

**First Reading: Isaiah 58:1-12**

<sup>1</sup>“Shout it aloud, do not hold back. Raise your voice like a trumpet. Declare to my people their rebellion and to the descendants of Jacob their sins. <sup>2</sup>For day after day they seek me out; they seem eager to know my ways, as if they were a nation that does what is right and has not forsaken the commands of its God. They ask me for just decisions and seem eager for God to come near them. <sup>3</sup>‘Why have we fasted,’ they say, ‘and you have not seen it? Why have we humbled ourselves, and you have not noticed?’ “Yet on the day of your fasting, you do as you please and exploit all your workers. <sup>4</sup>Your fasting ends in quarreling and strife, and in striking each other with wicked fists. You cannot fast as you do today and expect your voice to be heard on high. <sup>5</sup>Is this the kind of fast I have chosen, only a day for people to humble themselves? Is it only for bowing one’s head like a reed and for lying in sackcloth and ashes? Is that what you call a fast, a day acceptable to the Lord? <sup>6</sup>“Is not this the kind of fasting I have chosen: to loose the chains of injustice and untie the cords of the yoke, to set the oppressed free and break every yoke? <sup>7</sup>Is it not to share your food with the hungry and to provide the poor wanderer with shelter – when you see the naked, to clothe them, and not to turn away from your own flesh and blood? <sup>8</sup>Then your light will break forth like the dawn, and your healing will quickly appear; then your righteousness will go before you, and the glory of the Lord will be your rear guard. <sup>9</sup>Then you will call, and the Lord will answer; you will cry for help, and he will say: Here am I. “If you do away with the yoke of oppression, with the pointing finger and malicious talk, <sup>10</sup>and if you spend yourselves in behalf of the hungry and satisfy the needs of the oppressed, then your light will rise in the darkness, and your night will become like the noonday. <sup>11</sup>The Lord will guide you always; he will satisfy your needs in a sun-scorched land and will strengthen your frame. You will be like a well-watered garden, like a spring whose waters never fail. <sup>12</sup>Your people will rebuild the ancient ruins and will raise up the age-old foundations; you will be called Repairer of Broken Walls, Restorer of Streets with Dwellings.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.      **C: Thanks be to God.**

**Gospel Acclamation: “Alleluia”** (stand as you are able)      **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.** 2X

**Gospel Reading: Matthew 5:13-20**

<sup>13</sup>“You are the salt of the earth. But if the salt loses its saltiness, how can it be made salty again? It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out and trampled underfoot. <sup>14</sup>“You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. <sup>15</sup>Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. <sup>16</sup>In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father 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 tell you, until heaven and earth disappear, not the smallest letter, not the least stroke of a pen, will by any means disappear from the Law until everything is accomplished. <sup>19</sup>Therefore anyone who sets aside one of the least of these commands and teaches others accordingly will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever practices and teaches these commands will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. <sup>20</sup>For I tell you that unless your righteousness surpasses that of the Pharisees and the teachers of the law, you will certainly not enter the kingdom of heaven.

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**Children’s Message:** *Pastor Eric Hanson*

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**Hymn of the Day & Offering:** (you may be seated) *“Christ Be Our Light” #715*

*Offerings will be collected during the hymn of the day. Thank you also to those who give online. If you’d like to sign up for online giving please visit <http://www.stlukegoodhue.org/online-giving.html>. Children’s coin offering will go toward ELCA Good Gifts serving communities in need around the world.*

**Vs 1: Longing for light, we wait in darkness. Longing for truth, we turn to you.**  
**Make us your own, your holy people, light for the world to see.**

**Refrain: Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the darkness.**  
**Christ, be our light! Shine in your church gathered today.**

**Vs 2: Longing for peace, our world is troubled. Longing for hope, many despair.**  
**Your word alone has pow’r to save us. Make us your living voice. [Refrain]**

**Vs 3: Longing for food, many are hungry. Longing for water, many still thirst.**  
**Make us your bread, broken for others, shared until all are fed. [Refrain]**

**Vs 4: Longing for shelter, many are homeless. Longing for warmth, many are cold.**  
**Make us your building, sheltering others, walls made of living stone. [Refrain]**

**Vs 5: Many the gifts, many the people, many the hearts that yearn to belong.**  
**Let us be servants to one another, signs of your kingdom come. [Refrain]**

**Offertory Response: “Give Thanks”**

**Give thanks with a grateful heart. Give thanks to the Holy One.**  
**Give thanks because He’s given Jesus Christ, His Son.**

**And now let the weak say, “I am strong”.**  
**Let the poor say, “I am rich Because of what the Lord has done for us”. Give thanks.**

**Offertory Prayer:**

P: Let us pray.

**C: Liberating God, you break the bonds of injustice and let the oppressed go free. Receive these offerings in thanksgiving for all your works of merciful power, and shape us as people of your justice and freedom. You we magnify and adore, through Jesus our Savior, Amen.**

**Apostles’ Creed:** (please stand as you are able)

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified died, & was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, & he will come to judge the living & 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, & the life everlasting. Amen.**

**The Prayers:** (call and response)

Called together to follow Jesus, we pray for the church, the world, and all in need. *A brief silence.*

Call your people to seek your wisdom in difficult conversations and action. Give the church everywhere courage to repent for the ways we have tolerated and practiced injustice. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Inspire our wonder at creation, from the light of dawn to the beauty of the dark night. Sustain the unseen depths of the ocean to the plants and animals we know well. Bring healing to lands and communities experiencing natural disasters. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Instruct the powerful in your ways. Provide upright leadership in business and industry, that workers are not oppressed. Throughout the world, inspire voters and raise up politicians to heed your call for nations to practice righteousness. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Loosen the bonds of injustice in our midst. Grant peace to endless quarrels, put an end to hunger, and break every yoke of oppression. Shelter all who flee abuse in their homes or violence in their communities. Satisfy those afflicted in any way. Give your life, strength, and wisdom to all in need, especially we pray for Keith Brown, Dolly Mensink, Sara Nolte, Judy Carpenter, Nancy Nord, Larry Reese, Jan Benidt, Dave (Pud) Gnotke, Jen Berg, Marilyn O’Brien, Kellie Peterson, Rich Majerus, Naomi Berland, Kay Kurtti, Donald & Marcy Jonas, and Shawn Frederixon. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Shape our congregation to be salt for the earth. Give us delight in your commandments, that we are generous with those in need. Make us steadfast in our trust in you, ready with tangible mercy and compassion for our neighbors. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

The cross and resurrection bring redemption from sin and death. We praise you for all whose unshaken faith in Christ shines forth in their witness. Keep them in our remembrance and bring us with them into the kingdom of heaven. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

We bring to you our needs and hopes, O God, trusting your wisdom & power revealed in Christ crucified. **Amen.**

**Sharing the Peace:**

P: The peace of Christ be with you always,      **C: And also with you.**

**The Great Thanksgiving:**

P: The Lord be with you      **C: And also with you**

P: Lift up your hearts.      **C: We lift them to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.      **C: It is right to give Him thanks & praise.**

**The Words of Institution****Lord’s 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.**

## Meal and Hymns:

All are welcome at this meal. We believe in the saving power of Jesus Christ through the gift of his life, death, and resurrection experienced in bread and wine.

Please move forward via the center aisle. Bread is received in the hands. Wine is received by dipping the bread into the wine chalice and consuming both together. All ages are welcome to commune. Those not communing may receive a blessing by simply keeping your hands folded or extending your arms over your chest in the sign of a cross inviting blessing. For those unable to consume either wine or bread, communion is received fully in either element alone, for Christ is fully present in the meal. You may return to your seats via the side aisles after communing. Gluten-free is available, simply make the server aware of your need. Also, if you cannot come forward, but wish for communion or blessing, let the usher know it will come to you at the end.

*“There Is A Longing In Our Hearts, O God”*

**Refrain:** There is a longing in our hearts, O Lord, for you to reveal yourself to us.

There is a longing in our hearts for love we only find in you, our God.

**Vs 1:** For justice, for freedom, for mercy: hear our prayer.

In sorrow, in grief: be near; hear our prayer, O God. [Refrain]

**Vs 2:** For wisdom, for courage, for comfort: hear our prayer.

In weakness, in fear: be near; hear our prayer, O God. [Refrain]

**Vs 3:** For healing, for wholeness, for new life: hear our prayer.

In sickness, in death: be near; hear our prayer, O God. [Refrain]

**Vs 4:** Lord, save us, take pity, light in our deepest night.

We call you; we wait: be near; hear our prayer, O God. [Refrain]

**Communion Prayer:** *(please stand as you are able)*

P: Let us pray together.

**C: Holy One, we thank you for the healing that springs forth abundantly from this table. Renew our strength to do justice, love kindness, and journey humbly with you. Amen.**

## The Blessing:

P: May the Lord bless you and keep you. May the Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy. May the Lord look upon you with favor + and give you peace. **Amen.**

**Sending:** *“This Little Light Of Mine”* #677

**Vs 1:** This little light of mine I'm gonna let it shine, This little light of mine I'm gonna let it shine;  
This little light of mine I'm gonna let it shine, Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

**Vs 2:** Ev'rywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine, Ev'rywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine;  
Ev'rywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine, Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

**Vs 3:** Jesus gave it to me, I'm gonna let it shine, Jesus gave it to me, I'm gonna let it shine;  
Jesus gave it to me, I'm gonna let it shine, Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

## Dismissal:

P: Go in peace. Follow the way of Jesus.

**C: Thanks be to God!**

# Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

**St. Luke Lutheran Church • Pastor Eric Hanson**

**9:30AM • February 5, 2023**

## Prelude

## Welcome & Announcements

**Greeting:** *(please stand as you are able)*

P: The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God

**C: Come Holy Spirit, Come!**

## Confession and Forgiveness:

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who is eager to forgive & who loves us beyond our days.

**C: Amen.**

P: Dear friends, together let us acknowledge our failure to love this world as Jesus does.

*(Silence is kept for reflection.)* God of mercy and forgiveness,

**C: we confess that sin still has a hold on us. We have harmed your good creation. We have failed to do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with you. Turn us in a new direction. Show us the path that leads to life. Be our refuge & strength on the journey, through Jesus Christ, our redeemer & friend. Amen.**

P: Beloved of God: your sins are forgiven + and you are made whole. God points the way to new life in Christ, who meets us on the road. Journey now in God's abiding love through the power of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

**Gathering Hymn:** *“Gather Us In”* #532

**Vs 1:** Here in this place new light is streaming, now is the darkness vanished away;  
see in this space our fears and our dreamings brought here to you in the light of this day.  
Gather us in, the lost and forsaken, gather us in, the blind and the lame;  
call to us now and we shall awaken, we shall arise at the sound of our name.

**Vs 2:** We are the young, our lives are a mystery, we are the old who yearn for your face;  
we have been sung throughout all of history, called to be light to the whole human race  
Gather us in, the rich and the haughty, gather us in, the proud and the strong;  
give us a heart so meek and so lowly, give us the courage to enter the song.

**Vs 3:** Here we will take the wine and the water, here we will take the bread of new birth,  
here you shall call your sons and your daughters; call us anew to be salt for the earth.  
Give us to drink the wine of compassion, give us to eat the bread that is you;  
nourish us well and teach us to fashion lives that are holy and hearts that are true.

**Vs 4:** Not in the dark of buildings confining, not in some heaven, light years away--  
here in this place the new light is shining, now is the kingdom, now is the day.  
Gather us in and hold us forever, gather us in and make us your own;  
gather us in, all peoples together, fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

## Prayer of the Day:

P: Let us pray together

**C: 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.**