

<sup>29</sup> As soon as they left the synagogue, they went with James and John to the home of Simon and Andrew. <sup>30</sup> Simon's mother-in-law was in bed with a fever, and they told Jesus about her. <sup>31</sup> So he went to her, took her hand and helped her up. The fever left her and she began to wait on them. <sup>32</sup> That evening after sunset the people brought to Jesus all the sick and demon-possessed. <sup>33</sup> The whole town gathered at the door, <sup>34</sup> and Jesus healed many who had various diseases. He also drove out many demons, but he would not let the demons speak because they knew who he was. <sup>35</sup> Very early in the morning, while it was still dark, Jesus got up, left the house and went off to a solitary place, where he prayed. <sup>36</sup> Simon and his companions went to look for him, <sup>37</sup> and when they found him, they exclaimed: "Everyone is looking for you!" <sup>38</sup> Jesus replied, "Let us go somewhere else—to the nearby villages—so I can preach there also. That is why I have come." <sup>39</sup> So he traveled throughout Galilee, preaching in their synagogues and driving out demons.

**Hymn of the Day: 93** Hail to the Lord's Anointed

**Sermon: Deliverance for the Discouraged**

**Offering:** *(Please remember to sign the Friendship Register.)*

Installation of New and Re-elected Council Members

**3rd Hymn: 451** Precious Lord, Take My hand

**Closing Hymn: 411** What a Friend We Have in Jesus

**Ushers:** This Week – Nathan Roth  
Next Week – Richard Engelhart & Mark Genz

**Greeters:** This Week – Paul & Vicki Milbrath  
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## Epiphany 5

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## We Welcome You!

*Though the call to faith is general and always miraculous in its capacity to create a willing following, it is also always individual. It comes to each in his own special or unique set of circumstances. Jesus both arranges and takes those circumstances into account when he calls us to follow him. He so rules over history that he allows and then overcomes the obstacles in each of us to heeding his call. Again he shows himself glorious, but hides the glory in apparent weakness.*

**Anthem:** He Has Made Me Glad 5 - 8 (Sunday Only)

**Opening Hymn:** 372 I Lay My Sins on Jesus

**Order of Worship:** Service of the Word pg. 38

### **Prayer of the Day:**

Almighty God, you sent your one and only Son as the Word of life for our eyes to see and our ears to hear. Help us to believe what the Scriptures proclaim about him and do the things that are pleasing in your sight; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

### **God's Word for Today:**

**First Lesson:** Job 7:1-7 (*Job's experience of suffering is extreme but by no means unique. In pain his only recourse is prayer that trusts in the mercy of God and in the power of God to relieve and to rescue. The glory and the power of the gospel are evident in the basic fact that Job prays at all; he continues to trust in God's mercy and his promises to hear and help in the face of such terrible suffering. Even with the expectation that the only rescue will be in death, Job does not abandon his trust. The devil causes and uses misery to drive us away from God; God uses it to drive us to our knees and then with the gospel to raise us up again in hope and trust that triumphs even if the suffering stays.*)

“Does not man have hard service on earth? Are not his days like those of a hired man?<sup>2</sup> Like a slave longing for the evening shadows, or a hired man waiting eagerly for his wages,<sup>3</sup> so I have been allotted months of futility, and nights of misery have been assigned to me.<sup>4</sup> When I lie down I think, ‘How long before I get up?’ The night drags on, and I toss till dawn.<sup>5</sup> My body is clothed with worms and scabs, my skin is broken and festering.<sup>6</sup> “My days are swifter than a weaver's shuttle, and they come to an end without hope.<sup>7</sup> Remember, O God, that my life is but a breath; my eyes will never see happiness again.

**Psalm 103:** Pg. 105 (*Sung together*)

**Second Lesson:** 1 Corinthians 9:16-23 (*When Jesus preached the gospel, he did so with the circumstances of those to whom he preached clearly in mind. So too the Apostle. He does not just have one pat sermon repeated endlessly and without any reference to the circumstances of his hearers. Just as God met him on the road to Damascus and then in Damascus used his special circumstances as the springboard of the saving message for Paul, so too Paul uses the special circumstances of his hearers as the springboard for God's universal message of grace and mercy. He put himself in the shoes of Jews, of Gentiles, of those who were strong and of those who were weak; then, not changing the essence of the message in the least, he imparts the blessing that is universal for all and specific for each.*)

<sup>16</sup> Yet when I preach the gospel, I cannot boast, for I am compelled to preach. Woe to me if I do not preach the gospel! <sup>17</sup> If I preach voluntarily, I have a reward; if not voluntarily, I am simply discharging the trust committed to me. <sup>18</sup> What then is my reward? Just this: that in preaching the gospel I may offer it free of charge, and so not make use of my rights in preaching it. <sup>19</sup> Though I am free and belong to no man, I make myself a slave to everyone, to win as many as possible. <sup>20</sup> To the Jews I became like a Jew, to win the Jews. To those under the law I became like one under the law (though I myself am not under the law), so as to win those under the law. <sup>21</sup> To those not having the law I became like one not having the law (though I am not free from God's law but am under Christ's law), so as to win those not having the law. <sup>22</sup> To the weak I became weak, to win the weak. I have become all things to all men so that by all possible means I might save some. <sup>23</sup> I do all this for the sake of the gospel, that I may share in its blessings.

**Verse of the Day:** Alleluia Jesus said, “I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.” Alleluia.

**Gospel:** Mark 1:29-39 (*Who are the ones who love him? Those he has called (again, cum affectu et effectu). All of their personal history he governs and uses to accomplish his own ultimate purpose of their sharing in his glory. Notice: Paul does not say that God pre-determines all things, but that God makes use of all things in the lives of those he has predestined. God remains God in ultimate control, without man becoming a robot in those things that are subject to man's own control (limited though that control may be). Thus even the evil that we have and are God uses for our good: he humbles us with its consequence, and then he brings us to see the greatness of his grace in his pardon. Then alone do we begin to understand that the things we count as good are gifts of grace and not of merit. So we glorify God as he leads us from faith here to sight and glory hereafter.*)