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# ~ WELCOME ~

*(\* Please stand as you are comfortable and able*

Prelude Music

Welcome & Announcements

\*Opening Litany

L: Jesus restores life so that people may return to service to their God.

**C: He also accepts and cares for the marginalized and cures those who are brought to Him for healing.**

L: Often, these souls were dependent upon public charity and were not welcome to participate in community.

**C: Jesus came to show a new way where people were made whole and invited back into society.**

L: O Lord, may we strive to follow your holy example of inclusion, compassion, and welcome. Amen.

\*Opening Hymn #858 "Praise to the Lord the Almighty"

\*The Greeting and Prayer of the Day

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

**C: And also with you.**

L: 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. **Amen.**

## The First Reading ~ Isaiah 40: 21-31

*The Judeans in exile have a good reason to be hopeful: the one who will bring them to freedom is the God who created the world, the God who subdues the rulers of the earth and gives strength to those who are weary.*

<sup>21</sup>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? <sup>22</sup>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; <sup>23</sup>who brings princes to naught, and makes the rulers of the earth as nothing. <sup>24</sup>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. <sup>25</sup>To whom then will you compare me, or who is my equal? says the Holy One. <sup>26</sup>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. <sup>27</sup>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"? <sup>28</sup>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. <sup>29</sup>He gives power to the faint, and strengthens the powerless. <sup>30</sup>Even youths will faint and be weary, and the young will fall exhausted; <sup>31</sup>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.

L: Word of God, word of life.      C: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 147 (selective verses read responsively, lector then congregation)


<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. Hallelujah!

## The Second Reading ~ 1 Corinthians 9: 16-23

*God entrusted Paul with the responsibility of bringing the gospel to diverse people. Hence the focus of Paul's ministry is not his own rights or privileges as an apostle but the privilege of serving God by freely sharing the good news of Christ with others.*

<sup>16</sup>If 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! <sup>17</sup>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. <sup>18</sup>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.

<sup>19</sup>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. <sup>20</sup>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. <sup>21</sup>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. <sup>22</sup>To 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. <sup>23</sup>I do it all for the sake of the gospel, so that I may share in its blessings.

L: Word of God, word of life.      C: **Thanks be to God.**

**\*The Gospel Acclamation**



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

*Everywhere Jesus goes, many people expect Him to set them free from oppression. Everywhere He goes, Jesus heals people and sets them free. Disease, devils, and death are running for their lives. The forces that diminish human life are rendered powerless by Jesus.*

L: The Holy Gospel according to the 1st chapter of St. Mark.

**C: Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>29</sup>As soon as Jesus and the disciples 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 sunset, 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, Jesus 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 Jesus 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.**

The Sermon

Sharon Bender

\*Hymn #314

"Arise, Your Light Has Come"

\*The Apostles' Creed (professed together)

**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.**

\*Prayer of the Church

*After each prayer petition, please respond:*

L: God of grace ...      C: **Receive our prayer.**

Anthem (piano)

\*The Lord's Prayer (traditional ~ prayed by all)

\*The Benediction

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord's face shine upon you with grace and mercy.

The Lord look upon you with favor + and give you peace. Amen.

\*Hymn #671

"Shine, Jesus, Shine"

\*The Dismissal

Go in peace; the light of Christ has come.

**Thanks be to God!**

No formal offering is taken during the worship service. There are two offering plates in the narthex hallway to receive your financial gifts. Thank you ☩

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you*

... to Scouts, Kolby Mease & Gavin Groendal for serving as our lectors and Nick Sajez & Bruno Columbo for handing out the bulletins this morning

... Diane Ernst for serving as our counter

... to Drew Wagner for serving as our live stream tech

The season of Lent begins on  
Wednesday, February 14th, with  
worship at 6:15pm.  
(Communion & imposition of ashes)



To be remembered in prayer ... Bill Bugger, Leona Callahan, Levi Cressman, Sharon Edwards, Hope Geary, Harvey and Janet Heckman, Rod and Susan Heckman, Helen Kerositz, Kathleen Tuomela May, Zachary, and the people of Israel and Ukraine.

## A Scout Is Reverent

Scouting's founder, Lord Robert Baden-Powell, knew that faith gives young people a road map for life, and that it is a wise guide for thoughts and actions.

Over 100 years later we still believe that, and it is our individual faith traditions that inspire us to look beyond ourselves and turn our attention to helping others.

Scout Sunday is a beautiful reminder to ground ourselves in this faith and reverence, both in our personal lives and in BSA's daily mission to make the world a better place.



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