**5th Sunday after the Epiphany**

In today’s Gospel from Mark, Jesus says, “Let us go on to the next towns, that I may preach there also, for that is why I came out.” His ministry and mission for this world was one for all people. Even as Jesus early on in His earthly ministry heals people, including Simon’s mother-in-law, so He comes to us still with healing through the forgiveness of sins. Blessed by Him and His unending grace, we can be rejuvenated and strengthened on “wings like eagles” and serve all in His name and “become all things to all people, that by all means I might save some . . . for the sake of the gospel.”

**PSALM** 91:1-12

(*LSB*, Divine Service, Setting Five, pg. 213)

**HYMN** *“Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness”* (*LSB* 849)

Praise the One who breaks the darkness with a liberating light;

praise the One who frees the pris’ners, turning blindness into sight.

Praise the One who preached the Gospel, healing ev’ry dread disease,

calming storms, and feeding thousands with the very Bread of peace.

Praise the One who blessed the children with a strong, yet gentle, word;

praise the One who drove out demons with the piercing, two-edged sword.

Praise the One who brings cool water to the desert’s burning sand;

from this Well comes living water, quenching thirst in ev’ry land.

Let us praise the Word Incarnate, Christ, who suffered in our place.

Jesus died and rose victorious that we may know God by grace.

Let us sing for joy and gladness, seeing what our God has done;

let us praise the true Redeemer, praise the One who makes us one.

**OLD TESTAMENT READING** Isaiah 40:21-31

**EPISTLE** 1 Corinthians 9:16-27

**HOLY GOSPEL** Mark 1:29-39

**HYMN** *“On Eagles’ Wings”* (*LSB* 727)

You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord, who abide in His shadow for life,

say to the Lord: “My refuge, my rock in whom I trust!”

*(Chorus)* And He will raise you up on eagles’ wings, bear you on the breath of dawn,

make you to shine like the sun, and hold you in the palm of His hand.

The snare of the fowler will never capture you, and famine will bring you no fear;

under His wings your refuge, His faithfulness your shield. *(Chorus)*

You need not fear the terror of the night, nor the arrow that flies by day;

though thousands fall about you, near you it shall not come. *(Chorus)*

For to His angels He’s given a command to guard you in all of your ways;

upon their hands they will bear you up, lest you dash your foot against a stone. *(Chorus)*

**SERMON *“Strength from the Lord”***

**LORD’S PRAYER (SUNG)** (*LSB* Inside front cover)

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*“Come unto Me, Ye Weary”* (*LSB* 684)

“Come unto Me, ye weary, and I will give you rest.”

O blessèd voice of Jesus, which comes to hearts oppressed!

It tells of benediction, of pardon, grace, and peace,

of joy that hath no ending, of love that cannot cease.

“Come unto Me, ye wand’rers, and I will give you light.”

O loving voice of Jesus, which comes to cheer the night!

Our hearts were filled with sadness, and we had lost our way;

but Thou hast brought us gladness and songs at break of day.

“Come unto Me, ye fainting, and I will give you life.”

O cheering voice of Jesus, which comes to aid our strife!

The foe is stern and eager, the fight is fierce and long;

but Thou hast made us mighty and stronger than the strong.

“And whosoever cometh, I will not cast him out.”

O patient love of Jesus, which drives away our doubt,

which, though we be unworthy of love so great and free,

invites us very sinners to come, dear Lord, to Thee!

**HYMN** *“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”* (*LSB* 790)

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!

O my soul, praise Him, for He is your health and salvation!

Let all who hear now to His temple draw near,

joining in glad adoration!

Praise to the Lord, who o’er all things is wondrously reigning

and, as on wings of an eagle, uplifting, sustaining.

Have you not seen all that is needful has been

sent by His gracious ordaining?

Praise to the Lord, who has fearfully, wondrously, made you,

health has bestowed and, when heedlessly falling, has stayed you.

What need or grief ever has failed of relief?

Wings of His mercy did shade you.

Praise to the Lord, who will prosper your work and defend you;

surely His goodness and mercy shall daily attend you.

Ponder anew what the Almighty can do

as with His love He befriends you.

Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore Him!

All that has life and breath, come now with praises before Him!

Let the Amen sound from His people again;

gladly forever adore Him!

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