

Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

February 5, 2017 + 8:15 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

First Lutheran Church + St. Peter, Minnesota

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Renewed by Christ in Word, water, bread & wine we serve the community and the world.

Light shines in the darkness for the upright, the psalmist sings. Isaiah declares that when we loose the bonds of injustice and share our bread with the hungry, the light breaks forth like the dawn. In another passage from the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus, the light of the world, calls his followers to let the light of their good works shine before others. Through baptism we are sent into the world to shine with the light of Christ.

Gathering

Gathering Music "Nocturna für Horn, Op. 7"

Franz Strauss

Welcome

+Confession and Forgiveness

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who stretches out the heavens,
who sends light to the nations, who gives breath to us all.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin
in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

Loving God,

**we confess that we have turned from your way
to follow our own ways.**

Forgive us for the times

we have spoken or acted too quickly;

we have not spoken or acted at all;

we have hurt those closest to us;

we have hurt those we have yet to know;

we have thought more about ourselves than others;

we have thought less of ourselves than we ought.

Turn us around, and give us a fresh start,

so that we can live again as your children. Amen.

Even when we have done wrong, God makes us right.

Even when we have messed up, God puts us together.

God's love never runs out. God never tires of calling us beloved children.

Hear God say to you now: Your sins are forgiven, for the sake of † Jesus Christ our Savior.

Amen.

+Gathering Hymn *“God, Whose Almighty Word”*

ELW 673

+Greeting

+Kyrie

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+Canticle of Praise *“This Is the Feast”*

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+Prayer of the Day

Word

First Reading

Isaiah 58:1-9a [9b-12]

L: A reading from Isaiah.

¹Shout out, do not hold back! Lift up your voice like a trumpet! Announce to my people their rebellion, to the house of Jacob their sins.

²Yet day after day they seek me and delight to know my ways, as if they were a nation that practiced righteousness and did not forsake the ordinance of their God; they ask of me righteous judgments, they delight to draw near to God.

³“Why do we fast, but you do not see? Why humble ourselves, but you do not notice?” Look, you serve your own interest on your fast day, and oppress all your workers.

⁴Look, you fast only to quarrel and to fight and to strike with a wicked fist. Such fasting as you do today will not make your voice heard on high.

⁵Is such the fast that I choose, a day to humble oneself? Is it to bow down the head like a bulrush, and to lie in sackcloth and ashes? Will you call this a fast, a day acceptable to the Lord?

⁶Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of injustice, to undo the thongs of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke?

⁷Is it not to share your bread with the hungry, and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover them, and not to hide yourself from your own kin?

⁸Then your light shall break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up quickly; your vindicator shall go before you, the glory of the Lord shall be your rear guard.

^{9a}Then you shall call, and the Lord will answer; you shall cry for help, and he will say, Here I am.

[^{9b}If you remove the yoke from among you, the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil,

¹⁰if you offer your food to the hungry and satisfy the needs of the afflicted, then your light shall rise in the darkness and your gloom be like the noonday.

¹¹The Lord will guide you continually, and satisfy your needs in parched places, and make your bones strong; and you shall be like a watered garden, like a spring of water, whose waters never fail.

¹²Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt; you shall raise up the foundations of many generations; you shall be called the repairer of the breach, the restorer of streets to live in.]

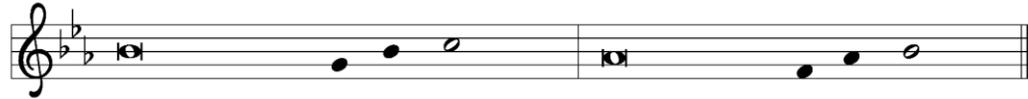
L: The Word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 112:1-9 [10] (sung responsively between Leader and Congregation)

Refrain: (sung first time by Leader and by ALL thereafter):



Tone:



- ¹ Hallelujah! Happy are they who ¹ fear the LORD
and have great delight in ¹ God's commandments!
- ² **Their descendants will be mighty ¹ in the land;
the generation of the upright ¹ will be blessed.**
- ³ Wealth and riches will be ¹ in their house,
and their righteousness will ¹ last forever.
- ⁴ **Light shines in the darkness ¹ for the upright;
the righteous are merciful and full ¹ of compassion. R**
- ⁵ It is good for them to be gener- ¹ ous in lending
and to manage their af- ¹ fairs with justice.
- ⁶ **For they will nev- ¹ er be shaken;
the righteous will be kept in everlast- ¹ ing remembrance.**
- ⁷ They will not be afraid of any ¹ evil rumors;
their heart is steadfast, trusting ¹ in the LORD.
- ⁸ **Their heart is established and ¹ will not shrink,
until they see their desire up- ¹ on their enemies.**
- ⁹ They have given freely to the poor,
and their righteousness stands ¹ fast forever;
they will hold up their ¹ head with honor.
- ¹⁰ **–The wicked will see it and be angry;
they will gnash their teeth and ¹ pine away;
the desires of the wick- ¹ ed will perish.] R**

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 2:1-12 [13-16]

L: A reading from First Corinthians.

Though people such as the Corinthians are enamored with human philosophy and wisdom, Paul continuously presents God's hidden wisdom

¹When I came to you, brothers and sisters, I did not come proclaiming the mystery of God to you in lofty words or wisdom. ²For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ, and him crucified. ³And I came to you in weakness and in fear and in much trembling. ⁴My speech and my proclamation were not with plausible words of wisdom, but with a demonstration of the Spirit and of power, ⁵so that your faith might rest not on human wisdom but on the power of God.

⁶Yet among the mature we do speak wisdom, though it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to perish. ⁷But we speak God's wisdom,

which is Jesus Christ crucified. True spiritual maturity involves judging ourselves and others in light of God's revelation in the cross.

secret and hidden, which God decreed before the ages for our glory. ⁸None of the rulers of this age understood this; for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. ⁹But, as it is written,

“What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the human heart conceived, what God has prepared for those who love him” —

¹⁰these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit; for the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. ¹¹For what human being knows what is truly human except the human spirit that is within? So also no one comprehends what is truly God's except the Spirit of God. ¹²Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit that is from God, so that we may understand the gifts bestowed on us by God. [¹³And we speak of these things in words not taught by human wisdom but taught by the Spirit, interpreting spiritual things to those who are spiritual.

¹⁴Those who are unspiritual do not receive the gifts of God's Spirit, for they are foolishness to them, and they are unable to understand them because they are spiritually discerned. ¹⁵Those who are spiritual discern all things, and they are themselves subject to no one else's scrutiny.

¹⁶“For who has known the mind of the Lord so as to instruct him?” But we have the mind of Christ.]

L: The Word of the Lord. C: **Thanks be to God.**

+Gospel Acclamation *(sung by ALL)*

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

+Gospel Reading

Matthew 5:13-20

P: The holy gospel according to Matthew, the fifth chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said:] ¹³“You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot.

¹⁴“You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. ¹⁵No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. ¹⁶In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

¹⁷“Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. ¹⁸For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. ¹⁹Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches others to do the same, will be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of

In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus encourages his followers to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world, doing good works and keeping God's commandments.

heaven. ²⁰For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.”

L: The gospel of the Lord. **C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon

Intern Caitlin Jensen

+Hymn of the Day *“Gather Us In”*

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+Apostles’ Creed

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+Prayers of Intercession

+Sharing of the Peace

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you.

Meal

Offering *“12 Duets: 1. Allegro and 2. Allegro”*

W. A. Mozart

+Offertory Prayer

+The Great Thanksgiving, Preface, Sanctus

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+Eucharistic Prayer & Lord’s Prayer

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Communion Distribution Hymns

“Many Are the Lightbeams” Stanzas 1 & 2

(refer to card in pew rack)

“Christ, Be Our Light”

ELW 715

“This Little Light of Mine”

ELW 677

+Post-Communion Prayer

Sending

+Sending Hymn *“Lord of Light”*

ELW 688

+Prayer, Announcements, Blessing, Dismissal

A: We join in proclaiming:

C: Renewed by Christ in Word, water, bread and wine, we go in peace to serve our community and the world. Thanks be to God!

+Sending Music *“12 Duets: 8. Allegro and 12. Allegro”*

W. A. Mozart

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