



About the Cover

Like rays of light stretching out over the horizon, the Lord promises that repentance and sincerity will be met with a new dawn filled with righteousness, healing, and the Lord's protection. Jesus has entered into the darkness of our sin through His death on the cross, but the break of a new day came on the first Easter morning to show us that He lives to bring us His righteousness, healing, and protection.

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 58:3–9a

- ³ “Why have we fasted, and you see it not?
Why have we humbled ourselves, and you take no knowledge of it?
Behold, in the day of your fast you seek your own pleasure,
and oppress all your workers.
- ⁴ Behold, you fast only to quarrel and to fight
and to hit with a wicked fist.
Fasting like yours this day
will not make your voice to be heard on high.
- ⁵ Is such the fast that I choose,
a day for a person to humble himself?
Is it to bow down his head like a reed,
and to spread sackcloth and ashes under him?
Will you call this a fast,
and a day acceptable to the LORD?
- ⁶ “Is not this the fast that I choose:
to loose the bonds of wickedness,
to undo the straps of the yoke,
to let the oppressed go free,
and to break every yoke?
- ⁷ Is it not to share your bread with the hungry
and bring the homeless poor into your house;
when you see the naked, to cover him,
and not to hide yourself from your own flesh?
- ⁸ Then shall your light break forth like the dawn,
and your healing shall spring up speedily;
your righteousness shall go before you;
the glory of the LORD shall be your rear guard.
- ^{9a} Then you shall call, and the LORD will answer;
you shall cry, and he will say, ‘Here I am.’”

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 2:1–12

¹And I, when I came to you, brothers, did not come proclaiming to you the testimony of God with lofty speech or wisdom. ²For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ and him crucified. ³And I was with you in weakness and in fear and much trembling, ⁴and my speech and my message were not in plausible words of wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power, ⁵that your faith might not rest in the wisdom of men but in the power of God.

⁶Yet among the mature we do impart wisdom, although it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to pass away. ⁷But we impart a secret and hidden wisdom of God, which God decreed before the ages for our glory. ⁸None of the rulers of this age understood this, for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. ⁹But, as it is written,

“What no eye has seen, nor ear heard,
nor the heart of man imagined,
what God has prepared for those who love him”—

¹⁰these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit. For the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. ¹¹For who knows a person's thoughts except the spirit of that person, which is in him? So also no one comprehends the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God. ¹²Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, that we might understand the things freely given us by God.

Holy Gospel: Matthew 5:13–20

¹³[Jesus said:] “You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything except to be thrown out and trampled under people's feet.

¹⁴“You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. ¹⁵Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. ¹⁶In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is 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.

¹⁸For truly, I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not an iota, not a dot, will pass from the Law until all is accomplished.

¹⁹Therefore whoever relaxes 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 does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. ²⁰For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.”

*Then shall your light
and your righteousness
go before you*

Isaiah 58:8

The Fifth Sunday After The Epiphany

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Welcome to Our Visitors

We pray all will be spiritually enriched by your visit to this "House of God." Here Christ breaks the silence that surrounds mortal man in his sin and death. Here in Christ Jesus, we hear the voice of the Eternal One, and hear the voice of the Father, and that He loves us, that He forgives us and that in the resurrection of Christ, He has made us His Children and has given us victory over death itself.

In our Worship, this Morning, we celebrate the Holy Communion. As Lutherans, we believe and teach that in the Sacrament we receive Christ's true body and blood, thus it is our duty to examine ourselves to our worthiness before reception of the Lord's Supper, (see pages 329-330 of the hymnal, Christian Questions and Their Answers). We ask that if you are not a member of our Congregation or a member of a Lutheran Church Missouri Synod congregation, that you speak to Pastor or an Elder before the Service.

THE ORDER OF HOLY COMMUNION

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Ring of the Bells, Welcome, and Announcements

Opening Hymn LSB#394 Songs of Thankfulness and Praise

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The Introit:

P: Blessed are you, O Lord; teach me your statutes!

C: How can a young man keep his way pure? By guarding it according to your word.

P: With my whole heart I seek you: let me not wander from your commandments!

C: I have stored up your word in my heart, that I might not sin against you.

P: Blessed are you, O Lord; teach me your statutes!

C: With my lips I declare all the just decrees of your mouth.

P: In the way of your testimonies, I delight as much as in all riches.

C: I will meditate on your precepts and fix my eyes on your ways.

P: I will delight in your statutes; I will not forget your word.

C: 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.

P: Blessed are you, O Lord; teach me your statutes!

The Kyrie Page 204

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The Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 58:3-9a

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

The Gradual: (spoken by the Pastor)

The Epistle 1Corinthians 2:1-12

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

The Holy Gospel: Matthew 5:13-20

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The Children's Message

The Hymn of the Day LSB#705 The Man Is Ever Blessed

The Sermon Does Your Light Shine? Matthew 5:13-20

The Receiving of the Offering

The Prayer of the Church

Response: P: Lord, in Your mercy, C: Hear our Prayer.

The Service of Holy Communion Pages 208ff

The Distribution: Continuous Line

If you desire the Common Cup indicate to the Elder

The Distribution Hymn LSB#696 O God, My Faithful God

The Nunc Dimittis Page 211

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Closing Hymn LSB#643 Sent Forth by God's Blessing

Saturday Evening Worship: 5:00 PM.

Holy Communion First and Third Saturdays

Sunday Morning Worship: 10:00 AM

Holy Communion: Second and Fourth Sundays