



Time after Epiphany

OUR SAVIOR  
LUTHERAN CHURCH

**Fifth Sunday after Epiphany**  
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## **SERVICE OF THE WORD: TIME AFTER EPIPHANY**

### **GATHERING: THE HOLY SPIRIT CALLS US TOGETHER AS THE PEOPLE OF GOD.**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**     *Come Holy Ghost, God and Lord* — Andreas Armsdorf     Jiyoung Lee

**WELCOME**     Scott Hafso

### **THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM**

**L:** Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, the fountain of living water, the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation.

**C: Amen.**

**L:** We are joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, where we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

We give you thanks, O God, for the gift of water that sustains life, and praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ. Shower us with your spirit, and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love. To you be honor and praise, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

### **GREETING**

**L:** The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; a light shines in the darkness and the darkness will not overcome it. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the community of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C: And also with you.**

### **GATHERING HYMN**

*Christ, Be Our Light*

Cantor

Text & Music: Bernadette Farrell, b. 1957

Longing for light, we wait in darkness. Longing for truth, we turn to you.  
Make us Your own, your holy people, light for the world to see.

Longing for peace, our world is troubled. Longing for hope, many despair.  
Your word alone has pow'r to save us. Make us your living voice.

Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the darkness.  
Christ, be our light! Shine in Your church gathered today.

Longing for food, many are hungry. Longing for water, many still thirst.  
Make us your bread, broken for others, shared until all are fed.

Many the gifts, many the people, many the hearts that yearn to belong.  
Let us be servants to one another, signs of your kingdom come.

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**L:** Let us pray. Everlasting God,

**C:** 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.

## **FIRST LESSON**

Isaiah 40:21-31

<sup>21</sup>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? <sup>22</sup>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; <sup>23</sup>who brings princes to naught, and makes the rulers of the earth as nothing.

<sup>24</sup>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.

<sup>25</sup>To whom then will you compare me, or who is my equal? says the Holy One. <sup>26</sup>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.

<sup>27</sup>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"? <sup>28</sup>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. <sup>29</sup>He gives power to the faint, and strengthens the powerless. <sup>30</sup>Even youths will faint and be weary, and the young will fall exhausted; <sup>31</sup>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.

**AM:** Word of God, word of life. **C:** Thanks be to God.

## **SECOND LESSON**

1 Corinthians 9:16-23

<sup>16</sup>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! <sup>17</sup>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. <sup>18</sup>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.

<sup>19</sup>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. <sup>20</sup>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. <sup>21</sup>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. <sup>22</sup>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. <sup>23</sup>I do it all for the sake of the gospel, so that I may share in its blessings.

**AM:** Word of God, word of life. **C:** Thanks be to God.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION***Arise, Your Light Has Come!*

Cantor

Text: Ruth Duck, b. 1947; Music: William H. Walter, 1825-1893

Arise, your light has come! The Spirit's call obey;  
 Show forth the glory of your God which shines on you today.

**THE GOSPEL**

Mark 1:29-39

<sup>29</sup>As soon as [Jesus and the disciples] 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 sunset, 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.

PM: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Rev. Shelley Bryan Wee

Bishop of the Northwest Washington Synod of the ELCA

**HYMN OF THE DAY***Healer of Our Ev'ry Ill*

Cantor

Text &amp; Music: Marty Haugen, b. 1950

Healer of our ev'ry ill, light of each tomorrow,  
 Give us peace beyond our fear, and hope beyond our sorrow.

You who know our fears and sadness, grace us with your peace and gladness;  
 Spirit of all comfort, fill our hearts.

In the pain and joy beholding how your grace is still unfolding,  
 Give us all your vision, God of love.

Give us strength to love each other, ev'ry sister, ev'ry brother;  
 Spirit of all kindness, be our guide.

**OFFERING**

A new year has begun, and with it, God again refreshes the daily blessings of life and all that is needed to be sustained. Please open your hearts in gratitude to God as you help to financially support our ministry at Our Savior Lutheran Church.

**OFFERING PRAYER**

L: O God, receive these gifts as you receive us: like a mother receives her child, with arms open wide. Nourish us anew in your tender care, and empower us in faithful service to tend to others with this same love, through Jesus Christ, our saving grace.

**C: Amen.**

## **STATEMENT OF PURPOSE**

From the Ministry Site Profile being used to call the next pastor:

"As members of the body of Christ in this place and time, we are a welcoming congregation of people who gather to worship God, to share life together, to grow in love for each other and to be shaped by God's Word, with the purpose of living out God's love and being a sign of God's loving and forgiving presence in our community and world."

## **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 THE PEOPLE**

Guided by Christ made known to the nations, let us offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all people in need.

*[A brief silence.]*

For the church: for ministries of healing and wholeness, for hospital, hospice, and military chaplains, for those serving in prison ministry, for all who proclaim freedom and release in the name of Christ. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For creation: for insects in the grass, clouds on the mountaintops, for cattle and the rainwater they drink, for the humility to take our place among all creatures of the earth. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For the nations: for all who lead in cities and towns, states and countries; for community organizers, school officials, and CEOs; for international health organizations, that in times of trial, fear, or hopelessness, they find freedom in service to those most in need. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For all wearied by life's burdens: for those who are poor, for those lacking supportive relationships, for those crushed by debt, for those struggling with chronic pain or other sickness, for those exhausted from overwork or stress, and for all who cry out to you, especially Evy and her family, the Smith & Taylor families, James, Joan and Stephanie, Betty, Brandi, Katia & Rahul, Willie & Mary, Donna, Bruni, the Kowal and the Zazueta families, Roger, Carol, Weatherly Inn residents and staff, Les,ayah, Judy, Jerry, Mary, Ron, JD, communities across the country, Dave, Guests of the Community Meals Program, Sonja, Nicole, Joesee and Jeannie. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For this congregation: for outreach and social ministries centered here; for ministries of companionship and support, for the young people in this place who open us to new understandings. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of the powerful and helpless, you clothe us with strength when our spirits are weak and weary. As the COVID-19 pandemic continues to surge in our community and around the

world, comfort the families of those who have died, heal the bodies of those who are suffering, sustain those who provide care, encourage those whose livelihood has been affected, and hasten the distribution of medical vaccines. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For what and for whom else do the people of God pray this morning?

*[Here other intercessions may be offered.]*

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

In thanksgiving for the faithful departed, who were called by name and now rest from their labors, that their lives serve as witnesses to the goodness of God. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Merciful God, hear the prayers of your people, spoken or silent, for the sake of the one who dwells among us, your Son, Jesus Christ our Savior.

**Amen.**

### **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

AM: Lord, remember us in your love as you teach us to pray:

**C: 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. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

### **SENDING SONG**

*O Lord, Now Let Your Servant*

Cantor

Text: Ernest E. Ryden, 1886-1981; Music: Finnish folk song

O Lord, now let your servant depart in heav'nly peace,  
For I have seen the glory of your redeeming grace:  
A light to lead the nations unto your holy hill,  
The glory of your people, your chosen Israel;  
Until the saints shall gather upon that shining shore,  
Where Christ, the blessed daystar, shall light them evermore.

### **BLESSING**

L: May the love of Jesus Christ, the light of the world, fill your hearts and illumine your path. Almighty God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

### **POSTLUDE**

*Jubilation No. 3: Toccata* — Dennis Janzer

Jiyoung Lee

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**Serving in Worship:**

Worship Leader: Scott Hafso  
Assisting Minister: Connie Fletcher  
Cantors: Emily Waltzer, Alice Lewis  
Organist: Jiyoung Lee  
Pianist: Scott Hafso  
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**Readings for next Sunday:** 2 Kings 2:1-12; 2 Corinthians 4:3-6; Mark 9:2-9

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Dr. Jiyoung Lee, *Parish Organist*



***Additional worship resources:***

Reading: Psalm 147: 1-11, 20c

Suggested Hymn for Listening: *On Eagle's Wings* (Text & Music: Michael Joncas, b. 1957)



*Prayer is putting our faith into action. We invite you to include these people in your daily prayers. You can make prayer requests via email at office@oslclissaquah.org. All written requests will remain on this list for 4 weeks.*

**Evy Sneva and her family** as they grieve the loss of her son.

**The Smith and Taylor families, James Murphy** recovering from COVID (Shelley & Mark Howe)

**Joan Perry** admitted to the hospital for COVID 19, and her daughter, **Stephanie**. (Cheryl Neeb)

**Betty Anderson**-healing of intestinal issues. (mother of Shelley Howe)

**Brandi Kowal**-peace and strength after a miscarriage. (niece of Shelley Howe)

**Katia & Rahul, Willie & Mary, Donna, Bruni, the The Kowal & the Zazueta Family** recovering from COVID (Shelley & Mark Howe)

**Roger Stanley** strength and healing. (Alice Lewis)

**Carol Harbolt** peace and healing. (Ray Harbolt)

**Weatherly Inn** residents and staff (Ray Harbolt)

**Les Gagnon** peace and healing. (Kate Gagnon)

**Mayah** healing. (Connie Fletcher)

**Judy Shaffer** comfort and peace of mind. (Sandy Aldworth)

**Jerry Nack** healing and strength. (Kate Gagnon)

**Mary** healing, wholeness, comfort and a clear sense that God is in control. (Marilyn Carlson)

**Ron Gerde** healing for recent medical issues. (Brother to Bob Gerde)

**JD Golick** diagnosed with cancer, undergoing chemotherapy. (nephew to Patty Gerde)

**Safety and peace for communities** being torn apart during these difficult times. (Karen Hansen)

**Dave Carlson** continued healing and following kidney transplant surgery.

**Guests of the Community Meals Program** safety, health and peace of mind. (Connie Fletcher)

**Sonja** 3 years old undergoing treatment for cancer. (granddaughter of Henrik & Patty Christopherson)

**Nicole DeCamp** healing and strength. (Ken DeCamp and Cheryl Leiter)

**Josee Jordan** peace of mind as she faces health challenges. (Dianne Tanner)

**Jeannie Lindquist** continued healing and strength.

**Healing and peace of mind: Henrik & Patty Christopherson** (Dianne Tanner); **Vern Lindquist; Marian James; Gregory** (nephew of Joanne Suttmeier); **Doug Patur; Katie Moeller; Margot In-**

**man; Ken Acker** (son of Lucy Acker); **Marilyn Carlson; Taufik Hidayut** (Ken Konigsmark); **Don Wilkinson** (husband of Gwynn Wilkinson); **Rebecca Thomas; Tanisha Foote** (Marilyn Carlson); **Dorothy Soland; Randi Strom; Jeanne Kuipers; John Pass; Florence Kinnune; Carol Harbolt; Sandy Aldworth; Jen Winslow; Larry Pruitt.**

**Undergoing cancer treatment:** **Carol Howe** (cousin of Mark Howe); **Tom Killoran** (Shelley Howe); **Les Carlson** (father of Dave Carlson); **Harold Mandt** (brother of Mary Ann Hult and Lorna Robertson); **Chris Howe** (brother of Mark Howe); **Peggy Scalise** (cousin of Mark Howe); **Eileen Letts** (cousin of Mark Howe); **Keith DeCamp** (brother of Ken DeCamp); **Barbara Jones** (mother of Ron Sordahl); **Doug McVety** (Helen Nychay); **Al Batt** (Connie Fletcher); **Larry Harbolt** (Ray Harbolt); **Gerald Welch** (Vern and Jeannie Lindquist); **Christy Williams** (Bill Bergsma); **Dana Mancini** (Jan Setterlund); **Greg Petersen** (Wes Collum); **Barry Donker** (Joan Parish); **Germaine Korum** (Lyle and Alice Lewis); **Kathryn Aitcheson** (Gerrie Hendrickson); **Yuko Takiguchi** (Teiko Soland); **Barb** (Janette Singley)

**Living with cancer:** **Liz Kidd** (Bob Beck); **Duane Jacobson; Mary Lewis** (sister-in-law of Lyle and Alice Lewis); **Mark Becker** (uncle of Paula Seeger); **Barbara Krogh Jarvis** (sister of Steve Krogh); **Suzanne Lewis** (daughter-in-law of Lyle & Alice Lewis); **Mira Bergsma**

**Expectant Mothers:** **Alyssa Saavedra** (Cheryl Neeb); **Shawna McIntyre** (Cheryl Neeb)

**Mourning the death of loved ones:** For peace and comfort during this time of grieving for the family and friends of: **Del Elliott** (Kate Gagnon); **John Sneva** (Evy Sneva's son); **Alec Wright** (Shelley & Mark Howe); **Beverly** (sister of Ashley Saunders); **Gail** (sister of Sandy Aldworth); **Mike Golick** (brother-in-law to Patty Gerde)

**Members and friends serving in the military; fire & police departments, & emergency rooms:** **Mike** special ops, unexpectedly called up. (nephew of Dave and Marilyn Carlson)

**Global Missions and Missionaries:** Congregations in Chiclayo, Peru: **Pepe** at Las Brisas, **Merci** in San Antonio and **Harold** at Las Lomas. **MaaSae Girls Lutheran Secondary School** in Tanzania.

