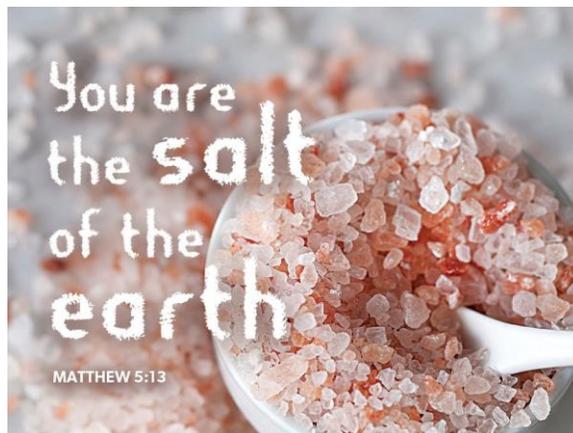


First Lutheran Church

In-person worship at First Lutheran sanctuary,
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HOLY COMMUNION Time after Epiphany

Sunday ☩ February 5, 2023 ☩ 10:00 am

The teaching of Christ: salt and light

Light shines in the darkness for the upright, the psalmist sings. Isaiah declares that when we loose the bonds of injustice and share our bread with the hungry, the light breaks forth like the dawn. In another passage from the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus, the light of the world, calls his followers to let the light of their good works shine before others. Through baptism we are sent into the world to shine with the light of Christ.

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

PRELUDE

"Thanks Be To Thee"

George Frederick Handel

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

"God, We Gather as Your People"

ACS 1038



1 God, we gath - er as your peo - ple to raise our song a -
 2 Oh, we sing for all the chil - dren, that one day they be
 3 Oh, we pray for all the young lives cut short by fear and
 4 God, we're work - ing for the fu - ture when chil - dren far and



bove, and we dare to claim the prom - ise of your love.
 free; and we sing for gen - er - a - tions yet to be,
 shame, so a - fraid of who they are and whom they love.
 wide can . . . live their lives with dig - ni - ty and pride.



Though the day may not yet be here, we
 that they nev - er have a rea - son to
 May the mes - sage now be ban - ished that your
 As they grow in strength and stat - ure, may they



trust it soon will be, when your chil - dren will be free.
 doubt that they are blest. May they, in your love, find rest.
 love is for the few; may their faith in you re - new.
 join us hand in hand, as a - gainst all hate we stand.

Refrain



Oh, may our hearts and minds be o - pened, fling the church doors o - pen



wide. May there be room e - nough for ev - 'ry - one in - side.



For in God there is a wel - come, in God we all be -



long. May that wel - come be our song.

CONFESSION AND 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:
"The former things have come to pass
and new things I now declare."
God's mercy makes us new.
We are forgiven in the name of ✝ Christ our Savior.
Amen.

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.

CANTICLE OF PRAISE

"Spirit, Open My Heart"

ACS 1043

Refrain

Spir-it, o - pen my heart to the joy and pain of
 liv-ing. As you love may I love, in re - ceiv - ing
 and in giv - ing. Spir - it, o - pen my heart.

1 God, re - place my ston - y heart with a heart that's
 2 Write your love up - on my heart as my law, my
 3 May I weep with those who weep; share the joy of

kind and ten - der. All my cold - ness and
 goal, my sto - ry. In each thought, word, and
 friend and neigh - bor. As I live from day to

Refrain

fear to your grace I now sur - ren - der.
 deed, may my liv - ing bring you glo - ry.
 day, love will be my fin - est la - bor.

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 Music: WILD MOUNTAIN THYME, Irish melody; adapt. Alfred V. Fedak, b. 1953
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PRAYER OF THE DAY

Lord God, with endless mercy
 you receive the prayers of all who call upon you.
 By your Spirit show us the things we ought to do,
 and give us the grace and power to do them,
 through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

WELCOME AND HOSPITALITY

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

TIME FOR CHILDREN

READING *The offering of justice, kindness, humility* Isaiah 58:1-9a
Shortly after the return of Israel from exile in Babylon, the people were troubled by the ineffectiveness of their fasts. God reminds them that outward observance is no substitute for genuine fasting that results in acts of justice, such as feeding the hungry, sheltering the homeless, and clothing the naked.

A reading from the prophet Isaiah.

Shout out, do not hold back!

Lift up your voice like a trumpet!
Announce to my people their rebellion,
to the house of Jacob their sins.

Yet day after day they seek me
and delight to know my ways,
as if they were a nation that practiced righteousness
and did not forsake the ordinance of their God;
they ask of me righteous judgments,
they delight to draw near to God.

“Why do we fast, but you do not see?

Why humble ourselves, but you do not notice?”
Look, you serve your own interest on your fast day,
and oppress all your workers.

Look, you fast only to quarrel and to fight
and to strike with a wicked fist.

Such fasting as you do today
will not make your voice heard on high.

Is such the fast that I choose,
a day to humble oneself?

Is it to bow down the head like a bulrush,
and to lie in sackcloth and ashes?

Will you call this a fast,
a day acceptable to the Lord?

Is not this the fast that I choose:
to loose the bonds of injustice,
to undo the thongs of the yoke,
to let the oppressed go free,
and to break every yoke?

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 them,
and not to hide yourself from your own kin?

Then your light shall break forth like the dawn,
and your healing shall spring up quickly;
your vindicator shall go before you,
the glory of the Lord shall be your rear guard.

Then you shall call, and the Lord will answer;
you shall cry for help, and he will say, Here I am.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

READING *Christ crucified, the wisdom and power of God* 1 Corinthians 2:1-12
Though people such as the Corinthians are enamored with human philosophy and wisdom, Paul continuously presents God's hidden wisdom which is Jesus Christ crucified. True spiritual maturity involves judging ourselves and others in light of God's revelation in the cross.

A reading from Paul's first letter to the Corinthians.

¹When I came to you, brothers and sisters, I did not come proclaiming the mystery of God to you in lofty words or wisdom. ²For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ, and him crucified. ³And I came to you in weakness and in fear and in much trembling. ⁴My speech and my proclamation were not with plausible words of wisdom, but with a demonstration of the Spirit and of power, ⁵so that your faith might rest not on human wisdom but on the power of God.

⁶Yet among the mature we do speak wisdom, though it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to perish. ⁷But we speak God's wisdom, secret and hidden, 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 human heart conceived,
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 what human being knows what is truly human except the human spirit that is within? So also no one comprehends what is truly God's except the Spirit of God. ¹²Now we have received not the spirit of the world, no one comprehends what is truly God's except the Spirit of God. ¹²Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit that is from God, so that we may understand the gifts bestowed on us by God.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

You Are God's Own People

The gospel acclamation is sung by the assembly.

1
 You are God's own peo - ple, now
 Once you were no peo - ple, now
 Now pro - claim with bold - ness the

2
 cho - sen, roy - al, and blest, for
 you are peo - ple of God, for
 might - y acts of God, for

3
 God has called you out of the dark in -
 once you knew no mer - cy at all, now
 God has called you out of the dark in -

to God's mar - vel - ous light.
 mer - cy hal - lows your life.
 to God's mar - vel - ous light.

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GOSPEL*The Teaching of Christ: salt and light*

Matthew 5:13-20

In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus encourages his followers to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world, doing good works and keeping God's commandments.

The holy gospel according to Matthew. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Jesus said: ¹³"You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot.

¹⁴"You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. ¹⁵No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, 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 in heaven.

¹⁷"Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. ¹⁸For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. ¹⁹Therefore, whoever breaks 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."

The gospel of our Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

Silence for reflection follows the sermon.



Pe - las do - res des - te mun - do, ó Se - nhor,
 For the trou - bles and the suf - f'ings of the world,
 im - plo - ra - mos pi - e - da - de. A
 God, we call up - on your mer - cy: the
 um só tem - po ge - me a cri - a - ção. Teus ou -
 whole cre - a - tion's la - bor - ing in pain! Lend an
 vi - dos se in - cli - nem ao cla - mor des - sa
 ear . . . to the ris - ing cry for help from op -
 gen - te o - pri - mi - da. A - pres - sa - te com
 pressed and hope - less peo - ple: Come! Has - ten your sal -
 tu - a sal - va - ção. A tu - a paz,
 va - tion, heal - ing love! We pray for peace,
 ben - di - ta e jr - ma - na - da co'a jus -
 the bless - ed peace that comes from mak - ing
 ti - ça a - bra - ce o mun - do in - tei - ro.
 jus - tice, to cov - er and em - brace us.

Tem com - pai - xão! O teu po - der
 Have mer - cy, Lord! We pray for pow'r,
sus - ten - te_o tes - te - mu - nho do teu po - vo.
 the pow'r that will sus - tain your peo - ple's wit - ness:
Teu rei - no ve - nha_a nos! Ky - ri - e - e - le - i - son!
 un - til your king - dom comes. *Ky - ri - e - e - le - i - son!*

Text: Rodolfo Gaede Neto, b. 1951; tr. Simeí Monteiro, b. 1943, and Jorge Lockward, b. 1965
 Music: PELAS DORES DESTE MUNDO, Rodolfo Gaede Neto
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APOSTLES' CREED

Together let us proclaim the faith we share.

**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.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Called together to follow Jesus, we pray for the church,
the world, and all in need.

A brief silence.

Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

We bring to you our needs and hopes, O God,
trusting your wisdom and power revealed in Christ crucified.

Amen.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

Greet one another with a gesture of peace.

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

MUSICAL OFFERING

"Sonatina"

Johann Sebastian Bach

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ

OFFERTORY

"Now the Silence"

ELW 460

Stand and sing as the communion minister brings the elements forward.



Now the si - lence Now the peace Now the emp - ty hands up - lift - ed



Now the kneel - ing Now the plea Now the Fa - ther's arms in wel - come



Now the hear - ing Now the pow'r Now the ves - sel brimmed for pour - ing



Now the bod - y Now the blood Now the joy - ful cel - e - bra - tion



Now the wed - ding Now the songs Now the heart for - giv - en leap - ing



Now the Spir - it's vis - i - ta - tion Now the Son's e - piph - a - ny



Now the Fa - ther's bless - ing Now Now Now

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Music: NOW, Carl F. Schalk, b. 1929
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OFFERING PRAYER

Liberating God,
you break the bonds of injustice
and let the oppressed go free.
Receive these offerings in thanksgiving
for all your works of merciful power,
and shape us as people of your justice and freedom.
You we magnify and adore, through Jesus our Savior.
Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

setting two, page 129

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The image shows four staves of musical notation in a single system. Each staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The notes are written on a five-line staff with a common time signature. The lyrics are printed below the notes, with some words hyphenated across bar lines. The first staff contains two measures, the second and third staves each contain two measures, and the fourth staff contains two measures. The music is a simple, melodic line with a steady rhythm.

PREFACE

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,
 heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the
 high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
 san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Blessed are you, O holy God,
 You are the Life and Light of all.
 By your powerful word you created all things.
 Through the prophets you called your people
 to be a light to the nations.

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

By your Spirit bless us and this meal,
 that, refreshed with this heavenly food,
 we may be light for the world,
 revealing the brilliance of your Son. **Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**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.
 Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Come and taste the joy of God!

COMMUNION

All are invited to receive these gifts of God. Children are welcome to receive communion or a blessing. Communion at this service is served at the steps of the chancel, by individual chalices. Grape juice and gluten-free wafers are available upon request. You are invited to bring your offering and place in the basket as you come forward to receive the meal.

Music during Communion

“Lamb of God”

setting two, page 135



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on
us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you
take a - way the sin of the world; grant us peace.

“There is a Longing in our Hearts”

ACS 1078

Refrain – All



There is a long-ing in our hearts, O Lord, for you to re -
veal your - self to us. There is a long-ing in our
hearts for love we on - ly find in you, our God.

Leader or All



1 For jus - tice,	for free - dom,	for mer - cy:
2 For wis - dom,	for cour - age,	for com - fort:
3 For heal - ing,	for whole - ness,	for new life:
4 Lord, save us,	take pit - y,	light in our

hear our prayer. In sor - row, in grief:
hear our prayer. In weak - ness, in fear:
hear our prayer. In sick - ness, in death:
deep - est night. We call you; we wait:

Refrain

be near; hear our prayer, O God.

Text: Anne Quigley, b. 1955

Music: LONGING, Anne Quigley

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BLESSING

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ
strengthen and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

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.

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

BLESSING

The God who faithfully brings forth justice
and breaks the oppressor's rod
✠ bless, strengthen, and uphold you,
today and always.
Amen.

SENDING HYMN

"God, Be the Love"

ACS 1084



1 God, be the love to search and keep me; God, be the prayer to
2 Bind to my-self the name of Ho - ly, great cloud of wit - ness -
3 Bright-ness of sun and glow of moon-light, flash - ing of light - ning,
4 Walk - ing be-hind to hem my jour - ney, go - ing a - head to
5 Christ in the eyes of all who see me, Christ in the ears that



move my voice; God, be the strength to now up - hold me:
es en - fold; proph - ets, a - pos - tles, an - gels wit - ness:
strength of wind, depth of the sea to soil of plan - et:
light my way, and from be - neath, a - bove, and all ways:
hear my voice, Christ in the hearts of all who know me:



O Christ, sur - round me; O Christ, sur - round me.

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Music: GREEN TYLER, Richard Bruxvoort Colligan
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DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Follow the way of Jesus.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE "Fantasie in C Minor" Johann Sebastian Bach

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Mission and Vision
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A special welcome to newcomers, we're glad you are here! Please fill out an information card from the pew rack and place in the offering plate. We are eager to make a connection with you. Everyone is invited to fully participate in our worship and in our life together. If you would like more information about First Lutheran Church, please contact us at 712 239 3942, or email flcpastor3939@gmail.com.

All are welcome to the Lord's Table. Please come down the center aisle to receive the bread and wine, returning to your pew by the side aisle. Communion may be received in one kind only (only bread or only wine/juice). Gluten free wafers are available upon request.

Welcome children! You can find an activity bag near the entrance to the sanctuary and a children's bulletin. Time for children (just before the first reading) is a time for children and their parents, if desired, to come forward for a word with Pastor Kristine on the steps of the chancel. Following Time for Children, children are invited to Sunday School in Fireside Room, returning to the sanctuary following the sermon.

The **Annual Meeting of the Congregation** is scheduled for today, February 5th following worship in Fellowship Hall. Members of the congregation, please make your way to Fellowship Hall for lunch followed by the annual meeting of the congregation.

The Quilters are looking for more people to join them on Friday's at 9:00 am. They are in need of clean, flat bed sheets. All colors and sizes are welcome, except white.

Dee Bertram will not be selling cards this Sunday but will resume selling cards on February 12th.

THIS WEEK AT FIRST

February 5 – 11, 2023

Sunday:

10:00 Worship-SS/In Person/FB
Live/Radio w/Holy Communion
After Worship – Annual Meeting in FH

Monday:

Office Closed
5:00-6:30 Rising Stars in Gym
7:00 Scouts in FH

Tuesday:

5:00-6:30 Rising Stars in Gym
7:00-9:00 Pickleball in Gym

Wednesday:

9-11:30 Food Pantry
4:15-5:15 6th Gr Confirmation in FR

5:30-7:00 8th & 9th Gr Confirmation in FR

7:00-8:00 Choir in Sanc.

Thursday:

1:00-2:00 Bible Study in FR

7:00-9:00 Pickleball in Gym

Friday:

9:00 Quilters

7:00 AA in FH

Saturday:

9:00-11:00 Pickleball in Gym

1:00 Scouts FH