

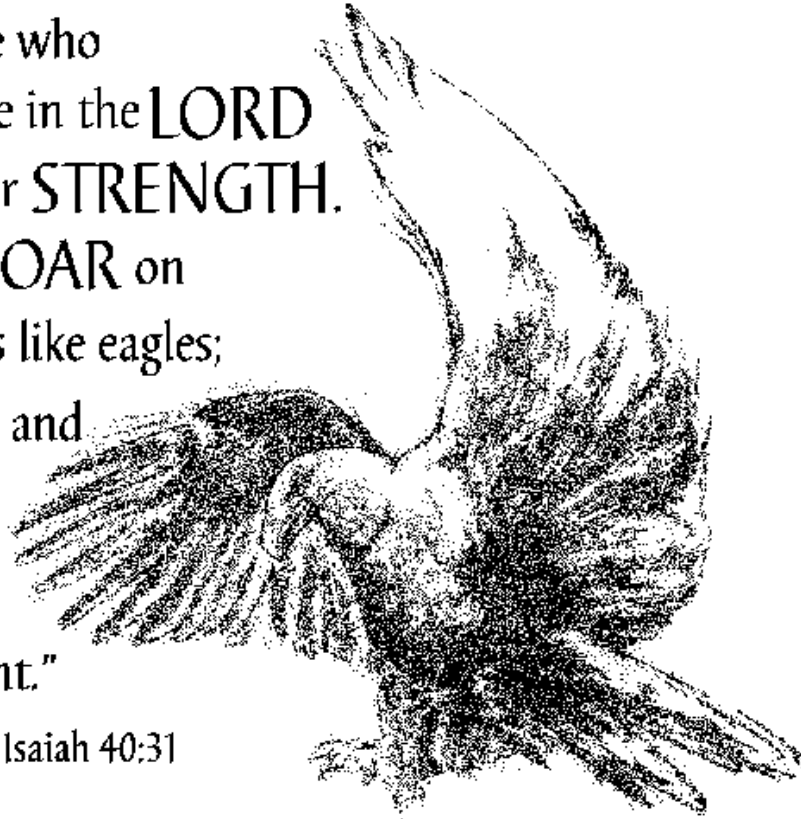
DIVINE SERVICE II

Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany

February 5, 2012

“**B**ut 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.”

Isaiah 40:31



Choir Anthem..... “Go Forth and Tell, O Church of God Awake!”

Words by James Edward Seddon Music by John Barnard

Go forth and tell! O Church of God, awake!
God’s saving news to all the nations take;
Proclaim Christ Jesus, Savior, Lord, and King,
That all the world His worthy praise may sing.

God forth and tell! Where still the darkness lies;
In wealth or want, the sinner surely dies;
Give us, O Lord, concern of heart and mind,
A love like Yours which cares for all mankind.

Go forth and tell! God’s love embraces all;
He will in grace respond to all who call;
How shall they call if they have never heard
The gracious invitation of His Word!

Go forth and tell! The doors are open wide;
Share God’s good gifts—let no one be denied;
Live out your life as Christ, your Lord, shall choose,
Your ransomed pow’rs for His sole glory use.

Go forth and tell! O Church of God, arise!
Go in the strength which Christ, your Lord, supplies;
Go till all nations His great name adore
And serve Him, Lord and King, forevermore.

Hymn: “Songs of Thankfulness and Praise” (*Please Stand and Face Processional Cross*)... Hymn 394

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Introit (*Spoken Responsively—Psalm 103:8, 1-5, 10-12 NIV84/NKJV*):

- P** The LORD is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in love.
- C** **Bless the LORD, O my soul; all my inmost being, bless His holy name.**
- P** Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits,
- C** **Who forgives all your sins and heals all your diseases,**
- P** Who redeems your life from the pit and crowns you with love and compassion,
- C** **Who satisfies your desires with good things so that your youth is renewed like the eagle’s.**
- P** He does not treat us as our sins deserve or repay us according to our iniquities.
- C** **For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is His love for those who fear Him;**
- P** As far as the east is from the west, so far has He removed our transgressions from us.
- C** **Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**
- P** The LORD is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in love.



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Salutation and Collect of the Day (Prayed in Unison):

C Heavenly Father, during His earthly ministry Your Son healed the sick and cast out demons. Stretch forth the hand of Your majesty to heal us from all our infirmities of body and mind, and grant that the healing medicine of the Gospel and Sacraments may put to flight the diseases of our souls, that with willing hearts we may love and serve You; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. (Sung Amen)

Old Testament Reading Isaiah 40:21-31 NIV84

Depending on our own strength we will “grow tired and weary,” but, as Paul says in Philippians 4:13, “I can do all things through Christ, who strengthens me.”

Do you not know? Have you not heard?	Because of his great power and mighty strength, not one of them is missing.
Has it not been told you from the beginning? Have you not understood since the earth was founded?	Why do you say, O Jacob, and complain, O Israel, “My way is hidden from the LORD; my cause is disregarded by my God”?
He sits enthroned above the circle of the earth, and its people are like grasshoppers.	Do you not know? Have you not heard?
He stretches out the heavens like a canopy, and spreads them out like a tent to live in.	The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth.
He brings princes to naught and reduces the rulers of this world to nothing.	He will not grow tired or weary, and his understanding no one can fathom.
No sooner are they planted, no sooner are they sown, no sooner do they take root in the ground, than he blows on them and they wither, and a whirlwind sweeps them away like chaff.	He gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak. Even youths grow tired and weary, and young men stumble and fall; but those who hope in the LORD will renew their strength.
“To whom will you compare me? Or who is my equal?” says the Holy One.	They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint.
Lift your eyes and look to the heavens: Who created all these? He who brings out the starry host one by one, and calls them each by name.	

After the reading:

P This is the Word of the Lord.
C Thanks be to God.

Gradual (Spoken Responsively—Psalm 117; 96:8 NIV84):

P Praise the LORD, all you nations; extol Him, all you peoples. For great is His love toward us, and the faithfulness of the LORD endures forever.
C Ascribe to the LORD the glory due His name; bring an offering and come into His courts.

Epistle Reading 1 Corinthians 9:16-27 NIV84

Paul uses illustrations from popular sports of the day, foot racing and boxing, to describe a life of faithfulness. The people of Corinth were very familiar with these sports, both from the Olympic Games held nearby, and from the Isthmian Games—second only to the Olympics—held in their own town.

Yet when I preach the gospel, I cannot boast, for I am compelled to preach. Woe to me if I do not preach the gospel! If I preach voluntarily, I have a reward; if not voluntarily, I am simply discharging the trust committed to me. What then is my reward? Just this: that in preaching the gospel I may offer it free of charge, and so not make use of my rights in preaching it.

Though I am free and belong to no man, I make myself a slave to everyone, to win as many as possible. To the Jews I became like a Jew, to win the Jews. To those under the law I became like one under the law (though I myself am not under the law), so as to win those under the law. To those not having the law I became like one not having the law (though I am not free

from God’s law but am under Christ’s law), so as to win those not having the law. To the weak I became weak, to win the weak. I have become all things to all men so that by all possible means I might save some. I do all this for the sake of the gospel, that I may share in its blessings.

Do you not know that in a race all the runners run, but only one gets the prize? Run in such a way as to get the prize. Everyone who competes in the games goes into strict training. They do it to get a crown that will not last; but we do it to get a crown that will last forever. Therefore I do not run like a man running aimlessly; I do not fight like a man beating the air. No, I beat my body and make it my slave so that after I have preached to others, I myself will not be disqualified for the prize.

After the reading:

P This is the Word of the Lord.
C Thanks be to God.

Alleluia..... Page 173

Before the reading:

P The Holy Gospel according to St. _____, the _____ chapter.
C (Sung) Glory to You, O Lord.

Holy Gospel Mark 1:29-39 ESV

Jesus heals Peter’s mother-in-law and she responds by serving Him.

And immediately he left the synagogue and entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. Now Simon’s mother-in-law lay ill with a fever, and immediately they told him about her. And he came and took her by the hand and lifted her up, and the fever left her, and she began to serve them.

That evening at sundown they brought to him all who were sick or oppressed by demons. And the whole city was gathered together at the door. And he healed 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.

And rising very early in the morning, while it was still dark, he departed and went out to a desolate place, and there he prayed. And Simon and those who were with him searched for him, and they found him and said to him,

“Everyone is looking for you.” And he said to them, “Let us go on to the next towns, that I may preach there also, for that is why I came out.” And he went throughout all Galilee, preaching in their synagogues and casting out demons.

After the reading:

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C *(Sung)* Praise to You, O Christ.

Apostles’ Creed..... Page 175

Hymn: “When to Our World the Savior Came” Hymn 551

Sermon: “The Question of Sickness” Mark 1:29-34

Hymn: “On Eagles’ Wings”..... Hymn 727

Prayer of the Church, Offering, and Offertory Page 176

RECORD OF FELLOWSHIP—If you have not yet filled out a Record of Fellowship pad at either end of the pew, please remember to do so during the offering or Communion distribution.

Preface, Sanctus, and Prayer of Thanksgiving Page 177

Lord’s Prayer, Words of Institution, Pax Domini, and Agnus Dei..... Page 179

Hymns: “Jesus Comes Today with Healing” Hymn 620

“Just As I Am, Without One Plea” Hymn 570

HOLY COMMUNION—Because partaking of Holy Communion in a church-body is a profession that you agree with the doctrines of that particular church-body, visitors and guests who are not currently members of another congregation of The Lutheran Church–Missouri Synod are kindly asked to please make an appointment to visit with the pastor before taking communion here. For more information you may consult the tract *Questions About Communion Attendance* available in the tract rack in the lobby. Kneeling for Communion is optional. If you prefer the common cup do not take an individual cup and you will be served by the pastor. For those sensitive to alcohol the individual cups in the center of the tray have non-alcoholic white wine. Persons who have difficulty approaching the altar may request to have Communion served in the pew. Please notify an elder or the pastor.

Thank the Lord, Post-Communion Collect, and Benediction..... Page 181

Hymn: “Praise to You and Adoration” Hymn 692

WELCOME TO HOLY CROSS! So happy you are here this morning to worship the Lord. We pray this worship hour is a blessing for you and invite you to please come again soon. Everyone is asked to complete the Record of Fellowship pad in the pews, and if you are a visitor please also sign the Guest Register in the entry and introduce yourself to the Pastor.

IN OUR PRAYERS— Rev.Jonathan & Rachel Mumme, sponsored by our Synod for missionary work in Cambridge, England; Rashell & Bobby DeRocher upon the birth of a son, Kash Allyn.

NEXT SUNDAY’S SERMON—“*Spread the News,*” based on Mark 1:40-45. Sermons are available in printed form on our web site, www.holycrossdakotadunes.org.

TODAY’S WORSHIP—*The Son of God, Christ Jesus, Makes Us a New Creation.* The Lord alone “is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth” (Isaiah 40:28). He “sits above the circle of the earth” and “stretches out the heavens like a curtain” (Isaiah 40:22). Yet, His almighty power is demonstrated chiefly by His mercy and compassion. “He gives power to the faint, and to him who has no might He increases strength” (Isaiah 40:29). The only-begotten Son of the Father, the very Word by whom all things were made, becomes flesh and takes all the poverty and weakness of our sin and death upon Himself, bearing it in His Body to the Cross. As He dies for us there, He also raises us up, a new creation, in His Resurrection from the dead. Thus, by the preaching of this Word, He heals “many who were sick with various diseases,” and He casts out “many demons” (Mark 1:34, 39). And His preaching continues through those whom He has sent, who are “entrusted with a stewardship” to “preach the Gospel” (1 Corinthians 9:16–17). Thus we are set free by the Word of Christ, and we exercise our freedom in loving service to others.

PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP—*Lord, keep Your family the Church continually in the true faith that, relying on the hope of Your heavenly grace, we may ever be defended by Your mighty power; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.*

BOARD AND CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING—The Board of Trustees will be this Tuesday, February 7 at 7:00pm and the Board of Elders this Thursday, February 9 at 7:30pm. The first meeting of our newly established Church Council, consisting of all church officers and board chairs, will be Thursday, February 16 at 7:00pm.

ST. PAUL’S LUTHERAN SCHOOL will hold their 2012 Preschool & Kindergarten Open House Roundup on Thursday, March 1 at 6:30pm. See bulletin board for further information.

PREPARING FOR CONFESSION AND COMMUNION—*The Third Commandment*: Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy. *What does this mean?* We should fear and love God so that we do not despise preaching and His Word, but hold it sacred and gladly hear and learn it.

- Do I keep the Lord’s Day holy?
- Do I despise preaching and God’s Word by neglect, or by paying little or no attention when it is read or preached?
- Do I hold the Lord’s Word sacred and gladly hear and learn it?
- Do I neglect the Gospel and Sacraments or make light of them when they are given?
- Am I faithful in the Divine Service, or do I attend sporadically, preferring to be elsewhere when the Church is at worship?
- Do I pray for my Pastor and support his efforts to guard Christ’s flock from error?

In the tract rack in the Gathering Room is the tract *Resources for Preparing for Confession and Communion*. Included are self-examinations questions based on the Ten Commandments. You are invited to use this tract either at home or during the period of meditation in the Sanctuary before the service begins. As space allows we will also include portions in the bulletin.



The Sermon on the Mount

NEW BIBLE CLASS ON THE SERMON ON THE MOUNT—Our new study in Adult Bible Class is on one of the most beloved portions of Scripture, Matthew chapters 5-7, commonly called the “The Sermon on the Mount.” This is one of the longest continuous records of our Lord’s teaching in the Gospels (beautifully illustrated in our altar window). Packed into this single sermon are such well-known verses as the Beatitudes (Matthew 5:3-12), “You are the light of the world” (Matthew 5:14), “Do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing” (Matthew 6:4), “See how the lilies of the field grow” (Matthew 6:28), “Knock and the door will be opened unto you” (Matthew 7:7), and the Lord’s Prayer (Matthew 6:9-13). Join in Sundays at 10:30am in the Fellowship Hall as we delve into “The Sermon on the Mount.”

LWML—The Lutheran Women’s Missionary League at Holy Cross is under Holy Cross Women In Mission. We wish to extend a warm welcome to all ladies who would be interested in being a part of this great mission and fun fellowship organization. Watch the bulletin and newsletter for our meeting times. *The February meeting is this Wednesday, February 8 at 9:30am in the Gathering Room—all invited!* For more information contact LWML President Dee Reifke.

LIFE THOUGHTS FROM LUTHERANS FOR LIFE—Paul exhibits great empathy. He identifies with people and meets them on their own terms (1 Corinthians 9:20-22). He does so to share the blessings of the Gospel with them (9:23). We can do the same. The life issues, for example, give us opportunity to empathize and identify with people dealing with difficult situations or struggling with guilt and regret because of sin. We do so to share the blessings of the Gospel with them, the only thing that can lift them up and give them hope.

ASH WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 22—Our special Wednesday Lenten Vespers services begin on Ash Wednesday, February 22 and continue through the end of March, with Maundy Thursday and Good Friday services on April 5 and 6. All services begin at 7:00pm and last 30-45 minutes. During Lent, Midweek School is from 6:15pm-7:00pm. In our Lent services this year we will explore “The Miracles of Lent,” looking at miracles that are part of the Lenten story. Since ancient times Christians have observed this special season in remembrance of our Savior’s suffering and death. Come keep a faithful Lent!



ASH WEDNESDAY SOUP SUPPER—After the great success of our Advent suppers we are planning to have suppers before each of our Lenten Vespers services. We begin with an Ash Wednesday Soup Supper sponsored by Holy Cross Women in Mission on Wednesday, February 22 from 5:45pm-6:45pm in the Fellowship Hall. Everyone is invited and visitors and guests are welcome! A freewill offering will be taken for a mission project.

MISSION OPPORTUNITIES ABOUND!—What does this mean? 1) Women In Mission will begin an on-going collection of TOILETRY ITEMS (soaps, lotions, shampoos, etc.) for the Women’s shelters. Look for the RED box under the table in the Gathering Room. All are invited to contribute to this outreach. 2) MITE BOX SUNDAY—The last Sunday of each month will be designated as Mite Box Sunday. Look for the giant-sized mite box in the Gathering Room. 3) ORPHAN GRAIN TRAIN – Stay tuned for further information.

OUR STEWARDSHIP LAST WEEK

Sunday Attendance: 53	Communion: 43	Offerings: \$2,457
Adult Bible Study: 13	Sunday School Attendance: 2	
Offerings Budgeted 1-29-12	\$4,015	
Offerings Received 1-29-12.....	\$2,457	
Offerings Budgeted YTD 1-29-12	\$20,075	
Offerings Received YTD 1-29-12	\$12,443	
Budget Surplus (Deficit) YTD 1-29-12	(\$7,632)	

WORSHIP SERVANTS

<i>Today</i>	<i>Next Sunday</i>
<u>Acolyte</u> : Henry Jensen	<u>Acolyte</u> : Nichole Dial
<u>Crucifer</u> : Bear Jensen	<u>Crucifer</u> : Claire Johnson
<u>Snacks</u> : Need Volunteer	<u>Snacks</u> : Need Volunteer
<u>February Elders</u> : Doug Jansen & Les Britson	<u>February Chancel Care</u> : Sue Jansen
<u>Pastor</u> : Rev. Kevin Vogts	<u>Guest Organist</u> : Paulette Schmidt