

trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

#### **BENEDICAMUS**

Pastor: Let us bless the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

(Psalm 103:1)

#### **BENEDICTION**

Pastor: The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve you.

People: **Amen.**

#### **CLOSING SONG**

#### *Peace Be Yours*

Peace be yours. May the Lord be with you as we gather now and your whole life through, Blessing and mercy and wholeness, too. May God's peace be yours.

Peace be yours as you scatter from here. Anywhere you go, God is always near, Loving and calming your deepest fear. May God's peace be yours.

Seek your strength where the Lord does abide when the greatest evil is at your side. In Word and Sacrament, Christ resides. May God's peace be yours.

Always know He has conquered the one who defies your life in God's only Son. Yours is the struggle that Christ has won. May God's peace be yours.



*Please remember to place your offering for the work of the Lord at Emanuel in the offering plate as you leave.*

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# *The Gathering*

## **The Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany**

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# † The Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany †

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**WELCOME** to those visiting us this Lord's Day. It is our joy to have you worshipping with us. We invite you to come again and worship the Lord.

**FELLOWSHIP DIRECTORY** ~ Everyone, please sign in! We ask guests to include your address, zip code and phone number so that we may acknowledge your visit.

**AS WE GATHER** ~ Although the work of composers of church music and writers of hymn texts are often observed and even celebrated, the faithful and thoughtful work of text translators is rarely noted. One of the most gifted translators, whose work brought into English many historical and doctrinally powerful German hymns, was an Englishwoman named Catherine Winkworth. The contributors' index in Lutheran Service Book (p. 1002) lists forty-six hymns included in the hymnal that she translated from the original German. Her chosen words have both beauty and depth of meaning. In the second stanza of Johann Mentzer's hymn "Oh, That I Had a Thousand Voices" (LSB 811), she phrases the call to all powers to praise God with these simple words: "Your noblest work is to adore." As we gather for worship and bring our praises in adoration to our gracious God, we are fulfilling our purpose as the crown of His creation. We are called in our worship to be joyfully carrying out the "noblest work." It doesn't get any better than that!

## **PRE-SERVICE PRAISE**

### *Beautiful One*

Wonderful, so wonderful, is Your unfailing love,  
Your cross has spoken mercy over me.  
No eye has seen, no ear has heard, no heart could fully know,  
How glorious, how beautiful You are!

*Chorus:* Beautiful One, I love, Beautiful One, I adore,  
Beautiful One, my soul must sing!

Powerful, so powerful, Your glory fills the skies,  
Your mighty works displayed for all to see.  
The beauty of Your majesty awakes my heart to sing;  
How marvelous, how wonderful You are! *Chorus twice*

You've opened my eyes to Your wonders anew,  
You've captured my heart with this love,  
'Cause nothing on earth is as beautiful as You. *Repeat verse, Chorus twice, Verse twice*

## **WELCOME/SHARING OF THE PEACE**

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## **OPENING SONG**

### *Oh, That I Had a Thousand Voices*

*LSB* 811

Oh, that I had a thousand voices to praise my God with thousand tongues!  
My heart, which in the Lord rejoices, would then proclaim in grateful songs  
To all, wherever I might be, what great things God has done for me.

O all you pow'rs that He implanted, arise, keep silence now no more;  
Put forth the strength that God has granted! Your noblest work is to adore.  
O soul and body, join to raise with heartfelt joy our Maker's praise.

All creatures that have breath and motion, that throng the earth, the sea, the sky,  
Come, share with me my heart's devotion, help me to sing God's praises high.  
My utmost pow'rs can never quite declare the wonders of His might.

Creator, humbly I implore You to listen to my earthly song  
Until that day when I adore You, together with the angel throng  
And learn with choirs of heav'n to sing eternal anthems to my King.

## **OPENING VERSICLES**

(Psalm 51:15)

Pastor: O Lord, open my lips,

People: and my mouth shall declare Your praise.

All: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

## **ANTIPHON**

Pastor: Give glory to God, our light and our life.

People: O come, let us worship Him.

## **SONG OF PRAISE**

### *Light of The World*

O Jesus, Son of God, so full of grace and truth;  
The Father's saving Word, so wonderful are You.  
The Angels longed to see, and prophets searched to find  
The glory we have seen revealed.

You shone upon the earth, but who will understand?  
You came unto Your own, but who will recognize?  
Your birth was prophesied, for You were the Messiah  
Who came and walked upon the earth.  
Your glory we have seen, the one and only King and now You're living in our hearts.

*Chorus:* Light of the world, Light of the world, Light of the world, You shine upon us.

**In You all things were made, and nothing without You  
In heaven and on earth - all things are held in You.**

**And yet You became flesh, living as one of us under the shadow of the cross  
Where, through the blood You shed, You have made peace again.  
Peace for a world that God so loves. Repeat, then Chorus**

**ANTIPHON**

**Pastor:** Give glory to God, our light and our life.

**People:** O come, let us worship Him.

**PSALM 112:1-9**

**Pastor:** Praise the Lord! Blessed is the man who fears the Lord, who greatly delights in his commandments!

**People:** His offspring will be mighty in the land; the generation of the upright will be blessed.

**Pastor:** Wealth and riches are in his house, and his righteousness endures forever.

**People:** Light dawns in the darkness for the upright; he is gracious, merciful, and righteous.

**Pastor:** It is well with the man who deals generously and lends; who conducts his affairs with justice.

**People:** For the righteous will never be moved; he will be remembered forever.

**Pastor:** He is not afraid of bad news; his heart is firm, trusting in the Lord.

**People:** His heart is steady; he will not be afraid, until he looks in triumph on his adversaries.

**Pastor:** He has distributed freely; he has given to the poor; his righteousness endures forever; his horn is exalted in honor.

**All:** Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

**OLD TESTAMENT READING**

<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.

**Isaiah 58:3-9a (ESV)**

**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.’”

**Pastor:** This is the Word of the Lord.

**People:** Thanks be to God.

**EPISTLE READING**

**1 Corinthians 2:1-12 (ESV)**

<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.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

#### GOSPEL READING

#### Matthew 5:13-20 (ESV)

<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.”

Pastor: In many and various ways, God spoke to His people of old by the prophets.

People: But now in these last days, He has spoken to us by His Son. (Hebrews 1:1-2a)

#### SONG OF THE DAY

#### *I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light*

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I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to follow Jesus.

God set the stars to give light to the world. The star of my life is Jesus.

*Refrain: In Him there is no darkness at all. The night and the day are both alike.  
The Lamb is the light of the city of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.*

I want to see the brightness of God. I want to look at Jesus.

Clear Sun of Righteousness, shine on my path, and show me the way to the Father. *Refrain*  
I’m looking for the coming of Christ. I want to be with Jesus.

When we have run with patience the race, we shall know the joy of Jesus. *Refrain*

#### SERMON

#### *Be Who You Are*

#### 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.

#### COLLECT OF THE DAY

Pastor: 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.

People: Amen.

#### PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

#### COLLECT FOR GRACE

Pastor: O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, You have safely brought us to the beginning of this day. Defend us in the same with Your mighty power and grant that this day we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger, but that all our doings, being ordered by Your governance, may be righteous in Your sight; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

#### LORD'S PRAYER

(Matthew 6:9-13)

Pastor: Taught by our Lord and trusting His promises, we are bold to pray:

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