



# 5th Sunday after the Epiphany

*February 5th, 2023*

Opening Hymn: **O Holy Spirit, Enter In**

LSB 913

Matins

Psalmody

LSB 220

## Salutation and Collect 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 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.**

Epistle Reading

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.

 This is the Word of the Lord.

 **Thanks be to God.**

Holy Gospel

Matthew 5: 13-20

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

 **Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>3</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.”

 This is the Gospel of the Lord.

 **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Responsory

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Children’s Message

Sermon Hymn: **You Are the Way; through You Alone**

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Sermon

Response Hymn: **Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling**

LSB 650

Apostles’ Creed

Canticle

Te Deum

LSB 223

Offering

Kyrie

LSB 227

Prayer of the Church

Lord’s Prayer

LSB 162

Collect for the Word

Benedicamus

LSB 228

Benediction

Closing Hymn: **Savior, Again to Thy Dear Name We Raise**

LSB 917

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## ***The Righteousness of Christ***

Jesus warns that “*unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven*” (Matt. 5:20), but He also calls His imperfect people “*the salt of the earth*” and “*the light of the world*” (Matt. 5:13, 14). That’s because the Lord Jesus came not to abolish the Law or the prophets, “*but to fulfill them*” (Matt. 5:17) in perfect faith and love. Since He does and teaches all of God’s commandments, He is “*called great in the kingdom of heaven*” (Matt. 5:19). God manifests His “*demonstration of the Spirit and of power*” in “*Jesus Christ and him crucified*” (1 Cor. 2:2–4), and through the preaching of the Gospel He gives His “*secret and hidden wisdom*” (1 Cor. 2:7). Christ gives this perfect righteousness to His people, and it leads them to true fasting, which is “*to loose the bonds of wickedness, to undo the straps of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free*” (Is. 58:6) and “*to share your bread with the hungry and bring the homeless poor into your house*” (Is. 58:7).



**WE WELCOME ALL** who worship today, especially guests and visitors, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Guests are invited to sign our guest register. Please include your phone number and address in the guest book located in the Narthex. Thank you for visiting.

**ALTAR FLOWERS:** Today’s altar flowers were gifted.

## **IN RESPONSE TO GOD’S LOVE:**

	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Contributions</u>
01/29/2023 Sunday Service	73	\$1423.00

**THE LUTHERAN HOUR:** Did you know that we sponsor *The Lutheran Hour* locally? As you are getting ready for church or if you are unable to attend worship, consider tuning in to *The Lutheran Hour*. It can be found on KRLN 1400AM at 8:00am Sunday mornings.



**MISSIONARIES:** Please remember JP and Aimee Cima, the missionaries that our congregation have adopted, asking God to protect them and use them to spread His gospel.

**CONGREGATIONAL SHUT-INS:** Orgene Reimers, Ada Pendarvis, and Edie Cook.

**CONGREGATIONAL SERVICE MEMBERS:** Ryan Lehmpuhl

**SITTING AND STANDING IN CHURCH:** It is customary to stand during the worship service when we address God directly (*Confession, Prayers, etc.*) or out of respect (*Gospel Reading, Creed, etc.*). These actions have purpose and meaning; but they are not meant to be painful or difficult. In contrast, Psalm 51:17 says, “The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.” If at any time during the service, it is too difficult or painful to stand, please remain seated. Our Lord knows your heart.

**SPECIAL PRAYERS:** Please call Pastor prior to the Sunday service for special prayers.

**NEED A RIDE TO CHURCH?** If you or another member who you know needs transportation to church on Sundays, please call Ken Davidson at 719-429-4919.



## **PLEASE PRAY FOR: Sick and/or Recovering:**

Doris Cunningham	Miranda Beason (Gordon's
Doug Lampson (Tricia's brother)	Granddaughter)
Rod Willard	Took Blanchard
Gordon Gross	

**PRAYER CHAIN:** If you have a prayer concern and would like to send it through a prayer chain, we have 2 options.

- To send the prayer through a phone prayer chain, please contact Mary Richardson at 719-269-1426.
- To send the prayer via email, please contact Carolyn Westlund at her email address [1956cew@gmail.com](mailto:1956cew@gmail.com).

If you would like to join either prayer chain, please contact Mary or Carolyn ([1956cew@gmail.com](mailto:1956cew@gmail.com)) respectively.

If you would like a Christian greeting card from St. John sent to your loved one listed on the above prayer list, please contact Mary Richardson with the address where it should be sent.

**THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN -- FEBRUARY 5, 2023-FEBRUARY 12, 2023**

Office Hours: Monday through Friday — 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

**Sunday, February 5, 2023**

- 9:00 a.m. Divine Worship
- Greeter: Doris Cunningham
- Reader: Nathan Pegors
- 10:15 a.m. Fellowship
- 10:30 a.m. Sunday School & Adult Bible Class
- 11:30 a.m. Elders' Meeting

**Monday, February 6, 2023**

- 4:00 p.m. Children's Chorale
- 6:30 p.m. Confirmation



*Quinn Langley*

**Tuesday, February 7, 2023**

Sarah Out of the Office

**Wednesday, February 8, 2023**

- 10:00 a.m. Bible Study
- 6:00 p.m. Youth Group
- Sarah Out of the Office

**Thursday, February 9, 2023**

- 9:00 a.m. Quilters
- Sarah Out of the Office

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Office Hours: Monday through Friday — 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

**Friday, February 10, 2023**

Pastor Dan Out of the Office – Prison Ministry



*Valerie Langley*

**Sunday, February 12, 2023**

- 9:00 a.m. Divine Worship with Holy Communion
- 10:15 a.m. Fellowship
- 10:30 a.m. Sunday School & Adult Bible Class
- 11:30 a.m. Council Meeting



**BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Please send any announcements for next week's bulletin to Sue Poehlein at [cspoehlein@gmail.com](mailto:cspoehlein@gmail.com). Sarah will be out of the office all week. Thank You!

**CONDOLENCES:** Our deepest sympathies go out to the Heldt family with the passing of Jerry's sister, Sharon.

# Sermon Notes

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