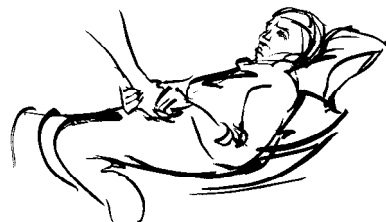

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Sunday, February 5, 2012
Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

In Isaiah it is the one God who sits above the earth and numbers the stars—it is that God who 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 to health and diakonia. Following Jesus, we strengthen the powerless; like Jesus, we seek to renew our own strength in quiet times of prayer.



Welcome to our journey in Christ! Thank you for joining us in worship this morning.

Please sign your name in the Fellowship Pad located in the black folder in your pew. If you are a visitor, please give us a way to contact you so that we can thank you for being with us today. You have enriched our worship with your presence this morning!

Children are welcome to worship with us. Worship boxes with crayons, stickers, and other “kid stuff” are available. Just ask an usher.

A Nursery with supervision is provided during worship for infants and toddlers through age five. It is located in the Fellowship Hall. Ask an usher for directions.

Hearing Assistance Devices are available. If needed, please see an usher.

DEDICATION

**The flowers in the chancel are given to the glory of God
in memory of Tauno and Viola Palo on their birthdays
by Roy and Barbara Palo, and in honor of her Mom Mom
Mary Pacesa's birthday by Cate Boettger**

SERVING TODAY—Sunday, February 5, 2012

8:00 AM Service

Acolytes/Crucifer		Katie Spae, Adam & Anna Fleetwood
Assisting Minister		Eric Mease
Ushers		Dewey Smith, Keith Bart, Cindy Bart, Pat Fett
Greeters	F:	Stacy & Caitlyn Onizuk
	B:	Debbie Galonsky
Lay Reader		Alan Fleetwood
Prayer Partner		Kathy Kazmar

10:45 AM Service

Acolytes/Crucifer		Josh Clark, James Kaczmarczyk, Josh Fickes
Assisting Minister		Maryann Yarram
Ushers		Rob Heinz, Chuck Maass, Dean Shippy, Jay Bergstrom
Greeters	F:	Richard & Kara Masi
	B:	Steve Davis
Lay Reader		Olive Barton
Prayer Partner		Loretta Peterson

Bread Provider

Sherri Mench

Altar Guild

Diane Sammelwitz, Janet Mease

Coffee

Ann Yaiser

Nursery Attendant

Alissa Mittelman

SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

In the principal service of Christian worship, the Holy Spirit gathers people around the means of grace—the saving Word of God and the sacraments. From the table of communion where Jesus Christ comes with forgiveness, life, and salvation, God sends us out to share the good news and to care for those in need.

✠ GATHERING ✠

The Holy Spirit calls us together as people of God.

PRELUDE “On Eagle’s Wings” - Callahan

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please stand, as you are able.

GATHERING SONG **Arise, Your Light Has Come!** **ELW 314**

GREETING

P The grace of Jesus Christ,
the mercy of the Holy One,
and the Spirit of the living God
be with you all.

C And also with you.

HYMN OF PRAISE



1 Glo-ry be to God in heav-en; peace, good-will to all the earth.
2 Glo-ry be to Christ for - ev - er, Lamb of God and Lord of love.
3 Ho - ly One we now ac-claim you; Lord a - lone, to you we call;



Might-y God of all cre - a - tion, Fa - ther of sur - pass - ing worth:
Son of God and gra - cious Sav - ior, you have come from heav'n a - bove;
Ho - ly One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all:



we ex - alt you, we a - dore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.
on the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God's right hand.
Je - sus Christ, with God the Spir - it, in the Fa - ther's splen - dor bright.



Saints and an - gels bow be - fore you; here on earth our songs we raise.
Hear our prayer; re - store, for - give us; in your prom - ise firm we stand.
For the peace that we in - her - it, glo - ry be to God on high!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

A Let us pray.

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.

C Amen.

Be seated

✠ **WORD** ✠

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

FIRST READING

Isaiah 40:21-30

A A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

- ²¹Have 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?
- ²²It 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;
- ²³who brings princes to naught,
and makes the rulers of the earth as nothing.
- ²⁴Scarcely 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.
- ²⁵To whom then will you compare me,
or who is my equal? says the Holy One.
- ²⁶Lift 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.

²⁷Why do you say, O Jacob,
and speak, O Israel,
"My way is hidden from the LORD,
and my right is disregarded by my God"?

²⁸Have 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.

²⁹He gives power to the faint,
and strengthens the powerless.

³⁰Even youths will faint and be weary,
and the young will fall exhausted;

³¹but 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.

- A The word of the Lord.
- C **Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 9:16-23

A A reading from Paul's first letter to the Corinthians:

¹⁶If I proclaim the gospel, this gives me no ground for boasting, for an obligation is laid on me, and woe to me if I do not proclaim the gospel! ¹⁷For 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. ¹⁸What 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.

¹⁹For though I am free with respect to all, I have made myself a slave to all, so that I might win more of them. ²⁰To 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. ²¹To 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. ²²To the weak I became weak, so that I might win the weak. I have become all things to all people, that I might by all means save some. ²³I do it all for the sake of the gospel, so that I may share in its blessings.

A The word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand and sing the Gospel Acclamation found on the next page.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav - ing word.



Let it burn like fire with - in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

GOSPEL

Mark 1:29-39

The pastor may say:

P The Holy Gospel comes into our midst as does Christ himself, and today is written in the book of _____.

or

The Holy Gospel according to _____.

C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

²⁹As soon as they left the synagogue, they entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. ³⁰Now Simon's mother-in-law was in bed with a fever, and they told him about her at once.

³¹He came and took her by the hand and lifted her up. Then the fever left her, and she began to serve them.

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

³⁵In the morning, while it was still very dark, he got up and went out to a deserted place, and there he prayed. ³⁶And Simon and his companions hunted for him. ³⁷When they found him, they said to him, "Everyone is searching for you."

³⁸He 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." ³⁹And he went throughout Galilee, proclaiming the message in their synagogues and casting out demons.

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

Be seated.

SERMON

Silence for reflection follows.

Please stand.

HYMN OF THE DAY **Praise the One Who
Breaks the Darkness**

ELW 843

PROFESSION OF FAITH

Apostles' Creed

A Let us confess the faith of our baptism, as we say:

C **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

Each portion of the prayers ends with these or similar words:

A Lord, in your mercy, *or*
C **hear our prayer.**

A Hear us, O God,
C **your mercy is great.**

PEACE

P The peace of Christ be with you always.
C **And also with you.**

Be seated.

✠ MEAL ✠

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

OFFERING

Gifts are gathered for those in need and the mission of the church.

During this time, please sign the Fellowship Pad (the black folder) found at the end of your pew and pass it to your neighbor.

ANTHEM “In the Singing” – Young; arr. Helgen

8:00 AM:


Matins Choir

10:45 AM:

Adult Choir

*As the bread, wine and gifts are brought forward,
please stand and sing the Offertory found on the next page.*

OFFERTORY



1 Oh, what shall I ren - der in thanks to my Lord
2 My hands take the cup of sal - va - tion you give;
for all the good gifts by which I am re - stored?
I'll praise you, O God, for as long as I live.
No trea - sure I ten - der could ev - er re - pay
My thanks will rise up as I call on your name,
God's mer - cy and faith - ful - ness, new ev - 'ry day.
with all of your peo - ple your good - ness pro - claim.

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OFFERING PRAYER

A Let us pray. Merciful God,
C as grains of wheat scattered upon the hills
were gathered together to become one bread,
so let your church be gathered together from the ends
of the earth into your kingdom, for yours is the glory
through Jesus Christ, now and forever.
Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

- P** The Lord be with you.
C **And also with you.**
P Lift up your hearts.
C **We lift them to the Lord.**
P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
C **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**
P It is truly right and our greatest joy...
who forever sing to the glory of your name:

SANCTUS



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,



heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san - na in the high - est.



Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -



san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

- P** Great is the mystery of faith:
C **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

LORD'S PRAYER

P As our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray:

C **Our Father, who art in heaven,**
hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come,
thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P The bread of God comes down from heaven
and gives life to the world.

C **Come, eat, and live.**

AGNUS DEI



1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;



you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.
e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

Be seated.

COMMUNION

We believe that Christ is truly present in this sacrament. All baptized Christians are invited to commune. Those who are not baptized, and younger children who are not yet communing, are welcome to come forward for a blessing. Those wishing to be blessed may stand with arms crossed to indicate they do not wish to commune. If you would like to receive communion in your pew, please notify an usher.

Two chalices are used to administer communion: one for pouring, the other as a drinking chalice. If you come to the altar with a glass, wine will be poured for you. If you come to the altar without a glass, you will be offered the drinking chalice.

Non-alcoholic grape juice is available upon request. If you desire to receive grape juice, please take an empty cup and as you do so, request that grape juice be poured for you.

Gluten-free communion wafers are available upon request.

A prayer station is available in the hallway during communion for those who desire confidential prayer about any subject. A prayer partner and the pastor will pray with you and offer anointing if you wish it. You may come at any time before or after you commune.

DISTRIBUTION
HYMNS

Now the Silence

ELW 460

On Eagle's Wings

ELW 787

After all have returned to their places, please stand.

BLESSING AND PRAYER

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C **Amen.**

A Let us pray.

Everlasting God, we bless you that you have brought us to the mountaintop and fed us with the life and light of your Son. Send us in his name from this place to bring light into dark corners, healing where lives are torn, and nourishment to every hungry heart, in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C **Amen.**

✠ SENDING ✠

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

BENEDICTION

P God the Father, light-creator;
God the Son, Light from Light;
and God the Holy Spirit, light-revealer,
bless you and ✠ give you peace.

C **Amen.**

SENDING SONG **God, Whose Almighty Word**

ELW 673

DISMISSAL

- A** Go in peace. Share the good news.
C **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE “Fanfare on *Nettleton*” - Honoré

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SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING TODAY

This morning, we will gather in the sanctuary at 9:30 a.m. to vote on proposed changes to the Congregational Constitution, bringing it in line with the ELCA model. Grab a cup of coffee and join in the discussion.

SERVING NEXT SUNDAY—February 12, 2012

8:00 AM Service

Acolytes/Crucifer	Nathan Galloway, Abby Horah, Josh Fickes
Assisting Minister	Ben Fickes
Ushers	John Krick, Roy & Barbara Palo, Eric Benson
Greeters	F: Clara Lawrence B: Joan Marie Powers
Lay Reader	Ping-An Tjoa
Prayer Partner	Lynn Deschere

10:45 AM Service

Acolytes/Crucifer	Victor Anderson, Andreas Eltrich, Luke Marcheski-Parker
Assisting Minister	Eric Watt
Ushers	Herb Pederson, Robert & Mary Boord, Steve Davis
Greeters	F: Susan & MacKenzie Allen B: Rob Heinz
Lay Reader	Arch McKown
Prayer Partner	Bob Patterson
Bread Provider	Keith Bart
Altar Guild	Ginny Rundell
Coffee	Pat Spae
Nursery Attendant	Alissa Mittelman

IMPORTANT NEWS

Case of the Missing Case

If anyone knows the whereabouts of a small, black, handled case that contains the upper half of the third octave of our Schulmerich handbells, please let Director of Music, Mike Bareham, know right away. It should have a plaque on it reading, "Schulmerich G#6 – C7/Case 4."

Super Bowl Sub Pick Up

You can pick up the ham, turkey, and Italian hoagies you ordered from St. Paul's youth between services today. Those not picked up by 10:30 a.m. will be delivered personally by the youth who took your order.

Thank you for helping our young people and their leaders to attend the ELCA Youth Gathering, *Citizens with the Saints*, in New Orleans, July 18 – 22.

A Scout Is Reverent

February 5th is Scout Sunday, the Sunday falling before February 8th, Scouting Anniversary Day. Recognition of the contributions of young people and adults to the Boy Scouts of America will be given at the 10:45 a.m. service today.

Junior High Lock In Ends

The annual lock in for Jr. High youth which began last evening at 7 p.m. will come to an end this morning at 10:30 a.m., after participants attend the 8 a.m. service of Holy Communion and 9:30 a.m. Sunday School. Thanks to the adults who provided overnight help and supervision.

St. Paul's Women of the ELCA

The Evening Circle will meet tomorrow, Monday, February 6th at 7:00 p.m. in the Blue Room. Lorraine Fett will lead us in a Bible study/discussion on the Lord's Prayer. Our co-hostesses will be Barb Rhodes and Susan Allen. All women of St. Paul's are invited to attend.

Multicultural Night Postponed

St. Paul's School has postponed their multicultural celebration from this Friday evening, February 10th to Friday, April 20th at 6:15 p.m. Plan to attend for a Brazilian experience!

Blessing of the Lap Robes

The lap robes, prayerfully made by our members, will be on display next Sunday, February 12th on the sanctuary chairs in the front rows. They will be blessed during worship before they are sent to the sick, the shut in, and all who find need of their comfort.

Church Council Installation

Following their meeting on Tuesday, February 21 when officers will be elected, the members of the 2012 Church Council will be installed on Sunday, February 26 at both services.

St. Paul's Women's Retreat

The ninth Annual Women's Retreat will be held on Saturday, March 3rd at the Buena Vista Country Estate in New Castle, Delaware. Registration forms can be found in the narthex and in the February *Epistle*. Completed registrations are due in the church office by Tuesday, February 28th.

Lenten Retreat at Mar-Lu-Ridge

"Becoming Who You were Created To Be: Exploring the Fruit of the Spirit," Saturday, March 10 at Mar-Lu-Ridge in Jefferson, Maryland. Email: Sarah Lefler, mlr@mar-lu-ridge.org, to register. More information is available online at: www.mar-lu-ridge.org.

Code Purple Sanctuary

Last winter, St. Paul's joined other churches in the Newark area to provide overnight shelter and simple meals to the homeless during the coldest nights of winter. To offer your service or to find out more about this ministry, please contact Barb Rhodes, 610-255-4201, Brhodes841@aol.com, or Paul Sammelwitz, 610-869-9046, psamm@udel.edu. We need to know who will help so we can contact you when it's our turn to shelter the less fortunate.

THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

<p><u>Sunday, February 5</u> <i>5th Sunday after Epiphany</i> Super Bowl Sub pick up between services</p>	<p>7:30 a.m. 8:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 10:45 a.m.</p>	<p>Matins Choir Rehearsal Service of Holy Communion SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING Christian Education Service of Holy Communion</p>
<p><u>Monday, February 6</u></p>	<p>3:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m.</p>	<p>School Aftercare St. Paul's WELCA Evening Circle</p>
<p><u>Tuesday, February 7</u></p>	<p>3:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.</p>	<p>School Aftercare SPS Board Worship & Music Committee Boy Scouts</p>
<p><u>Wednesday, February 8</u></p>	<p>10:45 a.m. 3:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m.</p>	<p>Children's Chapel School Aftercare Evening Prayer</p>
<p><u>Thursday, February 9</u></p>	<p>10:45 a.m. 3:30 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:30 p.m.</p>	<p>Children's Chapel School Aftercare Handbell Choir Rehearsal Tutoring Property Committee Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal</p>
<p><u>Friday, February 10</u></p>	<p>3:30 p.m.</p>	<p>School Aftercare</p>
<p><u>Sunday, February 12</u> <i>6th Sunday after Epiphany</i></p>	<p>7:30 a.m. 8:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 10:45 a.m.</p>	<p>Matins Choir Rehearsal Service of Holy Communion Christian Education Service of Holy Communion</p>