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And SPREAD the Good News of Jesus Christ to all people*

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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

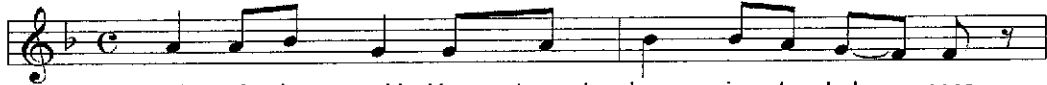
WELCOME

[Please fill out prayer request cards.]

♯ Means please stand; ♯ Means please be seated]

♯ OPENING HYMN

Here I Am to Worship



Light of the world, You stepped down in - to dark - ness
King of all days, oh so high - ly ex - alt - ed



o - pened my eyes, let me see. Beau - ty that made this
glo - rious in heav - en a - bove. Humb - ly You came to the



heart a - dore You, hope of a life spent with You
earth You cre - a - ted, all for love's sake be - came poor.



So, here I am to wor - ship, here I am to bow down, here I am to



say that You're my God. You're al - to - geth - er love - ly, al - to - geth - er



wor - thy, al - to - geth - er won - der - ful to me._____

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INVOCATION & OPENING SENTENCES

- P** *In the name of the Father and of the ~~F~~ 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. Illumine 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 ~~F~~ 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** *Blessèd 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)

- P** *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.

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

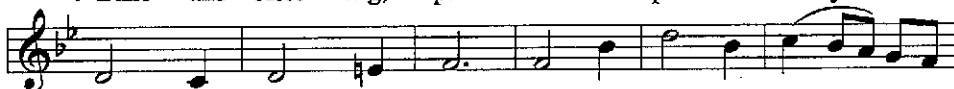
HYMN OF PRAISE

In the Cross of Christ I Glory

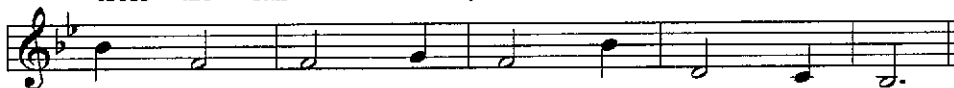
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1 In the cross of Christ I glo - ry, Tow'r - ing
 2 When the woes of life o'er - take me, Hopes de -
 3 When the sun of bliss is beam - ing Light and
 4 Bane and bless - ing, pain and plea - sure By the



o'er the wrecks of time. All the light of sa - cred
 ceive, and fears an - noy, Nev - er shall the cross for -
 love up - on my way, From the cross the ra - diance
 cross are sanc - ti - fied; Peace is there that knows no



sto - ry Gath - ers round its head sub - lime.
 sake me; Lo, it glows with peace and joy.
 stream - ing Adds more lus - ter to the day.
 mea - sure, Joys that through all time a - bide.

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

- P** *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

Isaiah 58:3–9a

(lesson is on the last page of the bulletin)

L *This is the Word of the Lord.*

G **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE LESSON

1 Corinthians 2:1–12

(lesson is on the last page of the bulletin)

L *This is the Word of the Lord.*

G **Thanks be to God.**

ALLELUIA VERSE

Matt. 5:16b

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

Matthew 5:13–20

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

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1 Thy strong word did cleave the dark - ness; At Thy
Choir: 2 Lo, on those who dwelt in dark - ness, Dark as
3 Thy strong Word be - speaks us right - teous; 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 - sons run.
 Thy sal - va - tion, Breathed Thine own life - breath - ing breath.
 press toward glo - ry, And our lives our hopes con - fess.
 ev - er beam - eth All Thy bright re - deem - 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 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!

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.

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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.

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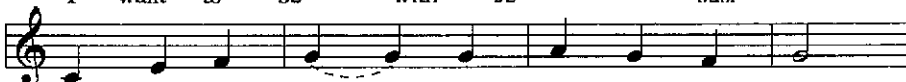
☞ I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the 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.



1 I want to walk as a child of the light.
 2 I want to see the bright-ness of God.
 3 I'm look - ing for the com - ing of Christ.



I want to fol - low Je - sus.
 I want to look at Je - sus.
 I want to be with Je - sus.



God set the stars to give light to the world.
 Clear Sun of Righ - teous - ness, shine on my path,
 When we have run with pa - tience the race,



The star of my life is Je - sus.
 And show me the way to the Fa - ther.
 We shall know the joy of Je - sus.

Refrain

In Him there is no dark - ness at all.



The night and the day are both a - like.



The Lamb is the light of the cit - y of God.



Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus.

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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,

C 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.

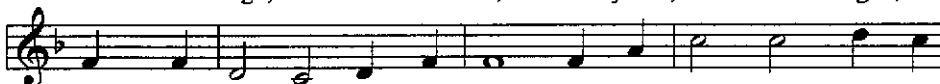
CLOSING HYMN *Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service* LSB 848



1 Lord, whose love through hum-ble ser-vice Bore the weight of
2 Still Your chil-dren wan-der home-less; Still the hun-gry
3 As we wor-ship, grant us vi-sion, Till Your love's re-
4 Called by wor-ship to Your ser-vice, Forth in Your dear



hu-man need, Who up-on the cross, for-sak-en,
cry for bread; Still the cap-tives long for free-dom;
veal-ing light In its height and depth and great-ness,
name we go, To the child, the youth, the a-ged,



Of-fered mer-cy's per-fect deed, We, Your ser-vants, bring the
Still in grief we mourn our dead. As, O Lord, Your deep com-
Dawns up-on our quick-ened sight, Mak-ing known the needs and
Love in liv-ing deeds to show; Hope and health, good-will and



wor - ship Not of voice a - lone, but heart, Con - se -
 pas - sion Healed the sick and freed the soul, Use the
 bur - dens Your com - pas - sion bids us bear, Stir - ring
 com - fort, Coun - sel, aid, and peace we give, That Your



crat - ing to Your pur - pose Ev - 'ry gift that You im - part.
 love Your Spir - it kin - dles Still to save and make us whole.
 us to tire - less striv - ing, Your a - bun - dant life to share.
 ser - vants, Lord, in free - dom May Your mer - cy 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