

**5<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Epiphany**

**February 4, 2024**

**9:30am Worship**

**The Prelude**

**Welcome & Announcements**

**Opening Prayer**

**\* Confession & Forgiveness p. 94-96**

*P: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.***

*P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires are 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.***

*P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.*

*P: Most merciful God, **C: we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. 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. 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.***

*P: God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and 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 #855**

**“Crown Him With Many Crowns”**

**\* Greeting p. 147** *P: 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.***

**\* Kyrie p. 147** *P: In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **C: Lord, have mercy.***

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

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

*P: 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. **C: Lord, have mercy.***

*P: For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord. **C: Lord, have mercy.***

*P: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord. **C: Amen.***

**\* Glory to God p. 148**

**\* The Prayer of the Day (all pray)** **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 Lord and Savior. Amen.**

### **First Lesson: Isaiah 40:21-31**

**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.

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

### **Responsive Reading – Psalm 147: 1-11**

*L:147 Praise the LORD! For it is good to sing praises to our God; for it is pleasant, and a song of praise is fitting.*

**C:<sup>2</sup> The LORD builds up Jerusalem; he gathers the outcasts of Israel.**

*L:<sup>3</sup> He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds.*

**C:<sup>4</sup> He determines the number of the stars; he gives to all of them their names.**

*L:<sup>5</sup> Great is our Lord, and abundant in power; his understanding is beyond measure.*

**C:<sup>6</sup> The LORD lifts up the humble; he casts the wicked to the ground.**

*L:<sup>7</sup> Sing to the LORD with thanksgiving; make melody to our God on the lyre!*

**C:<sup>8</sup> He covers the heavens with clouds; he prepares rain for the earth; he makes grass grow on the hills.**

*L:<sup>9</sup> He gives to the beasts their food, and to the young ravens that cry.*

**C:<sup>10</sup> His delight is not in the strength of the horse, nor his pleasure in the legs of a man,**

**ALL:<sup>11</sup> but the LORD takes pleasure in those who fear him, in those who hope in his steadfast love.**

### **Second Lesson: 1 Corinthians 9:16-23**

<sup>16</sup> 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! <sup>17</sup> 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. <sup>18</sup> 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.

<sup>19</sup> For though I am free from all, I have made myself a servant to all, that I might win more of them. <sup>20</sup> 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. <sup>21</sup> 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. <sup>22</sup>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. <sup>23</sup>I do it all for the sake of the gospel, that I may share with them in its blessings.

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

\* **Gospel Acclamation** p. 151

\* **Gospel Announcement**

\* Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark the 1<sup>st</sup> chapter.

**C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

\* **The Gospel Lesson: Mark 1:29-39**

<sup>9</sup>And immediately he left the synagogue and entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. <sup>30</sup>Now Simon's mother-in-law lay ill with a fever, and immediately they told him about her. <sup>31</sup>And he came and took her by the hand and lifted her up, and the fever left her, and she began to serve them.

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

<sup>35</sup>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. <sup>36</sup>And Simon and those who were with him searched for him, <sup>37</sup>and they found him and said to him, "Everyone is looking for you." <sup>38</sup>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." <sup>39</sup>And he went throughout all Galilee, preaching in their synagogues and casting out demons.

*Pastor:* The Gospel of the Lord. **C: Praise to You, O Christ.**

**Children's Sermon**

**Hymn #153** (TOSB)

**"Oh, How He Loves You and Me"**

**The Sermon**

**Pastor Andy Schmeck**

\* **Apostle's Creed** p. 105

**The Hymn of the Day #793**

**"Be Thou My Vision"**

**Offering**

\* **Offering Response #186**

**"Create In Me A Clean Heart"**

**Prayers**

\* **The Lord's Prayer** p. 154 **C: 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.**

\* **Benediction**

\* **Sending Hymn #779**

**"Amazing Grace, How Sweet The Sound"**

\* **Dismissal** *P:* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God!**

## Postlude

### Announcements:

#### Weekly Schedule of Activities

Mon. 2/5	10:00am Endowment 1:30pm Worship Comm.
Tues. 2/6	7:00am Jr. High Study 1:00pm Library Comm. 7:00pm Committee Night
Wed. 2/7	6:30am Men's Bible Study 11:00am Pastor's Bible Study 1:00pm Prayer Group 6:00pm Confirmation 7:00pm Choir
Thurs. 2/8	6:00pm Pastor's Study
Sat. 2/10	7:00am Gideons
Sun. 2/11	9:30am Worship Coffee Fellowship & Sunday School

**SUPER BOWL SNACK SALE**

**Super Bowl Snack Sale  
February 11  
following the church service.  
Proceeds will go to Club 56.**

**Ash Wednesday Service  
7:00pm - February 14  
Lenten Services & Soup Suppers  
Begin at 5:30pm  
14, 21, 28, 6, 13, 20  
Sign-up sheets will be out on  
Feb. 4<sup>th</sup>**

**Ladies Valentine Lunch  
February 17, 2024  
11:30am  
Fellowship Hall  
Potato Bar  
Cost - \$18.00  
Sign up in the back of church.**

**February 22, 2024**  
is our next Mobile Food Pantry.  
River Bend made a change in the  
schedule.  
The BC Fairgrounds is available, so  
mark your calendars for Feb. 22.

**New Member Class**  
If enough people are interested, Pastor  
will hold a new member class. Please talk  
to Pastor or call the office.

**FEBRUARY FOOD CHALLENGE**  
We will be competing with the People's  
Church & 1<sup>st</sup> Presbyterian this month  
collecting items for the Food Pantry.  
Details are in the newsletter. Today is  
cereal & syrup. Next week is canned goods,  
i.e. fruit, meals in a can; ravioli, hash,  
beef-a-roni, vegetables, etc.