

**Sunday, January 5, 2020**  
**Second Sunday of Christmas**



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***MISSION STATEMENT***

*We will LIVE and SERVE through FAITH*

*we will ACT with LOVE and KINDNESS*

*we will GIVE hope and SUPPORT to all.*

**Hearing Assistance is available during the service.**  
**Please notify usher if you would like assistance**



## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Healing Lord Jesus,

**you performed miracles that helped followers become aware of your presence and your magnificence. Surprise us today with miracles that we desperately seek, and make your presence known to all.**

**Amen.**

*Please be seated*

## PSALM: Psalm 103:1-5

<sup>1</sup>Bless the LORD, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name.

**<sup>2</sup>Bless the LORD, O my soul, and do not forget all his benefits —**

<sup>3</sup>who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases,

**<sup>4</sup>who redeems your life from the Pit, who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy,**

<sup>5</sup>who satisfies you with good as long as you live so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

*Please Stand for the Gospel*

## GOSPEL

**Mark 1:21-45**

### **Glory to you, O Lord**

<sup>21</sup>They went to Capernaum; and when the sabbath came, he entered the synagogue and taught. <sup>22</sup>They were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes. <sup>23</sup>Just then there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit, <sup>24</sup>and he cried out, "What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are, the Holy One of God." <sup>25</sup>But Jesus rebuked him, saying, "Be silent, and come out of him!" <sup>26</sup>And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying with a loud voice, came out of him. <sup>27</sup>They were all amazed, and they kept on asking one another, "What is this? A new teaching — with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him." <sup>28</sup>At once his fame began to spread throughout the surrounding region of Galilee.

<sup>29</sup>As soon as they left the synagogue, they entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. <sup>30</sup>Now Simon's mother-in-law was in bed with a fever, and they told him about her at once. <sup>31</sup>He came and took her by the hand and lifted her up. Then the fever left her, and she began to serve them.

<sup>32</sup>That evening, at sundown, they brought to him all who were sick or possessed with demons. <sup>33</sup>And the whole city was gathered around the door. <sup>34</sup>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.

<sup>35</sup>In the morning, while it was still very dark, he got up and went out to a deserted place, and there he prayed. <sup>36</sup>And Simon and his companions hunted for him.

<sup>37</sup>When they found him, they said to him, "Everyone is searching for you." <sup>38</sup>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." <sup>39</sup>And he went throughout Galilee, proclaiming the message in their synagogues and casting out demons.

<sup>40</sup>A leper came to him begging him, and kneeling he said to him, "If you choose, you can make me clean." <sup>41</sup>Moved with pity, Jesus stretched out his hand and touched him, and said to him, "I do choose. Be made clean!" <sup>42</sup>Immediately the leprosy left him, and he was made clean. <sup>43</sup>After sternly warning him he sent him away at once, <sup>44</sup>saying to him, "See that you say nothing to anyone; but go, show yourself to the priest, and offer for your cleansing what Moses commanded, as a testimony to them." <sup>45</sup>But he went out and began to proclaim it freely, and to spread the word, so that Jesus could no longer go into a town openly, but stayed out in the country; and people came to him from every quarter.

The Gospel of the Lord

**Praise to You, O Christ**

*Please be seated*

## **SERMON**

**HYMN OF THE DAY: "Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service" #712 ELW**

*Please stand if able*

## **APOSTLE'S CREED**

**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 Pilate, 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 INTERCESSION**

Gathered with all who seek the Christ child, let us pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

*A brief silence.*

Holy God, you make your presence known to the church in every land. Give to us a desire and will to support the diverse work of the church throughout the world (*ministries of the church around the world may be named*). Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Generous Creator, in you all things came into being and without you not one thing exists. We praise you for the snow and rain that water the earth. Move us to care for the well-being of the work of your hands. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Savior of the nations, you gather in your care people of every age and ability, from lands near and far. Inspire the leaders of the nations to work for peace within their countries and in all the world. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Saving God, provide for your people who begin this new year in need. Grant shelter to those who are homeless, comfort to all who are lonely, and a strong sense of your presence to those who are sick (*especially*). Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Word of truth, your good news of salvation is proclaimed among us. Bless all who proclaim your word in this community, especially teachers, pastors, deacons, musicians, and lectors. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

Gracious One, your light shines in the darkness and it is not overcome. We thank you for the witnesses who have testified to your light (*especially*). May their lives continue to inspire us. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Into your gracious hands we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your steadfast mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

## **PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

*Please be seated*

**OFFERING** *Ushers will begin passing the offering plate and Blessing Box.  
Please stand as the ushers bring the offering to the altar.*

## **OFFERTORY PRAYER**

Generous God,

**you have given us life, this community, and these gifts of the earth that become the meal of your grace. Move in our hearts, that we might use your gifts to bring hope and blessing wherever we go, through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## **WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

## **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

### **Invitation to Communion**

Love has come: God's love for all people. Come and eat, for Christ invites you.  
(Communion by intinction – red wine; white apple juice; gluten free available)

## **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Emmanuel, God with us,

**you grace us with life and breath and give us bread for the journey. Send us out in service to this world that you love, telling the amazing news of your coming to be Savior and Lord of all. Amen.**

## **BLESSING**

Grace from God's own heart, peace from the ✝ Child in the manger, and strength from the Spirit of life be blessings for you today and forever.

**Amen.**

**CLOSING HYMN:**

**“Christ be Our Light”**

**#715 ELW**

## **DISMISSAL**

Christ is born! Go tell it on the mountain and everywhere.  
**Thanks be to God.**

*Visitors! It has been great having you join us for worship!  
Please come again.*

**THOSE SERVING THIS WEEK**

Music: Digital Hymnal  
Greeters: Maynard & Kathy Berland  
Ushers: George & Patti Smith  
Hospitality: Lee & Barb Forrester

*Thank you for your service!*

Response to God’s Word Last Week

Attendance: Sunday, December 29, 2019: 9:00 am   34  

**THIS WEEK AT Bethesda**

**Jan. 6, 2020 – Jan. 12, 2020**

Monday	1/6	9:00 am	Women’s Devotion at Pat Becker’s
		11:30 am	Pinochle
		7:00 pm	AA/Alanon
Tuesday	1/7	12-2:00 pm	Pastor Text Study
Wednesday	1/8	9:00 am	Bible Study
		10:00 am	Stitchers
Thursday	1/9	8:00 am	ROMEOS
		11:30 pm	Funtimers: Pot Luck & Card Players
Friday	1/10	10:00 am	Bones
Sunday	1/12	9:00 am	Worship
		10:15 am	Sunday School

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**PRAYER & CARE LIST:** Julie Swaggert’s mother.

**ATTENDANCE REGISTRY** Please sign and pass the attendance registry which you will find in the pew. This information is gathered for annual reports to the Synod.

**BLESSING BOX** The first Sunday of every month we pass the “Blessing Box”. If you feel blessed, please contribute to the Blessing Box today to help others. All donations will go to local area benevolences. Thank you! What a Blessing!

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS (continued)**

**STEWARDSHIP & FINANCE COMMITTEE** After many years of faithful service to this committee, Pat Becker has retired. We wish to thank her for her dedicated service and would like to invite new members to join the group. Copies of the committee's description are available in the office. The task of this committee is the care, conservancy, planning, attention, upkeep, and management of the church's financial resources and distribution. Contact Donna Ansell, Barb Forrester, or Mary Vukelich if interested.