

Galilee

Evangelical Lutheran Church



Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany February 5, 2012

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.*

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THE SERVICE



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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.

Today is the commemoration of the Martyrs of Japan, who died in 1597.

9:30 a.m.

ELW Setting 9

February 5, 2012

Serving in Worship this Morning:

Ushers: **Peter & Joyce Solberg**; Altar Guild: **Mary Lanoux**; Organist: **Tim Rand**; Lector: **Barb Strenge**; Children's Story: **Pastor Ralph Baumgartner**; Communion Assistants: **Mary Lanoux** and **Karen Groebner**; Special Music: **Galilee Choir**

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Italics - LITURGIST **Bold** - CONGREGATION + - Stand as Able

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GATHERING

PRELUDE

Processional for Organ

Martin Shaw

CALL TO WORSHIP

WELCOME

+ CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS		Turn to Page 94
+ GATHERING SONG	<i>Many and Great, O God</i>	Hymn #837
+ GREETING	Response: And also with you.	Page 193
+ KYRIE		Page 193
+ CANTICLE OF PRAISE	<i>This is the feast</i>	Page 196
+ PRAYER OF THE DAY	Response: Amen	
SPECIAL MUSIC	<i>They Who Wait for the Lord</i>	John Carter

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, 20c (*tone 10, page 338*)

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

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

²**The LORD re- ¹ builds Jerusalem,
and gathers the ex- ¹ iles of Israel.**

³The LORD heals the ¹ brokenhearted
and binds ¹ up their wounds.

⁴**The LORD counts the number ¹ of the stars
and calls them all ¹ by their names.**

⁵Great is our LORD and might- ¹ y in power;
there is no limit ¹ to God's wisdom.

**⁶The LORD lifts ¹ up the lowly,
but casts the wicked ¹ to the ground.**
⁷Sing to the LORD ¹ with thanksgiving;
make music upon the harp ¹ to our God,
**⁸who covers the heav- ¹ ens with clouds
and prepares rain for the earth,
making grass to grow up- ¹ on the mountains.**
⁹God provides food ¹ for the cattle
and for the young ravens ¹ when they cry.
**¹⁰God is not impressed by the might ¹ of a horse,
and has no pleasure in the speed ¹ of a runner,**
¹¹but finds pleasure in those who ¹ fear the LORD,
in those who await God's steadfast love.^{20c} ¹ Hallelujah!

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 STORY

+ GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia

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+THE 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 they 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 sundown, 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 Ralph Baumgartner

(A time of silence for reflection)

HYMN OF THE DAY *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*

#858

RITE OF HOLY BAPTISM

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+ PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION *Hear us, O God. Your mercy is great.*

+ **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 *Toccata on “Praise to the Lord”* Hans Friedrich Micheelsen
(Children are invited to come to the altar with their offering for global missions.)

+ **OFFERING PRAYER** Response: **Amen**

+ **THE GREAT THANKSGIVING** **Page 199**

+ **WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

*Remembering his love for us on the way, at the table, and to the end,
we proclaim the mystery of faith.*

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

+ **THE LORD’S PRAYER** *Our Father, who art in heaven* **Page 201**

COMMUNION (cups/tables) *Lamb of God* **Page 201**

COMMUNION MUSIC *The Ash Grove* Anne Krenz Organ

+ **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION** Response: **Amen**

SENDING

+ **BLESSING** Response: **Amen**

+ **SENDING SONG** *Let All Things Now Living* **#881**

+ **DISMISSAL** *Go in peace. Share the good news.*
Response: **Thanks be to God.**

+ **POSTLUDE** *Let All Things Now Living* Lois Hill



Of Special Note Today . . .

WELCOME to all guests and visitors. We are glad that we can worship together this morning. We invite you to sign the guest register in the narthex.

HOLY COMMUNION. The real presence of Christ is celebrated in this sacrament. Children not yet communing are invited to come forward for a blessing. Communion today is served around the altar in tables. After you are served the bread and wine, please wait until you are dismissed. (Grape juice is white and in the center ring.)

REFRESHMENTS ARE PROVIDED in the Fellowship Hall following the worship service. Our thanks to today's host, Kathy Juneau.

THE FLOWERS IN THE CHANCEL TODAY were given by Miriam Peterson.

PRAYERS FOR HEALING are offered today in the sanctuary at 9:00 a.m. prior to the Worship Service.

BAPTISM. Today we baptize Katelyn Ann Good, daughter of Scott and Angela Good. Lynn Lee and Kimberly Good are the sponsors.

ADULT FORUM. Marta Volbrecht of Lutheran Social Services (LSS) Refugee Services will speak at the Forum on current opportunities to help resettle refugees who must their home country because of warfare and persecution. *Next Sunday* Ron Peterson and Jim Zrust will speak about Safeguarding God's Children—protecting children from abuse in the church and community.

SOUP SUPPERS DURING LENT. We ask two families/people to sign up to furnish soup (enough for 25 people each) and two people/families to sign up to furnish bread for each meal. The families who sign up are also asked to be the servers for the evening. The sign-up chart is posted in the narthex. Week 1: Hamburger Soup; Week 2: Chicken Soup; Week 3: Vegetable Soup; Week 4: Cook's Choice; Week 5: Chili.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR COMING EVENTS

SHAPING THE FUTURE WITH HOPE FEBRUARY 12th. You are invited to a public gathering sponsored by ISALAH on Sunday, February 12th, from 3:00 to 5:00 pm at Progressive Baptist Church in St. Paul. The focus of the gathering will be on how we can create a racially and economically just Minnesota. Invited guests include Governor Mark Dayton and members of his administration including Commissioners and Metropolitan Council Members, and other public officials.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2012 – SAVE THE DATE. The big event is happening soon: *From Age to Age* (FAtA), a professional choral ensemble, will be coming to Galilee to give a concert on Saturday, February 18 at 7:30 p.m.. In the afternoon on that day members of the Galilee choir will participate in a workshop with FAtA members, and then the two choirs will collaborate on some of the pieces performed in the concert. A reception will follow the concert, complete with delectable treats, giving us a time for visiting and chatting with choir members.

This is a wonderful opportunity to hear some great music - invite friends and family! We will be collecting a free will offering instead of selling tickets, but please let us know if you will be coming (sign up at the kiosk or call the church office (651-488-6769).

Volunteers are needed – please see volunteer information at the kiosk.

For more information about *From Age to Age*, please visit their website:
http://fromagetoage.typepad.com/from_age_to_age/

For more information about the concert, please contact Jo Ann French
(jfrench.galilee@cpinternet.com or 651-488-6769)

Birthdays February 5 – February 11



7 – Miriam Peterson
7 – Bruce Lee
11 – Michael Osterman



Prayer Requests

The prayers of the congregation are requested for:

Barb Arndt
Rollie Berg
Phyllis Johnson
Louie Lanoux

Bruce Lee
Betty Link-Ettel
Edith Londroche
Darla Nelson

Jacob Lemuel Taylor
Veniessia Taylor

Jim Nelson, stepbrother of Susan Loushin
Juliana Kopka, daughter of Mark Kopka
Family of Wilhelm Kopka
Ron Thunhorst, father of Deb Anderson
Emmett Louie, father of Paula Brown
Susan Louie, sister of Paula Brown

(Names appear at the top of this list on the date they are received – not alphabetically).

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 with that request* (651-488-6769) and we will gladly do that.

THIS WEEK AT GALILEE

Sunday – February 5

- 9:00 a.m. Prayers for Healing
9:30 a.m. Galilee Worship Service
10:45 a.m. Sunday School
11:00 a.m. Adult Forum
1:30-4:30 p.m. La Hermosa Church of God Worship Service

Monday – February 6

- 2:00 p.m. Loaves & Fishes Prep
5:00 p.m. Loaves & Fishes Dinner and Clean-up
7:00 p.m. *From Age to Age* Planning Meeting

Tuesday – February 7

- 10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting

Wednesday – February 8

- 5:30 p.m. GLOW
6:00 p.m. Bells of Galilee
7:15 p.m. Galilee Choir

Thursday – February 9

- 11:00 a.m. Bible Study
6:30 p.m. St. Paul Clown Club

Saturday – February 11

- 9:00 a.m. -12:00 p.m. St. Paul Area Synod Conference Assembly
5:00-7:00 p.m. La Hermosa Bible Study

Sunday – February 12

- 9:30 a.m. Galilee Worship Service
10:45 a.m. Sunday School
11:00 a.m. Adult Forum
1:30-4:30 p.m. La Hermosa Church of God Worship Service
3:00 p.m. Shaping the Future for Hope Gathering

Attendance

Worship Service, January 29 – 50