

# **ZION EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH - Saskatoon**

**Fifth Sunday after Epiphany – February 7, 2021**

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## **Order of Service**

Prelude – Rhosymedre by Vaughn Williams

Welcome

### **Confession and Absolution**

**Gathering Song** – “Christ, Be Our Light” – ELW #715 (not vs. 3)

**Kyrie** – pg. 138

**Gloria** – pg. 139

**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.**

### **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.

*Sing to God, with joy and gladness,  
hymns and psalms of gratitude;  
with the voice of praise discover  
that to worship God is good.*

God unites His scatter'd people,  
gathers those who wander'd far,  
heals the hurt and broken spirits,  
tending ev'ry wound and scar.  
*Refrain*

Such is God's great pow'r and wisdom  
none can calculate or tell;  
keen is God to ground the wicked  
and with humble folk to dwell.  
*Refrain*

God, with clouds, the sky has curtain'd,  
thus ensuring rain shall fall;  
earth, responding, grows to order  
food for creatures great and small.  
*Refrain*

God's discernment never favours  
strength or speed to life or move;  
God delights in those who fear Him,  
trusting in His steadfast love.  
*Refrain*

### **Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 9:16-23**

If I proclaim the gospel, this gives me no ground for boasting, for an obligation is laid on me, and woe betide me if I do not proclaim the gospel! For 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. What 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.

For though I am free with respect to all, I have made myself a slave to all, so that I might win more of them. To 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. To 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. To the weak I became weak, so that I might win the weak. I have become all things to all people, so that I might by any means save some. I do it all for the sake of the gospel, so that I may share in its blessings.

**Gospel Acclamation** – pg. 142

### **The Holy Gospel: Mark 1:29-39**

As soon as they 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 neighbouring 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.

Homily

**Hymn of the Day:** "O God of Mercy, God of Light" – ELW #714 (vs. 1-4)

### **Apostles' Creed**

Prayers of Intercession

**The Lord's Prayer** – pg. 305 (sung)

Benediction

**Sending Song:** "Spread, Oh, Spread, Almighty Word" – ELW #663

Postlude – Prelude and Fugue in D Minor by J.S. Bach

## Announcements:

**The Bible “Book of the Month” Club meets Tuesdays from 12:30-2:00 on Zoom.** Contact the office for the Zoom link.

**Join Pastor Ron for prayer 10:00 am Wednesday morning** by Zoom. Contact the church for the Zoom link.

**Zion’s Annual General Meeting is scheduled for next Sunday, February 14<sup>th</sup> at 1 pm.** Annual Reports and the Zoom link have been distributed. Contact the office if you did not receive them.

If you are interested in receiving the **bulletin, sermon or messenger devotion** by postal mail, contact Kaylyn in the office. You can also receive these by email if you don’t already.

**In Our Prayers:** Derwin Hall, Andrea Nostbakken, Nandari Swamy, Martin, Weldeyesus family, Mallory Jess, Wally Cubbon, Cecelia Jurgens, Vibes Paulsen, Neil Taylor, Vi Stalwick, Dale Stalwick, Gloria Hamp, Lena & their family, Adam, Betty McManus, Aaron Froese, Glenn Wood, Borgny Lokken, Samhara & Saraq, Brenda Smith, Robert Reid, Slind Family, Arryn Hahn and family, Fisher and LeBlanc families, Thor Kliev

### **“Christ, Be Our Light”**

Longing for light, we wait in darkness.  
Longing for truth, we turn to you.  
Make us your own, your holy people,  
light for the world to see.

*Refrain*

*Christ, be our light!*

*Shine in our hearts.*

*Shine through the darkness.*

*Christ, be our light!*

*Shine in your church, gathered today.*

Longing for peace, our world is troubled.  
Longing for hope, many despair.  
Your world alone has pow’r to save us.  
Make us your living voice

*Refrain*

Longing for shelter, many are homeless.  
Longing for warmth, many are cold.  
Make us your building, sheltering others,  
walls made of living stone.

*Refrain*

Many the gifts, many the people,  
many the hearts that yearn to belong.  
Let us be your servants to one another,  
signs of your kingdom come.

*Refrain*

### **“O God of Mercy, God of Light”**

O God of mercy, God of light,  
in love and mercy infinite;  
teach us, as ever in your sight,  
to live our lives in you.

You sent your Son to die for all,  
that our lost world might hear your call;  
oh, hear us lest we stray and fall!  
We rest our hope in you.

Teach us the lesson Jesus taught:  
to feel for those his blood has bought,  
that ev’ry deed and word and thought  
may work a work for you.

For all are kindred, far and wide,  
since Jesus Christ for all has died;  
grant us the will, and grace provide,  
to love them all in you.

### **“Spread, Oh, Spread Almighty Word”**

Spread, oh, spread, almighty Word,  
spread the reign of God the Lord.  
Send forth our Creator’s call,  
heaven’s gifts extend to all.

Tell of our Redeemer’s grace,  
who, to save our human race  
and to pay rebellion’s price,  
gave himself as sacrifice.

Tell of God the Spirit giv’n  
now to guide us on the heav’n,  
strong and holy, just and true,  
working both to will and do.

Lord of harvest, great and kind,  
rouse to action heart and mind;  
let the gath’ring nations all  
see your light and heed your call.