

Worship
Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

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8:30am



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Welcome to Worship

Whether one's feet are big or small, fresh or worn, running or crawling
Good Shepherd Lutheran Church is:
Together on the Journey, Sharing God's Love

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

GREETING

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism.

- L. Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God,
who makes all things new,
whose mercy endures forever.
- C. **Amen.**

SONG *"Thy Holy Wings"*

Thy holy wings, O Savior, spread gently over me, and let me rest securely through good and ill in thee. Oh, be my strength and portion, my rock and hiding place, and let my ev'ry moment be lived within thy grace.

Oh, let me nestle near thee, within thy downy breast where I will find sweet comfort and peace within thy nest. Oh, close thy wings around me and keep me safely there, for I am but a newborn and need thy tender care.

Oh, wash me in the waters of Noah's cleansing flood. Give me a willing spirit, a heart both clean and good. Oh, take into thy keeping thy children great and small, and while we sweetly slumber, enfold us one and all.

CALL TO WORSHIP *(from Psalm 147)*

- L. Praise the LORD!
Because it is good to sing praise to our God!
Because it is a pleasure to make beautiful praise!
- C. **The LORD rebuilds Jerusalem,
gathering up Israel's exiles.**
- L. God heals the brokenhearted
and bandages their wounds.
- C. **God counts the stars by number,
giving each one a name.**
- L. Our Lord is great and so strong!
God's knowledge can't be grasped!
- C. **The LORD helps the poor,
but throws the wicked down on the dirt!**
- L. Sing to the LORD with thanks;
sing praises to our God with a lyre!
- C. **God covers the skies with clouds;
God makes rain for the earth;
God makes the mountains sprout green grass.**

- L. God gives food to the animals – even to the baby ravens when they cry out.
- C. God doesn't prize the strength of a horse; God doesn't treasure the legs of a runner.**
- L. No. The LORD treasures the people who honor him, the people who wait for his faithful love.
- C. God hasn't done that with any other nation; those nations have no knowledge of God's rules.**

SONG OF PRAISE *"Bright and Glorious is the Sky"*

Bright and glorious is the sky, radiant are the heavens high where the golden stars are shining. All their rays to earth inclining beckon us to heav'n above, beckon us to heav'n above.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

- 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.**
- L. Let us pray together,
- C. O God, who heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds, hear us, when our bodies, minds or spirits are broken or hurting. Do not pass us by, Lord, but enter into this house; come to us, take us by the hand and lift us up, that we may minister, go forth and heal. Amen.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Glo---ria in excelsis Deo; glo---ria in excelsis Deo.

BIBLE READING Mark 1:29-39

After leaving the synagogue, Jesus, James, and John went home with Simon and Andrew. Simon's mother-in-law was in bed, sick with a fever, and they told Jesus about her at once. He went to her, took her by the hand, and raised her up. The fever left her, and she served them. That evening, at sunset, people brought to Jesus those who were sick or demon-possessed. The whole town gathered near the door. He healed many who were sick with all kinds of diseases, and he threw out many demons. But he didn't let the demons speak, because they recognized him. Early in the morning, well before sunrise, Jesus rose and went to a deserted place where he could be alone in prayer. Simon and those with him tracked him down. When they found him, they told him, "Everyone's looking for you!" He replied, "Let's head in the other direction, to the nearby villages, so that I can preach there too. That's why I've come." He traveled throughout Galilee, preaching in their synagogues and throwing out demons.

The Word of the Lord

C. Thanks be to God

MESSAGE Pastor Courtney Steitz

SONG *"We Come to You for Healing, Lord"*

We come to you for healing, Lord, of body, mind, and soul, and pray that by your Spirit's touch we may again be whole.

As once you walked through ancient streets and reached toward those in pain, come, risen Christ, among us still with pow'r to heal again.

We come to you, O loving Lord, in our distress and pain, in trust that through our nights and days your grace will heal, sustain.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

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, 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 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 PEOPLE

The following is spoken after each prayer petition

L. Lord in your mercy,

C. Hear our prayer.

OFFERING RECEIVED

(Those who are able, please stand)

OFFERTORY SONG

**As they offered gifts most rare at thy cradle, rude and bare, so may we with holy joy,
pure and free from sin's alloy, all our costliest treasures bring, Christ, to thee, our
heav'nly king.**

HOLY COMMUNION

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.

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

SONG *"Precious Lord, Take My Hand"*

Precious Lord, take my hand, lead me on, let me stand, I am tired, I am weak, I am worn. Through the storm, through the night, lead me on to the light. Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

When my way grows drear, precious Lord, linger near, when my life is almost gone, hear my cry, hear my call, hold my hand lest I fall. Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

When the darkness appears and the night draws near, and the day is past and gone, at the river I stand, guide my feet, hold my hand. Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

SONG *"There is a Balm in Gilead"*
Refrain: **There is a balm in Gilead to make the wounded whole;
 there is a balm in Gilead to heal the sin sick soul.**

Sometimes I feel discouraged and think my work's in vain, but then the Holy Spirit revives my soul again. *Refrain*

If you cannot preach like Peter, if you cannot pray like Paul, you can tell the love of Jesus and say, "He died for all." *Refrain*

Don't ever be discouraged, for Jesus is your friend; and if you lack for knowledge, he'll ne'er refuse to lend. *Refrain*

COMMUNION BLESSING

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. Amen.

BLESSING

L. Almighty God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

C. Amen.

SONG *"Healer of Our Every Ill"*
Refrain: **Healer of our ev'ry ill, light of each tomorrow,
 give us peace beyond our fear, and hope beyond our sorrow.**

You who know our fears and sadness, grace us with your peace and gladness; Spirit of all comfort, fill our hearts. *Refrain*

Give us strength to love each other, ev'ry sister, ev'ry brother; Spirit of all kindness, be our guide. *Refrain*

DISMISSAL

L. Go forth, rejoicing in the light of God's love.

C. **Thanks be to God**

POSTLUDE

This Week Please Pray For:

Travis Rieck, long recovery after major fall injury/surgery

Melanie Benter, chemotherapy (half-way through!)

Hunter Swanke, 18-year-old, needs to be hospitalized during chemotherapy,
friend of Wayne and Paula Gorr

Bob Pieper, cancer, son of Ardis & Lyle Pieper

Nancy Kopet, cancer, daughter of Ardis & Lyle Pieper

Glenda Kryzer, cancer (hospitalized for chemo), friend of Robin Rank

Jennifer Becker, recovering at home

Lois Rice, cancer

Tom Crawford, COVID, friend of Karen Piphoo

Tony Kula, glioblastoma (cancer of brain), brother of Kathy Malecek

Neil Evjen, hospice, father of Angela Hinz

Mike Walkowiak, hospital, father of Matt Walkowiak