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The Devil's Work Undone

Fifth Sunday after Epiphany



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From Jordan's Shores to Mountain Glory—The Devil's Work Undone

Welcome! Thank you for joining us for worship today. In our services we gather before our almighty God to receive his gifts and to offer him our worship and praise. Through God's powerful Word and sacraments he renews our faith and strengthens us to serve in joy.

PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP: Gracious Holy Spirit, you come to us through your Word to create pure hearts within us and to renew our strength to serve. Thank you for bringing us here among our family of faith to celebrate our Savior. Amen.

THEME OF THE DAY: Martin Luther once said, "Where God built a church, there the devil would also build a chapel." Satan and the other demons hate God. They demonstrate hatred by hurting those that God loves in any way they can. The epiphany Christ wants us to have is this: demons are real, they are many, and they are dangerous. But Christ would also have us see that he is continually undoing the devil's work. Even more, through his Word, Christ Jesus gives us the power to resist the devil and stand firm in the faith.

OUR WORSHIP SERIES: "Epiphany" comes from a Greek word that means "reveal." For most of his adult life, Jesus was known simply as the son of Mary and Joseph. Around the age of thirty, the fuller truth about Jesus began to be revealed: his person, his power, and his purpose. It started with Jesus standing in the Jordan River with John the Baptist. The biggest epiphany took place at a mountain, where select followers saw Jesus shining brighter than the sun. All these epiphanies—these revelations about Jesus—changed the lives of everyone around him. In this season of Epiphany, as we follow Jesus from Jordan's shores to mountain's glory, may they change us too.

SERVING GOD, SERVING US:

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Order of Worship

CW Hymnal, Setting One



Hymn: I Walk in Danger All the Way

CW 836 sts. 1-3



1 I walk in dan - ger all the way; the thought shall nev - er
2 I pass through tri - als all the way, with sin and ills con -
3 Grim death pur - sues me all the way, no - where I rest se -



leave me that Sa - tan, who has marked his prey, is
tend - ing; in pa - tience I must bear each day the
cure - ly; he comes by night, he comes by day, he



plot - ting to de - ceive me. This foe with hid - den snares
cross of God's own send - ing. Oft in ad - ver - si - ty
takes his prey most sure - ly. A fail - ing breath, and I



may seize me un - a - wares if e'er I fail to
I know not where to flee, when storms of woe my
in death's strong grasp may lie to face e - ter - ni -



watch and pray; I walk in dan - ger all the way.
soul dis - may; I pass through tri - als all the way.
ty to - day; grim death pur - sues me all the way.

Please stand.

Minister: In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Congregation: Amen.

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS OF SINS

M: If we claim to be without sin we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

C: **If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.** *(1 John 1:8-9)*

M: Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

C: **Holy God, gracious Father,
I am sinful by nature
and have sinned against you in my thoughts, words, and actions.
I have not loved you with my whole heart;
I have not loved others as I should.
I deserve your punishment both now and forever.
But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my sins
with his innocent suffering and death.
Trusting in him, I pray: God, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

M: Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, who gave his life as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the \dagger Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Hymn: *I Walk in Danger All the Way*

CW 836 sts. 5-6



5 I walk with Je - sus all the way, his guid - ance nev - er
6 My walk is heav'n-ward all the way; a - wait, my soul, the



fails me; with - in his wounds I find a stay when
mor - row, when you at last with joy can say fare -



Sa - tan's pow'r as - sails me; and by his foot-steps led,
well to sin and sor - row. All world - ly pomp, be - gone!

my path I safe - ly tread. No e - vil leads my
 To heav'n I now press on. For all the world I
 soul a - stray; I walk with Je - sus all the way.
 would not stay; my walk is heav'n - ward all the way.

THE WORD OF GOD

M: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

Prayer of the Day

M: Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, keep your family continually in true faith, so that those who rely only on the hope of your heavenly grace may be protected by your mighty power; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

Be seated.

First Reading

Isaiah 40:27-31

When the devil's temptations make us tired and accusations make us weary, the LORD promises to renew our strength.

²⁷Why do you complain, Jacob? Why do you say, Israel, "My way is hidden from the LORD; my cause is disregarded by my God"?
²⁸Do you not know? Have you not heard? The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth.
 He will not grow tired or weary, and his understanding no one can fathom.
²⁹He gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak.
³⁰Even youths grow tired and weary, and young men stumble and fall;
³¹but 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.

M: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm: Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven

Psalm 103B

(Sunday) Men's Chorus will sing verses one and three



1 Praise, my soul, the King of heav - en; to his feet your
2 Praise him for his grace and fa - vor to his peo - ple
3 Fa - ther - like he tends and spares us; well our fee - ble
4 An - gels, help us to a - dore him; you be - hold him



trib - ute bring. Ran - somed, healed, re - stored, for - giv - en,
in dis - tress. Praise him, still the same as ev - er,
frame he knows. In his hand he gent - ly bears us,
face to face. Sun and moon, bow down be - fore him;



ev - er - more his prais - es sing; Al - le - lu - ia,
slow to chide, and swift to bless, Al - le - lu - ia,
res - cues us from all our foes; Al - le - lu - ia,
all who dwell in time and space, Al - le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia! praise the ev - er - last - ing King!
al - le - lu - ia! glo - rious in his faith - ful - ness!
al - le - lu - ia! wide - ly yet his mer - cy flows!
al - le - lu - ia! praise with us the God of grace!

Second Reading

1 Peter 5:6-11

Our enemy the devil may stalk us like a hungry lion hunting prey, but the God of all grace cares for us and promises deliverance.

⁶Humble yourselves, therefore, under God's mighty hand, that he may lift you up in due time. ⁷Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you.

⁸Be alert and of sober mind. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour. ⁹Resist him, standing firm in the faith, because you know that the family of believers throughout the world is undergoing the same kind of sufferings.

¹⁰And the God of all grace, who called you to his eternal glory in Christ, after you have suffered a little while, will himself restore you and make you strong, firm and steadfast. ¹¹To him be the power for ever and ever. Amen.

M: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand.

Gospel

Mark 1:29-39

The devil loves to see God's children suffer. Jesus undoes the devil's work.

²⁹As soon as they left the synagogue, they went with James and John to the home of Simon and Andrew. ³⁰Simon's mother-in-law was in bed with a fever, and they immediately told Jesus about her. ³¹So he went to her, took her hand and helped her up. The fever left her and she began to wait on them.

³²That evening after sunset the people brought to Jesus all the sick and demon-possessed. ³³The whole town gathered at the door, ³⁴and Jesus healed many who had various diseases. He also drove out many demons, but he would not let the demons speak because they knew who he was.

³⁵Very early in the morning, while it was still dark, Jesus got up, left the house and went off to a solitary place, where he prayed. ³⁶Simon and his companions went to look for him, ³⁷and when they found him, they exclaimed: "Everyone is looking for you!"

³⁸Jesus replied, "Let us go somewhere else—to the nearby villages—so I can preach there also. That is why I have come." ³⁹So he traveled throughout Galilee, preaching in their synagogues and driving out demons.

M: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise be to you, O Christ!**

Be seated.

Children's Devotion



Hymn of the Day: It Is Well with My Soul

CW 850



1 When peace like a riv - er at - tend - eth my way, when
2 Though Sa - tan should buf - fet, though tri - als should come, let
3 My sin— oh, the bliss of this glo - ri - ous thought— my
4 And, Lord, haste the day when my faith shall be sight, the



sor - rows like sea bil - lows roll— what - ev - er my lot, thou hast
this blest as - sur - ance con - trol, that Christ hath re - gard - ed my
sin, not in part, but the whole, is nailed to the cross, and I
clouds be rolled back as a scroll; the trump shall re - sound, and the



taught me to say, it is well, it is well with my soul.
help - less es - tate and hath shed his own blood for my soul.
bear it no more: praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!
Lord shall de - scend; e - ven so, it is well with my soul.

Refrain



It is well with my soul, it is well, it is well with my soul.

Sermon

Based on Mark 1:29-39

“Jesus displays his power and purpose”

- 1) We see his power in the things he did
- 2) We see his purpose in the choices he made

Please stand after the sermon.

THANKSGIVING

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his 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 into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the
Father Almighty.
From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Be seated.

Offering



 Connect Card

Our members give offerings to support God's work in our church. Offerings can be put in the basket or made online by scanning the code. Visitors may give, but aren't expected to.

We ask members and visitors alike to fill out the connection card and place it in the basket now or as you leave. Please share your prayer requests that we can pray for you.



 Give Online

(Sunday Offertory) Handbell Choir

Dance Africana on Dix

(10:30am) New Member Celebration

New members to our family of faith in 2023 are invited to the front of church.

M: Friends in Christ, St. Paul described the unity that exists in Christ's church when he wrote, *"There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to one hope when you were called; one Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all."* With sincere joy we welcome you to the fellowship of our congregation.

As you know, believers in Christ regularly gather around his Word and sacraments, encourage one another in faith and life, and carry out the work of his kingdom. The Scriptures encourage us: *"Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms."*

M: I ask you: Is it your desire to continue to join us in worship and mission and support this work with your prayers and gifts? If so, then respond, *"It is, and I ask God to help me."*

New members: It is, and I ask God to help me.

M: Brothers and sisters, as we welcome these new members to our Christian family, I encourage you in the name of Jesus to keep them in your minds, hold them in your hearts, and pray for them again and again. Show them the face of friendship and offer them a hand of support. Encourage them with your “works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ.”

M: The peace of Christ be with us all. Amen.

M: Gracious Father, we thank you for leading these brothers and sisters to desire to become a members of our congregation. Guide us with your wisdom as we worship and work together. Mold our minds and hearts into a single Christlike will so that we may be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, and faithful in prayer; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

Prayer of the Church

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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

Blessing

M: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and ✝ give you peace.

C: Amen.

Hymn: Afflicted Saint, to Christ Draw Near

CW 867



1 Af - flict - ed saint, to Christ draw near, your Sav - ior's
2 Your faith is weak, your foes are strong, and if the
3 Should per - se - cu - tion rage and flame, still trust in
4 When called to bear your weight - y cross, or sore af -



gra - cious prom - ise hear; his faith - ful Word you can be -
 con - flict should be long, the Lord will make the tempt - er
 your Re - deem - er's name. In fi - ery tri - als you shall
 flic - tion, pain, or loss, or deep dis - tress, or pov - er -



lieve, that as your days your strength shall be. v. 2
 flee, that as your days your strength shall be. Refrain
 see that as your days your strength shall be. Refrain
 ty, still as your days your strength shall be. Refrain



Refrain

So, sing with joy, af - flict - ed one; the bat - tle's fierce, but the



vic - t'ry's won! God shall sup - ply all that you need;



yes, as your days your strength shall be.

Silent Prayer and Announcements

Acknowledgments

Setting One from Christian Worship

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Fellowship & Spiritual Growth

Sunday morning, all are invited to enjoy refreshments and fellowship in the entry between services. Sunday JAM for children ages 3yrs to 6th grade starts at 9:10am in the sanctuary.

For Worship Next Week

Worship theme: A Glimpse of His True Glory

Bible Readings: 2 Kings 2:1-12a; 2 Corinthians 4:3-6; Mark 9:2-9

Hymns: 389, 388, 661, 977

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

For our guests

We are glad that you joined us to worship our Savior today. If you have questions about our church or service simply ask an usher or someone near you. We're happy to help!

Please take note of a few helpful things:

- ✦ Restrooms with diaper-changing tables are located straight down the hall opposite the sanctuary entrance.
- ✦ Our sanctuary is equipped with a "loop" system for hearing assistance. Please set hearing aids to the "T" position or ask an usher for a headset.
- ✦ You will find a connection card in your pew. Please share names, contact information, and prayer requests.
- ✦ Salem members give an offering to support the work we do for the Lord. Guests are not expected to give anything, but if you wish to donate you can place it in a basket as it's passed during the service or give online.
- ✦ Our services are streamed live on our YouTube channel. If you would prefer not to be on camera, please sit in the seats located beneath the balcony.

For those with young children

We love to see families worship together and we welcome children to sing, pray, and grow with us in our services.

We provide a few special worship aids and helps for families:

- ✦ Children's bulletins & activity bags are available in the entry, just to the left of the office hallway. Ask an usher if you need help finding them.
- ✦ If you or your child needs a quiet space, you can use the fireside room down the hallway across from the restrooms. The service is streamed live on a TV in the room.
- ✦ On Sunday mornings, children of all ages are invited to come to the front of church for the children's message. Parents are welcome too!

**Salem Lutheran Church exists to glorify God
by teaching his timeless Truth, that all may
grow in grace and faith to share tomorrow's eternity.**

