians 3:1]
People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. [Psalm 136]
People: **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD *Matthew 26:26–28; Mark 14:22–24; Luke 22:19–20;*
1 Corinthians 11:23–25

LORD'S PRAYER *(Matthew 6:9–13)*

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Pastor: Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

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 PEACE OF THE LORD

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.
People: **Amen.**

(Please be Seated)

DISTRIBUTION SONGS “It Is Well”

DiMarco

**Grander earth has quaked before Moved by the sound of His voice
And seas that are shaken and stirred Can be calmed and broken for my regard**

**PRE-CHORUS: And through it all, through it all My eyes are on You
And through it all, through it all, it is well
And through it all, through it all My eyes are on You, and it is well with me.**

**And far be it from me to not believe Even when eyes can’t see
And this mountain that’s in front of me Will be thrown into the midst of the sea**

**PRE-CHORUS: And through it all, through it all My eyes are on You
And through it all, through it all, it is well
And through it all, through it all My eyes are on You, and it is well.**

It is well . . .

**So let go, my soul, and trust in Him
The waves and wind still know His name REPEAT X3**

The waves and wind still know His name

**CHORUS: And it is well with my soul It is well with my soul
It is well with my soul, It is well, it is well with my soul. REPEAT CHORUS
It is well, it is well with my soul It is well, it is well with my soul**

**PRE-CHORUS: And through it all, through it all My eyes are on You
And through it all, through it all, it is well
And through it all, through it all My eyes are on You, and it is well with me**
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“Grace Like Rain”

Agnew/Collins/Excell/Newton

**Amazing grace, how sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me. I once was lost but now I'm found was
blind but now I see so clearly.**

**CHORUS 1: Hallelujah, grace like rain falls down on me. Hallelujah, all my stains are washed away,
they're washed away.**

**'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear and grace my fears relieved. How precious did that grace
appear the hour I first believed.**

**CHORUS 2: Hallelujah, grace like rain falls down on me.
Hallelujah, all my stains are washed away.**

**When we've been there ten thousand years bright shining as the sun, We've no less days to sing Your
praise than when we first begun. CHORUS 2 X2**

. . . They're washed away.

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BENEDICTION *Isaiah 60:1*

Pastor: Arise, shine, for your light has come,
People: **and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you.**

Pastor: The LORD bless you and keep you.
The LORD make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The LORD look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace. *Numbers 6:24–26*
People: **Amen.**

CLOSING SONG “Because He Lives”

Gaither/Gaither

**God sent His Son they called Him Jesus.
He came to love heal and forgive.
He bled and died to buy my pardon.
An empty grave is there to prove
My Savior lives**

**CHORUS: Because He lives I can face tomorrow.
Because He lives all fear is gone.
Because I know He holds the future.
And life is worth the living
Just because He lives.**

**How sweet to hold our newborn baby
And feel the pride and joy he gives.
But greater still the calm assurance
This child can face uncertain days
Because Christ lives. CHORUS**

**And then one day I'll cross that river.
I'll fight life's final war with pain.
And then as death gives way to vict'ry,
I'll see the lights of glory
And I'll know He lives. CHORUS**

And life is worth the living just because He lives.
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POSTLUDE *Instrumental Music*

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