

*Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany*

*Saturday, February 4, 2012*

*Saturday Evening Epiphany Liturgy*



**Jesus Cured  
Many.**

**Mark 1:34**

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**United Lutheran Mission Statement**

*“United by the grace of God’s love, we come together to worship Him,  
to share His word with others and to reach out and care for those in need.”*

***Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany***  
***Saturday, February 5, 2012, 5:30 p.m.***  
***Saturday Evening Epiphany Holy Communion Liturgy***

Please complete a "Record of Attendance" from the "Welcome Folder" found at the ends of each pew, and place in the offering plate or give to one of the ushers. PLEASE DO NOT FOLD.

◆ = Congregation Stands

*The Worship*

*Before the service, talk to God. During the service, let God talk to you.*

*After the service, talk to your neighbor*

**WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS  
AND COMMISSIONING OF ELECTED LEADERSHIP**

◆ **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

◆ **THE STARTING WORD**

P Rejoice, brothers and sisters! The light of Christ has broken into our dark world!

C **Thanks be to God! Jesus is the Light of the World!**

◆ **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

P God's light shines in the world and in our lives. It exposes the sin we try to keep hidden. There's no use in hiding any longer. I have sinned. You have sinned. Let's confess our sin together.

C **Strong and faithful God, we confess that we haven't loved as the good people you intended us to be. We've closed our hearts to your love. We've not looked for signs of your presence in our daily lives. We've blinded ourselves to your light. We've failed to let you shine on others through us. We beg you to forgive what we've done and left undone. Heal us with your never-ending love, and help us walk as children of the light.**

P The light of Christ shines in the darkness and the darkness can't put it out. On a dark afternoon Christ died for our sins, but in the light of a new day he has been raised. Sin and darkness no longer have power over you. All your sins are forgiven. You are shining and new. Christ is the light in you. Let your light shine!

C Amen.

◆ **SONG**

***"Arise, Your Light Has Come"***  
***(Evangelical Lutheran Worship Hymnal #314)***

◆ **OPENING PRAYER**

P The Lord be with you.

**C And also with you.**

P Let us pray.

**C 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**

**HEARING GOD'S WORD**

*Mark 1:29-39*

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

P The Holy Gospel according to Saint Mark, the first chapter.

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

<sup>29</sup>As soon as they left the synagogue, they entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. <sup>30</sup>Now Simon's mother-in-law was in bed with a fever, and they told him about her at once.

<sup>31</sup>He came and took her by the hand and lifted her up. Then 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 possessed with demons. <sup>33</sup>And the whole city was gathered around the door. <sup>34</sup>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.

<sup>35</sup>In the morning, while it was still very dark, he got up and went out to a deserted place, and there he prayed. <sup>36</sup>And Simon and his companions hunted for him. <sup>37</sup>When they found him, they said to him, "Everyone is searching for you." <sup>38</sup>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." <sup>39</sup>And he went throughout Galilee, proclaiming the message in their synagogues and casting out demons.

P The Word of the Lord.

**C Praise to you, O Christ.**

## SERMON

*by Pastor Neal Anthony*

## SONG

*“Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness”  
(Evangelical Lutheran Worship Hymnal #843)*

## THE PRAYERS

P Let’s pray for all people on earth . . . the people on whom the light of Christ shines with love and peace:

**[petitions are added]**

P Hear our prayer, God of peace and hope. Cast the warm glow of your love over all creation. We are your people. In the light of Christ we pray.

C **Amen**

## OFFERING

### ◆ A LIGHT MEAL

P Holy God, you are the Life of every person. By simply speaking your powerful word, you created all things. You send us prophets and teachers so that we might see your light.

C **And we’re blessed, holy God, because you’ve sent us your Son, Jesus. He is your Light shining in our darkness, He shows us your endless forgiving love.**

P The Bible tells us that in the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread and gave thanks, broke it and gave it to His disciples saying, “Take and eat, this is my body given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.” Again after supper he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying, “this cup is the new covenant in my blood shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin; do this in remembrance of me.

C **We eat this meal to remember Him.**

P His preaching and healing.

C **His dying and rising.**

P His promise to come again.

C **We look forward to the day when the whole universe will rejoice in His holy and life-giving light.**

P By your Spirit, Holy God, bless us as we share this meal, refresh us with this heavenly food, and make us a light for your world, shining to others in the brilliance of your Son, Jesus Christ.

C **Amen**

## ◆ THE LORD'S PRAYER

P Let's pray with confidence in the words our Savior gave us.

**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.**

## THE DISTRIBUTION (Intinction)

*As Lutherans, we believe that our Lord is truly present in the bread and wine.  
This Sacramental meal is open to all who are baptized and believe Christ is present.  
For our visitors, as a guide,  
if you commune at your home church, you are welcome to commune with us.*

## COMMUNION BLESSING

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in His grace and light.

**C Amen**

## SENT OUT TO SHINE

P The Light of Christ has been revealed to us tonight in hearing and eating. May that Light strengthen your faith and make your heart glad. In the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

**C Amen**

P The Light of Christ shines in you and through you . . .

**C So that others might see God's love in all that we do.**

P Go in peace! Serve the Lord!

**C Thanks be to God!**

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| <b>Worship Leaders This Week</b> |                           |  |   |
|----------------------------------|---------------------------|--|---|
| <b>Leadership Position</b>       | <b>Saturday 5:30 p.m.</b> | <b>Sunday 8:30 a.m.</b>  | <b>Sunday 11:00 a.m.</b>  |
| <b>Worship Coordinators</b>      |                           | <b>Luanne Schwartzkopf</b>   | <b>Janelle Hansen</b>   |
| <b>Acolytes</b>                  |                           | <b>Jessica Brennan</b>   | <b>Skyler Weber</b>   |
| <b>Cantors</b>                   |                           | <b>Roger Jaques</b>  | <b>Roger Jaques</b>   |
| <b>Lectors</b>                   |                           | <b>Marv Jaques<br/>Cathy Jaques</b>                                      | <b>Kirby Baird<br/>Darcy Dawson</b>                                     |
| <b>Communion Assistants</b>      | <b>Mary Williams</b>      | <b>Marian Anderson<br/>Richard Anderson<br/>George Hill<br/>Jo Hill</b>  | <b>No Communion<br/>Scheduled</b>                                       |
| <b>Ushers</b>                    |                           | <b>Bud Nelsen<br/>Janice Nelsen<br/>John Robinson<br/>Cindy Robinson</b> | <b>Phil Johnson<br/>Lana Johnson<br/>Susan Frack<br/>Brian Sullivan</b> |
| <b>Greeters</b>                  | <b>Dennis Abele</b>       | <b>Lee &amp; Lana Anderson</b>   | <b>Mike &amp; Donita<br/>Elrod</b>                                      |
| <b>Van Drivers</b>               |                           | <b>George Hill</b>   | <b>John Miller</b>  |
| <b>Nursery Attendants</b>        |                           | <b>Emalea Dean</b>   | <b>Vicki Green</b>  |
| <b>Hall Monitors</b>             |                           | <b>Dennis &amp; Jeriann Heuke</b>  |   |
| <b>Bulletin Cover Art</b>        | <b>Marie Sandell</b>      |  |   |

**We are strengthened through prayer.**

In Isaiah it is the one God who sits above the earth and numbers the stars—it is that God who 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 to health and diakonia. Following Jesus, we strengthen the powerless; like Jesus, we seek the renew our own strength in quiet times of prayer..