



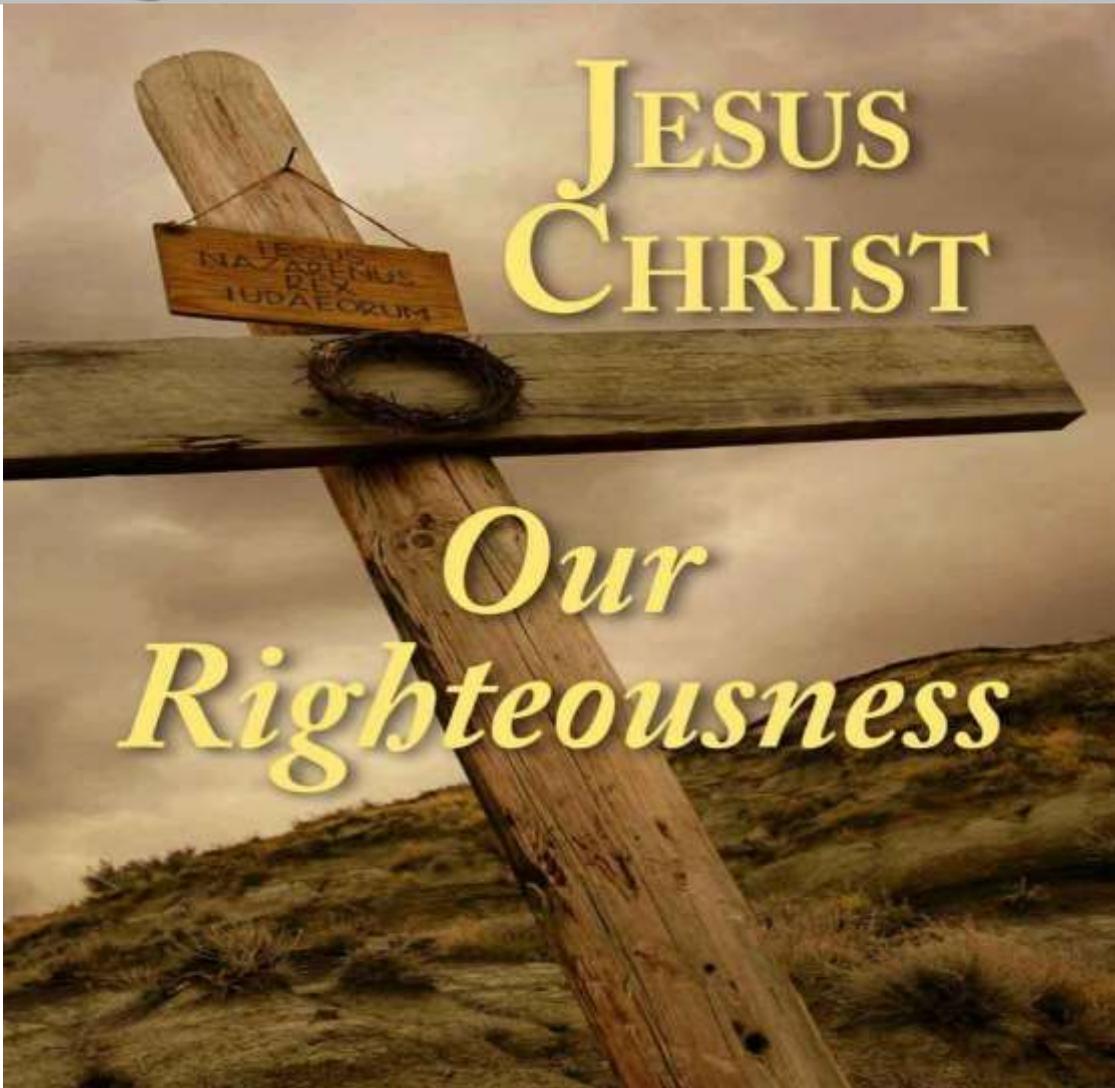
Divine Worship Service

February 5, 2023

*Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany*

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JESUS  
CHRIST

*Our  
Righteousness*

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

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## **Welcome!**

We are happy that you are with us to hear the Word of God and receive His gifts.

**Communion:** The Lord's Supper is celebrated at this congregation in the confession and glad confidence that, as He says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but His very body and blood to eat and drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him and with one another. Because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm, and because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at the altar, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod, and yet desire to receive the sacrament, are asked first to speak with the pastor. If you are unsure or do not wish to receive the Lord's Supper at this time you are still welcome to come forward with the others communing. Please fold your arms in an X shape of the cross to be reminded of Jesus' love for you and the pastor will give you a blessing today.

### **PREPARING FOR CHURCH THIS SUNDAY**

SALT and LIGHT: These two examples are used by Jesus in His Sermon on the Mount to illustrate what having faith means. Salt was very valuable in ancient days because it was used not only for adding flavor to food, but as a preservative. (no refrigeration) Salt that had lost its use was worthless. Light was also quite valuable for cities and houses at night for seeing and safety. Just like today, lights help illuminate our world.

But Jesus is telling us more than a couple of pretty obvious concepts about salt and light. He is revealing how we should be as Christians. Salt is faith that keeps us 'preserved' in the Kingdom of God and our faith 'shines' for others to see His Kingdom. But our faith must be founded on Jesus and His righteousness. The Pharisees showed their works for all to see, but their righteousness was founded upon themselves and their keeping of the Law perfectly. Only Jesus keeps the Law perfectly, and He does so on our behalf. In this way, He IS our righteousness and that is how we can exceed the righteousness of the Pharisees. It is because Jesus is greater than they and He keeps the Law in our place. By believing in Him, He imparts His righteousness to us. In other words, He makes us SALT and LIGHT through faith in Him.

## WELCOME – *RINGING OF THE BELL*

# CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

### Opening Hymn *904 Blessed Jesus, at Your Word*

*The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.*

**P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** **Amen.**

**P** Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

**P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**C** **who made heaven and earth.**

**P** I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

**C** **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

*Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.*

**P** O almighty God, merciful Father,

**C** **I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

**P** Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** **Amen.**

## SERVICE OF THE WORD

### Introit

*Psalms 119:9–16; antiphon: v. 12*

Blessèd are you, O LORD;

teach me your statutes!

How can a young man keep his way pure?

By guarding it according to your word.

With my whole heart I seek you;

let me not wander from your commandments!

I have stored up your word in my heart,

that I might not sin against you.

Blessèd are you, O LORD;

teach me your statutes!  
With my lips I declare  
all the just decrees of your mouth.  
In the way of your testimonies I delight  
as much as in all riches.  
I will meditate on your precepts  
and fix my eyes on your ways.  
I will delight in your statutes;  
I will not forget your word.  
Blessèd are you, O LORD;  
teach me your statutes!

**C** **Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.  
Amen.**

## Kyrie

LSB 186

**C** **Lord, have mercy upon us.  
Christ, have mercy upon us.  
Lord, have mercy upon us.**

## Gloria in Excelsis

LSB 187

**P** Glory be to God on high:  
**C** **and on earth peace, goodwill toward men.  
We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee,  
we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.  
O Lord God, heav'nly King, God the Father Almighty.  
O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;  
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,  
that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.  
Thou that takest away the sin of the world, receive our prayer.  
Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.  
For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord.  
Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost,  
art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

## Salutation and Collect of the Day

**P** The Lord be with you.  
**C** **And with thy spirit.**  
**P** Let us pray.  
O Lord, keep Your family the Church continually in the true faith that, relying on the hope of Your heavenly grace, we may ever be defended by Your mighty power; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.  
**C** **Amen.**

## Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 58:3–9a

<sup>3</sup>“Why have we fasted, and you see it not?  
Why have we humbled ourselves, and you take no knowledge of it?  
Behold, in the day of your fast you seek your own pleasure,  
and oppress all your workers.  
<sup>4</sup>Behold, you fast only to quarrel and to fight  
and to hit with a wicked fist.  
Fasting like yours this day  
will not make your voice to be heard on high.  
<sup>5</sup>Is such the fast that I choose,  
a day for a person to humble himself?  
Is it to bow down his head like a reed,  
and to spread sackcloth and ashes under him?  
Will you call this a fast,  
and a day acceptable to the LORD?  
<sup>6</sup>“Is not this the fast that I choose:  
to loose the bonds of wickedness,  
to undo the straps of the yoke,  
to let the oppressed go free,  
and to break every yoke?  
<sup>7</sup>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 him,  
and not to hide yourself from your own flesh?  
<sup>8</sup>Then shall your light break forth like the dawn,  
and your healing shall spring up speedily;  
your righteousness shall go before you;  
the glory of the LORD shall be your rear guard.  
<sup>9</sup>Then you shall call, and the LORD will answer;  
you shall cry, and he will say, ‘Here I am.’”

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm

Psalm 112:1–9; antiphon: v. 4

<sup>1</sup>Praise the LORD!  
Blessèd is the man who fears the LORD,  
who greatly delights in his commandments!  
**<sup>2</sup>His offspring will be mighty in the land;  
the generation of the upright will be blessed.**  
<sup>3</sup>Wealth and riches are in his house,  
and his righteousness endures forever.  
**<sup>4</sup>Light dawns in the darkness for the upright;  
he is gracious, merciful, and righteous.**

<sup>5</sup>It is well with the man who deals generously and lends;  
who conducts his affairs with justice.

**<sup>6</sup>For the righteous will never be moved;  
he will be remembered forever.**

<sup>7</sup>He is not afraid of bad news;  
his heart is firm, trusting in the LORD.

**<sup>8</sup>His heart is steady; he will not be afraid,  
until he looks in triumph on his adversaries.**

<sup>9</sup>He has distributed freely; he has given to the poor;  
his righteousness endures forever;  
his horn is exalted in honor.

## Epistle

*1 Corinthians 2:1–16*

<sup>1</sup>And I, when I came to you, brothers, did not come proclaiming to you the testimony of God with lofty speech or wisdom. <sup>2</sup>For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ and him crucified. <sup>3</sup>And I was with you in weakness and in fear and much trembling, <sup>4</sup>and my speech and my message were not in plausible words of wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power, <sup>5</sup>that your faith might not rest in the wisdom of men but in the power of God.

<sup>6</sup>Yet among the mature we do impart wisdom, although it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to pass away. <sup>7</sup>But we impart a secret and hidden wisdom of God, which God decreed before the ages for our glory. <sup>8</sup>None of the rulers of this age understood this, for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. <sup>9</sup>But, as it is written,

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

<sup>10</sup>these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit. For the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. <sup>11</sup>For who knows a person's thoughts except the spirit of that person, which is in him? So also no one comprehends the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God. <sup>12</sup>Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, that we might understand the things freely given us by God. <sup>13</sup>And we impart this in words not taught by human wisdom but taught by the Spirit, interpreting spiritual truths to those who are spiritual.

<sup>14</sup>The natural person does not accept the things of the Spirit of God, for they are folly to him, and he is not able to understand them because they are spiritually discerned. <sup>15</sup>The spiritual person judges all things, but is himself to be judged by no one. <sup>16</sup>“For who has understood the mind of the Lord so as to instruct him?” But we have the mind of Christ.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

## Alleluia

LSB 190

**C** Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

## Holy Gospel

Matthew 5:13–20

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the fifth chapter.

**C** **Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

<sup>13</sup>[Jesus said:] “You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything except to be thrown out and trampled under people’s feet.

<sup>14</sup>“You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. <sup>15</sup>Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. <sup>16</sup>In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.

<sup>17</sup>“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. <sup>18</sup>For truly, I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not an iota, not a dot, will pass from the Law until all is accomplished. <sup>19</sup>Therefore whoever relaxes 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. <sup>20</sup>For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.”

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** **Praise be to Thee, O Christ.**

## Nicene Creed - *Last Page of Hymnal*

### Sermon Hymn 728 *How Firm a Foundation*

Sermon *"For I Tell You..."*

Matthew 5:20

## Offering

## Offertory

LSB 192

**C** **Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.  
Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.  
Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with Thy free spirit.  
Amen.**

## Prayer of the Church

**P** In peace, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** ...**Lord, have mercy.**

...one God, now and forever.

**C** **Amen.**

## SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

## Preface

LSB 194

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** **And with thy spirit.**

**P** Lift up your hearts.

**C** **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

**P** Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.

**C** **It is meet and right so to do.**

**P** It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord; for what had been hidden from before the foundation of the world You have made known to the nations in Your Son. In Him, being found in the substance of our mortal nature, You have manifested the fullness of Your glory. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

## Sanctus

LSB 195

**C** **Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth;  
heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory.  
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is He, blessed is He, blessed is He that  
cometh in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.**

## Lord's Prayer

LSB 196

**P** Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

## The Words of Our Lord

LSB 197

**P** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My  $\text{†}$  body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My  $\text{†}$  blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

## Pax Domini

LSB 197

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

**C** **Amen.**

## Agnus Dei

LSB 198

**C** **O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.**

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. Amen.

## Distribution

### Distribution Hymns

#### **618** *I Come, O Savior, to Thy Table*

##### *In Christ Alone*

##### *Shine Jesus Shine*

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: 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, 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:**

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**

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.... let there be light

**704 Renew Me, O Eternal Light**

**570 Just as I Am, without One Plea**

**763 When Peace, like a River**

**Nunc Dimittis**

LSB 199

- C** Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace according to Thy word,  
for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, which Thou hast prepared before the  
face of all people,  
a light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of Thy people Israel.  
Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.  
Amen.

**Thanksgiving**

LSB 200

- A** O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,  
**C** and His mercy endureth forever.
- A** Let us pray.  
We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this  
salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us  
through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one  
another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with  
You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** Amen.
- P** The Lord be with you.  
**C** And with thy spirit.

**Benedicamus**

LSB 202

- A** Bless we the Lord.  
**C** Thanks be to God.

**Benediction**

LSB 202

- P** The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.  
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and  $\text{✠}$  give you peace.  
**C** Amen, amen, amen.

**Closing Hymn 923 Almighty Father, Bless the Word**

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**Let us give praise and thanks to God today, for covering us in His righteousness by grace through faith. And let us look forward to that day when we will enter into the kingdom of heaven, forever to be with our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.**

**Dear Heavenly Father, I am not worthy to gather up the crumbs under Your table, and yet You have forgiven my sin and have clothed me in Christ's righteousness, simply because I trusted in Jesus as Saviour. I pray that He will live His life through me, to Your praise and glory. In Jesus' name I pray, Amen.**



*Sermon Notes - 2-5-23*

Where in the sermon did you hear the **Law** – bringing up the sinful nature of mankind and our need for a Savior?

Where in the sermon did you hear the **Gospel** – what God has done to free us from the troubles of the Law?

Where in the sermon did you hear the **Application** of God's Word for us – what actions should we take in response to God's grace toward us?