

St. Matthew's Evangelical Lutheran Church

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

February 9, 2020

11:00 AM



*“...Let your light shine before others,
so that they may see your good works
and give glory to your Father
who is in heaven.”*

Matthew 5:16

OUR MISSION

As a Lutheran community of faith, we continue our history of proclaiming Christ crucified through Word and Sacrament in joyful service to God and our neighbor.

WELCOME TO ST. MATTHEW'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

We welcome all who worship with us today. We gather as the Body of Christ to offer ourselves as a living sacrifice of thanksgiving and praise to God. Ushers are available to answer any of your questions. The church is equipped with a hearing impaired system. If you need a listening device, it may be obtained from an usher. In the minutes prior to the beginning of each service, the doors to the nave are closed, and quiet is encouraged. Music is offered which prepares worshipers to receive God's gifts from His Hand – the forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation.

Everyone is asked to sign the Attendance Record found at the end of each pew or row of chairs. Please sign this record and pass it down to those beside you during the announcements. As it is returned, please note who is worshipping with you. The Attendance Record helps worshipers to put names and faces together. We make new friends in this way and grow in care for each other.

Celebrating Holy Communion: We believe, teach, and confess Christ is truly present in the bread and wine. All baptized Christians, who share this belief, are invited to receive Jesus as He comes in the Holy Communion to forgive the sins of the penitent. Children and others who are not yet receiving the sacrament, or who choose not to commune with us, are invited to come forward for a blessing, crossing their arms over their chest. After receiving the host in your outstretched hands, please eat the host if you wish to drink from the first cup, the metal chalice. Please hold the host if you wish to dip your host in the second cup, the ceramic chalice. Those unable to drink wine are urged simply to touch their host to the outside of the cup prior to eating.

The altar flowers are dedicated to the Glory of God and given by the Mowrey family with thanksgiving for Sue, on her birthday, and by Ruth and Bill Rice in loving memory of Mary Guerassio.

Sunday School is sponsored by the Oxford family in honor Allison's birthday.

WELCOME IN THE NAME OF JESUS! On this 5th Sunday after Epiphany, our Lord Jesus describes the life and character of His disciples as "salt" and "light." Christ's Church on earth is both covered by His righteousness in Holy Baptism and yet is called to a life of exceeding righteousness for the sake of our neighbors in the world. Today, we welcome as our guest preacher for both Saturday and Sunday Eucharists, The Reverend Dr. David Wendel, Assistant to the Bishop of the North American Lutheran Church. Pastor Wendel will also make a presentation on the NALC on Sunday, February 9, from 9:45 - 10:45 a.m. in the nave. Your questions are welcomed.

I will strive to **Pray daily**
Worship weekly
Read the Bible
Serve at and beyond St. Matthew's
Be in Relationship to encourage spiritual growth in others
Give of my time, talents and resources

Those Serving in Worship

Assisting Minister
Marti Felter

Lector
Dave Davis

Ushers
Jon Lindsay

Communion Assistants
Ana Maria Jackson, Lynette Farmer
Todd and Melissa Shaver

Greeters
Erika Braje, Helen Stansbury

Acolyte
Stuart Shaver

Crucifer
Raymond Shaver

Altar Guild
Cathy Aleksandravicius,
Peggy Davis



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(* Please stand as you are able.)

Silence for Meditation

PRELUDE

Ode to Joy
Bill Glisson and Jan Betts

Beethoven, arr. Fred Bock

WELCOME

(Please sign the Attendance Record pad, and pass it along your pew.)

*** THE CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

Pastor: In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Congregation: Amen.

Pastor: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Congregation: Amen.

Pastor: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Pastor: Most merciful God,

Congregation: we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

Pastor: Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the +Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Congregation: Amen.

*** OPENING HYMN**

Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee

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*** THE GREETING**

Pastor: The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Congregation: And also with you.

*** HYMN OF PRAISE**



Ⓐ Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to his peo-ple on earth.

Ⓑ Lord God, heav-en-ly king, al-might-y God and Fa-ther:

We wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo-ry.

Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God:

You take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.

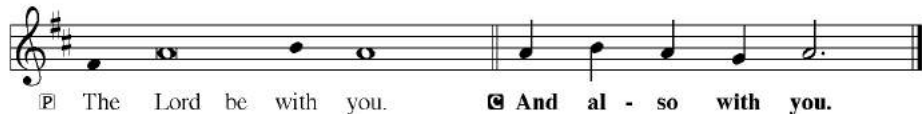
You are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther; re-ceive our prayer.

For you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,

you a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it,

in the glo-ry of God the Fa-ther. A-men

*** THE SALUTATION**



Ⓐ The Lord be with you. Ⓑ And al- so with you.

*** THE PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Pastor: Stand watch over your family, O Lord, that we who depend entirely on your heavenly grace may always be protected in the mighty fortress of your love. Through Jesus Christ, your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Congregation: Amen.

THE CHILDREN'S SERMON

FIRST LESSON: Isaiah 58:3-9a

³ ‘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. ⁴ 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. ⁵ 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? 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? ⁷ 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? ⁸ 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. ⁹ Then you shall call, and the Lord will answer; you shall cry, and he will say, ‘Here I am.’

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 112:1-9

Praise the Lord!

Blessed is the man who / fears the Lord,*
who greatly delights in / his commandments!

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

Wealth and riches are / in his house,*
and his righteousness en- / dures forever.

Light dawns in the darkness / for the upright;*
he is gracious, merci- / ful, and righteous.

It is well with the man who deals generous- / ly and lends;*,
who conducts his af- / fairs with justice.

For the righteous will nev- / er be moved;*
he will be remem- / bered forever.

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

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

He has distributed freely; he has given / to the poor;*,
his righteousness endures forever;
his horn is exalt- / ed in honor.

Glory to the Father, and / to the Son,* and to the / Holy Spirit;
as it was in the begin- / ning, is now,* and will be forev- / er. Amen.

SECOND LESSON: 1 Corinthians 2:1-16

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. ⁹ 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”— 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. ¹³ And we impart this in words not taught by human wisdom but taught by the Spirit, interpreting spiritual truths to those who are spiritual. ¹⁴ 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. ¹⁵ The spiritual person judges all things, but is himself to be judged by no one. ¹⁶ “For who has understood 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.**

THE VERSE

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?
You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

* THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Pastor: The HOLY GOSPEL according to St. Matthew, the fifth chapter.

Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

HOLY GOSPEL: Matthew 5:13-20

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. ¹⁵Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, 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 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. ¹⁸For 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. ¹⁹Therefore 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. 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.

* THE GOSPEL RESPONSE

Praise to you, O Christ.

THE SERMON

The Rev. Dr. David Wendel

* THE HYMN OF THE DAY

Holy Spirit, Truth Divine

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* THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

* THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Assisting Minister: Lord, in your mercy.

Congregation: Hear our prayers.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

* THE SHARING OF THE PEACE

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

Congregation: And also with you.

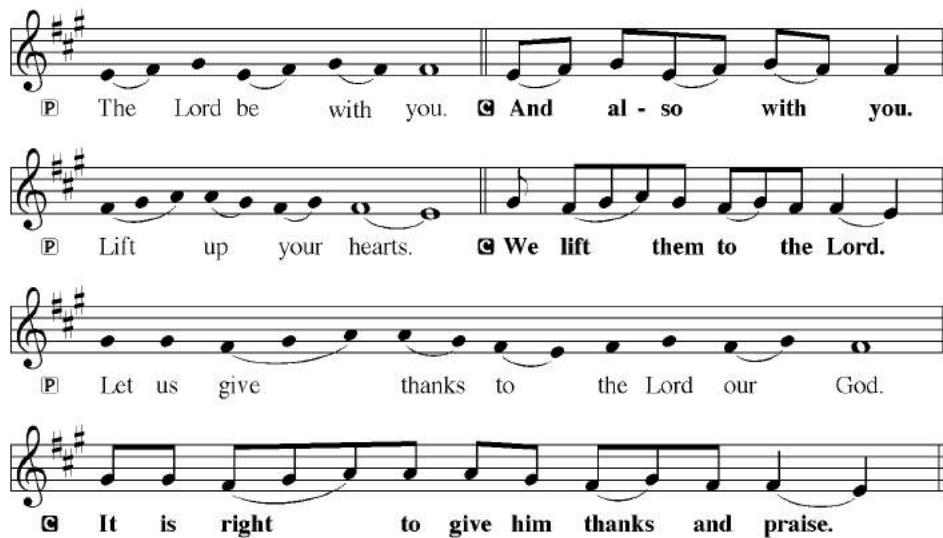
*** THE OFFERTORY RESPONSE**


Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of
bless-ing. Gath-er a har-vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be
fed with the bread of life. Gath-er the hopes and dreams of all; u -
nite them with the prayers we of - fer. Grace our ta - ble with your
pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

*** OFFERTORY PRAYER**

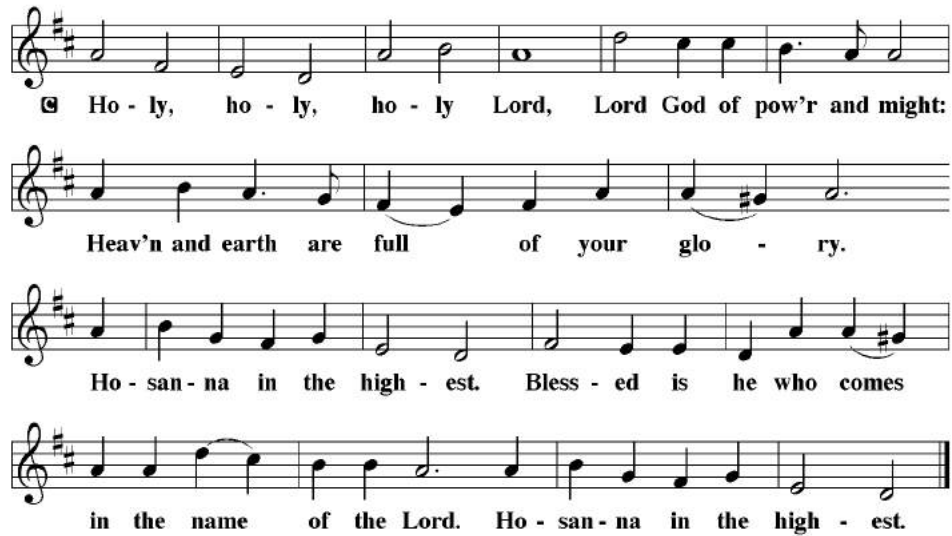
Assisting Minister: Eternal Father,

Congregation: with your generous gifts you have aroused this sacrifice of praise. Teach us to live and love more generously that every creature may be stirred to bless your name. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*** THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**


The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Pastor: It is indeed right and salutary...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might:
Heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.
Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

*** THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER**

Pastor: You are indeed holy...mystery of our faith:

Congregation: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Pastor: Gracious Father...eternal kingdom.

Congregation: Through Him, with Him and in Him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and forever. Amen.

Pastor: Lord remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

*** THE LORDS PRAYER**

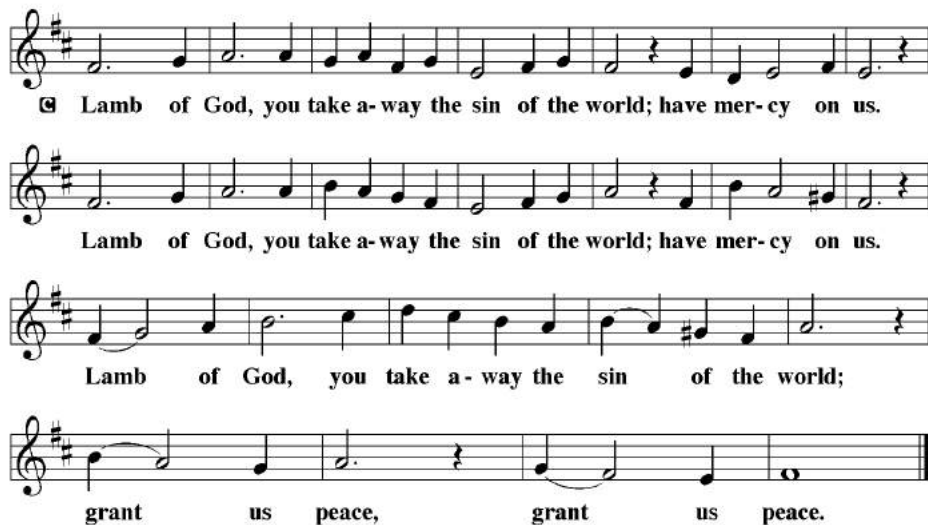
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

*** THE FRACTION**

Pastor: The Light has shattered the darkness.

Congregation: Let us follow the Star and behold our God!

THE DISTRIBUTION (Please be seated; an usher will direct you to the altar rail.)



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.
Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.
Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world;
grant us peace, grant us peace.

Now the si - lence Now the peace Now the emp - ty hands up - lift - ed
 Now the kneel - ing Now the plea Now the Fa - ther's arms in wel - come
 Now the hear - ing Now the pow'r Now the ves - sel brimmed for pour - ing
 Now the bod - y Now the blood Now the joy - ful cel - e - bra - tion
 Now the wed - ding Now the songs Now the heart for - giv - en leap - ing
 Now the Spir - it's vis - i - ta - tion Now the Son's e - piph - a - ny
 Now the Fa - ther's bless - ing Now Now Now

Text: Jaroslav J. Vajda, h. 1919
 Music: NOW, Carl F. Schalk, h. 1929
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Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness

1 Je - sus, Thy blood and righ - teous - ness My beau - ty
 2 Bold shall I stand in that great day, Cleansed and re -
 3 Lord, I be - lieve Thy pre - cious blood, Which at the
 4 Lord, I be - lieve, were sin - ners more Than sands up -
 are, my glo - rious dress; Midst flam - ing worlds, in
 deemed, no debt to pay; Ful - ly ab - solved through
 mer - cy seat of God Pleads for the cap - tives'
 on the o - cean shore, Thou hast for all a
 these ar - rayed, With joy shall I lift up my head.
 these I am From sin and fear, from guilt and shame.
 lib - er - ty, Was al - so shed in love for me.
 ran - som paid, For all a full a - tone - ment made.

- 5 **When from the dust of death I rise
 To claim my mansion in the skies,
 This then shall be my only plea:
 Jesus hath lived and died for me.**
- 6 **Jesus, be endless praise to Thee,
 Whose boundless mercy hath for me,
 For me, and all Thy hands have made,
 An everlasting ransom paid.**

Text: Nicolaus Ludwig von Sinzendorf, 1700-60; tr. John B. Wesley, 1703-81, alt.
 Tune: George J. Elvey, 1816-93; setting: *The Lutheran Hymnal*, 1941

*** THE POST-COMMUNION BLESSING**

Pastor: May this the body and this the blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in His grace.

Congregation: Amen.

*** THE POST-COMMUNION HYMN**

1 O Lord, now let Your ser - vant De -
2 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All
part in heav'n - ly peace, For I have seen the
glo - ry to the Son, All glo - ry to the
glo - ry Of Your re - deem - ing grace:
Spir - it, For - ev - er Three - in - One;
A light to lead the Gen - tiles Un -
For as in the be - gin - ning, Is
to Your ho - ly hill, The glo - ry of Your
now, shall ev - er be, God's tri - une name re -
peo - ple, Your cho - sen Is - ra - el.
sound - ing Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

*** THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER**

Assisting Minister: Lord Jesus, by eating once again with you, we have obeyed your call to celebrate the greatest truth of all. May this teaching of eternal love and peace change our lives forevermore.

Congregation: Amen.

Congregation: **I will strive to pray daily, worship weekly, read the Bible, serve at and beyond St. Matthew's, be in relationship to encourage spiritual growth in others, and give of my time, talents, and resources.**

*** THE BENEDICTION**

*** THE CLOSING HYMN**

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

At this time anyone desiring prayer for healing is invited to approach the altar rail.



1 I want to walk as a child of the light.
2 I want to see the bright-ness of God.
3 I'm look - ing for the com - ing of Christ.



I want to fol - low Je - sus.
I want to look at Je - sus.
I want to be with Je - sus.



God set the stars to give light to the world.
Clear Sun of Righ - teous - ness, shine on my path,
When we have run with pa - tience the race,



The star of my life is Je - sus.
And show me the way to the Fa - ther.
We shall know the joy of Je - sus.



In Him there is no dark - ness at all.



The night and the day are both a - like.



The Lamb is the light of the cit - y of God.



Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus.

Text: Kathleen Thomerson, b. 1934
Music: Kathleen Thomerson, b. 1934

THE DISMISSAL

Assisting Minister: Go in Peace. Serve the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

THE POSTLUDE

Hymn to Joy

Paul Manz

LESSONS for NEXT WEEK:

Deuteronomy 30:15-20; Psalm 119:1-8; 1 Corinthians 3:1-9; Matthew 5:21-37

