

**Fifth Sunday after Epiphany**

**February 5, 2023**

**9:30am Worship**

**The Prelude**

**Welcome & Announcements**

**Opening Prayer**

**\* Confession & Forgiveness p. 94-96**

*P: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.***

*P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires are 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. **C: Amen.***

*P: 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.*

*P: Most merciful God, **C: we confess that we are captive 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.***

*P: 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. **C: Amen.***

**\* Gathering Hymn #856**

**“How Great Thou Art”**

**\* Greeting p. 147** *P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **C: And also with you.***

**\* Kyrie p. 147** *P: In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **C: Lord, have mercy.***

*P: For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.*

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

*P: 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 mercy.***

*P: For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord. **C: Lord, have mercy.***

*P: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord. **C: Amen.***

**\* Glory to God p. 148**

**\* The Prayer of the Day (all pray)** **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.**

**First Lesson: Isaiah 58:1-9a**

**58** “Cry aloud; do not hold back; lift up your voice like a trumpet; declare to my people their transgression, to the house of Jacob their sins. <sup>2</sup> Yet they seek me daily and delight to know my ways, as if they were a nation that did righteousness and did not forsake the

judgment of their God; they ask of me righteous judgments; they delight to draw near to God.  
<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.'

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

### **Responsive Reading - Psalm 27**

*L:27 The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?*

**C:2 When evildoers assail me to eat up my flesh, my adversaries and foes, it is they who stumble and fall.**

*L:3 Though an army encamp against me, my heart shall not fear; though war arise against me, yet I will be confident.*

**C:4 One thing have I asked of the LORD, that will I seek after: that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD and to inquire in his temple.**

*L:5 For he will hide me in his shelter in the day of trouble; he will conceal me under the cover of his tent; he will lift me high upon a rock.*

**C:6 And now my head shall be lifted up above my enemies all around me, and I will offer in his tent sacrifices with shouts of joy; I will sing and make melody to the LORD.**

*L:7 Hear, O LORD, when I cry aloud; be gracious to me and answer me!*

**C:8 You have said, "Seek my face." My heart says to you, "Your face, LORD, do I seek."**

*L:9 Hide not your face from me. Turn not your servant away in anger, O you who have been my help. Cast me not off; forsake me not, O God of my salvation!*

**C:10 For my father and my mother have forsaken me, but the LORD will take me in.**

*L:11 Teach me your way, O LORD, and lead me on a level path because of my enemies.*

**C:12 Give me not up to the will of my adversaries; for false witnesses have risen against me, and they breathe out violence.**

*L:13 I believe that I shall look upon the goodness of the LORD in the land of the living!*

**ALL<sup>14</sup> Wait for the LORD; be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait for the LORD!**

## **Second Lesson: 1 Corinthians 2:1-12**

**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. **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.

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

\* **Gospel Acclamation** p. 151

\* **Gospel Announcement**

\* Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew the 5<sup>th</sup> chapter.

**C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

\* **The Gospel Lesson: 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. **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.

*Pastor:* The Gospel of the Lord. **C: Praise to You, O Christ.**

**Children's Sermon**

**Hymn #157** (TOSB – sing twice)

**The Sermon**

**“Thanks for Being the Middleman”**

*(sermon text Psalm 27)*

**“Open Our Eyes”**

**Pastor Andy Schmeck**

\* **Apostle's Creed** p. 105

**The Hymn of the Day #638**

**“Blessed Assurance”**

**Offering**

\* **Offering Response #186**

**Prayers**

\* **The Lord's Prayer** p. 154 **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. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

\* **Benediction**

\* **Sending Hymn #742**

**“What A Friend We Have In Jesus”**

\* **Dismissal** *P:* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. **C:** Thanks be to God!

**Postlude**

**Announcements:**

<b><u>Weekly Events:</u></b>	
Mon. Feb. 6 –	10:00am – Endowment
Tues. Feb 7 -	1:00pm – Library 2:30pm – Worship Comm.
	<b>7:00pm – Committee Night</b>
Wed. Feb. 8	6:30am Men’s Bible 11:00am Pastor’s Bible Study 1:00pm – Prayer Group 6:00pm - Confirmation 7:00pm - Choir
Thurs. Feb. 9 –	Noon PMA here 1:00pm – Quilters 6:00pm – Pastor’s Study
Sat. Feb. 11 --	7:00am – Gideon’s Prayer meeting
<b>Sunday, Feb. 12 –</b>	<b>9:30 am Worship &amp; Comm.</b> <b>10:45 am Coffee Fellowship</b> <b>Sunday School</b>

<p align="center"><b>Food Pantry Challenge</b>  <b>Week #1 – 60 lbs. collected</b>  <b>Week #2 – 150 collected</b>  <b>Week #3 – 155 collected</b></p> <p align="center"><b>People Church #1 – 60</b>  <b>#2 -130 #3 - 85</b></p>
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<p align="center"><i>New Member Class</i>  <i>February 12</i>  <i>10:45 am</i>  <i>Meet in Fellowship Hall</i></p>
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<p align="center"><b>Valentine Luncheon</b>  <b>Feb. 18 11:00am</b>  <b>Fellowship Hall</b>  <b>Julia Cain will give the program.</b></p>
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<p align="center"><b>Super Bowl Snack Sale</b>  <b>Feb 12</b>  <b>Back of Church</b>  <b>Bring your favorite snacks</b>  <b>Purchase some great goodies</b>  <b>Free will offering</b>  <b>Benefits Princeton Buddy Bags</b></p>
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<p align="center"><b>Painting Party</b>  <b>Scruggs Pond</b>  <b>March 5<sup>th</sup> at 2:00pm</b>  <b>Sign up in the back of church</b></p>
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