

Jesus, Light for the Nations

Simple Problems

Isaiah 58:3-9a



ORDER OF THE DIVINE SERVICE
FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY
FEBRUARY 5, 2023 - 8:00 AM

A warm welcome to all worshipping with Resurrection Lutheran Church today! We celebrate together God's work in our lives as we receive His Word and Sacraments to strengthen our relationship with Him and one another. By the blood of Christ, we are made the household of God. Here, God builds us up by grace, through faith, and for service!

LESSONS AND LITURGY TODAY

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Everyone needs light. It is a necessary part to our survival. It is beautiful and necessary all at once. It is no coincidence that Jesus is called the "Light for the nations." He is the One that has brought the light of life into a world of darkness and death. He is the necessary part to our eternal survival, and He has come for all people. The Scriptures make that abundantly clear, and the prophet Isaiah especially highlights the message of God's mission for the world as that would be fulfilled in Jesus. There is no other way than Jesus and that is good news! The question is, what does life look like in this light? And how is God using us to shine the light of Christ for others? Join us for our new sermon series as we continue to follow Jesus in the light for all people!

Prophets "tell it like it is." Isaiah told God's people the truth about their lives: while they were going through the motions of outward piety, behind the scenes they were seeking their own pleasure, oppressing their workers, and quarreling and fighting with one another. Isaiah's searing words are not just for God's people of the past; these words penetrate our hearts today. His purpose, though, is not to tear us down; it is so that we turn again to God in repentance. We take heart today, because Christ died for us to forgive the blatant inconsistencies between our belief and our practice. Today, the Mercy of Jesus calls us again to turn to Him and live—worshiping in spirit and truth and caring for neighbors in need.

❖ Denotes times when the congregation is invited to stand.

The congregation is encouraged to quietly and prayerfully prepare for worship during the prelude.

PRELUDE

Westminster Abbey – P. Manz

GREETING

❖ INVOCATION

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.**

❖ HYMN

Rise, Shine, You People

LSB 825

**1. Rise, shine, you people! Christ the Lord has entered
Our human story; God in Him is centered.
He comes to us, by death and sin surrounded, With grace unbounded.**

**2. See how He sends the pow'rs of evil reeling;
He brings us freedom, light and life and healing.
All men and women, who by guilt are driven, Now are forgiven.**

**3. Come, celebrate, your banners high unfurling,
Your songs and prayers against the darkness hurling.
To all the world go out and tell the story Of Jesus' glory.**

**4. Tell how the Father sent His Son to save us.
Tell of the Son, who life and freedom gave us.
Tell how the Spirit calls from ev'ry nation His new creation.**

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❖ CONFESSION OF SINS

John 20:21-23

P Our help is in the Name of the Lord,
C **Who made Heaven and earth.**

P If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?
C **But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.**

P Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition.

Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite Mercy of God, our Heavenly Father, seeking His Grace for the sake of Christ, and saying:
God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

C **Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to Everlasting Life. Amen.**

❖ ABSOLUTION

P 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.

C **Amen.**

SERVICE OF THE WORD

❖ KYRIE

LSB 204

A In peace let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer-cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

A For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer-cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,
and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

A For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us
pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

❖ GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

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C 1 To God on high be glo - ry And peace to all the earth;
2 To You, O sole - be - got - ten, The Fa - ther's Son, we pray;
3 For You a - lone are ho - ly; You on - ly are the Lord.



Good-will from God in heav - en Pro-claimed at Je-sus' birth!
O Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, You take our sins a - way.
For - ev - er and for - ev - er, Be wor-shipped and a - dored;



We praise and bless You, Fa - ther; Your ho - ly name, we sing—
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus; Re - ceive our heart - felt cry,
You with the Ho - ly Spir - it A - lone are Lord Most High,



Our thanks for Your great glo - ry, Lord God, our heav'n-ly King.
Where You in pow'r are seat-ed At God's right hand on high—
In God the Fa - ther's glo - ry. "A - men!" our glad re - ply.

❖ PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray.

O Lord, keep Your Family the Church continually in the true faith

C 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. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT

Isaiah 58:3-9a [ESV]

(The prophet gives us a description of the correct attitude toward fasting)

³Why 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.

⁴Behold, 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.

⁵Is 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?

⁶“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?

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 him,
and not to hide yourself from your own
flesh?

⁸Then 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.

⁹Then 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.**

ANTHEM

Open Thou Mine Eyes – J. Rutter

Sanctuary Choir
Rebecca Melland-Kuo, soloist

*Open Thou mine eyes and I shall see; Incline my heart and I shall desire;
Order my steps and I shall walk In the ways of Thy Commandments.*

*O God, be Thou my only Lord, And beside Thee let there be none else, No other, nought else with Thee.
Vouchsafe to me to worship Thee and serve Thee According to Thy Commandments
In truth of spirit, In reverence of body, In blessing of lips, In private and public.*

EPISTLE

1 Corinthians 2:1-12 [ESV]

(God's Wisdom is revealed by the Holy Spirit.)

2 And I, when I came to you,
brothers, did not come proclaiming to
you the testimony of God with lofty
speech or wisdom.

2 For I decided to know nothing among
you except Jesus Christ and him
crucified.

³ And I was with you in weakness and in fear and much trembling, ⁴ and my speech and my message were not in plausible words of wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power, ⁵ so that your faith might not rest in the wisdom of men but in the power of God.

⁶ 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.

⁷ But we impart a secret and hidden wisdom of God, which God decreed before the ages for our glory.

⁸ None of the rulers of this age understood this, for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

⁹ But, as it is written, “What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, or the heart of man imagined, what God has prepared for those who love him”—¹⁰ these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit. For the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God.

¹¹ 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.

¹² 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.

❖ ALLELUIA AND VERSE

LSB 205



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



These things are writ - ten that you may be - lieve that



Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.



❖ HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 5:13-20 [ESV]

(Salt and Light.)

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

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

¹³ “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.

¹⁴ “You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden.

¹⁵ 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.

¹⁶ 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.

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 say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not an iota, not a dot, will pass from the Law until all is accomplished.

¹⁹ 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.

²⁰ 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 to You, Lord Christ.**

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

Pastor Alan Shaw

HYMN OF THE DAY

Light of Light, O Sole Begotten

LSB 914

1. Light of Light, O Sole-Begotten Radiance of the Father's face,
Word made flesh, who lived among us Full of truth and full of grace,
Shine upon our human darkness; Pierce the night that shrouds our race.
2. Word eternal, through Your being God created all we see,
When the empty spaces echoed With the Father's "Let there be . . ."
Light and life burst from the glorious Power of Your majesty!
3. Still Your brooding Spirit hovers Over chaos, dark and deep,
Calling out with invitation: "Rise, awaken from your sleep;
Christ the Lord will shine upon you And from death your soul shall keep."
4. Come, Lord Jesus, by Your Spirit In our hearts Your work begin,
Bring the healing restoration Of Your image lost by sin;
From Your fullness all receiving Grace on grace, new life within!

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SERMON

Pastor Alan Shaw

Simple Problems

Isaiah 58:3-9a



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- C** I believe in one God,
the Father Almighty,
Maker of Heaven and earth
and of all things visible and invisible.
And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father,

C by Whom all things were made;
Who for us men and for our salvation came down from Heaven
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried.
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures
and ascended into Heaven
and sits at the Right Hand of the Father.
And He will come again with glory
to judge both the living and the dead,
whose Kingdom will have no end.
And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord and Giver of life,
Who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
Who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,
Who spoke by the prophets.
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
and I look for the resurrection of the dead
and the ✠ Life of the world to come. Amen.



GREETING OF PEACE

All are invited to greet one another in the name of the Lord, saying, “Peace be with you,” as a sign of reconciliation and of the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. (*Matt. 5:22-24; Eph. 4:1-3*)
Any gesture accompanying this greeting (wave, hand over heart with slight bow, or handshake) is welcome.

OFFERING

(The offerings of God’s people will be received through electronic giving, by postal mail,
and in baskets located in the Narthex.)

MUSICAL OFFERING

A Different Season – A. Fedak

Sanctuary Choir

*When I was a child, I thought as a child, I spoke as a child, with a child's own reason,
But now I am grown, the child's way is gone, is weathered by thoughts of a different season.
Yet all that we know, and all that we sense, and all we discern at the mind's direction
Is partially seen, as though it had been a mirror made dark by a cloud's reflection.*

*And each is a soul that looks for the whole, for God in our life in its joy and its grieving,
To trust as a child, to love as a child, to know and be known beyond disbelieving.
When prophets are dead, and languages shed, with knowledge all vanished, and mind's endeavor,
There still will be faith, there still will be hope, and love, always love, that will last forever.*

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❖ PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

After each portion of the prayers:

P Lord, in Your Mercy,
C **Hear our prayer.**

P Into Your Hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your Mercy; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.
C **Amen.**

P Jesus, remember us in Your Kingdom and teach us to pray:

❖ LORD'S PRAYER

C **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.**

**C For Thine is the Kingdom
and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

MUSIC DURING THE CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

Now the Silence – B. Ayres

Sanctuary Choir

*Now the silence Now the peace Now the empty hands uplifted
Now the kneeling Now the plea Now the Father's arms in welcome
Now the hearing Now the pow'r Now the vessel brimmed for pouring
Now the body Now the blood Now the joyful celebration
Now the wedding Now the songs Now the heart forgiven leaping
Now the Spirit's visitation Now the Son's epiphany Now the Father's blessing
Now Now Now*

May We Thy Precepts, Lord, Fulfill

LSB 698

- 1. May we Thy precepts, Lord, fulfill And do on earth our Father's will
As angels do above;
Still walk in Christ, the living way, With all Thy children and obey
The law of Christian love.**
- 2. So may we join Thy name to bless, Thy grace adore, Thy pow'r confess,
From sin and strife to flee.
One is our calling, one our name, The end of all our hopes the same,
A crown of life with Thee.**
- 3. Spirit of life, of love and peace, Unite our hearts, our joy increase,
Thy gracious help supply.
To each of us the blessing give In Christian fellowship to live,
In joyful hope to die.**

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**1. Church of God, elect and glorious, Holy nation, chosen race;
Called as God's own special people, Royal priests and heirs of grace:
Know the purpose of your calling, Show to all His mighty deeds;
Tell of love that knows no limits, Grace that meets all human needs.**

**2. God has called you out of darkness Into His most marv'ous light;
Brought His truth to life within you, Turned your blindness into sight.
Let your light so shine around you That God's name is glorified
And all find fresh hope and purpose In Christ Jesus crucified.**

**3. Once you were an alien people, Strangers to God's heart of love;
But He brought you home in mercy, Citizens of heav'n above.
Let His love flow out to others, Let them feel a Father's care;
That they too may know His welcome And His countless blessings share.**

**4. Church of God, elect and holy, Be the people He intends;
Strong in faith and swift to answer Each command your Master sends:
Royal priests, fulfill your calling Through your sacrifice and prayer;
Give your lives in joyful service—Sing His praise, His love declare.**

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❖ **BENEDICAMUS AND BENEDICTION**

P Let us bless the Lord.
C **Thanks be to God.**

P The LORD bless you and keep you.
The LORD make His Face to shine on you and be gracious to you.
The LORD look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace. *(Numbers 6:24-26)*
C **Amen.**



LSB 854 (Tune: LSB 405)

5. For Thee delightfully employ Whate'er Thy bounteous grace has giv'n,
And run my course with even joy, And closely walk with Thee to heav'n.

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C Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

Westminster Fanfare – C. Callahan

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