

YOU ARE THE
LIGHT
OF THE WORLD

MATTHEW 5:14a

Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

February 5, 2023

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Setting Seven

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.

Welcome

Joys and Concerns

Prelude

Confession and Forgiveness

P. Blessed be the holy Trinity, †one God, who makes all things new,
whose mercy endures forever.

C. Amen

P. Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P. Holy One, source of our renewal,

C. we confess that we are wrapped up in sin, and cannot free ourselves.

We have not practiced your righteousness.

Our hearts have turned away from you.

For the sake of the world you so love, forgive us, that we may be reconciled to one another for the glory of your holy name. Amen.

P. Thus says our God:

"The former things have come to pass and new things I now declare."

God's mercy makes us new. We are forgiven in the name of † Christ our Savior.

C. Amen

Gathering Hymn

Gather Us In

ELW 532

P. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit
be with you all.

C. And also with you.

Hymn of Praise



¡Glo - ria, glo - ria, glo - ria en las al - tu - ras a Dios!
Glo - ria, glo - ria, glo - ria, glo - ry to God . . on high!



¡Glo - ria, glo - ria, glo - ria en las al - tu - ras a Dios!
Glo - ria, glo - ria, glo - ria, glo - ry to God . . on high!



Y en la tie - rra paz pa-ra-a-que-llos que a-ma el Se - ñor.
And on earth . . . peace to God's peo-ple. Glo - ry to God.



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And on earth . . . peace to God's peo-ple. Glo - ry to God.

Prayer of the Day

A. Let us pray

C. **Lord God, with endless mercy you receive the prayers of all who call upon you. By your Spirit show us the things we ought to do, and give us the grace and power to do them, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen**

First Reading

Isaiah 58:1-12

Shout 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.

Yet 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.

“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.

Look, 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.

Is 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?

Is 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?

Is 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?

Then 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.

Then you shall call, and the LORD will answer; you shall cry for help, and he will say, Here I am.

If you remove the yoke from among you, the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil, if 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.

The 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.

Your 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. Word of God, word of life.

C. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalmody:

Psalm 112

Tone 4 ELW

chanted responsively



Hallelujah! Happy are they who ¹ fear the LORD
and have great delight in ¹ God's commandments!

**Their descendants will be mighty ¹ in the land;
the generation of the upright ¹ will be blessed.**

Wealth and riches will be ¹ in their house,
and their righteousness will ¹ last forever.

**Light shines in the darkness ¹ for the upright;
the righteous are merciful and full ¹ of compassion.**

It is good for them to be generous in lending
and to manage their affairs with justice.

**For they will never be shaken;
the righteous will be kept in everlasting remembrance.**

They will not be afraid of any evil rumors;
their heart is steadfast, trusting in the LORD.

**Their heart is established and will not shrink,
until they see their desire upon their enemies.**

They have given freely to the poor, and their righteousness stands fast forever;
they will hold up their head with honor.

**The wicked will see it and be angry; they will gnash their teeth and pine away;
the desires of the wicked will perish.**

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 2:1-16

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

Yet 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. But we speak God's wisdom, secret and hidden, which God decreed before the ages for our glory. None of the rulers of this age understood this; for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. But, 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” —

these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit; for the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. For 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. Now 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. And 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.

Those 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. Those who are spiritual discern all things, and they are themselves subject to no one else's scrutiny.

“For who has known the mind of the Lord so as to instruct him?”

But we have the mind of Christ.

L. Word of God, word of life.

C. Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

¡A - le - lu - ya, a - le - lu - ya, a - le - lu - ya!
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

¡A - le - lu - ya, a - le - lu - ya, a - le - lu - ya!
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

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al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

P. The holy gospel according to Matthew, chapter five.

Matthew 5:13-20

Jesus said, "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.

"You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. In 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.

"Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. For 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. Therefore, 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 heaven. For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven."

C. Glory to you, O Lord.

P. The gospel of the Lord.

C. Praise to you, O Christ.

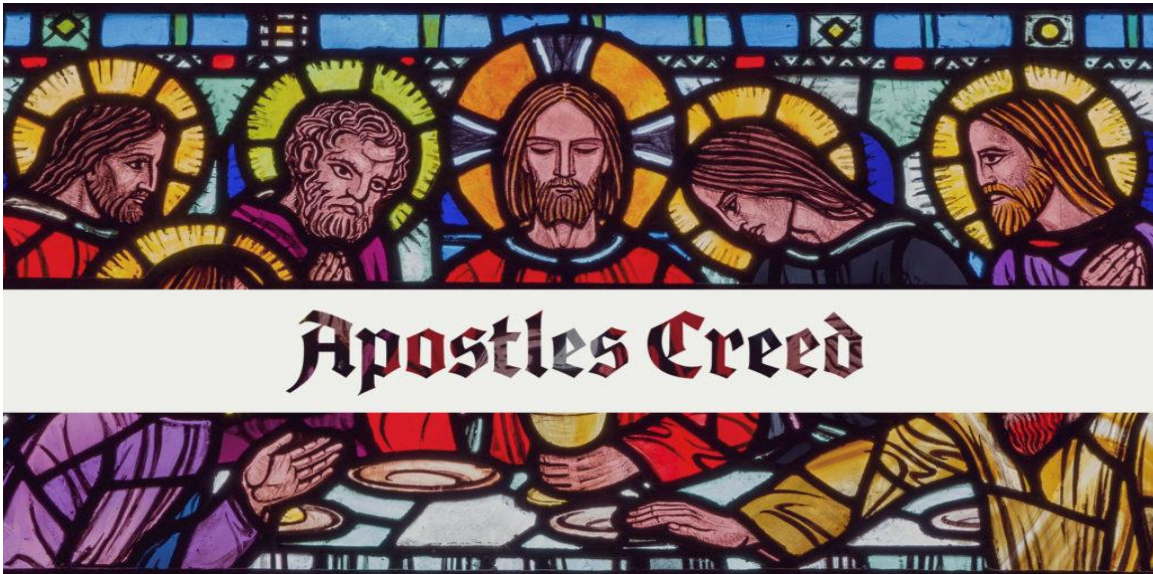
The Sermon

Pastor John Petry

Hymn of the Day

Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service

ELW 712



I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit,
and born of the Virgin Mary,
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended into hell.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again 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

A. Called together to follow Jesus, we pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

A brief silence.

Call your people to seek your wisdom in difficult conversations and action. Give the church everywhere courage to repent for the ways we have tolerated and practiced injustice.

Merciful God,

C. **receive our prayer.**

P. We bring to you our needs and hopes, O God, trusting your wisdom and power revealed in Christ crucified.

C. **Amen.**

The Peace

P. Jesus said: Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you.
Do not let your hearts be troubled.
May His peace be with you always.

C. **And also with you.**



Anthem

We Are Marching in the Light of God

Choir

The Offertory

Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful

ELW 182

Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of
bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be
fed with the bread of life. Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u -
nite them with the prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your
pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

Offertory Prayer

A. Liberating God,

C. **you break the bonds of injustice and let the oppressed go free. Receive these offerings in thanksgiving for all your works of merciful power, and shape us as people of your justice and freedom. You we magnify and adore, through Jesus our Savior. Amen**

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 . . .



The Sanctus



San - to, san - to, san - to_es el Se - ñor,
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God,



Dios del u - ni - ver - so; san - to_es el Se - ñor.
God of might and pow - er; ho - ly is the Lord.



San - to, san - to, san - to, san - to_es el Se - ñor,
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord . . . God,



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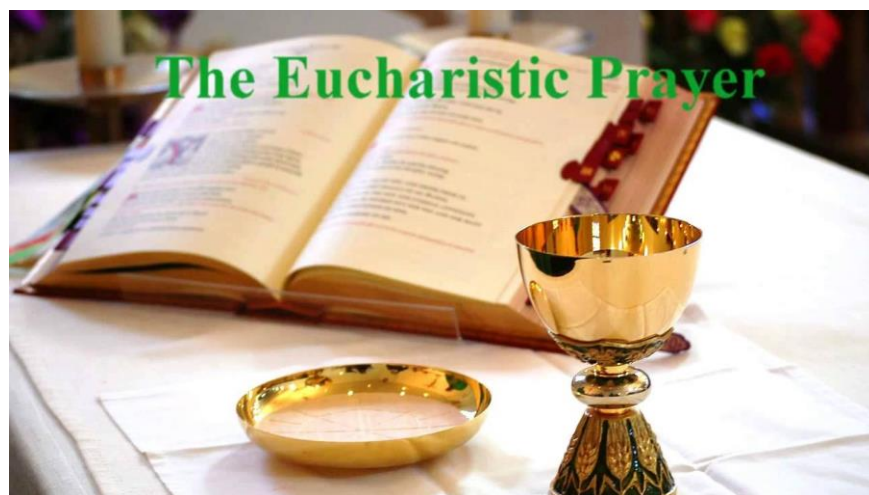
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tie - rra. Ben - di - to el que vie - ne en el
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di - to el que vie - ne en el nom - bre del Se - ñor.
 Blest is he who comes in the name . . . of the Lord.



Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,
 thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
 Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses,
 as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation,
 but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power,
 and the glory, forever and ever. Amen

Invitation to Communion

- P.** Come and taste the joy of God!
- C.** Amen

O Lamb of God



Cor - de - ro de Dios, tú que qui-tas el pe-ca-do del mun-do;
O Lamb of . . God, you . . take a-way the sin of the world; . .



ten pie-dad de no - so - tros, ten pie - dad de no - so - tros.
have . . mer-cy up - on us, have . . mer - cy up - on us.



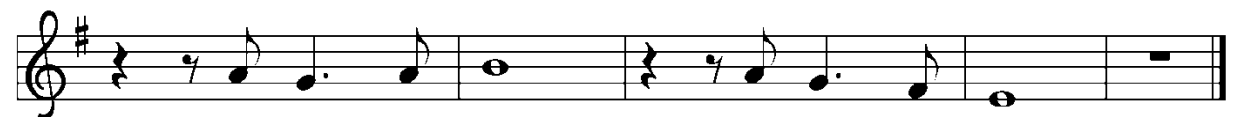
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O Lamb of . . God, you . . take a-way the sin of the world; . .



da - nos tu paz, da - nos tu paz.
grant us your peace, grant us your peace.

Communion Hymns

As We Gather at Your Table

ELW 522

What Feast of Love

ELW 487

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

ELW 733

Post Communion Blessing and Canticle

P. The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in His grace.

C. Amen

Lord, Now You Let Your Servant Go in Peace



Lord, now You let Your ser-vant go in peace. Your WORD has been ful-



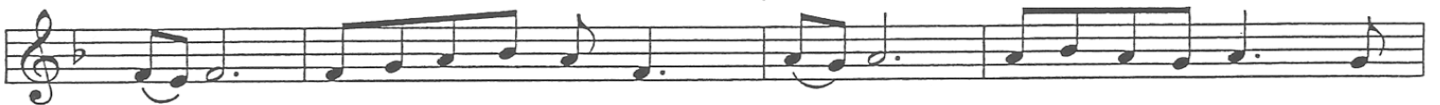
filled. My own eyes have seen the SAL-VA-TION which



You have pre-pared in the sight of ev'-ry peo-ple: a LIGHT, to re -



veal You to the na-tions, and the GLO-RY of Your peo-ple Is - ra - el!



Glo ry! Glo-ry to the FA - THER! Glo- ry! Glo-ry to the SON! And



Glo - ry! Glo - ry to the HO - LY SPI - RIT!



As it was in the be - gin-ning, is now, and will be for -



ev - er, A - men. A - men. A - men.

Post Communion Prayer

A. Holy One, we thank you for the healing that springs forth abundantly from this table.
Renew our strength to do justice, love kindness, and journey humbly with you.

C. Amen

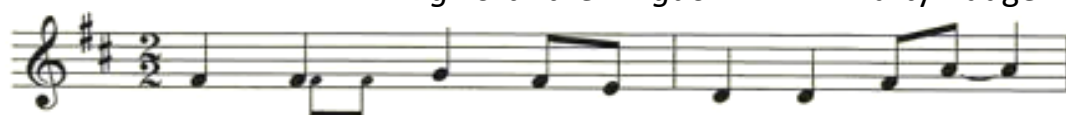
Blessing

P. The God who faithfully brings forth justice and breaks the oppressor's rod † bless,
strengthen, and uphold you, today and always.

C. Amen

Sending Hymn

Bring Forth the Kingdom ~ Marty Haugen



1. You are salt for the earth, O peo - ple:
2. You are a light on the hill, O peo - ple:
3. You are a seed of the Word, O peo - ple:
4. We are a blest and a pil - grim peo - ple:



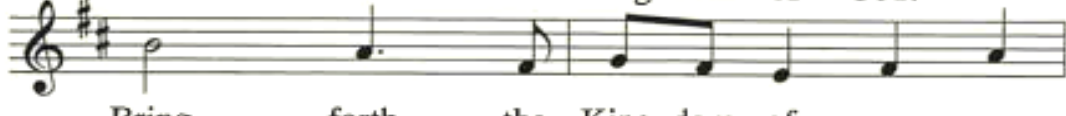
Salt for the King - dom of God!
Light for the Cit - y of God!
Bring forth the King - dom of God!
Bound for the King - dom of God!



Share the fla - vor of life, O peo - ple:
Shine so ho - ly and bright, O peo - ple:
Seeds of mer - cy and seeds of jus - tice,
Love our jour - ney and love our home - land:



Life in the King - dom of God!
Shine for the King - dom of God!
Grow in the King - dom of God!
Love is the King - dom of God!



Bring forth the King - dom of mer - cy,



Bring forth the King - dom of peace;



Bring forth the King - dom of jus - tice,



Bring forth the Ci - ty of God!

Dismissal

- A. Go in peace. Follow in the way of Jesus.
- C. Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Brad Hunnicutt

Servers for Sunday, February 5th

Assisting Minister Shannon Thomsen
Reader Shannon Thomsen
Altar Guild Helen Holderman
Acolyte Antonio Smith

Serving from the Heart

Sign-up sheets for the various worship assistant slots are on the board in the hallway. Please consider giving glory to God by filling one of these positions on a Sunday.



Flowers this week provided by Helen Holderman
In memory of Estelle Holderman.

Honor a loved one by making a donation for the candles in the sanctuary for the month or the flowers that beautify the church each Sunday. Sign-up sheets are on the board in the hallway.



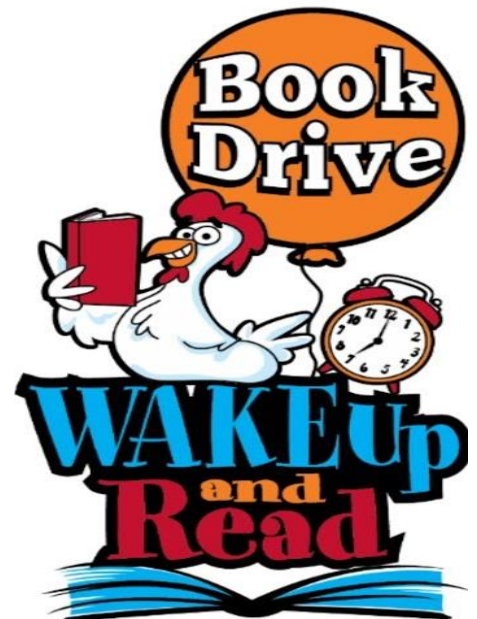
It's Super Bowl Time Again!

The BIG game is on Sunday, February 12th

You can join in the fun in a very special way that helps our community more than you will ever know! For the month of February, the theme will be SOUP-er Bowl! Please prayerfully consider donating canned goods, especially soup, during the month of February, although all donations are GREATLY appreciated!

thank you
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Social Concerns is collecting new and gently used children's books for the Wake Up and Read program. There are plastic bins in the narthex where donations can be made through February 19th.





February EVENTS

- Feb 5 9:00 am Adult Bible Study in Fellowship Hall
 10:00 am Worship Service – 5th Sunday after Epiphany
 11:00 am Social Concerns Meeting
- Feb 8 7:00 pm Choir Practice
- Feb 11 10 - 1 pm **Leadership Retreat – ALL ARE WELCOME**
- Feb 12 9:00 am Adult Bible Study in Fellowship Hall
 10:00 am Worship Service – 6th Sunday after Epiphany
 11:30 am Council Meeting

 **HAPPY**

Feb 14

**Valentine's
DAY** 

- Feb 15 7:00 pm Choir Practice
- Feb 18 9 - Noon Church Clean-Up Day
- Feb 19 9:00 am Adult Bible Study in Fellowship Hall
 10:00 am Worship Service – 7th Sunday after Epiphany
- Feb 22 7:30 pm Choir Practice
- Feb 26 9:00 am Adult Bible Study in Fellowship Hall
 10:00 am Worship Service – Transfiguration of Our Lord
- Feb 28 7:00 pm Worship & Music Meeting