



St. Stephen's Lutheran Church

HOLY COMMUNION

Fifth Sunday after Epiphany
February 5, 2023 • 9:30 am

You are welcome here! As a Reconciling in Christ congregation of the ELCA, we believe that the gospel is God's gift to all people, shared unconditionally and without regard to race, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, socio-economic or family status, age, physical or mental abilities, outward appearance, or religious affiliation. We seek racial equality and justice. In this way, we live into the truth written in Ephesians (2:14)—that Christ breaks down the dividing walls between us and makes us one.

Masks are not required for those who are fully vaccinated and boosted. If you are wearing a mask, you may lower it to receive communion.

Theme of the Day

The Word of God calls us to live righteously and be what we are in Christ: the salt of the earth.

Gathering

Prelude

Welcome

Joys & Concerns

** Confession & Forgiveness

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

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.

Silence is kept for reflection.

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

Amen.

**** Gathering Hymn**

Gather Us In

ELW 532



1 Here in this place the new light is stream-ing, now is the dark - ness
2 We are the young, our lives are a mys - t'ry, we are the old who
3 Here we will take the wine and the wa - ter, here we will take the
4 Not in the dark of build-ings con - fin - ing, not in some heav - en,



van - ished a - way; see in this space our fears and our dream-ings
yearn for your face; we have been sung through - out all of his - t'ry,
bread of new birth, here you shall call your sons and your daugh - ters,
light years a - way— here in this place the new light is shin - ing,



brought here to you in the light of this day.
called to be light to the whole hu - man race.
call us a - new to be salt for the earth.
now is the king - dom, and now is the day.

**** Please stand as you are able. Items in bold are to be spoken by the assembly.**



Gath-er us in, the lost and for - sak - en, gath-er us in, the
Gath-er us in, the rich and the haugh-ty, gath-er us in, the
Give us to drink the wine of com-pas - sion, give us to eat the
Gath-er us in and hold us for - ev - er, gath-er us in and



blind and the lame; call to us now, and we shall a - wak - en,
proud and the strong; give us a heart, so meek and so low - ly,
bread that is you; nour-ish us well, and teach us to fash - ion
make us your own; gath-er us in, all peo - ples to - geth - er,



we shall a - rise at the sound of our name.
give us the cour - age to en - ter the song.
lives that are ho - ly and hearts that are true.
fire . . of love in our flesh and our bone.

** 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.

** Please stand as you are able. **Items in bold are to be spoken by the assembly.**

**** Kyrie**

Daniel D. Howe

(organ) *Women* Ky-ri-e e lei - son. *Women* Ky-ri-
Men Ky-ri-e e lei-son. *Men* Ky-ri-e e lei-son.

e e lei - son. *All* Chris - te e lei - son. e lei -

son. *Women* Ky-ri-e e lei - son *Women* Ky-ri-
Men Ky-ri-e e lei - son *Men* Ky-ri-e e lei-son

e e lei - son *All* Ky - ri - e e lei - son

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**** Hymn of Praise**

Daniel Howe

A - rise and shine for your light has come,

(Women) (Men)

A - rise and shine for

(All) the glo - ry of the Lord is ri - sen up on you!

FINE A - A - A -

your light has come;

rise your light has come! The Spir - it's call o - bey; show
 rise, your light has come! Fling wide the pri - son doors; pro -
 rise, your light has come! All you in sor - row born; bind
 rise, your light has come! The moun - tains burst in song! Rise

forth the glo - ry of your God which shines on you to day.
 claim the cap - tive's lib - er - ty, good ti - dings to the poor. A -
 up the bro - ken - heart - ed ones and com - fort those who mourn.
 up like ea - gles on the wing, God's pow'r will make us strong.

To the beginning

D.C. al Fine

**** Please stand as you are able. Items in bold are to be spoken by the assembly.**

** Prayer of the Day

Assisting Minister leads the prayer of the day and the assembly responds: Amen.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Word

God speaks to us in scripture, preaching and song.

First Reading

Isaiah 58:1-9a [9b-12] (p. 674-675)

Word of God. Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm

Psalm 112:1-9 [10]

¹Hallelujah! Happy are they who fear the LORD
and have great delight in God's commandments!

²**Their descendants will be mighty in the land;
the generation of the upright will be blessed.**

³Wealth and riches will be in their house,
and their righteousness will last forever.

⁴**Light shines in the darkness for the upright;
the righteous are merciful and full of compassion.**

⁵It is good for them to be generous in lending
and to manage their affairs with justice.

⁶**For they will never be shaken;
the righteous will be kept in everlasting remembrance.**

⁷They will not be afraid of any evil rumors;
their heart is steadfast, trusting in the LORD.

⁸**Their heart is established and will not shrink,
until they see their desire upon their enemies.**

⁹They have given freely to the poor, and their righteousness stands fast forever;
they will hold up their head with honor.

** Please stand as you are able. **Items in bold are to be spoken by the assembly.**

[¹⁰The wicked will see it and be angry; they will gnash their teeth and pine away;
the desires of the wicked will perish.]

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 2:1-12[13-16] (p. 1039)

Word of God. Word of Life.
Thanks be to God.

**** Gospel Acclamation**

Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia.
4 ia. My word will ne - ver come back to me emp - ty,
7 but will ac - com - plish my will says the Lord - and the word be - came
10 flesh and dwelt a - mong us. Al - le - lu - ia,
13 Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia.

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**** Gospel**

Matthew 5:13-20 (p. 880)

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew.
The Gospel of the Lord.

**Glory to you, O Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.**

**** Gospel Acclamation**

Please see above.

Sermon

The Rev. Mark Walters

** Please stand as you are able. **Items in bold are to be spoken by the assembly.**

** Hymn of the Day

Christ, Be Our Light

ELW 715



1 Long - ing for light, we wait in dark - ness. Long - ing for
2 Long - ing for peace, our world is trou - bled. Long - ing for
3 Long - ing for food, man - y are hun - gry. Long - ing for
4 Long - ing for shel - ter, man - y are home - less. Long - ing for
5 Man - y the gifts, man - y the peo - ple, man - y the



truth, we turn to you. Make us your own,
hope, man - y de - spair. Your word a - lone
wa - ter, man - y still thirst. Make us your bread,
warmth, man - y are cold. Make us your build - ing,
hearts that yearn to be - long. Let us be ser - vants



your ho - ly peo - ple, light for the world to see.
has pow'r to save us. Make us your liv - ing voice.
bro - ken for oth - ers, shared un - til all are fed.
shel - ter - ing oth - ers, walls made of liv - ing stone.
to one an - oth - er, signs of your king - dom come.



Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the



dark - ness. Christ, be our light! Shine in your



church gath - ered to - day.

** Please stand as you are able. Items in bold are to be spoken by the assembly.

**** Apostles' Creed**

Let us love one another, that with one mind we may confess the Holy Trinity, one in essence and undivided.

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.**

Installation of Council Members, Members of the Endowment Board of Trustees, Nominating Committee Members

The following people...mutual understanding in this this congregation. On behalf of your sisters and brothers in Christ, I ask you: Will you accept and faithfully carry-out the duties of the offices to which you have been elected?

I will, and I ask God to help me.

The assembly stands. Those being installed face the assembly.

People of God, I ask you: Will you support these, your elected leaders, and will you share in the mutual ministry that Christ has given to all who are baptized?

We will, and we ask God to help us.

Those being installed face the presiding minister, who addresses them.

I now declare you installed as Council Members, Members of the Endowment Board of Trustees and Nominating Committee of this congregation. Almighty God-bless you, and direct your days and your deeds in peace, that you may be faithful servants of Christ. **Amen.**

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**** Offering Prayer**

Assisting Minister leads the offering prayer and the assembly responds: Amen.

**** Dialogue and Preface**

1
4 **P** The Lord be with you. **C** And al - so with
7 you. **P** Lift up your hearts, _____
10 **C** We lift them to the Lord, **P** Let us give thanks to the Lord
13 our God; **C** It is right to give God - thanks and praise.
P It is indeed right and salutary.....un- end - ing hymn: --

**** Please stand as you are able. Items in bold are to be spoken by the assembly.**

** Holy, Holy, Holy

Daniel D. Howe

1
Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - - - - - ly,

3
Lord God of pow - er and might, _____

5
Heav - en and earth are full of your

7
glo - ry, Ho - san - na, Ho - san - na, Ho - san - na in the

9
high - est. Blest is the one who

11
comes in the name of the Lord! Ho - san - na, Ho -

13
san - na, Ho - san - na, Ho - san - na!

The musical score is written on a single treble clef staff in 4/4 time with a key signature of three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat). It consists of 13 measures. The lyrics are placed below the notes. Measure 13 ends with a double bar line.

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** Thanksgiving at the Table: Time after Epiphany

Blessed are you, O Holy God: you are the Life and Light of allboth now and forever.

Amen.

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** Lord's Prayer

As we pray the Lord's Prayer together, we invite you to choose which version and language in which to pray. Several versions are printed on the laminated card for you.

Invitation to Communion

Lamb of God

1 Howe/Lispon

Women Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the

5 *Men* Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world.

world. *Women* Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the

Men Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world.

9

All world. Have mer - cy on us, Have mer - cy on us.

13

Have mer - cy on us. *Women* Lamb of

Men Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world.

** Please stand as you are able. **Items in bold are to be spoken by the assembly.**

17
 God, you take a - way the sin of the world. *Women* Lamb of
Men Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world.
 21
 God, you take a - way the sin of the world. *All* Grant us peace. A - men.

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Communion

As Lutheran Christians we believe the words of Jesus, "This is my body, this is my blood given for you for the forgiveness of sin." If you desire to receive this gift, you are welcome to commune here. All who do not commune may come for a blessing. The ushers will invite the assembly from the front row to the back row to come to the chancel to receive communion from the pastor via the center aisle. Once you receive your communion, please use the side aisles to return to your pew. Please be sure to discard your cups in the trash bin on your way out of the church - please do not leave used communion cups in the pews or pew racks. If you prefer juice, please let the assisting minister know.

Communion Hymn

How Beautiful on the Mountains

Isaiah 52:7
 for Clarence & Janet Morrill
 Daniel D. Howe

1
 How beau-ti-ful on the moun - tains are the feet of those who

** Please stand as you are able. Items in bold are to be spoken by the assembly.

8 *B* *c m* *A* *D* *A* *G* *A* *G*

bring good news. How beauti-ful on the moun-tains are the feet of

15 *D* *e m* *A* *D* *G* *A* *D*

those who bring good news. Who pro-claim sal-va-tion, who

22 *A* *D* *e m* *A* *D* *A* *G* *A*

preach the gos-pel of peace. How beauti-ful on the moun-

29 *D* *G* *d* *e m* *A* *D*

tains are the feet of those who bring good news.

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Communion Blessing

Post Communion Prayer

Together, let us pray.

Holy One,
we thank you for the healing
that springs forth abundantly from this table.
Renew our strength to do justice,
love kindness,
and journey humbly with you.

Amen.

Announcements

Sending

We are sent into the world to serve.

** Blessing

** Sending Hymn

We Are Marching in the Light

ELW 866

The musical score is written for a two-part setting (Soprano and Bass) in the key of D major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of two systems of music. The first system covers the first two lines of lyrics, and the second system covers the remaining two lines. The melody is primarily composed of quarter and eighth notes, with some triplet markings. The bass line provides a steady accompaniment with chords and moving lines. The lyrics are: *Si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos', si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'. We are march - ing in the light of God, we are march - ing in the light of God. Si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos', We are march - ing in the light of God.*

** Please stand as you are able. Items in bold are to be spoken by the assembly.

si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.
we are march-ing in the light of God.

si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen-, kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.
we are march-ing in the light of, the light of God.

si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.
we are march-ing in the light of God.

Si - ya - ham - ba _____ *oo* _____
We are march-ing _____ *oo* _____

si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.
we are march-ing in the light of God.

si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen-, kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.
we are march-ing in the light of, the light of God.

si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.
we are march-ing in the light of God.

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**** Dismissal**

Go in peace. Follow the way of Jesus.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude

*Chancel flowers are given by Gary & Sue Gooden
in honor of Boy and Girl Scouts*

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