



St. Mary's Lutheran Church
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
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THE FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY
Saturday, February 4 & Sunday, February 5, 2023

All are welcome at St. Mary's!

•Please respect the beauty of reverence and quiet reflection as we prepare for worship. Turn off phones or silence them.

•Please know that St. Mary's Lutheran Church celebrates Holy Communion for ALL! This is Christ's table and His invitation. You do not need to be a Lutheran, or a member of our church to participate. Also, if you wish to come up for only a blessing, please tell us when you approach, and we will bless you! If you are unable to come up for communion, tell the usher that you would like to receive communion at your seat, and someone will bring it to you.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE—JUBILATE! HANDBELL CHOIR

“Joshua Fit the Battle of Jericho”

ARR. VALERIE W. STEPHENSON

STAND

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
who makes all things new,
whose mercy endures forever.

Amen.

Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin.

Holy One, source of our renewal,

**we confess that we are wrapped up in sin,
and cannot free ourselves.**

We have not practiced your righteousness.

Our hearts have turned away from you.

For the sake of the world you so love,

forgive us,

that we may be reconciled to one another

for the glory of your holy name.

Amen.

Thus says our God:

“The former things have come to pass

and new things I now declare.”

God's mercy makes us new.

We are forgiven in the name of † Christ our Savior.

Amen.

GATHERING SONG

Hymn #522 “As We Gather at Your Table”

GREETING

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

And also with you.

CANTICLE OF PRAISE

(ELW p. 149 “This is the Feast”)

PRAYER OF THE DAY

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.

SIT

JUBILATE! HANDBELL CHOIR

“Jesus is Mine”

BY SANDRA EITHUM

WORD

First Reading: Isaiah 58:1-9a [9b-12]

Pew Bible Page

(pgs. 600-601)

Shortly after the return of Israel from exile in Babylon, the people were troubled by the ineffectiveness of their fasts. God reminds them that outward observance is no substitute for genuine fasting that results in acts of justice, such as feeding the hungry, sheltering the homeless, and clothing the naked.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 2:1-12 [13-16] (pg. 927)

Though people such as the Corinthians are enamored with human philosophy and wisdom, Paul continuously presents God's hidden wisdom which is Jesus Christ crucified. True spiritual maturity involves judging ourselves and others in light of God's revelation in the cross.

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Thanks be to God.

STAND

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

“Alleluia” (ELW p. 151)

GOSPEL: Matthew 5:13-20

(pgs. 786)

The holy gospel according to St. Matthew

Glory to you, O Lord.

In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus encourages his followers to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world, doing good works and keeping God's commandments.

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SIT

KIDS CONNECTION (SUN)

SERMON

STAND

HYMN OF THE DAY

Hymn #715 “Christ, Be Our Light”



APOSTLES' CREED

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, and 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,
and he will come 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.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

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

Amen.

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

OFFERING

ADULT CHOIR

“Walk in the Light” Traditional

ARR. ANDRÉ THOMAS

*We'll walk in the light, beautiful light,
Come where the dewdrops of mercy shine bright.
Shine all around us by day and by night,
Jesus, the Light of the world.*

*“Hark! the herald angels sing, Glory to the newborn King,”
(Jesus, the Light of the world).
“Hail the heav'n born Prince of Peace! Christ the everlasting Lord!”
(Jesus, the Light of the world).*

OFFERING

Hymn #804 “Come Down, O Light Divine”

