

Concordia Lutheran Church & St. Mary's Episcopal Church
Morning Prayer for the Sundays after the Epiphany
February 7, 2021

Topic: The Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany, *Scout Sunday*

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Scout Sunday: Today is Scout Sunday in the United States. During today's worship we will acknowledge the Scouts in our two congregations and offer a prayer to God on behalf of the Scouts.

Introduction to the Day: In Isaiah the one God who sits above the earth and numbers the stars also strengthens the powerless. So in Jesus' healing work we see the hand of the creator God, lifting up the sick woman to health and service (diakonia). Like Simon's mother-in-law, we are lifted up and healed to serve. Following Jesus, we strengthen the powerless; like Jesus, we seek to renew our own strength in quiet times of prayer.

PRELUDE: *Comptine D'un Autre Été*

Yann Tiersen; *Kelly Sharp*

THE OFFICE OF MATINS, MORNING PRAYER

DIALOGUE & DOXOLOGY

Pastor Marschhausen

O Lord, open my lips,

and my mouth shall proclaim your praise.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit:

as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen. Alleluia!

PSALMODY – Psalm 95:1-7a ... *the Venite*

Reverend Johnson

Give glory to God, our light and our life.

Oh, come, let us worship and praise.

Come, let us sing to the Lord:

let us shout for joy to the rock of our salvation.

**Let us come before God's presence with thanksgiving
and raise a loud shout to the Lord with psalms.**

For you, Lord, are a great God,
and a great ruler above all gods.

**Come, let us sing to the Lord:
let us shout for joy to the rock of our salvation.**

In your hand are the caverns of the earth; the heights of the hills are also yours.

The sea is yours, for you made it; and your hands have molded the dry land.

**Come, let us sing to the Lord:
let us shout for joy to the rock of our salvation.**

Come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the Lord our maker.

For the Lord is our God, and we are the people of God's pasture and the sheep of God's hand.

**Come, let us sing to the Lord:
let us shout for joy to the rock of our salvation.**

GATHERING HYMN

Gather Us In

ELW #532

- 1 Here in this place the 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.
- 2 We are the young, our lives are a myst'ry, we are the old who yearn for your face;
we have been sung throughout all of hist'ry, 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.
- 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.
- 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, and 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 bone.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor Marschhausen

from *ELW*

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Let us 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 Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

HYMN OF PRAISE

Glory to God in the Highest

ELW, Setting Two

Glory to God in the highest, 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.

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth.

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.

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth.

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.

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth.

READINGS FROM SCRIPTURE

The First Reading – Isaiah 40:21-31

Reader from Concordia

The Judeans in exile have a good reason to be hopeful: the one who will bring them to freedom is the God who created the world, the God who subdues the rulers of the earth and gives strength to those who are weary.

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.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

The Holy Gospel – Mark 1:29-39

Deacon Fedorchak proclaims the Gospel...

Everywhere Jesus goes, many people expect him to set them free from oppression. Everywhere he goes, he heals people and sets them free. Disease, devils, and death are running for their lives. The forces that diminish human life are rendered powerless by Jesus.

The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark ...

Glory to you, O Lord.

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.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

HYMN OF THE DAY

On Eagle's Wings

ELW #787

1 You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord, who abide in this 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.

2 The snare of the fowler will never capture you, and famine will bring you no fear;
under God's wings your refuge, with 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 the angels God'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.

Final 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;
and hold you, hold you in the palm of his hand.

HOMILY

David Smith

A Moment for Reflection

Reverend Johnson

Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets,
but in these last days God has spoken to us by the Son.

THE BENEDICTUS – *Song of Zechariah, Luke 1:68-79, ELW*

Pastor Marschhausen

In the tender compassion of our God the dawn from on high shall break upon us.

**Blessed are you, Lord, the God of Israel,
you have come to your people and set them free.**

You have raised up for us a mighty Savior,
born of the house of your servant David.

**In the tender compassion of our God
the dawn from on high shall break upon us.**

Through your holy prophets, you promised of old to save us from our enemies,
from the hands of all who hate us, to show mercy to our forebears,

and to remember your holy covenant.

This was the oath you swore to our father Abraham:

to set us free from the hands of our enemies, free to worship you without fear,
holy and righteous before you, all the days of our life.

**In the tender compassion of our God
the dawn from on high shall break upon us.**

And you, child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High,
for you will go before the Lord to prepare the way,
to give God's people knowledge of salvation by the forgiveness of their sins.

**In the tender compassion of our God
the dawn from on high shall break upon us,**

to shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death,
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

**In the tender compassion of our God
the dawn from on high shall break upon us.**

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF SCOUTS AND PRAYER

Reverend Johnson

In honor of Scout Sunday, St. Mary's Troop 27 has prepared a presentation for us.

Let us pray.

We give you thanks, O God, for Robert and Olave Baden-Powell, for all who have inspired and encouraged the scouting movement in the United States and worldwide; for their visionary ambition and their commitment to helping young people develop and grow. We thank you for the joy of friendships and shared bonds of cooperation. We pray for all in positions of leadership to encourage those committed to their care to develop into all they can be, and to become the leaders of the future. May scouting amend when needed, adapt to serve their communities, straddle the divides of fragmented societies, seek to influence change, and continue to be a force for good in this world. Today, O God, we ask your blessing upon our local scouting packs and troops, that they may serve your creation and your people, as their highest good and their deepest joy. Amen.

Adapted from prayers offered in thanksgiving for scouting, Westminster Abbey, 2016

THE PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE *Leader from St. Mary's*

BCP Form III

Father, we pray for your holy catholic Church;

That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

That your name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for all bishops, priest, pastors and deacons;

That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

That our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief, illness or trouble;

That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed eternal rest;

Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

A PRAYER WHILE WE ARE UNABLE TO RECEIVE HOLY COMMUNION

Reverend Johnson

Lord Jesus Christ, you are the bread of life and the cup of salvation.

I believe that you are truly present in the sacrament of Holy Communion.

I am baptized into your death and resurrection.

I seek you daily. I worship and adore you.

Since I cannot receive you in the eucharistic bread and wine,

I pray that you continue to come into my heart and soul,

as you always have,

through Confession and Forgiveness,

through the proclamation of your holy Word,

and through the prayers of your people;

that I may remain united to you

by your all-powerful and ever-present Holy Spirit.

Let me receive you and be nourished by your abundant grace.

Be for me the manna in my wilderness,

the bread of angels for my very human journey through time,

a foretaste of the heavenly banquet,

and solace in the hour of my death.

And return us all, Lord Jesus, to your Holy Table when this is over.

I pray all this, trusting that you are our life,

our peace, and our everlasting joy. **Amen.**

INTERCESSIONS

Intercessions and Thanksgivings follow...

Pastor Marschhausen

Now I invite your prayers for all the needs of the world God so loved, silently or aloud.

After each petition we pray, Lord, in your mercy. Hear our Prayer.

Draw near to us, O God, and receive our prayers for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BIRTHDAY & ANNIVERSARY BLESSINGS

Reverend Johnson

O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servant *N.* as *he* begins another year. Grant that *he* may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen *his* trust in your goodness all the days of *his* life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

God the Father, God the Son, God the Holy Spirit, bless, preserve and keep you; *N. and N.* God mercifully grant you the riches of grace, that you may please God both in body and soul. God make you a sign of the loving-kindness and steadfast fidelity manifest in the life, death, and resurrection of our Savior, and, living together in faith and love, may receive the blessings of eternal life. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Pastor Marschhausen

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.**

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

THE BLESSING

Reverend Johnson

Let us pray. O God, you have called your servants to ventures of which we cannot see the ending, by paths as yet untrodden, through perils unknown. Give us faith to go out with good courage, not knowing where we go, but only that your hand is leading us and your love supporting us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Almighty God, the Father,  the Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve you. **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN

I Love to Tell the Story

ELW #661

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.

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...*

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...*

Deacon Winzler dismisses the assembly...

Go in peace. Be the Light of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE: *Poco Vivace*

Hermann Schroeder; *John Anderson*

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DAILY READINGS FOR FEBRUARY 8-13

Monday, February 8

Psalm 102:12-28
 2 Kings 4:8-17, 32-37
 Acts 14:1-7

Thursday, February 11

Psalm 30
 Leviticus 13:1-17
 Hebrews 12:7-13

Tuesday, February 9

Psalm 102:12-28
 2 Kings 8:1-6
 Acts 15:36-41

Friday, February 12

Psalm 30
 Leviticus 14:1-20
 Acts 19:11-20

Wednesday, February 10

Psalm 102:12-28
 Job 6:1-13
 Mark 3:7-12

Saturday, February 13

Psalm 30
 Leviticus 14:21-32
 Matthew 26:6-13