



## Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

Immanuel Lutheran Church ELCA

Forest City, Iowa

Pastors Rod Hopp & Zech Anderson, Intern Elizabeth Carr

February 4, 2024 9:15am

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*Building community in the name and likeness of Jesus Christ.*

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*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.*

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

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### PRELUDE

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, creator of darkness and light, word of truth, wind sweeping over the waters.

**Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

God, our rock and refuge,

**we pour out our hearts before you. We have known you but have not always loved you. We have wounded one another and sinned against you. We have not always recognized the Holy Spirit dwelling in each of us. Remember your covenant. Renew your creation. Restore us, that we might proclaim your good news to all. Amen.**

The voice of the Lord is upon the waters. God has spoken: The time of grace is now.

In Jesus, the reign of God has come near. By the authority of ☩ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. You are God's beloved.

**Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN: **"God, Whose Almighty Word"**

#673

### GREETING

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

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

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.**

PROMISELAND KIDS: "Father Abraham" / CHILDREN'S SERMON

FIRST READING: Isaiah 40:21-31 *The creator of all cares for the powerless*

PSALM: Psalm 147:1-11, 20c [read responsively]

<sup>1</sup>Hallelujah! How good it is to sing praises to our God!

How pleasant it is to honor God with praise!

<sup>2</sup>**The LORD rebuilds Jerusalem, and gathers the exiles of Israel.**

<sup>3</sup>The LORD heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds.  
<sup>4</sup>**The LORD counts the number of the stars and calls them all by their names.**  
<sup>5</sup>Great is our LORD and mighty in power; there is no limit to God's wisdom.  
<sup>6</sup>**The LORD lifts up the lowly, but casts the wicked to the ground.**  
<sup>7</sup>Sing to the LORD with thanksgiving; make music upon the harp to our God,  
<sup>8</sup>**who covers the heavens with clouds**  
**and prepares rain for the earth, making grass to grow upon the mountains.**  
<sup>9</sup>God provides food for the cattle and for the young ravens when they cry.  
<sup>10</sup>**God is not impressed by the might of a horse,**  
**and has no pleasure in the speed of a runner,**  
<sup>11</sup>but finds pleasure in those who fear the LORD,  
in those who await God's steadfast love. <sup>20c</sup>Hallelujah!

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 9:16-23 *A servant for the sake of the gospel*

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: **"Halle, Halle, Hallelujah!"** #172

GOSPEL: Mark 1:29-39 *The healing of Peter's mother-in-law*

*Announcement: **Glory to you, O Lord.** Conclusion: **Praise to you, O Christ.***

SERMON Pastor Zech

HYMN OF THE DAY: **"Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness"** #843 ELW

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PRAYER OF THE CHURCH: *L: God of grace, C: receive our prayer.*

Ruby Sue Albertsen	Joyce Kasper	Tim Schmidt
Kristy Anderson	Donna Kvale	Jennie Spencer
Liam Bartleson	Chris McCormick	Lucky Truong
Hayden Despenas	Jill (Lewison) Nedved	Missionary Karen Anderson
Parker Farland	Melvin Peterson	Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Magallanes
Ruth Gernetzke	Carroll Reines	

SHARING OF THE PEACE: *L: The peace of Christ be with you always. C: And also with you.*

OFFERING: "I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light" Choir

OFFERTORY: **"As the Grains of Wheat"** #465

OFFERING PRAYER

L: Blessed are you, Holy One,

**C: for all good things come from you. In bread and cup you open heaven to us. Meet us at this table, that we receive what we seek and follow your Son, Jesus, in whose name we pray. Amen.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING / Holy, Holy, Holy                      from Now the Feast & Celebration, Marty Haugen  
Eucharistic Prayer / Eucharistic Acclamations  
Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ  
Lord's Prayer

COMMUNION:                      **"In the Singing"**                      #466  
   **"Healer of Our Every Ill"**                      #612

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE: **"Praise to You, O God of Mercy"**                      #208

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

SENDING HYMN: **"Rise, Shine, You People!"**                      #665

BLESSING / DISMISSAL:                      God in peace. You are God's beloved.  
   **Thanks be to God.**

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### **Worship Participants:**

Ushers: Gary McCarthy, Jim Lund, Tina Berg, Stross Newcom

Song Leaders: Scott Bertelsen, Steve & Audrey Olmstead

Piano: Linda Ferjak

Communion Servers: Emily Walker, Michael Bohl

Promiseland Music: Emily Walker

Choir: Linda Ferjak, director; Audrey Olmstead, piano; Ellie Clark, trumpet

Sound/Video Techs: Brody Hopp, Jacob Beenken

Altar Care: Jeanette Neuman

Assisting Minister: Cindi Lehmann

Greeter: Shirley Rollefson

Scripture Reader: Tasha Banta

Comm Set Up: Kathy McEnelly