FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY
Order of Worship – 9:00 AM

AS WE GATHER – We consider today that Jesus calls Himself the light of the world and also calls us the light of the world in the Holy Gospel. While Jesus shines His grace upon the earth, He also calls upon us to shine our light throughout the entire world, so that many come to know Him as their Savior. How blessed are we to be the light of the world with Jesus!

PRESERVICE MUSIC Medley “Jesus Loves the Little Children, Jesus Loves Me”

ECC CHILDREN SINGING
Jesus Loves Me; Love, Love, Love; Love in a Box; Jesus Loves the Little Children

WELCOME
[Please fill out prayer request cards.]

OPENING HYMN

Here I Am to Worship

Light of the world, You stepped down into darkness
King of all days, oh so high exalted

opened my eyes, let me see
    glorious in heaven above
    Beauty that made this

heart adore You, hope of a life spent with You
    You created, all for love’s sake became poor

Chorus:

So, here I am to worship, here I am to bow down, here I am to
say that You’re my God
    You’re altogether lovely, altogether
INVOCATION & OPENING SENTENCES
P In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C Amen.
P Blessed are those who fear the Lord,
C who greatly delight in His commandments.
P Light dawns in the darkness for the upright.
C God is gracious, merciful, and righteous.
P You are the light of the world,
C a city on a hill that cannot be hidden.
P Let your light shine that others may see and give glory to God.

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS
P Jesus does indeed call us the light of the world and tells us to let our light shine, but there have been times when we have hidden our light. There have been times when we could have shared our light with others, but we refused to do so for fear of rejection. Though we are the light of the world, we sometimes choose darkness instead of light. But we come before our heavenly Father to ask for His forgiveness.

[Silence for reflection.]
P Heavenly Father,
C we confess that we have not always walked in Your light. We have hidden Your light from others. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive our sins and our weakness. Illuminate and energize us once again to shine Your light to the ends of the earth.
P Even though we fail to act as the light of the world, Jesus never failed to shine His light. For our sins, Jesus, the light of the world was extinguished on the cross, yet He is risen from the dead never to die again. Because of His death and resurrection, darkness flees and sins are forgiven. As a called and ordained servant of Christ and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C Amen. We are the light of the world. We are forgiven in Christ.

INTROIT
Ps. 119:9–16; antiphon: Ps. 119:12
P Blessed are you, O LORD;
C teach me your statutes!
P How can a young man keep his way pure?
C By guarding it according to your word.
P With my whole heart I seek you;
C let me not wander from your commandments!
P I have stored up your word in my heart,
C that I might not sin against you.

(continued)
Blessèd are you, O LORD;
C teach me your statutes!
P With my lips I declare
C all the just decrees of your mouth.
P In the way of your testimonies I delight
C as much as in all riches.
P I will meditate on your precepts
C and fix my eyes on your ways.
P I will delight in your statutes;
C I will not forget your word.

All: 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.

Blessèd are you, O LORD;
C teach me your statutes!

HYMN OF PRAISE

In the Cross of Christ I glory

1 In the cross of Christ I glory, Towering o'er the wrecks of time. All the light of sacred story gathers round its head sublime.
2 When the woes of life o'er take me, Hopes deceive, and fears annoy, Never shall the cross for sake me; Lo, it glows with peace and joy.
3 When the sun of bliss is beams Light and love up on my way, From the cross the radiance streaming Adds more luster to the day.
4 Bane and blessing, pain and pleasure By the cross are sanctified; Peace is there that knows no measure, Joys that through all time abide.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.
C And also with you.
P Let us pray.

All: Heavenly Father, You sent Your Son into this world of darkness and death to be our light and our life. Strengthen us so that we share and shine the light of Christ throughout the world; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever. Amen.
SHARING OF THE PEACE
P The peace of the Lord be with you always.
G And also with you.
P Let us share this peace with one another.
(People greet one another saying: “Peace be with you. And also with you.”)

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

(lesson is on the last page of the bulletin)
L This is the Word of the Lord.
G Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE LESSON

(lesson is on the last page of the bulletin)
L This is the Word of the Lord.
G Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA VERSE

All: Alleluia. Let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven. Alleluia.

HOLY GOSPEL

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the fifth chapter.
G Glory to You, O Lord.
(lesson is on the last page of the bulletin)
P This is the Gospel of the Lord.
G Praise to You, O Christ.

YOUTH MESSAGE

[Prayer requests will be collected at this time.]

HYMN OF THE DAY

Thy Strong Word

1 Thy strong word did cleave the darkness; At Thy
2 Lo, on those who dwelt in darkness, Dark as
3 Thy strong Word be-speaks us righteous; Bright with
4 From the cross Thy wisdom shining Breaketh

1 speaking it was done. For created
2 night and deep as death, Broke the light of
3 Thine own holiness, Glorious now, we
4 forth in conquering might; From the cross for -
light we thank Thee, While Thine ordered seasons run.
Thy salvation, Breathed Thine own life-breathing breath.
press toward glory, And our lives our hopes confess.
ev - er beam - eth All Thy bright redeem - ing light.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise to
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise to
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise to
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise to

Thee who light dost send! Al - le - lu - ia,
Thee who light dost send! Al - le - lu - ia,
Thee who light dost send! Al - le - lu - ia,
Thee who light dost send! Al - le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia without end!
al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia without end!
al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia without end!
al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia without end!

5. Give us lips to sing Thy glory,
Tongues Thy mercy to proclaim,
Throats that shout the hope that fills us,
Mouths to speak Thy holy name.
Alleluia, alleluia!
May the light which Thou dost send
Fill our songs with alleluias,
Alleluias without end!

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

SERMON
“LIGHT LIVING” Matthew 5:13-20
I. Sin and evil bring darkness into our world and our lives.
II. Jesus is the Light of the world. His light scatters the darkness of sin and death.

APOSTLE’S CREED
I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.
OFFERING

"In the Cross of Christ I Glory"

by Wilbur Held

OFFERTORY

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

LSB 411

1 I want to walk as a child of the light.
2 I want to see the brightness of God.
3 I'm looking for the coming of Christ.

I want to follow Jesus.
I want to look at Jesus.
I want to be with Jesus.

God set the stars to give light to the world.
Clear Sun of Righteousness, shine on my path,
When we have run with patience the race,

The star of my life is Jesus.
And show me the way to the Father.
We shall know the joy of Jesus.

Refrain

In Him there is no darkness at all.

The night and the day are both alike.

The Lamb is the light of the city of God.

Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.


PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P Dear heavenly Father, You sent Your Son to be the light of the world. Send out messengers and missionaries to share the light of Christ in every corner of the earth, that people from every tribe, nation, and language would follow Jesus. Lord, in Your mercy,

G hear our prayer.

P Lord, there are many in this world who live in the darkness of depression, anxiety, and mental illness. Help us to be light to those in dark places, to encourage them to seek medical
assistance, and to accept them as Your beloved children. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Lord, walk with all those who are grieving in the shadow of death. Comfort them with the hope of the resurrection to eternal light and life. Lord, in Your mercy, C hear our prayer.

P Lord, shine Your light upon all those in public office. Enlighten them with Your wisdom and keep them from the darkness of the evil one. Lord, in Your mercy, C hear our prayer.

P Lord, strengthen all those who are poor, homeless, hungry, oppressed, or in need in any way. Help us to see these people as Your creations in need of Your mercy and light, just as we are. Lord, in Your mercy, C hear our prayer.

P Lord, look with favor upon all who are sick, injured, and recovering, especially [...]. Have mercy upon them and heal them according to Your good and gracious will. Lord, in Your mercy, C hear our prayer.

P Lord, we commend all of these things to Your infinite mercies, which are new every morning. Lord, in Your mercy, C hear our prayer. Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

P O Lord Jesus Christ, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

C Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

BENEDICTION

P The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you His peace. C Amen.

CLOSING HYMN Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service LSB 848

1 Lord, whose love through humble service Bore the weight of human need, Who upon the cross, forsaken, offered mercy's perfect deed, We, Your servants, bring the

2 Still Your children wandered homeless; Still the hungry cry for bread; Still the captives long for freedom; Dawns up on our quick-ended sight, Mak ing known the needs and

3 As we worship, grant us vision, Till Your love's revealed light In its height and depth and greatness, name we go, To the child, the youth, the aged, Love in living deeds to show; Hope and health, good will and
worship Not of voice alone, but heart,  
passion Healed the sick and freed the soul,  
burdens Your compassion bids us bear,  
comfort, Counsel, aid, and peace we give,  

crating to Your purpose Ev'ry gift that You impart.  
love Your Spirit kindles Still to save and make us whole.  
us to tire-less striving, Your abundant life to share.  
ser-vants, Lord, in freedom May Your mercy know and live.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

[Birthdays: Steve Jackson & Edith Mukandi]

POSTLUDE

"March in D"  by Felix Mendelssohn

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THE LUTHERAN HOUR MESSAGE
KOA 850 AM: Sunday @ 6:00 am

February 16: "Happy Families Are All Alike", Dr. Dean Nadasdy; Guest Speaker

God is at work to bring about His good purpose, even in unhappy families. (Genesis 50:15-26)

OUR FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP:
Total General Offering Blessings – (Jan. 16 through Jan. 31, 2020) ......................... $ 18,855.09
General Fund .................................................................................. 9,152.00
E.C.C. Tuition .................................................................................. 8,271.98
Loose Plate, Sunday School & Other Gifts .................................................. 1,431.11
Total Expenditures ........................................................................... 22,997.10
Surplus / (Deficit) ........................................................................... (4,142.01)
Fiscal Year Cumulative Surplus / (Deficit) .............................................. 16,757.45

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