



Sunday, February, 2024

The Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany

10:00 a.m.



“Left Behind”

Pastor Steve Albertin

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

Call to Worship

I Love You Lord

Announcements

* (*indicates please stand*)

* Greeting & Passing of Peace

Song

Now the Feast and Celebration

Prayer of the Day

Song

When I Look Into Your Holiness

please be seated

Lesson

1st Corinthians 9:16-23

Pew Bible pg 1044

C: **The word of the Lord.**

P: The holy Gospel according to St. Mark

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

Gospel

Mark 1:29-39

Pew Bible pg 911

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Children's Message

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Sermon

"Left Behind"

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- Jesus LEFT BEHIND many sick and ill in Capernaum. Likewise, we fear that God will do the same to us.
- Jesus does not give us what we WANT but what we NEED . . . to believe in God.
- Even though Jesus is tempted to give up on us, he goes to the cross bearing our sin and all that is wrong with this world . . . so that we might be healed of our doubt and be assured that God has not LEFT us BEHIND.
- Healed of our sin and all that is wrong, we can "serve" the world and comfort it with the promise that it too is not LEFT BEHIND.

* **Song**

The Epiphany Carol

Abertin/Von Schakel

A wondrous light descends upon the earth's dark night.
Warming the cold; melting the dark. Shedding the gloom, pouring the light
upon the wounds of time's great plight, ending the curse of sin's dread night.

Chorus:

Rejoice humanity! For this Epiphany
Reveals divinity, a blessed symphony.
Sweet notes of light sing through the night;
The song of God's delight.

The sick and ill all heard of Jesus' healing pow'r.
Hearing his name, quickly they came. Seeking a cure and to be pure.
When Jesus healed them, they could feel God's love for them as deep and real.
(*Chorus*)

When Jesus heals our heart and mends our tattered lives
That is good news we cannot lose. Joy to proclaim, life in His name.
We get to share with all who hear this gracious tale of joy and cheer.
(*Chorus*)

please be seated

The Offering

* **Offertory**

We Are an Offering

ELW 692

* **The Nicene Creed**

ELW pg 104

Prayers of the Church : (*the congregation joins in speaking the first names of those for whom we pray.*)

Members:

Lee & Wes, Bill, Craig, Lisa, Kay, Judy, Tim, John

Family & Friends

Roger, Pete, George, Bob, Alan, Linda, Jeannie, Joyce, Randall & Mary

Communion

The 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 indeed right, our duty and our joy...

And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

C: **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

The Lord's Prayer

C: **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. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the Kingdom, the power, and the glory are Yours, now and forever. Amen!**

please be seated

Distribution

All baptized Christians who seek the blessings of Christ's true body and blood in the bread and wine of Holy Communion are welcome at his table. There, they receive him and the new life he offers. Those who eat and drink at his table commit themselves to the care and redemption of all that God has made. If you are not baptized, contact Pastor Albertin to learn how you can receive the great gift God has for you in baptism. Today, you are welcome to join us at Christ's table.

Benediction

* **Sending Song** A Shield About Me

P: Go in Peace. Serve the Lord.
C: **Thanks be to God!**