

## FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

February 5, 2023

### “Light of Light, O Sole-Begotten LSB 914

- 1 Light of Light, O Sole-Begotten  
Radiance of the Father’s face,  
Word made flesh, who lived among us  
Full of truth and full of grace,  
Shine upon our human darkness;  
Pierce the night that shrouds our race.
- 2 Word eternal, through Your being  
God created all we see,  
When the empty spaces echoed  
With the Father’s “Let there be . . .”  
Light and life burst from the glorious  
Power of Your majesty!
- 3 Still Your brooding Spirit hovers  
Over chaos, dark and deep,  
Calling out with invitation:  
“Rise, awaken from your sleep;  
Christ the Lord will shine upon you  
And from death your soul shall keep.”
- 4 Come, Lord Jesus, by Your Spirit  
In our hearts Your work begin,  
Bring the healing restoration  
Of Your image lost by sin;  
From Your fullness all receiving  
Grace on grace, new life within!

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### INVOCATION

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

**C: Amen.**

### CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

*Matthew 5:16*

P: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

P: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**C: who made heaven and earth.**

P: I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

**C: and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

P: O almighty God, merciful Father,

**C: I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

P: "Let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven." Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

### **SALUTATION**

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

### **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P: Let us pray.

Gracious God, by Your light of grace shining in our hearts and enlightened by the cross of our Savior, Jesus Christ, inspire in us a faith that is alive and glorifies You in all we say and do; 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

'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. 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.

Is this the kind of fast I have chosen, only a day for a man to humble himself? Is it only for bowing one's head like a reed and for lying on sackcloth and ashes? Is that what you call a fast, a day acceptable to the Lord ?

"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?

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 him, and not to turn away from your own flesh and blood?

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.

Then you will call, and the Lord will answer; you will cry for help, and he will say: Here am I. (NIV)

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

### **EPISTLE** 1 Corinthians 2:1–16

When I came to you, brothers, I did not come with eloquence or superior wisdom as I proclaimed to you the testimony about God.

For I resolved to know nothing while I was with you except Jesus Christ and him crucified. I came to you in weakness and fear, and with much trembling. My message and my preaching were not with wise and persuasive words, but with a demonstration of the Spirit's power, so that your faith might not rest on men's wisdom, but on God's power.

We do, however, speak a message of wisdom among the mature, but not the wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are coming to nothing.

No, we speak of God's secret wisdom, a wisdom that has been hidden and that God destined for our glory before time began. None of the rulers of this age understood it, for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory.

However, as it is written: "No eye has seen, no ear has heard, no mind has conceived what God has prepared for those who love him" --but God has revealed it to us by his Spirit.

The Spirit searches all things, even the deep things of God. For who among men knows the thoughts of a man except the man's spirit within him? In the same way no one knows the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God. We have not received the spirit of the world but the Spirit who is from God, that we may understand what God has freely given us.

This is what we speak, not in words taught us by human wisdom but in words taught by the Spirit, expressing spiritual truths in spiritual words.

The man without the Spirit does not accept the things that come from the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him, and he cannot understand them, because they are spiritually discerned.

The spiritual man makes judgments about all things, but he himself is not subject to any man's judgment:

"For who has known the mind of the Lord that he may instruct him?" But we have the mind of Christ. (NIV)

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**HOLY GOSPEL** Matthew 5:13–20

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

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

"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 by men. "You are the light of the world. A city on a hill cannot be hidden.

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.

In the same way, let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven.

"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.

I tell you the truth, 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.

Anyone who breaks 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 practices and teaches these commands will be called great in the kingdom of heaven.

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. (NIV)

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to You, O Christ.**

**NICENE CREED**

**I believe in one God,  
the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth  
and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the only-begotten Son of God,  
begotten of His Father before all worlds,**

**God of God, Light of Light,  
very God of very God,  
begotten, not made,  
being of one substance with the Father,  
by whom all things were made;  
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven  
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary  
and was made man;  
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.  
He suffered and was buried.  
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures  
and ascended into heaven  
and sits at the right hand of the Father.  
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,  
whose kingdom will have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord and giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,  
who spoke by the prophets.  
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,  
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,  
and I look for the resurrection of the dead  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

**“Renew Me, O Eternal Light” LSB 704**

- 1 Renew me, O eternal Light,  
And let my heart and soul be bright,  
Illumined with the light of grace  
That issues from Your holy face.
- 2 Remove the pow’r of sin from me  
And cleanse all my impurity  
That I may have the strength and will  
Temptations of the flesh to still.
- 3 Create in me a new heart, Lord,  
That gladly I obey Your Word.  
Let what You will be my desire,  
And with new life my soul inspire.
- 4 Grant that I only You may love  
And seek those things which are above  
Till I behold You face to face,  
O Light eternal, through Your grace.

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**SERMON “God’s Light Salt Diet for Living”**

**Text: Matthew 5:13-20**

## OFFERING

### SPECIAL MUSIC (Sunday) Sr. Choir “Shines the Light”

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#### 735 HAVE NO FEAR, LITTLE FLOCK (Saturday)

- 1 Have no fear, little flock;  
Have no fear, little flock,  
For the Father has chosen  
To give you the Kingdom;  
Have no fear, little flock!
- 2 Have good cheer, little flock;  
Have good cheer, little flock,  
For the Father will keep you  
In His love forever;  
Have good cheer, little flock!
- 3 Praise the Lord high above;  
Praise the Lord high above,  
For He stoops down to heal you,  
Uplift and restore you;  
Praise the Lord high above!
- 4 Thankful hearts raise to God;  
Thankful hearts raise to God,  
For He stays close beside you,  
In all things works with you;  
Thankful hearts raise to God!

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## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P: Almighty God, we give You thanks for Your liberating Word made known especially in the light shining through the glorious cross of Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. Grant that Your Word enlighten our hearts and minds now that we may keep it and bring forth the fruits of faith in all that we say and do. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

P: By Your light of life, rule and govern Your whole Church throughout the world that all those who proclaim Your truth be preserved in the pure doctrine of Your saving Word and that faith and love be strengthened and increased in all Your people. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

P: Bless our country and all who are in authority. Let Your glory dwell in our land that mercy and truth, righteousness and peace may abound everywhere. We commend to You the care of our schools so that our children grow in useful knowledge and Christian virtue, bringing forth wholesome fruits of life. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

P: Comfort all who are in trouble, sickness, anguish, or any other adversity. Grant courage and strength to all who suffer for Your name's sake. In every time of trouble, show Yourself a very present help, the Savior of

all. Lord, in Your mercy,  
**C: hear our prayer.**

P: Accept, we pray, our bodies and souls, hearts and minds, all our talents and powers, together with the offerings we bring before You as our humble service. Help us to prepare for the world to come, doing the work You have given us to do while it is day before the night comes when no one can work. Lord, in Your mercy,  
**C: hear our prayer.**

P: Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.  
**C: Amen.**

### **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.**

### **PREFACE**

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 and praise.**

### **THE WORDS OF OUR LORD**

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to His disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My T body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new covenant in My T blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

### **PAX DOMINI**

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.  
**C: Amen.**

**Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.  
 Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.  
 Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.**

**“Lord Jesus Christ, We Humbly Pray” LSB 623**

- 1 Lord Jesus Christ, we humbly pray  
 That we may feast on You today;  
 Beneath these forms of bread and wine  
 Enrich us with Your grace divine.
  - 2 Give us, who share this wondrous food,  
 Your body broken and Your blood,  
 The grateful peace of sins forgiv’n,  
 The certain joys of heirs of heav’n.
  - 3 By faith Your Word has made us bold  
 To seize the gift of love retold;  
 All that You are we here receive,  
 And all we are to You we give.
  - 4 One bread, one cup, one body, we,  
 Rejoicing in our unity,  
 Proclaim Your love until You come  
 To bring Your scattered loved ones home.
  - 5 Lord Jesus Christ, we humbly pray:  
 O keep us steadfast till that day  
 When each will be Your welcomed guest  
 In heaven’s high and holy feast.
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**“Jesus Comes Today with Healing” LSB 620**

- 1 Jesus comes today with healing,  
 Knocking at my door, appealing,  
 Off’ring pardon, grace, and peace.  
 He Himself makes preparation,  
 And I hear His invitation:  
 “Come and taste the blessed feast.”
- 2 Christ Himself, the priest presiding,  
 Yet in bread and wine abiding  
 In this holy sacrament,  
 Gives the bread of life, once broken,  
 And the cup, the precious token  
 Of His sacred covenant.
- 3 Under bread and wine, though lowly,  
 I receive the Savior holy,

Blood and body, giv'n for me,  
Very Lamb of God from heaven,  
Who to bitter death was given,  
Hung upon the cursèd tree.

4 God descends with heav'nly power,  
Gives Himself to me this hour  
In this ordinary sign.  
On my tongue His pledge receiving,  
I accept His grace, believing  
That I taste His love divine.

5 Let me praise God's boundless favor,  
Whose own feast of love I savor,  
Bidden by His gracious call.  
Wedding garments He provides me,  
With a robe of white He hides me,  
Fits me for the royal hall.

6 Now have I found consolation,  
Comfort in my tribulation,  
Balm to heal the troubled soul.  
God, my shield from ev'ry terror,  
Cleanses me from sin and error,  
Makes my wounded spirit whole.

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### **“O Living Bread from Heaven” LSB 642**

1 O living Bread from heaven,  
How well You feed your guest!  
The gifts that You have given  
Have filled my heart with rest.  
Oh, wondrous food of blessing,  
Oh, cup that heals our woes!  
My heart, this gift possessing,  
With praises overflows.

2 My Lord, You here have led me  
To this most holy place  
And with Yourself have fed me  
The treasures of Your grace;  
For You have freely given  
What earth could never buy,  
The bread of life from heaven,  
That now I shall not die.

3 You gave me all I wanted;  
This food can death destroy.  
And You have freely granted  
The cup of endless joy.

My Lord, I do not merit  
The favor You have shown,  
And all my soul and spirit  
Bow down before Your throne.

- 4 Lord, grant me then, thus strengthened  
With heav'nly food, while here  
My course on earth is lengthened,  
To serve with holy fear.  
And when You call my spirit  
To leave this world below,  
I enter, through Your merit,  
Where joys unmingled flow.

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### **POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING**

P: Let us pray.

Thanks and praise be to You, almighty God, for in Your Son's very body and blood You have increased in us the gracious light of saving faith. Help us that this saving light may shine through us in our world in all that we say and do; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

### **BENEDICAMUS**

P: Let us bless the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

### **BENEDICTION**

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and T give you peace.

**C: Amen.**

### **SHINE, JESUS, SHINE**

Shine, Jesus, shine, fill this land with the Father's glory;

blaze, Spirit, blaze, set our hearts on fire.

Flow, river, flow, flood the nations with love and mercy;

send forth your Word, Lord, and let there be light!

- 1 Lord, the light of your love is shining,  
in the midst of the darkness shining;  
Jesus, light of the world, shine upon us,  
set us free by the truth you now bring us.  
Shine on me, shine on me: Refrain

Shine, Jesus, shine, fill this land with the Father's glory;

blaze, Spirit, blaze, set our hearts on fire.

Flow, river, flow, flood the nations with love and mercy;

send forth your Word, Lord, and let there be light!

2 As we gaze on your kingly brightness,  
so our faces display your likeness,  
ever-changing from glory to glory,  
mirrored here, may our lives tell your story.  
Shine on me, shine on me: Refrain

Shine, Jesus, shine, fill this land with the Father's glory;  
blaze, Spirit, blaze, set our hearts on fire.  
Flow, river, flow, flood the nations with love and mercy;  
send forth your Word, Lord, and let there be light!

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