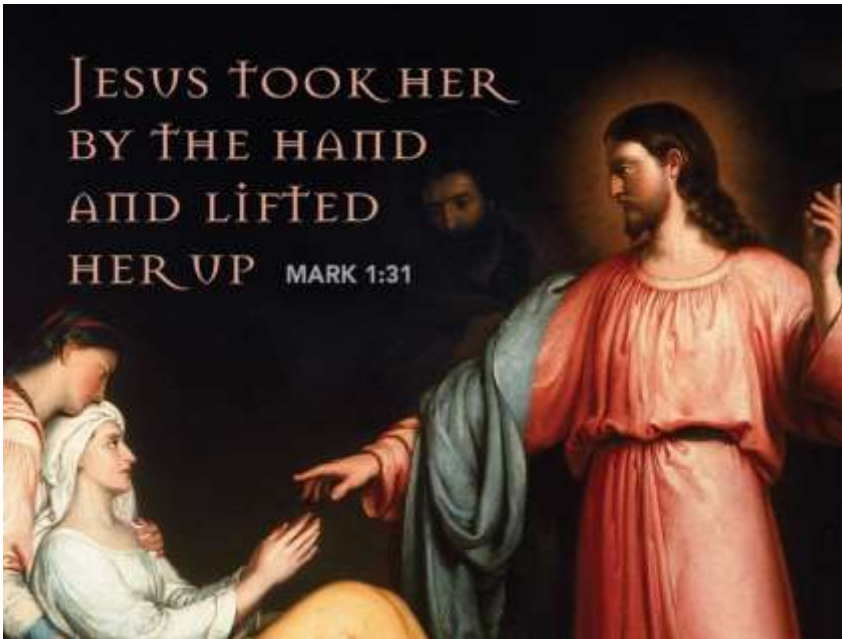


Fifth Sunday after Epiphany



February 7, 2021 | 9:00 a.m.

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308 North Third Street
Milan, Minnesota*

ORDER OF SERVICE

Welcome to Kviteseid Lutheran Church... Welcome to worship, dear family of Christ. Please share Christ's peace with someone near you.

INTRODUCTION

In Isaiah the one God who sits above the earth and numbers the stars also 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 and healed to serve. Following Jesus, we strengthen the powerless; like Jesus, we seek to renew our own strength in quiet times of prayer.

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please read the words to the hymns silently.

Please read aloud the **bold texts**.

Please read the italicized texts silently in your heart as your own words.

OPENING HYMN "Christ, Be Our Light" (vs. 1, 2 & 5) ELW #715

**CALL TO WORSHIP

P Have we not known? Have we not heard? *Isa. 40:21*

C *Has it not been told to us since the beginning?*

P Those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength; *Isa. 40:31*

C *they shall mount up with wings like eagles;*

P they shall run and not be weary;

C *they shall walk and not faint.*

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✚ one God,
 whose voice is upon the waters,
 whose mercy is poured out upon all people,
 whose goodness cascades over all creation.

C **Amen.**

P Let us confess our sin, trusting in the abundant grace of God.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P Holy God,

C *you search us and know us.*

You are acquainted with all our ways.

We confess that our hearts are burdened by sin—

*our own sins and the broken systems that bind us.
We turn inward, failing to follow your outward way of love.
We distrust those who are not like us.
We exploit the earth and its resources
and fail to consider generations to come.
Forgive us, gracious God, for all we have done and left undone.
Even before the words are on our tongues, you know them;
receive them in your divine mercy. Amen.*

P How vast is God's grace!

Through the power and promise of † Christ Jesus,
our sins are washed away and we are claimed as God's own beloved.
Indeed, we are forgiven. In the wake of God's forgiveness, we are called to be
the beloved community living out Christ's justice and the Spirit's reconciling
peace.

C **Amen.**

GREETING

P The grace of our Lord, Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

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.*

LESSON: 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.*

PSALM 147:1-11, 20c

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

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

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

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

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

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

- L ⁷Sing to the LORD with thanksgiving; make music upon the harp to our God,
 C ⁸*who covers the heavens with clouds and prepares rain for the earth,
 making grass to grow upon the mountains.*
- L ⁹God provides food for the cattle and for the young ravens when they cry.
 C ¹⁰*God is not impressed by the might of a horse,
 and has no pleasure in the speed of a runner,*
- L ¹¹but finds pleasure in those who fear the LORD,
 in those who await God's steadfast love. ^{20c} Hallelujah!

LESSON: 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.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

- P The Holy Gospel according to Mark, the 1st chapter.
 C *Glory to you, O Lord.*

GOSPEL: Mark 1:29-39

Everywhere Jesus goes, many people expect him to set them free from oppression. Everywhere he goes, he heals people 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 Gospel of our Lord.
 C *Praise to you, O Christ.*

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY "God, Whose Almighty Word" (vs. 1, 2 & 4) ELW #673

INSTALLATION OF COUNCIL MEMBERS

APOSTLES' CREED

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- C **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 Pilot,
 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 CHURCH

Each portion of the prayers ends with these words:

P let us pray.

C *Have mercy, O God.*

The prayers are concluded with these words:

P 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.

C **Amen.**

SHARING THE PEACE

P The peace of Christ, be with you always.

C **And also with you.**

OFFERING

OFFERING PRAYER

P O God, receive these gifts as you receive us: 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.**

DIALOGUE

P The Lord be with you.

C *And also with you.*

P Lift up your hearts.

C *We lift them to the Lord.*

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C *It is right to give our thanks and praise.*

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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;**

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**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.**

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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P Christ Jesus, at this table we have feasted on your very life and are strengthened for our journey. Send us forth from this banquet nourished in body and in spirit to proclaim your good news and serve others in your name.

C **Amen.**

BLESSING

P God the creator strengthen you; Jesus the beloved fill you;
and the Holy Spirit the comforter ✝ keep you in peace.

C **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN “Arise, Your Light Has Come!” (vs. 1, 2 & 4) ELW #314

DISMISSAL

P Go in peace. Be the light of Christ.

C **Thanks be to God.**

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to serve in families, communities and the world,
witnessing to the love of God
and the empowerment of Christ's Spirit.*



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