



**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.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION p. 205 "Alleluia! . . ."

*Please stand.*

P: The Holy Gospel according to Mark, the 1st chapter.

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

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

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

<sup>29</sup>As soon as they 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 sundown, 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, he 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 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.**

*Please be seated.*  
**Pastor Geoff Scott**

SERMON

*Silence for reflection*

HYMN OF THE DAY "Spread, Oh, Spread, Almighty Word"

*ELW, #663*

APOSTLES' CREED

*Please stand.*

**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 p. 206

*Each Petition concludes with "God of mercy." Congregation responds: "Hear our prayer."*

SHARING OF THE PEACE p. 206

*You may greet one another with the words, "Peace be with you."*

THE OFFERING

*Please be seated.*

OFFERTORY *ELW, #184* "Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful"

*Please stand.*

OFFERTORY PRAYER

P: Let us pray. Holy God, gracious and merciful, . . . Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C: Amen.**

**Meal**

GREAT THANKSGIVING p. 206

THE LORD'S PRAYER p. 208

COMMUNION p. 208

*Please be seated.*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

*Please stand.*

P: Let us pray. We give you thanks, almighty God, . . . for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: **Amen.**

### ***Sending***

SENDING OF HOME COMMUNION MINISTERS

BLESSING

*Announcements*

*Please be seated.*

SENDING SONG “God, Whose Almighty Word”

*ELW, #673*

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

## ***Christ Lutheran Church Announcements—Week of February 5, 2012***

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**MISSION STATEMENT:** “Christ is for all! We are called to share God’s love through worship, music, teaching, serving and sharing our gifts.” **VISION STATEMENT:** “Christ Lutheran is where God’s promise of love and forgiveness is for all.”

**WELCOME, VISITORS!** Please stop by the Welcome Table in the narthex and pick up your free Christ Lutheran Coffee Mug before you leave. Don’t forget to sign our Guest Register, too!  
**PRAYER CONCERNS:** Kathy Falk; Emily Tye; Nancy Hoff; Ashley Anderson; Lyla Marlett; the family of Francis Knutson; Levi Nelson; Dale Eichmann; Mindy Eckert; Dale Schmitz; Nick & Joan George; Sue Borth-Nelson; Dave & Linda Schleppenbach; Doreen Lorenzen; Cathy Werner (Marletts’ daughter); Rob Smith (cousin of Arla Graff, Nancy Bourget and Dale Knutson); George Jimos (friend of Frank & Dee Smith); Jenny Larson; Molly Lande; Frances Stratton; Jerry Kovach; Dick Laberee; Roger Bosse; Jeanine Young (Marie Wintgens’ daughter-in-law); Hani Michel; Paul & Elsie Falkner; Rose Mary Neck (Dee Smith’s sister); Gert Krook; Dolores Lotzer; Ryan Wilcox and his family (Wettlesons’ grandson); Rose Sweeney (Kora Bueling’s grandma); Pam Stockland; Danielle Loftus (Cindi Wieman’s cousin); Dick Lowery; Carolyn Hemming; Robin Messick; George & Ellie Larson; Robert Iverson (Ken’s brother); Barney & Shirley Kirchoff; Neil Schroeder; Mike Malone (Molly Lande’s brother); Pat Marko; Vi Hawkinson; Muriel Schultz; Mary Wolff (Gabe Johnson’s mother-in-law); Dick & Sharon Larson; Margery Gustman; Vera Dresser; Mike & Carol Olson.

**KNOWN TO HAVE BEEN HOSPITALIZED THIS PAST WEEK:** Lyla Marlett is at Dove South on Hwy. 93 in Eau Claire.

**WELCOME, BOY SCOUT TROOP 103 AND CUB PACK 103,** to our worship service this morning for Scout Sunday!

**SOUPER BOWL OF CARING** is TODAY! COSMO children will be collecting monetary donations in soup pots at the end of the service. We will also be collecting cans of soup. Food donations may be left in the Sunday School office. All donations will benefit our local Stepping Stones Food Pantry.

**OUR SYMPATHY TO** Dale & Dawn Knutson, Marcella Hays, Nancy Bourget, Arla Graff, and family in the loss of Dale’s father, Marcella’s brother, and Nancy’s and Arla’s uncle, Francis Knutson, on January 31. His funeral was February 4 at Colfax Lutheran Church.

**TAIZÉ SERVICE** will be held this Thursday, February 9, at 7:30 p.m. at Grace Episcopal Church.

**CONGRATULATIONS TO** the following CLC members who were named to the Dean’s List for the 2011 fall semester: at UW-Madison—Keith Maki, Spring Nelson, and Allison Prange; at UW-Eau Claire—Amanda Hillestad.

**DEAR COSMO:** Thank you very much for the book of Bible stories for Brooks' baptism. It was so thoughtful of you, and I know we'll get a lot of use as we love to read stories before naps and bedtime. Have a wonderful rest of the school year.

*Erin, Ken, Annika, and Brooks*

**DEAR FRIENDS OF LUTHERAN CAMPUS MINISTRY:** This week at the Blue House we learned about our Wholeness Wheel. The discussion was led by Tim Schroeder, having the students rate their wellness in the different aspects of their life—social, emotional, physical, financial, vocational, intellectual well-being. We challenged the students to stretch themselves to live a more balanced life in order to have a healthy spiritual well-being. "In Baptism we are a new creation in Christ." We would like to thank Our Savior's Women for cooking for us this week! It was another fantastic meal!

**LENTEN SUPPERS** begin on Ash Wednesday, February 22, and continue until Wednesday, March 28. Four to six people are needed to serve approximately 50 to 60 people at each supper. Groceries may be charged to the church account at MarketPlace, or you may buy what is needed and then the church will reimburse you when you turn in your receipt. Typical meals include hot dishes, salads and bread plus dessert or soup and salad and dessert. Coffee, milk and water are also offered. Please sign up on the clip board in the narthex. This is a wonderful opportunity for fellowship around our food-based ministry.

**SUBSCRIBER LIST NEEDS UPDATING:** If you want to continue as a subscriber to *The Lutheran* magazine, or if you would like your name added to the subscriber list, please notify the church office no later than February 10, 2012. Subscriptions to this monthly magazine cost \$8.00 per year, as long as we maintain a minimum subscriber base of 50 participants. If you would like to contribute to the cost of your personal subscription, or sponsor subscriptions for other individuals (including nursing home residents and shut-in's) or families, please indicate your intentions on an offering envelope.

**NEW QUILT FOR SALE** hanging on the wall in the narthex. The current quilt being displayed for sale measures 70" x 82" and the asking price is \$75.00. Make check payable to the CLCW and indicate "quilt fund" on the memo line of the check. This is an ongoing fundraiser sponsored by the CLCW to help cover shipping costs in sending quilts and kits to Lutheran World Relief.

**COFFEE SERVERS ARE NEEDED!** The Christ Time classes this year are very small – three students total. Since this is the group that usually serves the "schneckies" on Sunday mornings, volunteers are needed at this time for the months of January through May. Please sign up on the clipboard in the narthex to help with this service which includes picking up juice at MarketPlace (charging to church account), starting the coffee, setting out the treats provided by the Bakers Guild, and clean up. Two people or a family can do this efficiently. Questions? Call Sandy Neverdahl at 235-9163 or the church office at 235-5573.

**ATTENTION!** The Christ Lutheran Church Women (CLCW) need your help—ladies and fellows. Our numbers are getting smaller for serving funerals, special luncheons, the Pork and Pie & Ice Cream Social, and spring Thrift, Bake, Plant & Quilt sale. Any money that is made at these events goes back to the church for needy projects. It seems that the same few persons are called on to work at these events and we need new and possibly younger people to say yes when called. Or you may give us a call to be put on a special list.

**SEE THE SIGN UP** sheet in the narthex for the COSMO Parent Appreciation Brunch. Thanks!

## Praising God at Worship Time

**Altar Care:** Sue Dahm and Ardith Jacobson

**Greeters:** Tony & Chris Owens and family

**Comm. Assts.:** Laura Lund, Harold Hansen, Bill Neverdahl, Channer Schutts, Marilyn Tye (Assisting Lay Minister), Pastor Geoff Scott

**Ushers:** Dan Gonstead and Jerry Traxler

**Bakers Guild:** Jackie Finder and Christine Ness

**Coffee Servers:** Channer Schutts and family

**Nursery:** Kayla Falk

**Memorials: For Christ Lutheran Church—Halvorson Cemetery in memory of:** 1/29—Jerry Kothlow (Eileen Stark's brother) from Arnie & Arlene Mork; from Ron & Ardith Beguhn; Lavone Kuester from Joan Keller. **For the Radio Broadcast Fund in memory of:** 1/29—Jerry Kothlow (Eileen Stark's brother) from Arlene Lund; from Edith Woinowski.

**Honorarium: For the Font, Ewer, Paschal Candleholder and Candle for use in the Fellowship Hall in honor of:** 1/29—Richard Cale's 102nd birthday from the family and friends of Richard Cale.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 5

### **SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 5**

- \* SOUPER BOWL OF CARING SUNDAY
- \* SCOUT SUNDAY
- \* 9 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion
- \* 10:10 a.m. COSMO
- \* 10:30 a.m. Outreach Committee

### **MONDAY, FEBRUARY 6**

- \* 6 p.m. Executive Board

### **TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 7**

- \* 10 a.m. Spiritual Direction

### **WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 8**

- \* 10 a.m. 3 & under playgroup in Fireside Room
- \* 6:30 p.m. Christ Time

### **THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 9**

- \* 3:30 p.m. Communion at DCHCC
- \* 7 p.m. Chancel Choir
- \* 7:30 p.m. Taizé Service at Grace Episcopal Church

### **SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 11**

- \* 5 p.m. Worship with Holy Comm. in Fellowship Hall

### **SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 12**

- \* 9 a.m. Worship
- \* 10:05 a.m. Thrivent Financial serves coffee fellowship
- \* 10:10 a.m. COSMO