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Fifth Sunday after Epiphany + February 5, 2012

Bethlehem Evangelical Lutheran Church

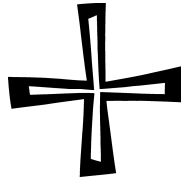
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WELCOME! During this time after Epiphany we welcome you to join us in worship, growth in faith and service.

FOR WORSHIP, most of what you will need is in this bulletin. Hymns are indicated by number and can be found in the back part of the red hymnal. Pastor/leader parts are in plain typeface. Congregational parts are in **bold typeface** and indented.

CHILDREN are always welcome and encouraged to participate fully in worship. If needed, a cry room is available near the east exit.

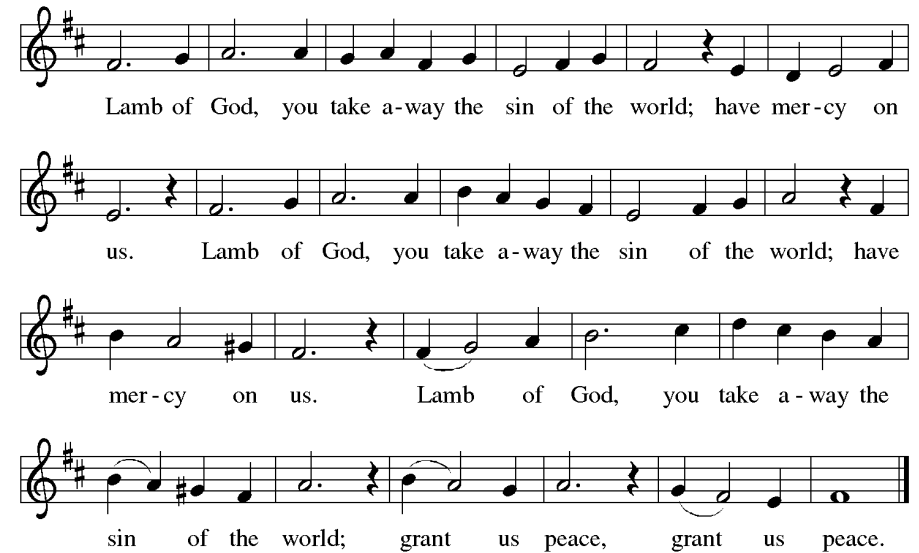
LARGE PRINT BULLETINS are available from the ushers.

PLEASE FILL OUT A CARD on the back of the pew in front of you. These cards identify visitors, indicate member participation in worship and Holy Communion, and provide a way to make prayer requests (which are prayed over by staff during the week). Place them in the plate during the offering or give them to an usher.

HOLY COMMUNION is our Lord's thanksgiving feast of victory and his table is open to all. The door to that table is Holy Baptism. We believe, teach and confess that Holy Communion is the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, given and shed for the forgiveness of sins. *With this understanding, baptized Christians who usually commune in other Christian congregations are welcome to join us at the Lord's table.* Those who are not yet communing (of any age) are welcome to come forward for a blessing.

HOLY BAPTISM is the Sacrament by which we are brought into Christ's kingdom and made into priests to serve our God. If you have not been baptized and desire to receive this gift, please speak with the pastor after worship to discuss instruction and preparation for this gift of life.

COMMUNION SONGS *Lamb of God*



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on
us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the
sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

How Great Thou Art #856

+ SENDING +

The Holy Spirit sends us forth to serve in Jesus' name.

We stand for the blessing.

BLESSING

Almighty God, Father, Son + and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

SENDING SONG *Rise, Shine, You People! #665*

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Share the good news.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE MUSIC *Lift High the Cross –Behnke*

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EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

*Salvation History Prayer
Words of Institution*

With this bread and cup we remember your Word dwelling among us, full of grace and truth. We remember our new birth in his death and resurrection. We look with hope for his coming.

Amen! Come, Lord Jesus!

Holy God, we long for your Spirit. Come among us. Bless this meal. Awaken your people. Fill us with your light. Bring the gift of peace on earth.

Amen! Come, Holy Spirit!

All praise and glory are yours, O God, Father, Son + and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

LORD'S PRAYER

Matthew 6:9-13

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 TO COMMUNION

We remain standing as the bread is broken and for the invitation:

Come to Christ, who comes to us in this holy supper.

Thanks be to God!

COMMUNION

Communion instructions are on the inside front cover of the bulletin.

We commune by intinction: receive the bread and dip it into the chalice. If you are unable to come forward, please let an usher know and Communion will be brought to you. Prayers for before and after receiving Communion are on page 72 in the front part of the hymnal.

+ GATHERING +

The Holy Spirit gathers us for worship.

PRELUDE MUSIC *Trumpet Tune for a Festive Day –Lasky*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed is the Kingdom of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.** *Matthew 28:19b*

Rend your hearts and not your clothing. Return to the LORD, your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and relents from punishing. *Joel 2:13*

Do not enter into judgment with your servant, for no one living is righteous before You. *Psalm 143:2*

Let us come before God, confessing our sins.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Holy and merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against our brothers and sisters and against You. Have mercy on us, O God. Forgive us, renew us, and raise us up, that we may do your will. Amen.

Hear the voice from heaven, “You are my own, my beloved.” The almighty and merciful God grant to you and all who truly repent, forgiveness of all your sins, time for amendment of life, and the grace and comfort of his Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

We stand and face the cross at the back, turning as it moves forward.

GATHERING *Arise, Your Light Has Come! #314*

GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. *2 Corinthians 13:13*

And also with you.

HYMN OF PRAISE



Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



Lord God, heav-en-ly King, al-might-y God and Fa-ther, we



wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo-ry.



Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,



you take a-way the sin of the world: have mer-cy on us;



you are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther: re-ceive our prayer.



For you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,



you a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it,



in the glo-ry of God the Fa-ther. A-men.

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

Merciful God,

as grains of wheat scattered upon the hills were gathered together to become one bread, so let your church be gathered from the ends of the earth into your kingdom, for yours is the glory through Jesus Christ, now and forever. Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

DIALOGUE

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE

... and join their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,



heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry.



Ho-san-na in the high-est. Bless-ed is he who comes



in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high-est.

born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
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

Each petition ends: Lord, in your mercy.

We respond: **Hear our prayer.**

+ MEAL +

We gather at the Table of our Lord to share his Supper.

PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

John 20:21

We greet others with a sign of Christ's peace: "Peace be with you."

The assembly is seated.

MUSICAL OFFERTORY *Divertissement* -Young

OFFERING *Today's loose offering will go to ELCA Benevolence.*

We stand and sing as the gifts are brought forward:

OFFERING SONG: *Create in Me* #186 (words below)

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with your free Spirit.

+ WORD +

The Word of God, Jesus Christ, speaks to us.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Ruth 2:4

Let us pray.

A brief silence is kept before the prayer.

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.**

The assembly is seated.

SPECIAL MUSIC 8:00: Singers & Ringers 10:30: Chancel Choir

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

FIRST READING Isaiah 40:21-31 (*back cover*)

A reading from Isaiah:

Following the reading: The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 147:1-11, 20c

We begin by singing the refrain below and then read the verses responsively, singing the refrain where indicated with an "R".

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Al-le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Praise the Lord.

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¹Hallelujah! How good it is to sing praises to our God!

How pleasant it is to honor God with praise!

**²The LORD rebuilds Jerusalem,
and gathers the exiles of Israel.**

³The LORD heals the brokenhearted
and binds up their wounds.

**⁴The LORD counts the number of the stars
and calls them all by their names.**

R

⁵Great is our LORD and mighty in power;
there is no limit to God's wisdom.

**⁶The LORD lifts up the lowly,
but casts the wicked to the ground.**

⁷Sing to the LORD with thanksgiving;
make music upon the harp to our God,

**⁸who covers the heavens with clouds
and prepares rain for the earth,
making grass to grow upon the mountains.**

R

⁹God provides food for the cattle
and for the young ravens when they cry.

**¹⁰God is not impressed by the might of a horse,
and has no pleasure in the speed of a runner,**

¹¹but finds pleasure in those who fear the LORD,
in those who await God's steadfast love.^{20c} Hallelujah!

R

SECOND READING 1 Corinthians 9:16-23

A reading from First Corinthians:

¹⁶If 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! ¹⁷For 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. ¹⁸What 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.

¹⁹For though I am free with respect to all, I have made myself a slave to all, so that I might win more of them. ²⁰To 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. ²¹To 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.

²²To 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.

²³I do it all for the sake of the gospel, so that I may share in its blessings.

Following the reading: The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: *Halle, Halle, Hallelujah #172*

Hal-le, hal-le, hal-le...lu-jah, Hal-le, hal-le, hal-le...lu-jah

Hal-le, hal-le, hal-le...lu-jah, Hal-le-lu-jah. Hal-le-lu-jah

The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark.

Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL Mark 1:29-39 (*back cover*)

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

The assembly is seated. Silence for reflection follows the sermon.

Following time for reflection, we stand to respond in song:

HYMN OF THE DAY *Praise the One #843*

APOSTLES' CREED

**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,**