

OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH
Larimore, ND ~ February 4, 2024

5th Sunday After Epiphany



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– Mark 1:34a, 38

GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you**

*CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who creates, redeems, and sustains us in Christ Jesus, whose steadfast love endures forever. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Faithful God, have mercy on me. I confess that I am captive to sin and cannot free myself. I turn from your loving embrace and go my own way. I pass judgement on others before examining myself. I place my own needs before those of my neighbor(s). I keep your gift of salvation to myself. Make me humble, cast away my transgressions, and turn me again to life in you through Jesus Christ, my Savior and Lord. Amen.

God hears the cries of all who call out in need, and through his death and resurrection, Christ has made us His own. Hear the truth that God proclaims: Your sins are forgiven in the name of Jesus Christ. Led by the Holy Spirit, live in freedom and newness to do God's work in the world.

AMEN

*GATHERING HYMN

"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" ELW 858 vs.1,3,4

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

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.

WORD

FIRST READING: Isaiah 40:21-31 PB 582-583

21 Have 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? **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 live in; **23** who brings princes to naught, and makes the rulers of the earth as nothing. **24** Scarcely 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. **25** To whom then will you compare me, or who is my equal? says the Holy One. **26** Lift 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. **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 strengthens the powerless. **30** Even youths will faint and be weary, and the young will fall exhausted; **31** but 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.

PSALM: *Psalm 147:1-11 PB 507 (read responsively)*

1 Praise the Lord! How good it is to sing praises to our God; for he is gracious, and a song of praise is fitting. **2 The Lord builds up Jerusalem; he gathers the outcasts of Israel.** **3** He heals the brokenhearted, and binds up their wounds. **4 He determines the number of the stars; he gives to all of them their names.** **5** Great is our Lord, and abundant in power; his understanding is beyond measure. **6 The Lord lifts up the downtrodden; he casts the wicked to the ground.** **7** Sing to the Lord with thanksgiving; make melody to our God on the lyre. **8 He covers the heavens with clouds, prepares rain for the earth, makes grass grow on the hills.** **9** He gives to the animals their food, and to the young ravens when they cry. **10 His delight is not in the strength of the horse, nor his pleasure in the speed of a runner; 11** but the Lord takes pleasure in those who fear him, in those who hope in his steadfast love.

SECOND READING: *1 Corinthians 9:1-23 PB 931 (read responsively)*

1 Am I not free? Am I not an apostle? Have I not seen Jesus our Lord? Are you not my work in the Lord? **2 If I am not an apostle to others, at least I am to you; for you are the seal of my apostleship in the Lord.** **3** This is my defense to those who would examine me. **4 Do we not have the right to our food and drink?** **5** Do we not have the right to be accompanied by a believing wife, as do the other apostles and the brothers of the Lord and Cephas? **6 Or is it only Barnabas and I who have no right to refrain from working for a living?** **7** Who at any time pays the expenses for doing military service? Who plants a vineyard and does not eat any of its fruit? Or who tends a flock and does not get any of its milk? **8 Do I say this on human authority? Does not the law also say the same?** **9** For it is written in the law of Moses, "You shall not muzzle an ox while it is treading out the grain." Is it for oxen that God is concerned? **10 Or does he not speak entirely for our sake? It was indeed written for our sake, for whoever plows should plow in hope and whoever threshes should thresh in hope of a share in the crop.** **11** If we have sown spiritual good among you, is it too much if we reap your material benefits? **12 If others share this rightful claim on you, do not we still more? Nevertheless, we have not made use of this right, but we endure anything rather than put an obstacle in the way of the gospel of Christ.** **13** Do you not know that those who are employed in the temple service get their food from the temple, and those who serve at the altar

share in what is sacrificed on the altar? **14** In the same way, the Lord commanded that those who proclaim the gospel should get their living by the gospel. **15** But I have made no use of any of these rights, nor am I writing this so that they may be applied in my case. Indeed, I would rather die than that—no one will deprive me of my ground for boasting! **16** If I proclaim the gospel, this gives me no ground for boasting, for an obligation is laid on me, and woe to me if I do not proclaim 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 entrusted with a commission. **18** What then is my reward? Just this: that in my proclamation I may make the gospel free of charge, so as not to make full use of my rights in the gospel. **19** For though I am free with respect to all, I have made myself a slave to all, so 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 I myself am not under the law) so that I might win those under the law. **21** To those outside the law I became as one outside the law (though I am not free from God's law but am under Christ's law) so that I might win those outside the law. **22** To the weak I became weak, so that I might win the weak. I have become all things to all people, that I might by all means save some. **23** I do it all for the sake of the gospel, so that I may share in its blessings.

WORD OF GOD, WORD OF LIFE. THANKS BE TO GOD.

***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling” ELW 631 vs.4

Finish then thy new creation, pure and spotless let us be; let us see thy great salvation perfectly restored in thee! Changed from glory into glory, till in heav'n we take our place, till we cast our crowns before thee, lost in wonder, love, and praise!

L: The Holy Gospel according to Mark, the 1st chapter.

A: Glory to you, O Lord.

***GOSPEL** *Mark 1:29-39* PB 813

²⁹ As soon as they^[n] left the synagogue, they entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. ³⁰ Now Simon's mother-in-law was in bed with a fever, and they told him about her at once. ³¹ He came and took her by the hand and lifted her up. Then the fever left her, and she began to serve them. ³² That evening, at sunset, they brought to him all who were sick or possessed by demons. ³³ And the whole city was gathered around the door. ³⁴ And 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. ³⁵ In the morning, while it was still very dark, he got up and went out to a deserted place, and there he prayed. ³⁶ And Simon and his companions hunted for him. ³⁷ When they found him, they said to him, "Everyone is searching for you." ³⁸ He 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.”³⁹ And he went throughout all Galilee, proclaiming the message in their synagogues and casting out demons.

L: The Gospel of our Lord.

A: Praise to you, O Christ.

HYMN OF THE DAY “*We Come to You for Healing*” ELW 617 vs.1 & 3

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

“*We Come to You for Healing*” ELW 617 vs.4 & 5

OFFERING

***OFFERING** “*We Give Thee But Thine Own*” ELW 686 vs.1

We give thee but thine own, what e’er the gift may be; all that we have is thine alone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.

***OFFERING PRAYER**

Let us pray. You are an abundant God, and out of Your great mercy you have given us so much. We give you this offering today. With it, we worship You and give our whole selves to You. May it be used for Your kingdom and Your glory. Extend and multiply its reach, and may it be a great blessing to many. In Jesus’ name we pray, Amen.

***APOSTLE’S CREED** ELW pg. 217

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 into Hell. 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 INTERCESSION**

SING: Lord, listen to your children praying, Lord, send your spirit in this place; Lord, listen to your children praying, send us love, send us pow’r, send us grace.

MEAL

*WORDS OF INSTITUTION

*THE LORD'S PRAYER ELW pg. 221

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.

INVITATION/DISTRIBUTION

*COMMUNION BLESSING

*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray: We thank you, gracious God, for loving all your family with tender care, and feeding us in a way our hearts can understand, with the saving body and blood of Jesus Christ. Renew and enliven us by your presence in this meal, that we may be your presence in the world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. AMEN.

SENDING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*BLESSING

***SENDING HYMN** *“Rise, Shine, You People!”* ELW 665 vs.1,3,4

*DISMISSAL

**Go in peace, to serve, and to share the love of Jesus Christ, Our Lord.
We will—Thanks be to God!**

Welcome! We are glad you are with us today! If you are interested in joining our church, please contact Lori at 218-791-2671 or Julie at 701-741-5683. If you have an emergency, call Dave Voight (Church Council President) at 701-240-4255 -or- Camilla Stover (WELCA-V.P.) at 218-791-2678.

CALENDAR

Today, 2/4/2024—5th Sunday after Epiphany

9:00am—Sunday School/ Adult Bible Study

10:00am—Worship w/Holy Communion

11:00am—Fellowship

7:00pm—Youth Group Meeting in the Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, 2/7/2024

3:30pm—Confirmation Class

Next Sunday, 2/11/2024—5TH Sunday after Epiphany

9:00am—Sunday School/Adult Bible Study

10:00am—Worship

11:00am—Fellowship

Every day:

An opportunity to show we are Christians by our love.

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Mission of the Month for: Jan. – Feb.: YOUTH GROUP TRIP
- Noisy offering: Collected on the 2nd & 4th Sundays of the month for the mission of the month(s).
- Quilting Update: Quilting starts Thursday, February 15th @ 9:30am.
- Lent Information: Ash Wednesday, Feb. 14th @ 7pm. *Lenten Wednesdays: Feb. 21, 28; Mar. 6, 13, 20.* Meals will be provided & served by the OSLC Youth Group. **Meal time: 5:45pm – 6:45pm; Service Time: 7:00pm**

PRAYER LIST

To add or remove someone from the prayer lists, please email the church email: oslclarimoreoffice@gmail.com or call/text Roberta Stover: 218-779-0359

We pray for those in need:

Family of Gary Rankin **Family of Richard Symons** **Family of Wilma Nowek** Family of Eric Peterson Family of Milly Griffin
Ron Petsinger Red Willow Bible Camp Country of Israel, and all countries in the world—that they come to know Christ as their Savior and Lord
Gloria Temple Lois JemtrudMark Sletten Robbie Leake
OSLC Call Committee: *Paul Mutch, Dee Muir, Jenn Aamodt, Dave Voight* (non-voting members: *Luke Reinhold, Sadie Aamodt*)

Prayers for Homebound/Nursing Home Members:

LaVonne Jacobson Vicki Sweeney Dolores Mutch Marv Jemtrud
Arlene Lilja Viola Lee

Prayers for Armed Service Members:

Robert Norman Dillon Norman

Our Savior's Mission Statement:

“**Excited by faith**, we are called to **serve all**; gathered to **WORSHIP**, **inspired** to teach, **we are our Savior's!**”

Serving this Sunday

Ushers: Volunteer(s) Encouraged

Reader: Ryan, Westen, Ethan

Prayer: Matt Pernat

Communion: Nancy & Terry Smith

Fellowship: W. Knudsons & R. Stovers

Please prayerfully consider signing up to volunteer to participate in Sunday Worship services.

We need ushers, readers, and prayer readers. (worship leaders encouraged as well)

If you don't feel comfortable reading from the front, you are more than welcome to read from the microphone (on the organ) in the back of the church. All or welcome and encouraged!

Serving Next Sunday (2/11/24)

Ushers: Volunteer(s) Encouraged

Reader: Garrett, Ryan, Ethan

Prayer: Volunteer Encouraged

Communion: N/A

Fellowship: K. Williamson & T. Hofer

SERVING IN FEBRUARY

Reminder: *If you are unable to serve on the schedule listed, please refer to the monthly inviter for a list of people to contact.

2nd Sunday-Feb. 11

FELLOWSHIP: K. Williamson & T. Hofer

Ash Wednesday-Feb. 14

USHERS: Adult & Confirmation Students

READERS: Confirmation Students

COMMUNION: N. Egl & Confirmation Students

3rd Sunday-Feb. 18

FELLOWSHIP: Rudolfs & Smiths

Lenten Service-Feb. 21

USHERS: Confirmation Students & Adult

READERS: Confirmation Students

4th Sunday-Feb. 25

FELLOWSHIP: M. Johnsons (coffee only)

February 21st is the first Lenten Service with a meal.

All meals will be provided and served by the

OSLC Youth Group.

Meal time: 5:45pm – 6:45pm

Church Service time: 7:00pm