

Faith Lutheran Church

***Faithfully Growing, Welcoming,
and Caring through Christ***

**Fifth Sunday after Epiphany
February 5, 2017**

PRELUDE

WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS



CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God. Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

C: Amen.

P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

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

(A brief silence.) Gracious God,

C: have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent.

**In your compassion forgive us our sins,
known and unknown, things we have
done and things we have failed to do.
Turn us again to you, and uphold us by
your Spirit, so that we may live and serve
you in newness of life through Jesus
Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

P: God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of † Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

C: Amen.

~ OPENING HYMN ~
“Lord of Light”

**Lord of light, your name outshining all
the stars and suns of space,
use our talents in your kingdom, as the
servants of your grace;
use us to fulfill your purpose in the gift
of Christ your Son:**

Refrain

***Father, as in highest heaven,
so on earth your will be done.***

**By the toil of faithful workers in some
far outlying field,
by the courage where the radiance of
the cross is still revealed,
by the victories of meekness, through
reproach and suff'ring won:**

Refrain

***Father, as in highest heaven,
so on earth your will be done.***

**Grant that knowledge, still increasing, at
your feet may lowly kneel;
with your grace our triumphs hallow, with
your charity our zeal;
lift the nations from the shadows to the
gladness of the sun:**

Refrain

***Father, as in highest heaven,
so on earth your will be done.***

**By the prayers of faithful watchers, never
silent day or night;
by the cross of Jesus, bringing peace to
all and healing light;
by the love that passes knowledge,
making all your children one:**

Refrain

***Father, as in highest heaven,
so on earth your will be done.***

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.

INTRODUCTION

P: 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.

C: Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray.

ALL: **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.**

Children's Church

FIRST READING: Isaiah 58:1-9

A reading from Isaiah, the 58th chapter.

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.

R: Word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 112 ~ A Responsive Reading

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

C: Their descendants will be mighty in the land; the generation of the upright will be blessed.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 2:1-12

A reading from 1st Corinthians, the 2nd chapter.

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.

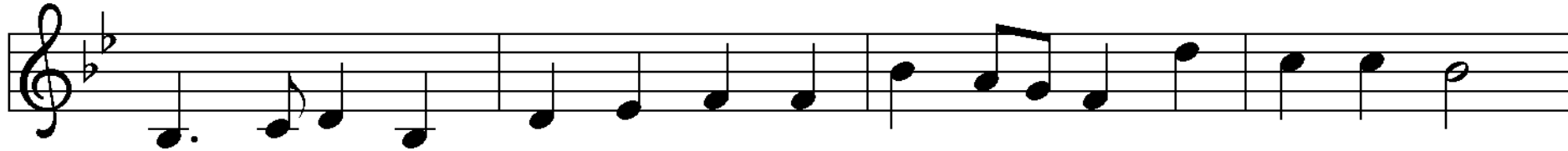
But, as it is written, “What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the human heart conceived, what God has prepared for those who love him” - these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit; for the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God.

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.

R: Word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

“ALLELUIA”



Al - le-lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav - ing word.



Let it burn like fire with - in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

GOSPEL: Matthew 5:13-20

P: The holy gospel according to Matthew, the 5th chapter.

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

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.”

P: The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ

~ SERMON ~

“KEEP THE LIGHTS ON”

HYMN OF THE DAY

“Shine, Jesus Shine!”

REFRAIN

Shine, Jesus, shine

Fill this land with the Father's glory

Blaze, Spirit, blaze

Set our hearts on fire

Flow, river, flow

Flood the nations with grace and mercy

Send forth your word

Lord, and let there be light.

**Lord, the light of your love is shining
In the midst of the darkness, shining
Jesus, Light of the world, shine upon us
Set us free by the truth you now bring us
Shine on me, shine on me. *REFRAIN***

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Lord, and let there be light.

**Lord, I come to your awesome presence
From the shadows into your radiance
By the blood I may enter your brightness
Search me, try me,
consume all my darkness
Shine on me, shine on me. *REFRAIN***

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Lord, and let there be light.

**As we gaze on your kingly brightness
So our faces display your likeness
Ever changing from glory to glory
Mirrored here may our lives tell your story
Shine on me, shine on me. *REFRAIN***

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Lord, and let there be light.

APOSTLES' CREED

**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: Called to be a light to the nations, let us pray for God's justice, peace, and healing. (A brief silence.) Eternal God, you are one-in-three and three-in-one.

Strengthen the ministry of the World Council of Churches and the Lutheran World Federation. Solidify ecumenical partnerships as they work to break the bonds of injustice and let the oppressed go free. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

P: Send relief where storms and floods overwhelm. Provide shelter and safe habitat for all creatures. Protect seeds and bulbs for the spring and fall harvest. Hear us, O God.

C: **Your mercy is great.**

P: Ignite the nations with the flame of your justice. Enlighten the leaders of the International Monetary Fund and the World Bank with your wisdom; guide government officials to seek economic justice in their communities. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

P: Comfort the afflicted, compassionate God. Accompany all who wait on death row. Reconcile families torn apart by crime or addiction. Heal the brokenhearted, the newly diagnosed, and all who suffer (*especially*).
Hear us, O God.

C: **Your mercy is great.**

P: Fill those who form the faith of others with insight and energy. Multiply the fruit of their labor. Grow disciples eager to feast on your living word and embody it each day.

Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

P: We thank you for all the saints who dared to shine with the light of Christ. Compel us to shine freely and witness to your abundant grace each day. Hear us, O God.

C: **Your mercy is great.**

P: Receive these prayers in the name of Christ, the light of the world, who is one with you and the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

C: Amen.

SHARING THE PEACE

P: The Peace of Christ be with you.

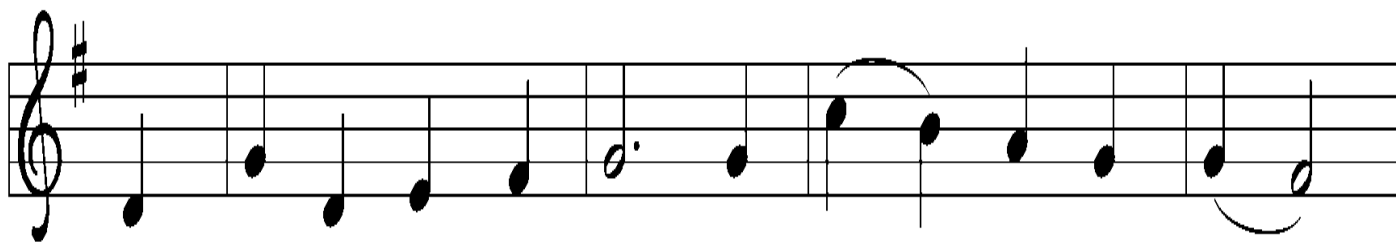
C: **And also with you.**

~ VIDEO DURING OFFERTORY ~

***“Let The Redeemed
of the Lord Say So!”***

By The Hoppers

OFFERTORY RESPONSE



1 We give thee but thine own, what - e'er the gift may be;
2 May we thy boun - ties thus as stew - ards true re - ceive,



all that we have is thine a - lone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.
and glad - ly, as thou bless - est us, to thee our first - fruits give.

OFFERING PRAYER

P: Let us pray. Praise and thanks to you, holy God, for by your Word you made all things: you spoke light into darkness, called forth beauty from chaos, and brought life into being.

For your Word of life, O God,

C: We give you thanks and praise.

DIALOGUE

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 and praise to the
Lord our God.

C: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.



COMMUNION

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P: O Morning Star, fair and bright, you have refreshed us again with heavenly food. You are our dearest treasure. Go with us now – today, tomorrow, every day – that we tell the story of your never-ending love and sing your praise both now and forever.

C: Amen

BLESSING

P: The God of all grace † bless you now
and forever.

C: **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN

“Choral Benediction”

**May the light of God shine on us today.
May the light of God shine on us today.
May it show us where to travel,
lead us back if we should stray.
May the light of God shine on us today.**

May the love of God live in us today.

May the love of God live in us today.

**May the warmth we feel within us,
show in all we do and say.**

May the love of God live in us today.

**May the peace of God be with us today.
May the peace of God be with us today.
May it guide us and protect us,
as we go our separate ways.
May the peace of God be with us today.**

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Remember the poor.

C: **Thanks be to God.**



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