

**“I did not
come to
DESTROY
the
Law
or the
Prophets,
but to
FULFILL
them.”**

Matthew 5:17





“The Law is a Shadow of Things to Come, the Image is That of Christ!”

February 5, 2023
Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany

Sunday Worship: 9:30 am
Christian Education: 11:00 am

OUR REDEEMER
LUTHERAN CHURCH

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To all our Worshippers

Today, those who have previously confessed their oneness of faith in Christ will have the opportunity to gather at the Lord’s Communion Table. If you have not communed with our congregation before, please do not come today, but speak with the pastor after the service about the necessary preparations to receive Jesus body and blood. We would like to encourage you in this, so that we can welcome you to share the blessings of our Lord’s true body and blood in a future service.



For Parents with Small Children

There are children’s activity folders available in the basket by the front door. Please pick one up, if needed. There are restrooms and a video monitor in the fellowship hall. As you leave the church, go through the double doors.

The Order of Worship

Pre-Service Music

Call to Worship

P: Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD is dawning upon you. Look, darkness covers the earth, and deep darkness covers the peoples, but the LORD will dawn upon you, and his glory will be seen over you.

Opening Hymn

“Christ is the World’s Light”
Christian Worship 343

The Invocation

P: Teach me, O LORD, the way of your statutes. Give me life according to your word. Confirm your sayings to your servant, so that you may be feared. Take away my disgrace which I dread, for your judgments are good. How I long for your precepts! Give me life in your righteousness, O LORD, the God of my salvation—God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen!

The Confession of Sins

P: God invites us to come into his presence and worship him with humble and penitent hearts. Therefore, let us acknowledge our sinfulness and ask him to forgive us.

C: Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.

P: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of the Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen!

Lord have Mercy

P: Jesus lived for us. Jesus died for us. Jesus rose from the dead and returned to heaven for us. Through his intercession, we know God the Father will hear and answer us for our good. With this confidence, we pray:

P: For all that we need in life and for the wisdom to use all your gifts with gratitude and joy, hear our prayer, O Lord.



C: Lord, have mer — cy.

P: For the steadfast assurance that nothing can separate us from your love and for the courage to stand firm against the assaults of Satan and every evil, hear our prayer, O Christ.



C: Christ, have mer — cy.

P: For the well-being of your holy church in all the world and for those who offer here their worship and praise; hear our prayer, O Lord.



C: Lord, have mer — cy.

P: Merciful God, maker and preserver of life, uphold us by your power and keep us in your tender care.



C: A — — men!

P: The works of the Lord are great and glorious; his name is worthy of praise;



C: O Lord, our Lord, how glor- ious is your name in

all the earth. Al—might—y God, mer-ci-ful Fa—ther,

you crown our life with your love. You take a-way our sin;

you com—fort our spir—it; you make us pure and

Ho—ly in your sight. You did not spare your on—ly Son,

but gave him up for us all. O Lord, our Lord,

how glor—ious is your name in all the earth.

O Son of God, e—ter—nal Word of the Fa—ther,

you came to live with us; you made your Fa—ther known;

you washed us from our sins in your own blood. You are the

King of glo—ry; you are the Lord! O Lord, our Lord,

how glor—ious is your name in all the earth.

Prayer of the Day

P: O gracious God and Father, in love you revealed your holy will and law. The commands and prohibitions contained therein teach us what is pleasing and displeasing to you. Send us your Holy Spirit so we obediently follow all you command, and faithfully accept your commendation or conviction. When we rebel against you, show us our guilt and our need for a Savior. Then point us to the cross of Jesus. There we can find full forgiveness, unshakable hope, and new strength to live for you and serve you. Be our guide, our strength, and our companion until we join you in heaven. There we will praise you—together with your Son and the Spirit—throughout endless ages.

C: A — — men!

The Lessons from God’s Word

Old Testament

Exodus 19:1–8a

¹In the third month after the Israelites had left the land of Egypt, on that same day of the month, they came to the Wilder-

ness of Sinai. ²After they set out from Rephidim and came to the Wilderness of Sinai, they camped in the wilderness. Israel camped there in front of the mountain.

³Moses went up to God, and the LORD called to him from the mountain, “This is what you are to say to the house of Jacob and to tell the people of Israel: ⁴‘You have seen what I did to the Egyptians and how I carried you on eagles’ wings and brought you to myself. ⁵Now if you will carefully listen to my voice and keep my covenant, then you will be my special treasure out of all the nations, although the entire earth is mine. ⁶You will be my kingdom of priests and my holy nation.’ These are the words that you are to speak to the Israelites.”

⁷Moses went and summoned the elders of the people, and he set before them all these words that the LORD had commanded him. ⁸All the people answered together, “Everything that the LORD has said, we will do.”

Psalm of the Day

Psalm 119 a

Refrain



Your Word is a lamp to my feet and a light for my path.

Psalm tone



Blessed are they whose ways are | blameless; *
who walk according to the law | of the LORD.

Blessed are they who keep his | statutes; *
and seek him with | all their heart.

You have laid down | precepts; *
that are to be ful- | ly obeyed.

Refrain



Oh, that my ways were | steadfast; *
in obeying | your decrees!

Then I would not be | put to shame; *
when I consider all | your commands.

I will praise you with an up- | right heart; *
as I learn your | righteous laws.

Glory be to the Father and | to the Son, *
and to the Holy | Spirit,
as it was in the be- | ginning, *
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.



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Epistle

1 Peter 2:9–12

⁹But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, the people who are God's own possession, so that you may proclaim the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. ¹⁰At one time you were not a people, but now you are the people of God. At one time you were not shown mercy, but now you have been shown mercy.

¹¹Dear friends, I urge you, as aliens and temporary residents in the world, to abstain from the desires of the sinful flesh, which war against your soul. ¹²Live an honorable life among the Gentiles so that even though they slander you as evildoers, when they observe your noble deeds, they may glorify God on the day he visits us.

Verse of the Day

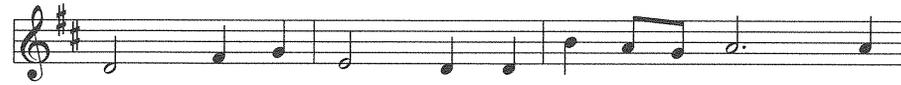
P: You are my portion, O LORD. I said I would keep your words.

I have sought your favor with all my heart. Be gracious to me according to your sayings. I have considered my ways, and I have turned my feet to your testimonies. I will keep your commandments. Your mercy, LORD, fills the earth. Teach me your statutes.

Alleluia!



C: Al—le—lu—ia! Al—le—lu—ia! Al—le—lu—ia!



These words are writ—ten that we may be—lieve that



Je—sus is the Christ, the Son — of God.



Al—le—lu—ia! Al—le—lu—ia! Al—le—lu—ia!

Gospel

Matthew 5:13-20

¹³“You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its flavor, how will it become salty again? Then it is no good for anything except to be thrown out and trampled on by people. ¹⁴You are the light of the world. A city located on a hill cannot be hidden. ¹⁵People do not light a lamp and put it under a basket. No, they put it on a stand, and it gives light to all who are in the house. ¹⁶In the same way let your light shine in people’s presence, so that they may see your good works and glorify your Father who is in heaven.

**God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God, begotten, not made,
of one being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary,
and became fully human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again in accordance
with the Scriptures;
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the
dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who in unity with the Father and the Son is
worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen!**

Thanksgiving

Prayers for the Lord's Blessings

Special Prayers and Requests

Prayer for the Communicants

The Lord's Prayer

(spoken with the pastor)

**C: Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,**

**your kingdom come,
your will be done on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins,
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power and the glory
are yours now and forever. Amen!**

Hymn of Preparation

“Jesus Christ, Our Blessed Savior”
Christian Worship 313 st. 1-2

Jesus Christ, our blessed Savior,
Turned away God’s wrath forever;
By his bitter grief and woe
He saved us from the evil foe.

As his pledge of love undying;
He, this precious food supplying,
Gives his body with the bread
And with the wine the blood he shed.

The Lord’s Supper is a Sacrament through which Jesus Christ our Savior strengthens our faith and forgives our sins. In it we receive His actual body and blood, as we receive the bread and the wine. If you have not communed with us before or if you are not familiar with our procedure, please do not come to the Lord’s Table today. We also encourage you to speak with our pastor following the service. He will be happy to share with you the necessary preparations to receive our Savior’s body and blood in a future service.

Our request comes out of love for you and concern for your spiritual well-being, so that you can receive the blessing our Lord wants you to receive.

The Sacrament

P: The Lord be with you.



C: And al—so with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.



C: We lift them up to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.



C: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

P: Give praise to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing. In the past he spoke to us through his prophets, but in these last days, he has spoken to us by his only Son, Jesus Christ, who is the radiance of his glory. Now have come the salvation, the power, the kingdom of our God, and the authority of his Christ. To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and thanks, honor and glory for ever and ever.

Holy, Holy, Holy

Sanctus



C: Ho—ly, ho—ly, ho—ly, is the Lord of hosts;



The whole earth is full of your glo—ry.



You are my God, and I will ex—alt you.



I will give you thanks, for you have be—come my sal-



va—tion. Ho—ly, ho—ly, ho—ly is the Lord of hosts.



The whole earth is full of your glo — ry.

The Words of Institution

P: 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, saying: “Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.”

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying: “Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me.”

The Blessing of Peace

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



C: A — — — men.

O Christ, Lamb of God

Agnus Dei



C: O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a—way the sin of the



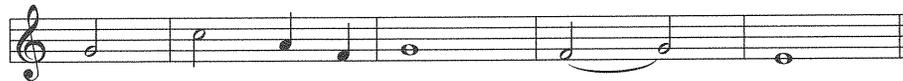
world; have mer—cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God, you



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



O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a—way the sin of the



world; grant us your peace. A ——— men.

The Congregation may be seated for the Distribution

During the Distribution —————

Please come forward along the west wall of the sanctuary allowing sufficient space between you and the next person. At the direction of the pastor, please come forward and he will place the bread in your hand, then the cup. After receiving the Body and the Blood, you will receive the Lord's blessing of peace. As you return to your seat, please place the cup in the tray on the far side of the altar, and return to your seat going along the east side of the sanctuary.

Thanksgiving

Song of Thanksgiving

(Congregation rises and sings)



Thank the Lord and sing his praise. Tell ev-'ry-one what he has done



Let all who seek the Lord re-joice and proud-ly bear his name.



He re- news his prom- is- es and leads his peo- ple forth in joy with



shouts of thanks- giv- ing. Al—le—lu—ia! Al—le—lu — ia!

Closing Prayer:

P: Hear the prayer of your people, O Lord, that the lips which have praised you here may glorify you in the world, that the eyes which have seen the coming of your Son may long for his coming again, and that all who have received in his true body and blood the pledge of your forgiveness may be restored to live a new and holy life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C: A ——— men.

The Benediction:

P: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.

The Lord bless you and keep you,

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

The Lord look on you with favor and give you peace.



C: A — men. A — men. A — men.

Closing Hymn

“To God be the Glory”
Christian Worship 399

Silent Prayer

Announcements . . .

Today - *Welcome in Name of our loving and faithful Savior!*
May the inspired and inerrant Word of our God lead you to live your life in righteousness and purity until you receive eternal life. If you are visiting us this morning, please sign our guest book, and visit us again—soon!

- Following the worship service there will be time for friendship and a cup of coffee. Please come into the fellowship hall.
- Bible Class will review Peter’s encouragement regarding who we are and what our lives are like because of the Lord.

Monday—Handbell Choir practice at 7:00 pm.

Tuesday—The Church Council will meet at 7:00 pm. Committees will meet at 8:00 pm as needed.

Wednesday—Bible Class will complete the lesson on the “raising of Lazarus,” and will begin the “healing of Malchus.” If needed, the last lesson will be offered next Sunday after the worship service.

Friday—Office Hours from 10:30—2:30 pm.

Saturday—Clean—Todd

- Lawn beginning February 5th—J. Schroeder
- **Sunday, February 15th—Sunday In-person Worship and Live Streaming at 9:30 am.** The account of David, Uriah, and Bathsheba offer a valuable lesson regarding sin, and what happens when we try to hide it from the Lord, or justify our actions.
- Christian Education will follow the service, and will consider Jesus’ teaching on the 10 Commandments during the Sermon on the Mount.

Thank You

To Al Todd, our Hymnsoft operator; to Jim Everson and Josh Schueler for monitoring the audio and video of the live stream; to Sue Proeber for placing flowers on the altar—to the glory of God and in grateful thanks for all his undeserved blessings.

Fellowship Evening

On **Sunday, February 26th**, we will have an opportunity to share an evening of good food, friendship, and a movie. A pizza dinner will begin at 5:30 pm. Please bring salads for the meal, and desserts for after the film. Soft drinks and water will be provided.

This year we will view the presentation: “The Role of Pastors and Christians in Civil Government.” It looks at our nation’s past history and the role the “church” played in the declaration of independence from the British. It also examines what pastors and Christians can do today.



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