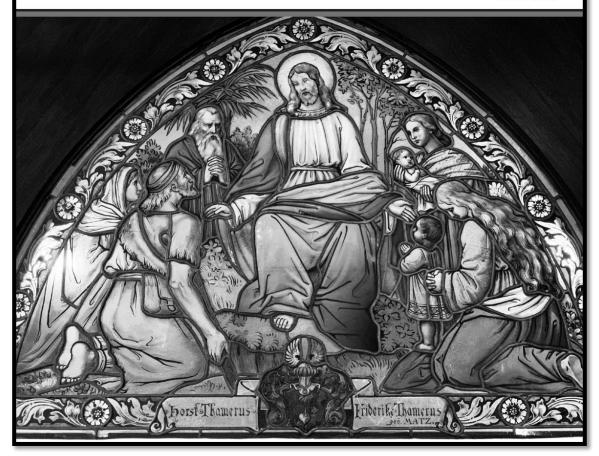
FIFTH





Jesus replied, "Let us go somewhere else—to the nearby villages—so I can preach there also. That is why I have come."

MARK 1:38





Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany

February 3rd & 4th, 2024

The Season

The world is starving for good news. And that is exactly what we get at Christmas. The angel told the shepherds, "I bring you good news of great joy" (Luke 2:10). The angel reported a fact—the birth of One who would make everything right again. This child would remove all our fears and fill our hearts with joy.

The Sunday

Martin Luther once said, "Where God built a church, there the devil would also build a chapel." Satan and the other demons hate God. They demonstrate hatred by hurting those that God loves in any way they can. The epiphany Christ wants us to have is this: demons are real, they are plenteous, and they are dangerous. But Christ would also have us see that he is continually undoing the devil's work. More, through his Word, Christ Jesus gives us the power to resist the devil and stand firm in the faith.

Prayer before Worship

"I rejoiced with those who said to me, 'Let us go to the house of the Lord." Give me joy, dear Jesus, as I prepare to worship you today. Make me understand what my life would be like without you so that I long to hear about your grace and compassion. Help me participate in a way that honors you and builds up all who worship with me, and let their worship strengthen and encourage my faith.

Serving in Worship

Presiding Minister: Pastor Timothy Henning Organist: Laura Schulz

Ushers: Mike Beyer (6 pm Saturday)

Henry Schacht (8 am Sunday) Doug Strack (10:30 am Sunday)



In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Confession

Blessed are they whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered.

Blessed are they whose sin the Lord does not count against them.

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

Almighty and merciful Father,

we have strayed from your ways like lost sheep.

We have followed what we have devised and desired in our hearts.

We have offended you and sinned against your holy law.

We have done those things that we should not have done, and we have not done those things that we should have done.

Have mercy on us, Lord!

Spare us, forgive us, and restore us, according to your promises in Christ Jesus.

Silence for meditation and reflection

God, our merciful Father, has forgiven all our sins. He sent his Son, Jesus Christ, to be our Redeemer and Savior. Jesus paid the penalty for our guilt by his death on the cross and freed us from death by his resurrection from the grave. We have peace with God now and forever. **Amen.**

Lord, Have Mercy

In peace let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

Amen.



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The Word

The Lord be with you. And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, keep your family continually in true faith, so that those who rely only on the hope of your heavenly grace may be protected by your mighty power; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

First Reading

Isaiah 40:27-31

The LORD promises to renew our strength.

27Why do you complain, Jacob?
Why do you say, Israel,
"My way is hidden from the LORD;
my cause is disregarded by my God"?
28Do you not know?
Have you not heard?

The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth.

He will not grow tired or weary, and his understanding no one can fathom.

²⁹He gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak.

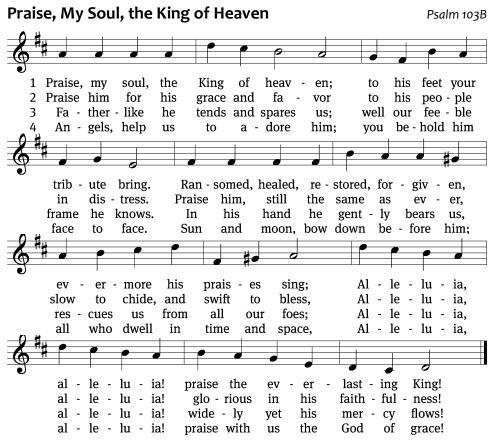
 ³⁰Even youths grow tired and weary, and young men stumble and fall;
 ³¹but those who hope in the LORD

will renew their strength.

They will soar on wings like eagles;
they will run and not grow weary,
they will walk and not be faint.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.



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Second Reading

1 Peter 5:6-11

The God of all grace cares for us and promises deliverance.

⁶Humble yourselves, therefore, under God's mighty hand, that he may lift you up in due time. ⁷Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you.

⁸Be alert and of sober mind. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour. ⁹Resist him, standing firm in the faith, because you know that the family of believers throughout the world is undergoing the same kind of sufferings.

¹⁰And the God of all grace, who called you to his eternal glory in Christ, after you have suffered a little while, will himself restore you and make you strong, firm and steadfast. ¹¹To him be the power for ever and ever. Amen.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Isaiah 40:31

Alleluia!

Those who hope in the LORD will renew their strength.

They will soar on wings like eagles.

Alleluia!

Gospel Mark 1:29–39

Jesus undoes the devil's work.

²⁹As soon as they left the synagogue, they went with James and John to the home of Simon and Andrew. ³⁰Simon's mother-in-law was in bed with a fever, and they immediately told Jesus about her. ³¹So he went to her, took her hand and helped her up. The fever left her and she began to wait on them.

³²That evening after sunset the people brought to Jesus all the sick and demon-possessed. ³³The whole town gathered at the door, ³⁴and Jesus healed many who had various diseases. He also drove out many demons, but he would not let the demons speak because they knew who he was.

³⁵Very early in the morning, while it was still dark, Jesus got up, left the house and went off to a solitary place, where he prayed. ³⁶Simon and his companions went to look for him, ³⁷and when they found him, they exclaimed: "Everyone is looking for you!"

³⁸Jesus replied, "Let us go somewhere else—to the nearby villages—so I can preach there also. That is why I have come." ³⁹So he traveled throughout Galilee, preaching in their synagogues and driving out demons.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

Be seated

Children's Sermon

Children may come forward to the front pew



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Sermon

Mark 1:29-39 Why Did Jesus Come into this World?

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

I believe 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 is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From there 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.

Be seated

Prayer of the Church

Loving God and Lord, you created the universe that surrounds us and the globe on which we live. You control all things through your Son, who sits at your right hand in glory.

Comfort us with the promise of your eternal presence.

Give your Word power as it works in our hearts and minds. Clear away our confusion, and demolish our doubts. Send your Spirit to strengthen both our confidence in your promises and our desire to live according to your will.

Take away our love of sinning, and restore us each day by your grace.

The signs of the times warn us that the end of time is near. Protect us from scoffers who sneer at your truth. Spare us and Christians around the world from all forms of hate and persecution.

Give us courage to carry the cross with patience and joy.

Instill in the hearts of our children a desire to follow you as they prepare for future days. Help them distinguish between what is passing and what is eternal, between instant thrills and lasting joy. Encourage more young people to prepare for service in the public ministry of the gospel.

Mold us and move us to be good examples for our youth.

Hold in your care, Lord, those who are experiencing physical or emotional pain and all who are afflicted by disease or facing death Pour out your compassion on the grieving, and comfort the mourners who miss someone they loved.

Move us to pray for these brothers and sisters and to help when we can.

Hear us, Lord, as we pray in silence.

Silent prayer

Whether we pray together or alone, you have promised to hear and answer us. Give us patience to accept your blessings in whatever way you send them. In your love and wisdom, prepare us for the day when you will take us to be with you forever.

Hear us for Jesus' sake. Amen.

Offering God's people offer their first and best to the Lord in response to the Lord's blessings to them. The offering is gathered in a basket in the church entrance before or after the service. If you prefer to give electronically, you may scan this graphic to access www.stlucaswels.org/donate.





Stand

Prayer

Blessed Lord, you have given us your Holy Scriptures for our learning. May we so hear them, read, learn, and take them to heart that, being strengthened and comforted by your holy Word, we may cling to the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Lord's Prayer

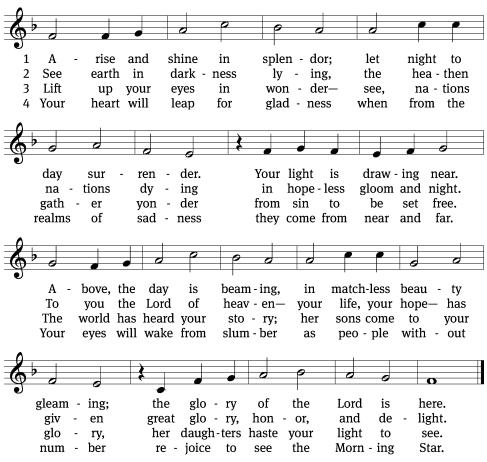
Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins,
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and forever. Amen.

Blessing

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and + give you peace. **Amen.**



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Announcements

Usher/Altar Guild Schedule: Copies of the new usher/altar guild schedule for February – August 2024 can be found in the back of church. Please feel free to take one on your way out.

Attendance Cards: We ask that you please fill out a yellow attendance card and place it in the offering basket. Attendance cards are in the pews. Thank you very much!

St. Lucas Women's Retreat: St. Lucas Women's Ministry is hosting their 19 th annual one-day retreat on **Saturday, March 9,2024** titled "Make a Joyful Noise". The retreat will be held at St. Lucas Lutheran School, 1410 Parkview Drive, Kewaskum, WI, in Hoenecke Hall on begenning at 8:30 AM and concluding at about 2:45. A non-refundable registration fee of \$30.00 includes lunch and presentations. This is a one-day retreat filled with speakers, worship, and fellowship. Andy Braun, Rachel Braun, and Jeremy Bakken of Branches Band will be presenting at this year's retreat.

A printable brochure with registration form is available on our website www.stlucaswels.org or can be picked up in the church annex on the left side as you leave church. Registration is also possible at https://stlucasretreat.eventbrite.com Registrations are due by February 20 th. Please call Sandy Survis 262-483-7988 with questions.

Join Us for *Shrek The Musical* at KML: Tickets are NOW ON SALE at kmlhs.org/theatre for KML's production of *Shrek The Musical!** Performances are at Kettle Moraine Lutheran High School on Friday & Saturday, February 16 & 17 at 7:00 PM and Sunday, February 18, at 2:00 PM. All tickets are general admission and \$12 each. Online ticket sales for all shows end at 11:59 PM on Thursday, February 15, 2024. Tickets will also be sold at the door beginning 30 minutes before each performance. We can't wait to share with you "the greatest fairy tale never told!"

*Based on the DreamWorks Animation Motion Picture and Book by William Steig. Book and Lyrics by David Lindsay-Abaire. Music by Jeanine Tesori. Originally Produced on Broadway by DreamWorks Theatricals and Neal Street Productions.

PTO Spring Fundraising Gala – "**Pearl of the Sea**": I know, it's hard to think about spring being right around the corner when the air is getting colder by the day and lingering Christmas decorations still twinkle around town. In reality, St, Lucas Lutheran Grade School's PTO fundraising gala is only two short months away! Make sure you mark your calendars for this fantastic event being held on **Thursday March 7**th, **2024**. The gala aims to raise funds for the school all while providing an enchanting evening for all in attendance. The event will take place at Foundry 45 with food provided by Crave Catering, live music by Whole Yachta Love, and friendly fellowship. In addition to the food, there will be a silent auction as well as a raffle.

The PTO would like to reach out for assistance in making this an enjoyable and successful evening. They are in need of volunteers to assist with various tasks, donations of any size, silent auction items, and gift baskets for the raffle. The PTO will provide a donation receipt for any donations made that will include the PTO's tax-exempt number for your records.

If you are interested in volunteering your time, providing a donation, or have any questions, please contact Liz Dreher at (262) 923-0241 or Jenell Enright at (608) 669-3190 or jenellenright@gmail.com.

KML Job Openings:

<u>Director of Operations</u>: Due to the upcoming retirement of Mr. Jody Hansen, KML is looking to hire a Director of Operations. The Director of Operations has the important role of leading the fiscal and business affairs of KML and includes oversight of the maintenance of the facility. This individual is a member of the 1KML Leadership Team and is directly accountable to the President. The position is full-time with benefits. KML desires this person to start around April 2024. **Please submit cover letters and resumes by February 5, 2024, to Mr. Jody Hansen, Director of Operations** (jody.hansen@kmlhs.org). Questions? Email President Jamie Luehring (jamie.luehring@kmlhs.org) and/or Director of Operations Jody Hansen.

Gift Planning Officer: KML is looking to fill the position of Gift Planning Officer due to the upcoming retirement of Mr. Paul Snamiska. The Gift Planning Officer is responsible for supporting the KML Federation through deferred giving, estate planning, and alumni engagement. This individual is a member of the Mission Advancement Team and is directly accountable to the Director of Mission Advancement. The position is full-time with benefits. KML desires this person to start around April 2024. Click HERE for a more detailed job description. Please submit cover letters and resumes by February 5, 2024, to Mrs. Wendy Breimon, Director of Mission Advancement (wendy.breimon@kmlhs.org). Questions? Email Director of Mission Advancement Wendy Breimon.

Celebrating God's Blessings This Week:

BIRTHDAYS

Mason Kempf - 2/4	Sue Laubach – 2/5	Gage Lang - 2/9
Autumn Reindl – 2/4	Catrin Homouth - 2/7	Joyce Schleif – 2/9
Jax Butzke – 2/5	Brady Laubach – 2/7	John Shaske – 2/10
Phyllis Ermer – 2/5	Autumn Berndt – 2/9	

CALENDAR

Readings for February 4th - February 11th

FEB 04 Sunday

Job 1:1-22 John 1:1-18

Worship - 8 am Bible Study - 9:15 am Sunday School - 9:15 am Worship - 10:30 am

FEB 05 Monday

Job 2:1-3:10 John 1:19-34

FEB 06 Tuesday

Bible Study - 6:30 pm

Job 3:11-26

John 1:35-51

FEB 07

Wednesday

Job 4:1-21 John 2:1-12

Catechism Instruction 6th-8th Grade - 3:30 pm PTO Meeting - 6:30 pm

Thursday

Job 5:1-27 John 2:13-25

Fuel for Moms - 7:45 am Bible Study - 10 am

FEB 09 Friday

Job 6:1-13 John 3:1-21

PTO Family Game Night - 6:30 pm

Saturday

Job 6:14-30 John 3:22-4:6

Worship 6 pm

Sunday

Job 7:1-21 John 4:7-26

Worship w/Communion 8 am - Sixers Singers sing Bible Study - 9:15 am Sunday School - 9:15 am Worship w/Communion 10:30 am

Ushers for 2/10 & 2/11

Sat. 1/20 6 pm - Butzke Sun. 1/21 8 am - Kempf

Sun. 1/21 10:30 am - Koch

Ushers for 2/17 & 2/18

Sat. 1/20 6 pm - Peters

Sun. 1/21 8 am - Stoltz

Sun. 1/21 10:30 am - Wolter

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