

Galilee Evangelical Lutheran Church



Fifth Sunday After Epiphany February 4, 2018

Mission Statement

*To gather people together to hear the story of God's love in Jesus Christ,
to be nurtured in faith and knowledge, and
to share the Good News through word and deed.*

Visions for the Future

Gather: *To involve an ever-growing number of people in regular participation in worship*

Nurture: *To involve an ever-growing number of children, youth, and families in learning and growing in the Christian faith*

Share: *To continue involvement in present outreach ministries and expand the leadership participation and commitment of members of the congregation in these ministries*

Our task and calling is to work together to actualize what we sense is
God's Spirit working in our midst.

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ELW Setting 3

9:30 a.m.

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 to renew our own strength in quiet times of prayer.

Serving in Worship this Morning

Altar Guild: LouWanna Osterman

Children's Message: Pastor Dana Nelson

Communion Assistant: Joyce Solberg

Lector: Lori O'Keefe

Organist: Raymond Nottidge

Special Music: Galilee Choir

Ushers: Lori & Terry O'Keefe

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Regular - **Liturgist**

Bold - Congregation

+ **Stand as able**

GATHERING

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

+ CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Gracious God, in Christ Jesus you came among us as light shining in darkness. We confess our failure to welcome this light. Forgive us and renew our hope, so that we may live in the light of your grace, and welcome the truth of Christ the Lord. Amen.

+ **GATHERING SONG** *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty* Hymn 858

+ **GREETING** Response: **And also with you.**

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+ **CANTICLE OF PRAISE** Page 140

+ PRAYER OF THE DAY

SPECIAL MUSIC *Rise Up!* Mark Albrecht

WORD

FIRST READING

Isaiah 40:21-31

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.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 147:1-11 (tone 4)

The Lord heals the brokenhearted. (Ps. 147:3)

¹Hallelujah! How good it is to sing praises | to our God!
How pleasant it is to honor | God with praise!

²**The Lord re- | builds Jerusalem,
and gathers the ex- | iles of Israel.**

³The Lord heals the | brokenhearted
and binds | up their wounds.

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

⁵Great is our Lord and might- | y in power;
there is no limit | to God's wisdom.

⁶**The 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,

⁸**who covers the heav- | ens with clouds
and prepares rain for the earth, making grass to grow up- | on the mountains. R**

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

¹⁰**God 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. R

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 9:16-23

God entrusted Paul with the responsibility of bringing the gospel to diverse people. Hence the focus of Paul's ministry is not his own rights or privileges as an apostle but the privilege of serving God by freely sharing the good news of Christ with others.

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.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

+ GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia

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+ GOSPEL

Mark 1:29-39

The Holy Gospel according to Mark, the first chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

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.

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.**

SERMON

Pastor Dana Nelson

(A time of silence for reflection will follow the sermon.)

HYMN OF THE DAY *Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness*

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+ 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,
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

...let us pray. **Have mercy, O God.**

+ PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you.**

The congregation is invited to greet one another with a gesture of peace using the words "Peace be with you" and then be seated.

MEAL

OFFERING

(Children are invited to come to the altar with their offering for global missions.)

+ OFFERING PRAYER

Response: **Amen**

+ THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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+ THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven

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THE EUCHARIST (tables) *Lamb of God*

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SENDING

+ BLESSING

+ SENDING SONG

Christ, Be Our Light

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

+ DISMISSAL

Response: **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

TODAY'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME Welcome to all guests and visitors. We are glad that we can worship together this morning. We invite you to sign the guest book in the narthex. If you would like to sign up for an event, you can do so in the kiosk book, located near the doors of the sanctuary. The Voice of Galilee, our monthly newsletter, is also available in the kiosk.

HOLY COMMUNION Everyone of all ages is invited to celebrate Holy Communion. The real presence of Christ is celebrated in this sacrament. Communion today is served by intinction by lines. You will be handed a wafer, which you are asked to dip into the wine before placing it in your mouth. Grape juice is in the cup with the ribbon. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request.

REFRESHMENTS You are invited to join in the Fellowship Hall for refreshments! This week, the Lou Wanna Osterman will bring refreshments. Next week, Darla Nelson will bring treats. There is a sign up sheet in the kiosk; please sign up if you are able to help with refreshments.

GLOBE OFFERING The goal for 2017 was to raise \$1,000 for a school and clinic in South Sudan, who need our help desperately. We reached \$1334.35! THANK YOU!

YOUTH AT WORK Our youth are offering their time and services this summer to raise money for their trip to the ELCA Youth Gathering in Houston next summer, July, 2018. If you could use some help with household chores (ie. snow shoveling, baking, dog-walking, cat-sitting, etc) consider hiring one of our youth members for \$25/2 hours. Checks will be payable to Galilee and recorded in their fundraising account. Contact Pastor Dana if you would like to arrange for some help. So far the group has raised \$3625.17.

ADULT FORUM Today, we will be making sandwiches!. Next week, Rev. Dr. Michael Rogness will speak on Angels.

NEW MEMBERS Interested in joining Galilee? New member Sunday will be February 18. Please talk to the pastor if you are interested in joining.

SANDWICH MAKING PROJECT Today we will make 150 sandwiches for homeless and hungry people in Minneapolis during Adult Forum.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Today 11 a.m. - Sandwich Making Project
February 11, 5 p.m. - Chinese New Year
February 14, 7 p.m. - Ash Wednesday Worship
Beginning February 21, 6 p.m. - Soup Suppers & Lenten Worship

BIRTHDAYS February 4 - February 10

7 Miriam Peterson

PRAYER REQUESTS

The prayers of the congregation are requested for:

Kerry and Sandy Altendorfer
Family and friends of Donna Babin
Rick Eagan (friend of Dawn Babin)
Betty Link Ettel
Dr. Roger Ettel
Lillian French
Dick Haslach
Dan Hayne
Family & friends of Josie, the dog
Kathy Nehm (Janet Christiansen's friend)
George and Shirley Nuy (Teresa's aunt and uncle)
Gratitude for birth of Anders Rykken (grandson of Anne Rykken)

Family and friends of Marv Sabinski (Teresa Shores' uncle)
George Solberg (Joyce & Peter's grandson)
Haley Steffen (family of the O'Keefes)
Family and friends of Shirley Kluznik Tulberg
Leah Wasson (friend of Anne Rykken)
Brian Yetter (friend of O'Keefes)
Our sister church in Uhominyi, Tanzania
Minnesota Faith Chinese Lutheran Church
Missionaries in South Sudan and Romania

All prayer requests are also supported through Galilee's Prayer Circle.

We are delighted to pray for anyone and include their name on our prayer list, as well as mention them in the intercessions during Sunday worship. Please keep the church office informed about their status. We will keep these names on our prayer list for one month. If, on the other hand, you would like us to keep them on the prayer list for longer than a month, please call the church office.



THIS WEEK AT GALILEE

Sunday - February 4

Prayers for Healing.....	9 a.m.
Galilee Worship Service.....	9:30 a.m.
Fellowship Time	10:30 a.m.
Adult Forum/Sunday School (Sandwich Making).....	11 a.m./11:15 a.m.
MFCLC Worship Service	11 a.m.
St. Paul Friends Church	12:15-1:45 p.m.
La Hermosa Gathering	2:30-4:30 p.m.

Monday - February 5

Garden Meeting, Library.....	9:30 a.m.
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Tuesday - February 6

Staff Meeting	9 a.m.
Men's Group, Library	9:30-11 a.m.
TSE Meeting, Fellowship Hall	9:30-11 a.m.
Worship & Music.....	7 p.m.

Wednesday - February 7

Pastor's Office Hours	9 a.m.-12 p.m., 3 p.m.-5 p.m.
ICFC	10 a.m.-noon
Villa Park Devotions	1 p.m.
Bells of Galilee	6 p.m.
Galilee Choir.....	7:15 p.m.

Thursday - February 8

Bible Study.....	11 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
TSE Training in Library.....	9:30-11 a.m.
Young Adult Group.....	6-8 p.m.
St. Paul Clown Club.....	6:30 p.m.
Congregational Council Meeting	6:30 p.m.

Saturday - February 10

Chinese Prayer, Sanctuary.....	6 a.m.
Mutual Ministry.....	10 a.m.
ICFC Choir Rehearsal, basement.....	11 a.m.

Sunday - February 11

Galilee Worship Service.....	9:30 a.m.
Fellowship Time	10:30 a.m.
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La Hermosa Gathering	2:30-4:30 p.m.
Chinese New Year Celebration	5 p.m.

Hearing assistance receivers are available. Please ask the ushers for assistance.