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WELCOME TO WORSHIP



To the friends who know us, we renew our welcome; to our first time guests we extend it most sincerely; and to those seeking a church home, we offer fellowship with the risen living Redeemer, membership in His Church, and citizenship in His eternal kingdom. Our message is as old as the Word of God to man and as new as the new life it brings: *Jesus Christ, crucified and risen to give eternal life to people everywhere.*

Guest Book: Before you leave today, please sign our guest book. It is located in the Narthex.

Style: For those not familiar with the historic liturgical worship style, the interactive nature of the service may seem quite different. We agree with the ancient church that this style allows us to receive the blessings of God's word and offer thanks in response.

The Common Service: Today's service is a version of the historic liturgy of the Christian church. It became the service commonly used by English-speaking Lutherans in America and appeared as "The Order of the Holy Communion" in The Lutheran Hymnal.

Amplifiers: Personal sound enhancement receivers are available to help the hearing impaired. An usher will be happy to assist you.

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✘ ✘ ✘ Before participating in Communion ✘ ✘ ✘

We welcome all people to our services, those who are fully united with us in Christ's teachings as well as those who do not yet share our confession of the Faith. However, it is a sad consequence of the divisions in Christianity that we cannot extend a general invitation to all Christians to receive Communion with us. Our Lord teaches (1 Cor. 10:17 and elsewhere) that Communion is an action of the celebrating community that declares their oneness in the Faith, life, and worship. Communing with Christians not in fellowship with the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod [WELS] or our sister synod, the Evangelical Lutheran Synod [ELS], would imply a oneness that does not truly exist, but for which we pray. Our pastor will gladly talk with you about establishing communion fellowship here at Peace.

THE COMMON SERVICE

TODAY'S THREAD: *God's enduring word makes us his light and salt - his agents to bring his salvation to the world.*

STAND, as directed

OPENING HYMN

Blessed Are the Saints of God | 394



1 Bless - ed are the saints of God; They are bought with
2 They are jus - ti - fied by grace; They en - joy the
3 They are lights up - on the earth, Chil - dren of a



Christ's own blood. They are ran - somed from the grave;
Sav - ior's peace. All their sins are washed a - way;
heav'n - ly birth. One with God, with Je - sus one,



Life e - ter - nal they shall have. With them num - bered
They shall stand in God's great day. With them num - bered
Glo - ry is in them be - gun. With them num - bered



may we be Here and in e - ter - ni - ty.
may we be Here and in e - ter - ni - ty.
may we be Here and in e - ter - ni - ty.

M: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.



C: A - men.

CONFESSION OF SINS

M: Beloved in the Lord: let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

The congregation may be seated or kneel.

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.

LORD, HAVE MERCY (*Kyrie*)



C: Lord, have mer - cy on us. Christ, have mer - cy



on us. Lord, have mer - cy on us.

M: 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 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: A - men.

PRAYER AND PRAISE

M: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

GLORY BE TO GOD (*Gloria in Excelsis*)



C: Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will toward men.



We praise you, we bless you, we wor-ship you, we glorify you,



we give thanks to you, for your great glory, O Lord God, heav'n-ly King,



God the Fa-ther al - mighty. O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je-sus Christ;



O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the



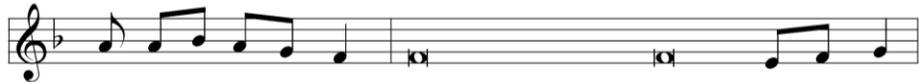
sin of the world; have mercy on us. You take away the



sin of the world; re - ceive our prayer. You sit at the right hand of



God the Father; have mercy on us. For you on-ly are holy;



you on - ly are the Lord. You only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Spirit,



are most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: The Lord be with you.



C: And al - so with you.

M: Let us pray.

Almighty God, you sent your one and only Son as the Word of life for our eyes to see and our ears to hear. Help us believe what the Scriptures proclaim about him and do the things that are pleasing in your sight; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



THE WORD¹

FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 58:5-9a

Making a show of fasting is as empty as the stomach. Those who dwell in the light of the LORD see others in a new light, loving them in the LORD'S name. His light goes out through us. Others recognize him as the Source.

- 5 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?
- 6 "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?
- 7 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?
- 8 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.
- 9 Then you will call, and the LORD will answer;
you will cry for help, and he will say: Here am I.

M: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

¹ Today's Propers (Lessons, Psalm, Prayer of the Day and Verse of the Day) are appointed for the Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany. We are using them in order to conclude the Sermon on the Mount from last Sunday (we observed a special festival two weeks ago.)

PSALM OF THE DAY

Psalm 111

Refrain



Sing to the Lord a new song, for



he has done mar - vel - ous things.

Psalm tone



Great are the works of the LORD;*
they are pondered by all who delight in them.

Glorious and majestic are his deeds,*
and his righteousness endures forever.

He has caused his wonders to be remembered;*
the LORD is gracious and compassionate.

Refrain

The works of his hands are faithful and just;*
all his precepts are trustworthy.

He provided redemption for his people;*
he ordained his covenant forever.

The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom;*
all who follow his precepts have good understanding.

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

Refrain

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SECOND LESSON

1 Corinthians 2:1-5

Like the people, Paul was not impressive in speech or wisdom. He simply proclaimed God's message of Jesus crucified so God's people would rest on God's light and power, not the personality of a mortal.

¹ And so it was with me, brothers and sisters. When I came to you, I did not come with eloquence or human wisdom as I proclaimed to you the testimony about God. ² For I resolved to know nothing while I was with you except Jesus Christ and him crucified. ³ I came to you in weakness with great fear and trembling. ⁴ My message and my preaching were not with wise and persuasive words, but with a demonstration of the Spirit's power, ⁵ so that your faith might not rest on human wisdom, but on God's power.

M: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

STAND

VERSE OF THE DAY

John 8:12

M: Alleluia. Jesus said, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life." Alleluia.



C: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

GOSPEL

Matthew 5:13-20

The blessed status of Jesus' disciples on display in the Beatitudes (v. 1-12) comes from the transformative light of God's Word. The Source of our light is clear. We are robed in Jesus' completed saving and transforming work.

M: The Gospel, Matthew Chapter 5



C: Glo - ry be to you, O Lord!



¹³ "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.

¹⁴ "You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. ¹⁵ 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. ¹⁶ In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father 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 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. ¹⁹ 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. ²⁰ 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.

HYMN OF THE DAY

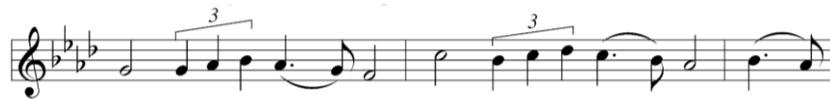
Thy Strong Word | 280:1-4



1 Thy strong word did cleave the dark - ness; At thy
 2 Lo, on those who dwelt in dark - ness, Dark as
 3 Thy strong Word be - speaks us right - eous; Bright with
 4 From the cross thy wis - dom shin - ing Break - eth



speak - ing it was done. For cre - at - ed
 night and deep as death, Broke the light of
 thine own ho - li - ness, Glo - rious now, we
 forth in con - qu'ring might; From the cross for -



light we thank thee While thine or - dered sea -
 thy sal - va - tion, Breathed thine own life - giv -
 press toward glo - ry, And our lives our hopes
 ev - er beam - eth All thy bright re - deem -



sons run. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Praise
 ing breath. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Praise
 con - fess. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Praise
 ing light. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Praise



to thee who light dost send! Al - le - lu - ia!
 to thee who light dost send! Al - le - lu - ia!
 to thee who light dost send! Al - le - lu - ia!
 to thee who light dost send! Al - le - lu - ia!



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia with - out end!
 Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia with - out end!
 Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia with - out end!
 Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia with - out end!

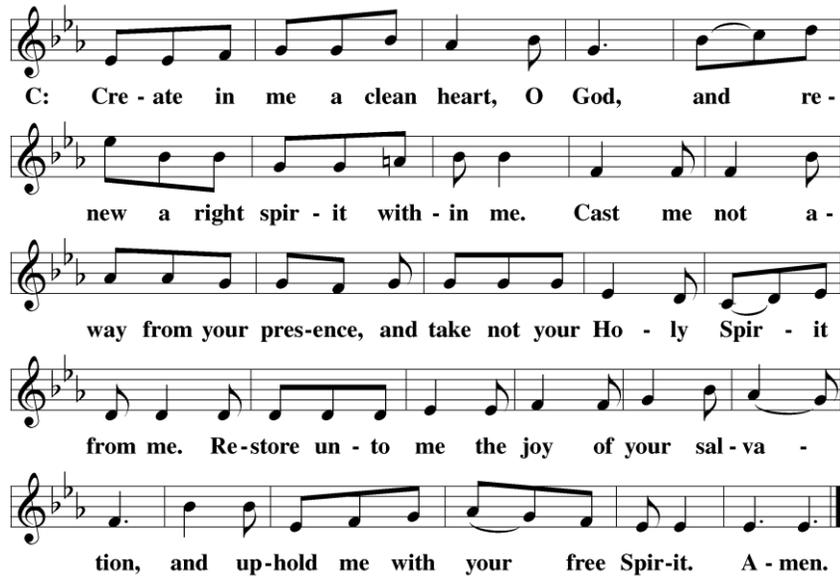
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BE SEATED

SERMON – See the separate sheet for the Sermon Road Map.

STAND

After the sermon, the congregation sings:



C: Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -
way from your pres - ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of your sal - va -
tion, and up - hold me with your free Spir - it. A - men.

BE SEATED

OFFERING - Remain seated

OFFERING HYMN

Hail, O Source of Every Blessing | 87:1, 3

**Hail, O Source of ev'ry blessing, Father of our human race!
Gentiles now, your grace possessing, In your courts obtain a place.
Grateful now, we fall before you, In your Church rejoice to live,
See your glory and adore you, Thankful for the grace you give.**

**Hail, O all-inviting Savior! Gentiles now their off'rings bring,
In your temples seek your favor, Jesus Christ, our Lord and King.
May we, body, soul, and spirit, Live devoted to your praise,
Glorious realms of bliss inherit, Grateful anthems ever raise.**

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH FOR EPIPHANY

M: Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God and Mary's son, in the fullness of time you came into our world to save us from sin and death:

C: **You ushered in the day of grace so long foretold.**

M: Beloved Son of the Father, revered by the Magi, baptized by John, you came preaching and teaching, healing and comforting, forgiving and encouraging:

C: **You brought the light of life to those walking in darkness, and the joy of salvation to those doomed to death.**

M: Prince of Peace, shine like a beacon for us and the people of our world. Let the good news of salvation be heard in the remotest corners of the earth. Open our own lips to speak your name to those around us who still live without faith or hope in you:

C: **Arouse us and our missionaries to flood the world with the light of your gospel.**

M: Lord of the Church, let your peace rule our hearts that we may use our gifts to serve you and each other in willing gratitude and joy. Watch over our loved ones near and far, that they may remember your love and rejoice in your salvation. Strengthen the faith of the sick and the disheartened. Give hope to those in despair and comfort those who mourn:

C: **Be gracious to all and lead us to reflect your love in everything we say and do.**

Special prayers and intercessions may follow.

M: ... Lord, in your mercy,

C: **Hear our prayer.**

M: Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

Silent prayer

M: Finally, bring us and all your believers to the heavenly home where we will stand in the full light of your glory and with all your saints and angels sing the everlasting song of triumph.

All: **Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

**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.**

STAND

THE SACRAMENT

PREFACE

M: The Lord be with you.



C: And al - so with you.

M: Lift up your hearts.



C: We lift them up un - to the Lord.

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



C: It is good and right so to do.

M: It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lived among us as a human being and revealed his glory as your only Son, full of grace and truth. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY (*Sanctus*)

C: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of heav - en - ly hosts:
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san -
na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is he, bless - ed is he, bless - ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san -
na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

The musical score is written in C major, 4/4 time, and consists of six staves of music. The lyrics are printed below the notes. The piece begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one flat (B-flat), and a common time signature. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with a clear emphasis on the words 'HOLY, HOLY, HOLY' and 'Ho - san - na'. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

M: 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.”

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



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.

BE SEATED

DISTRIBUTION

DISTRIBUTION HYMN

Lord Jesus Christ, you have prepared Gladness | 312



1 Lord Je - sus Christ, you have pre - pared This feast for
2 Al - though you did to heav'n as - cend, Where an - gel
3 Yet, Sav - ior, you are not con - fined To an - y
4 We eat this bread and drink this cup, Your pre - cious
5 Though rea - son can - not un - der - stand, Yet faith this



our sal - va - tion; It is your bod - y
hosts are dwell - ing, And in your pres - ence
hab - i - ta - tion, But you are pres - ent
Word be - liev - ing That your true bod - y
truth em - brac - es: Your bod - y, Lord, is



and your blood, And at your in - vi - ta - tion
they be - hold Your glo - ry, all ex - cel - ling,
ev - 'ry - where And with your con - gre - ga - tion.
and your blood Our lips are here re - ceiv - ing.
ev - 'ry - where At once in man - y plac - es.



As wea - ry souls, with sin op - pressed, We come to
And though your peo - ple shall not see Your glo - ry
Firm as a rock this truth shall stand, Un - moved by
This Word re - mains for - ev - er true, And there is
I leave to you how this can be; Your Word a -



you for need - ed rest, For com - fort, and for par - don.
and your maj - es - ty Till dawns the judg - ment morn - ing,
an - y dar - ing hand Or sub - tle craft and cun - ning.
naught you can - not do, For you, Lord, are al - might - y.
lone suf - fic - es me; I trust its truth un - fail - ing.

6 Lord, I believe what you have said;
Help me when doubts assail me.
Remember that I am but dust,
And let my faith not fail me.
Your supper in this vale of tears
Refreshes me and stills my fears
And is my priceless treasure.

7 Grant that we worthily receive
Your supper, Lord, our Savior,
And, truly grieving for our sins,
May prove by our behavior
That we are thankful for your grace
And day by day may run our race,
In holiness increasing.

8 For your consoling supper, Lord,
Be praised throughout all ages!
Preserve it, for in ev'ry place
The world against it rages.
Grant that this sacrament may be
A blessed comfort unto me
When living and when dying.

STAND

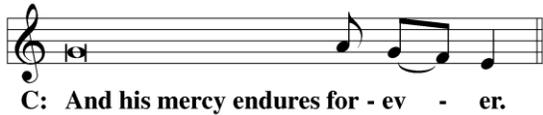
THANKSGIVING

SONG OF SIMEON (*Nunc Dimittis*)



C: Lord, now you let your servant de - part in peace ac-cord-ing
to your word. For my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have pre-
pared be - fore the face of all people, a light to light - en the
Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of your peo-ple Is - ra - el.

M: O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.



C: And his mercy endures for - ev - er.

M: We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this holy supper. We pray that through it you will strengthen our faith in you and increase our love for one another. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C: A - men.

M: 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.



You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. . . . let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.

CLOSING HYMN

Thy Strong Word | 280 v. 5-6

5 Give us lips to sing thy glo - ry, Tongues thy
 mer - cy to pro - claim, Throats to shout the
 hope that fills us, Mouths to speak thy ho -
 ly name. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! May
 the light which thou dost send Fill our songs with
 Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia with - out end!
 Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia with - out end!
 Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia with - out end!
 Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia with - out end!
 al - le - lu - ias, Al - le - lu - ias with - out end!

6 God the Father, light-creator,
 To thee laud and honor be.
 To thee, Light from Light begotten,
 Praise be sung eternally.
 Holy Spirit, light-revealer,
 Glory, glory be to thee.
 Mortals, angels, now and ever
 Praise the holy Trinity!

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Silent prayer

Announcements