



Prince of Peace Lutheran Church Fifth Sunday after Epiphany February 7, 2021

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.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE VIDEO *Lord, Have Mercy*

GATHERING SONG *When We Pray*

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH Richard Balch

Everlasting God, the creator of the ends of the universe,

We long to worship in the presence of Your people. Thank You for this day and the chance to worship together in spirit.

Lord, how shall we pray to You, who already knows our hopes and fears and concerns? Thank you for what you have provided for us. Thank you for renewing our strength and our hope. In our isolation from others, we forget that you are always present, even when we are not.

Lord, guide us as we meet today to discuss how we have used the money and gifts You have given us to do your work in this church this last year, and how we plan to use them this year. Thank you for the opportunities we will have to proclaim your message. We lift up those who have been called to lead us as pastor and as members of the Church Council; strengthen them in faith and guide them to do your will.

Lord, we lift up those who would lead us in cities, counties, states and nations. Grant them wisdom and humility, and strengthen them truly to serve your people.

Lord, we pray for those who are grieving, or are despondent or despairing, or feel overwhelmed by circumstances. Strengthen the faith, and bodies, and minds of those who are ill, or doubting, or suffering, or searching, or waiting; those on the prayer list and those we name to you now.

All this we ask in the knowledge of Your love and power—in the name of Your Son Jesus.

Amen.

FIRST READING: Isaiah 40:21-31

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? 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; who brings princes to naught, and makes the rulers of the earth as nothing. 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. To whom then will you compare me, or who is my equal? says the Holy One. 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. 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”? 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. He gives power to the faint, and strengthens the powerless. Even youths will faint and be weary, and the young will fall exhausted; 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.

GOSPEL: Mark 1:29-39

As soon as [Jesus and the disciples] left the synagogue, they entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. Now Simon’s mother-in-law was in bed with a fever, and they told him about her at once. He came and took her by the hand and lifted her up. Then the fever left her, and she began to serve them. That evening, at sunset, they brought to him all who were sick or possessed with demons. And the whole city was gathered around the door. 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. In the morning, while it was still very dark, he got up and went out to a deserted place, and there he prayed. And Simon and his companions hunted for him. When they found him, they said to him, “Everyone is searching for you.” 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.” And he went throughout Galilee, proclaiming the message in their synagogues and casting out demons.

SERMON Pr. Thomas Henderson

OFFERING TIME

As a community, we are grateful for one another’s loving support, as we continue to maintain our property, our financial commitments to our staff, and our mission to the broader community. You are invited to take time either right now or after today’s service to send your check to the church or to make your [offering online](#).

OFFERTORY SONG *Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)*

OFFERTORY PRAYER

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.

HOLY COMMUNION

CONSECRATION OF THE ELEMENTS

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

COMMUNION SONG *Miracle Maker*

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

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.

CLOSING BLESSING and CHARGE

SENDING SONG *History Maker*

POSTLUDE *I Believe*

WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS

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