



The Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany
February 5, 2023
Peace Lutheran Church
Hutchinson, Minnesota

WELCOME

6:30pm & 8:30am HYMN 802 (Maroon): Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise
10:30am SONG: Cornerstone

INVOCATION and CALL TO WORSHIP – Psalm 112:1-9

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

¹ Praise the LORD.

**Blessed are those who fear the LORD,
who find great delight in his commands.**

² Their children will be mighty in the land;
the generation of the upright will be blessed.

³ **Wealth and riches are in their houses,
and their righteousness endures forever.**

⁴ Even in darkness light dawns for the upright,
for those who are gracious and compassionate and righteous.

⁵ **Good will come to those who are generous and lend freely,
who conduct their affairs with justice.**

⁶ Surely the righteous will never be shaken;
they will be remembered forever.

⁷ **They will have no fear of bad news;
their hearts are steadfast, trusting in the LORD.**

⁸ Their hearts are secure, they will have no fear;
in the end they will look in triumph on their foes.

⁹ **They have freely scattered their gifts to the poor,
their righteousness endures forever;
their horn will be lifted high in honor. (NIV)**

This is the Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God!

CONFESSION

God of great expectations, you know how easy it is for us to make excuses for our many sins and failures.

We love to run and hide when a task is set before us. We expect others to do for us the tasks and commitments You have given to us as our part and privilege in Your Kingdom work. We look at the expectation and think that we don't have the abilities, strength, or wisdom to accomplish this task.

Too often, we think that we are doing these things all by ourselves. And we feel sorry for ourselves. Forgive our ignorance, stubbornness and self-centeredness, O Lord. Help us to understand that the opportunities for service that You offer to us also come with your abiding presence, love and support. It is your love and gracious power which makes the impossible possible. Forgive us and place us on the path of joyful, humble and obedient service.

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just,
Will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

6:30pm, 8:30am This is the Feast (Maroon, Divine Setting One, page 155)

Refrain: This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,
Whose blood set us free to be people of God. (Refrain)

Power, riches, wisdom and strength,
And honor, blessing and glory are His. (Refrain)

Sing with all the people of God,
And join in the hymn of all creation.
Blessing, honor, glory and might,
Be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen. (Refrain)

For the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia. (Refrain)

10:30am SONG: Spirit of the Living God (*We will sign this twice.*)

Spirit of the Living God, Fall afresh on me,
Spirit of the Living God, Fall afresh on me.
Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.
Spirit of the Living God, Fall afresh on me.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Isaiah 58:1-9a

"Shout it aloud, do not hold back.

Raise your voice like a trumpet.

Declare to my people their rebellion

and to the descendants of Jacob their sins.

² For day after day they seek me out;

they seem eager to know my ways,

as if they were a nation that does what is right

and has not forsaken the commands of its God.

They ask me for just decisions

and seem eager for God to come near them.

³ 'Why have we fasted,' they say,

'and you have not seen it?

Why have we humbled ourselves,

and you have not noticed?'

"Yet on the day of your fasting, you do as you please

and exploit all your workers.

⁴ Your fasting ends in quarreling and strife,

and in striking each other with wicked fists.

You cannot fast as you do today

and expect your voice to be heard on high.

⁵ Is this the kind of fast I have chosen,

only a day for people to humble themselves?

Is it only for bowing one's head like a reed

and for lying in sackcloth and ashes?

Is that what you call a fast,

a day acceptable to the LORD?

⁶ "Is not this the kind of fasting I have chosen:

to loose the chains of injustice

and untie the cords of the yoke,

to set the oppressed free

and break every yoke?

⁷ Is it not to share your food with the hungry

and to provide the poor wanderer with shelter—

when you see the naked, to clothe them,

and not to turn away from your own flesh and blood?

⁸ Then your light will break forth like the dawn,

and your healing will quickly appear;

then your righteousness will go before you,

and the glory of the LORD will be your rear guard.

⁹ Then you will call, and the LORD will answer;

you will cry for help, and he will say: Here am I. (NIV)

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EPISTLE LESSON: 1 Corinthians 2:1-12

And so it was with me, brothers and sisters. When I came to you, I did not come with eloquence or human wisdom as I proclaimed to you the testimony about God. ² For I resolved to know nothing while I was with you except Jesus Christ and him crucified.

³ I came to you in weakness with great fear and trembling. ⁴ My message and my preaching were not with wise and persuasive words, but with a demonstration of the Spirit's power, ⁵ so that your faith might not rest on human wisdom, but on God's power.

⁶ We do, however, speak a message of wisdom among the mature, but not the wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are coming to nothing. ⁷ No, we declare God's wisdom, a mystery that has been hidden and that God destined for our glory before time began. ⁸ None of the rulers of this age understood it, for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. ⁹ However, as it is written:

"What no eye has seen,
what no ear has heard,
and what no human mind has conceived"—

the things God has prepared for those who love him—

¹⁰ these are the things God has revealed to us by his Spirit.

The Spirit searches all things, even the deep things of God. ¹¹ For who knows a person's thoughts except their own spirit within them? In the same way no one knows the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God. ¹² What we have received is not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, so that we may understand what God has freely given us. (NIV)

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▲ 6:30pm & 8:30am, Gospel Acclamation, Divine Setting Two, page 173



10:30am SONG: Carribean Hallelujah (*We will sing this twice.*)

Halle, halle, hallelujah. Halle, halle, hallelujah.

Halle, halle, hallelujah. Hallelujah, hallelujah.

GOSPEL READING: Matthew 5:13-20

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 5th chapter. **Glory to You, O Lord.**

¹³ "You are the salt of the earth. But if the salt loses its saltiness, how can it be made salty again? It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out and trampled underfoot.

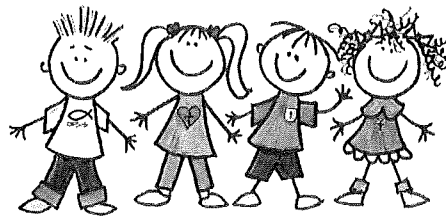
¹⁴ "You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. ¹⁵ Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. ¹⁶ In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.

¹⁷ “Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them. ¹⁸ For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth disappear, not the smallest letter, not the least stroke of a pen, will by any means disappear from the Law until everything is accomplished. ¹⁹ Therefore anyone who sets aside one of the least of these commands and teaches others accordingly will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever practices and teaches these commands will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. ²⁰ For I tell you that unless your righteousness surpasses that of the Pharisees and the teachers of the law, you will certainly not enter the kingdom of heaven. (NIV)

This is the Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to You, O Christ.**

THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.



Children's Message: Tastier With Salt - You are the light of the world Text: Matthew 5:13-16

HYMN 861 (Maroon): Christ Be My Leader

MESSAGE: Who Do We Trust? Who do we Follow? Pastor Meyer

Texts: Isaiah 58:1-9; I Corinthians 2:1-12; Matthew 5:13-20

1. The Way of the World or the Way of God's People?
2. The Wisdom of the World or the Wisdom and Power of God?
3. Jesus Christ and Him Crucified! (Jesus fulfilled all that we might be saved in Him!)
 - a. Being Salt and Light from God – part of God's gifts to the world
 - b. “That they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in Heaven.”
 - c. That others might also trust and follow Jesus!

PRESENTATION OF OFFERINGS

Please sign the friendship pad in the pew and pass it along to others. As it is passed back to the center aisle, please take the opportunity to note the names of others seated in your pew.

PRAYERS & THE LORD'S PRAYER

6:30pm & 8:30am SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

AGNUS DEI (Lamb of God), page 198

HYMN 392 (Maroon): God Loves Me Dearly

HYMN 563 (Maroon): Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness

BENEDICTION

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace. **Amen.**

6:30pm & 8:30am HYMN 924 (Maroon): Lord, Dismiss Us With Your Blessing

10:30am SONG: You Are My All in All



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