

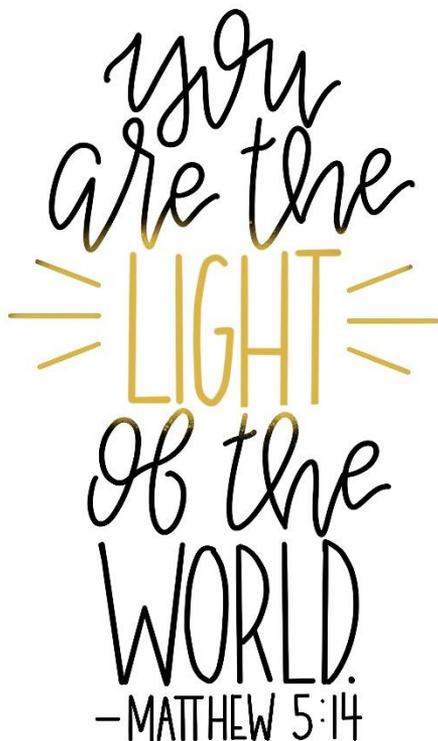
St. John Lutheran Church, ELCA

February 9, 2019

9 AM

5th Sunday after Epiphany

*Welcome to worship at St. John! Hymns are found in the second half of the red Evangelical Lutheran Worship (ELW) hymnal and are listed with a number sign, for example #504. Please join in the assembly portions of the spoken word, indicated by **bold** print in this worship order. An asterisk (*) indicates when to stand as you are able.*



Gathering Music

Please use this time for a moment of quiet reflection before the service begins. If you so choose, a before worship prayer is located on page 72 of the hymnal.

Welcome and Announcements

Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, the eternal voice from heaven, the anointed and beloved one, the Spirit moving over the waters. As we approach the mystery of God, let us come in confession, trusting the love of Christ crucified and risen.

Silence is kept for reflection.

God who searches us and knows us, you have shown us what is good, but we have looked to other lights to find our way. We have not been just in our dealings with others. We have chosen revenge over mercy. We have promoted ourselves instead of walking humbly with you. With what shall we come before you? Forgive us our sin, and show us your salvation in the face of Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

Beloved of God, you have not received the spirit of the world, but the Spirit that is from God, poured out for you in the faithfulness of Jesus Christ. Receive the promise of baptism: You are God's child; † your sins are forgiven. Rejoice and be glad, for yours is the reign of heaven.
Amen.

***Gathering Hymn**

#532 Gather Us In

***Kyrie**

s147

***Canticle of Praise**

s148

***Prayer of the Day**

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.

Word

First Reading

Isaiah 58:1-9

¹Shout 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.

²Yet 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.

³“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.

⁴Look, 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.

⁵Is 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?

⁶Is 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?

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 them, and not to hide yourself from your own kin?

⁸Then 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.

^{9a}Then you shall call, and the LORD will answer; you shall cry for help, and he will say, Here I am. ^{9b}If you remove the yoke from among you, the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil,

¹⁰if 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.

¹¹The 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.

¹²Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt; you shall raise up the foundations

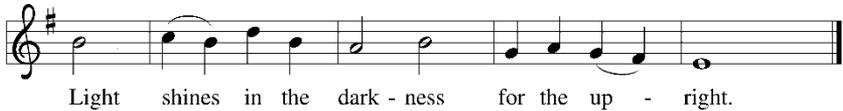
of many generations; you shall be called the repairer of the breach, the restorer of streets to live in.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 112

Please join in the refrain where indicated



¹Hallelujah! Happy are they who fear the LORD

and have great delight in God's commandments!

²Their descendants will be mighty in the land;

the generation of the upright will be blessed.

³Wealth and riches will be in their house,

and their righteousness will last forever.

⁴Light shines in the darkness for the upright;

the righteous are merciful and full of compassion. **Refrain**

⁵It is good for them to be generous in lending

and to manage their affairs with justice.

⁶For they will never be shaken;

the righteous will be kept in everlasting remembrance.

⁷They will not be afraid of any evil rumors;

their heart is steadfast, trusting in the LORD.

⁸Their heart is established and will not shrink,

until they see their desire upon their enemies.

⁹They have given freely to the poor, and their righteousness stands fast forever;

they will hold up their head with honor. **Refrain**

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 2:1-12

¹When I came to you, brothers and sisters, I did not come proclaiming the mystery of God to you in lofty words or wisdom. ²For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ, and him crucified. ³And I came to you in weakness and in fear and in much trembling. ⁴My speech and my proclamation were not with plausible words of wisdom, but with a demonstration of the Spirit and of power, ⁵so that your faith might rest not on human wisdom but on the power of God.

⁶Yet 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. ⁷But we speak God's wisdom, secret and hidden, which God decreed before the ages for our glory. ⁸None of the rulers of this age understood this; for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. ⁹But, 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” —

¹⁰these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit; for the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. ¹¹For 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. ¹²Now 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. ¹³And 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.

¹⁴Those 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. ¹⁵Those who are spiritual discern all things, and they are themselves subject to no one else's scrutiny.

¹⁶“For who has known the mind of the Lord so as to instruct him?”
But we have the mind of Christ.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

***Gospel Acclamation**

S151a

***Gospel**

Matthew 5:13-20

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

Glorify to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said:] ¹³“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.

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

¹⁵No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. ¹⁶In 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.

¹⁷“Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. ¹⁸For 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. ¹⁹Therefore, 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.

²⁰For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.”

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Musical Offering

This Little Light of Mine (Harry Dixon Loes)

Cherubs

Children's Message

Sermon

Hymn of the Day

#515 Break Now the Bread of Life

***Apostles' Creed**

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***Prayers of Intercession**

The Assembly responds, "Hear our prayer."

***Sharing of the Peace**

Offering

#882 Oh, Sing to the Lord (Cantad al Señor)

Arr. John Helgen

Choristers

Vs. 1 - Choristers

Vs. 1 - All

Vs. 2 - Choristers

Vs. 3 - All

Vs. 4 - All

***Offertory Response**

#884 Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow (v. 1)

***Offertory Prayer**

God of wonder, you formed us in our mother's womb, and from mother earth you bring forth this bread and wine. We place them on your table, together with our lives and all that you have made. Open the heavens to us and pour out your Spirit. We wait for your mercy; we long for your peace; we hunger and thirst for Jesus Christ, our banquet of life. Amen.

***Lord's Prayer**

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Sending

***Blessing**

***Sending Song**

#665 Rise, Shine, You People

***Dismissal**

Go in peace. Let your light shine.

Thanks be to God.

***Sending Music**

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