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**5th SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY**

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**Welcome:** We are glad that you are here or are watching our worship service online. May you be blessed through this time of worship. We pray you find today's service a source of encouragement and strength. *Offerings are received at the door as you enter or leave. Please take a moment to complete an attendance registration slip found in the pew rack and return it to the offering plates also.*

**Prayer Requests** are always welcome. To have someone included in our prayers during worship, please call the pastor or church office or write down the request and give it to the pastor.

**Lectionary Summary:** The Lord alone “*is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth*” (Is. 40:28). He “*sits above the circle of the earth*” and “*stretches out the heavens like a curtain*” (Is. 40:22). Yet, His almighty power is demonstrated chiefly by His mercy and compassion. “*He gives power to the faint, and to him who has no might he increases strength*” (Is. 40:29). The only begotten Son of the Father, the very Word by whom all things were made, becomes flesh and takes all the poverty and weakness of our sin and death upon Himself, bearing it in His body to the cross. As He dies for us there, He also raises us up, a new creation, in His resurrection from the dead. Thus, by the preaching of this Word, He heals “*many who were sick with various diseases,*” and He casts out “*many demons*” (Mark 1:34, 39). And His preaching continues through those whom He has sent, who are “*entrusted with a stewardship*” to “*preach the gospel*” (1 Cor. 9:16–17). Thus, we are set free by the Word of Christ, and we exercise our freedom in loving service to others.

**Order of Worship**  
**Divine Service Setting 3 LSB 184**

**Preservice Music**

**Welcome and Greeting Time**

**Ringling of the Bell**

**♪ Opening Hymn: “Praise the Almighty”**


*LSB 797 v. 1-3, 5*

- 1 Praise the Almighty, my soul, adore Him! Yes, I will laud Him until death;  
With songs and anthems I come before Him As long as He allows me breath.  
From Him my life and all things came; Bless, O my soul, His holy name.  
Alleluia, alleluia!**
- 2 Trust not in rulers; they are but mortal; Earthborn they are and soon decay.  
Vain are their counsels at life’s last portal,  
When the dark grave engulfs its prey.  
Since mortals can no help afford, Place all your trust in Christ, our Lord.  
Alleluia, alleluia!**
- 3 Blessèd, oh, blessèd are they forever Whose help is from the Lord Most High,  
Whom from salvation can nothing sever,  
And who in hope to Christ draw nigh.  
To all who trust in Him, our Lord Will aid and counsel now afford.  
Alleluia, alleluia!**

*Stand*

- △5 Praise, all you people, the name so holy  
Of Him who does such wondrous things!  
All that has being, to praise Him solely, With happy heart its amen sings.  
Children of God, with angel host Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!  
Alleluia, alleluia!**

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- [P]** In the name of the Father and of the  Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**[C]** Amen.

**P** Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

**P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**C** **who made heaven and earth.**

**P** I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

**C** **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

*Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.*

**P** O almighty God, merciful Father,

**C** **I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

**P** Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** **Amen.**

### Introit

*Psalm 13:3–5; antiphon: v. 6*

**P** I will sing to the LORD, because he has dealt bountifully with me.

**C** **Consider and answer me, O LORD my God; light up my eyes, lest I sleep the sleep of death,**

**P** lest my enemy say, “I have prevailed over him,” lest my foes rejoice because I am shaken.

**C** **But I have trusted in your steadfast love; my heart shall rejoice in your salvation.**

### ♪ Gloria Patri

*LSB 186*

**C** **Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

## ♪ Kyrie

LSB 186

**C** Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us.  
Lord, have mercy upon us.

## Gloria in Excelsis

LSB 187

**P** Glory be to God on high:

♪ **C** and on earth peace, goodwill toward men.

We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee,  
we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.

O Lord God, heav'nly King, God the Father Almighty.

O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;

O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,

that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.

Thou that takest away the sin of the world, receive our prayer.

Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.

For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord.

Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost,

art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

## Salutation and Collect of the Day

**P** The Lord be with you.

♪ **C** And with thy spirit.

**P** Let us pray.

O Lord, keep Your family the Church continually in the true faith that, relying on the hope of Your heavenly grace, we may ever be defended by Your mighty power; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

♪ **C** Amen.

*Sit*

## Old Testament Reading

*Isaiah 40:21–31*

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

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Epistle

*1 Corinthians 9:16–27*

<sup>16</sup>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 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. <sup>24</sup>Do you not know that in a race all the runners compete, but only one receives the prize? So run that you may obtain it. <sup>25</sup>Every athlete exercises self-control in all things. They do it to receive a perishable wreath, but we an imperishable. <sup>26</sup>So I do not run aimlessly; I do not box as one beating the air. <sup>27</sup>But I discipline my body and keep it under control, lest after preaching to others I myself should be disqualified.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

*Stand*

☐ Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

## Holy Gospel

*Mark 1:29–39*

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

♪☐ **Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

<sup>29</sup>Immediately [Jesus] 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.

☐ This is the Gospel of the Lord.

♪☐ **Praise be to Thee, O Christ.**

## Apostles' Creed

☐ **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.**

*Sit*

**Children's Message**

♪ **Sermon Hymn: “When to Our World the Savior Came”** *LSB 551 to tune O Wally Wally*  
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- 1** When to our world the Savior came The sick and helpless heard His name,  
And in their weakness longed to see The healing Christ of Galilee.
- 2** That good physician! Night and day The people thronged about His way;  
And wonder ran from soul to soul, “The touch of Christ has made us whole!”
- 3** His praises then were heard and sung By opened ears and loosened tongue,  
While lightened eyes could see and know The healing Christ of long ago.
- 4** Of long ago: yet living still, Who died for us on Calv’ry’s hill;  
Who triumphed over cross and grave,  
His healing hands stretched forth to save.
- 5** His sov’ reign purpose still remains Who rose in pow’r, and lives and reigns;  
Till ev’ry tongue confess His praise, The healing Christ of all our days.

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**Sermon “Hope for the Weak”**

**Pastor Buchhorn**

*Stand*

♪ **Offertory**

*LSB 192*

- C** Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.  
Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.  
Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with Thy free spirit.  
Amen.

**Prayer of the Church**

**Lord's Prayer**

- 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.

## Benedicamus & Benediction

LSB 202

**P** Bless we the Lord.

**✪C** Thanks be to God.

**P** The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.

The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and ✠ give you peace.

**✪C** Amen, amen, amen.

*Sit*

## ✪ Hymn to Depart: “On Eagles’ Wings”

LSB 727

**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*

*ref* And He will raise you up on eagles’ wings, Bear you on the breath of dawn,  
Make you to shine like the sun, And hold you in the palm of His hand.

**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*

**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*

**4** For to His angels He’s given a command To guard you in all of your ways;  
Upon their hands they will bear you up,  
Lest you dash your foot against a stone. *Refrain*

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## NEWS AND NOTES

**WE REJOICE** with the following members of Grace who are celebrating this week.

**BIRTHDAYS:** Nicole Harmer, Nancy Meyer, Ty Zach, Brian Biermann, Landen Roeber, Pastor Buchhorn, Shona Junck, Steve Mrsny, Brooke Stowater, Kurt Daum, Sonya Tompkins & Neal Greenwald

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Chad & Cherry Sebade

**NURSERY:** A nursery room has been created to help parents with young children. The nursery is located in the first room west of the upstairs fellowship hall. Please feel welcome to use the room to quiet your child.

**PARENTS OF LITTLE CHILDREN:** Books which your children may enjoy are available in book bags located near the doors at the east end of the sanctuary. Please return the books after the worship service. Thank you.

**LAST WEEK'S OFFERINGS WERE** \$7,983.

**SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASS:** Join us for our continuing study of the book of Titus. Today we delve deeper into our discussion of the application of Biblical principles in a variety of cultural settings. We also look more closely at the subject of subordination. It should be an interesting discussion. Join us at 9:15 in the church basement.

**WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY:** We are studying the book of Luke and picking up the story at the end of Holy Week. New faces are always welcome as we draw near to Jesus through the study of His Word. The class meets at 9:a.m. in the large meeting room upstairs. Please note that there will be no Wednesday Bible Study on Ash Wednesday, February 14.

**WSC SUNDAY SUPPER:** All students are invited to join us Sunday evening at 7:30 p.m. for a free home cooked meal served at the Cup of Grace campus center. Join us for this time of food and fellowship before jumping into another week of classes.

**BE A PART OF CAMPUS MINISTRY:** Can you help support campus ministry by preparing the food for one of our Sunday Supper meals? A sign-up list is on the bulletin board in the library area. At this point food for about 10 students is needed each week. If you have other questions, please see Dan or Bonnie Hansen.

**LUTHERAN HOUR:** "What Is Evangelism?" -- Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler -- How do you encourage someone to receive the gift God has for them? That's what evangelism is all about. Hear the "Lutheran Hour" message on KTCH AM next Sunday at 7:30 am.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL:** Today's lesson, "The Faith-Full Family," tells of Ruth's loyalty to her widowed mother-in-law, Naomi. Returning to Naomi's ancestral home in Bethlehem, Ruth gleanes Boaz's fields to provide food for herself and Naomi. Ruth finds favor with Boaz, who purchases Naomi's land and redeems Ruth from her widowhood. Having married Boaz, Ruth bears a son, Obed, the grandfather of King David.

**WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY** Sunday, February 11th @ 5:30pm in the church basement. This coming month as we dive into a short devotional; we plan to do a soup swap. How does this work? There are plastic containers and Ziplock bags in the front of the church to fill up with soup options. How many soup options are up to you. We just ask that you bring a sample of the soup to share as well as the recipe to our Bible Study. Then we will swap away. If time allows, we will also plan to make our candles and soap. As always, bringing items is optional. This is open to all ladies and friends are always welcome. Reminder we are a low-key group so if you are unable to make it every time that's okay you are always welcome to come when it works in your schedule. Questions contact Julie Bose or Teresa Tiedtke

**LENTEN MEALS:** Ash Wednesday will be February 14<sup>th</sup>, with services at 9:00 am. and 6:15 pm. Lenten Services with a meal before will begin February 21st. If your organization would like to serve a meal, please contact the church office. This is a great way to further fellowship within the church.

**CHECK IT OUT:** "Christmas Bells" by Jennifer Chiaverini has been added to the Church Library. A teacher in present-day Boston is stunned by somber news as she prepares for a Christmas concert at church. But when she discovers the full story of Longfellow's famous 1863 poem "Christmas Bells" it speaks across generations to bring her hope-just as it did for a nation in the middle of the Civil War. FIC/CHI

**BUILDING HEALTHY FAMILIES:** Who's your favorite NFL team and coach?

(...bonus points if you answered Andy Reid and the Chiefs!) Researcher George Barna rightly notes that great parents are much like great coaches as they demonstrate these four qualities when relating to their "winning team": 1) the impact of a great coach (parent) on his player (child) is proportional to the depth of the relationship fostered with them; 2) great coaches (parents) whole-heartedly embrace the outcomes they are pushing their team (children) to achieve; 3) great coaches (parents) are great communicators; and 4) great coaches (parents) have a comprehensive plan for building a winning team (family).

So, coach, how are you and your team doing?? **Lutheran Family Service**

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**FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER:** We are still working through how to continue to send our newsletter via USPS bulk mail with some recent changes in postal regulations. Electronic/mailed versions of the newsletter were sent January 30. If you have not been receiving the newsletter in this way and would like to, please contact the church office and provide an email address. You can send it to [kwiser@gracewayne.com](mailto:kwiser@gracewayne.com). An electronic version of our newsletter is also generally available on our church website [www.gracewayne.com](http://www.gracewayne.com) under the "News" tab.

For the month of February, printed versions of the newsletter should be available at the church to be picked up either from your church mail-box or at the entryways. Hopefully by March the details will be worked out to resume mailing the newsletter according to the previous pattern.

**PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S WORSHIP**

**PASTORS:** Pastor Michael Buchhorn, Senior Pastor

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**ELDER ON DUTY:** Chad Janke (8:00) Chuck Potosnyak (10:30)

**ACOLYTES:** Lucille Ocampo & Lauren Ekberg (8:00)

Alivia Kesting & Kennedy Junck (10:30)

**READERS:** Jeff Simpson (8:00) Doug Temme (10:30)

**GREETERS:** The Tiedtke Family (8:00) Doug & Mary Temme (10:30)

**FISHERS OF KIDS PRESCHOOL:** Teacher – Keila Olson – 402.584.2257

Director – Rhonda Sebade – 402.369.2170

**LUTHERAN HOUR SPONSOR:** Kathleen Frevert in memory of Merlin

## THIS WEEK AT GRACE

### TODAY

8:00 am. Worship  
9:15 am. Sunday School & Bible Class  
10:30 am. Worship  
7:30 pm. Sunday Night Dinner

### MONDAY

3:30 pm. Kinship Communion

### WEDNESDAY

9:00 am. Bible Study  
10:00 am. Preschool Chapel  
5:00 pm. Bell Choir  
6:30 pm. Midweek  
7:30 pm. Elders

### THURSDAY

10:00 am. Preschool Chapel  
7:00 pm. Choir

### SATURDAY

4:00 pm. Family Communion

### NEXT SUNDAY

8:00 am. Worship/Communion  
9:15 am. Sunday School & Bible Class  
10:30 am. Worship/Communion  
5:30 pm. Women's Bible Study @ Grace  
7:30 pm. Sunday Night Dinner