

\*The peace of the Lord be with you always.  
And also with you.

Sharing the Peace.

The Offering

\*The Offertory *“Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful”* p. 86

\*Offertory Prayer

**We give you thanks, O Lord, for your tender mercies and for all that you have so faithfully provided for us. May our gifts be a sign of our love toward you and our desire to do your holy will. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen**

\*Great Thanksgiving p. 88  
*“Holy, Holy, Holy”* p. 89

\*The Lord’s Prayer **Grey book #440**

Communion

*“Lamb of God”* p. 92

Distribution

*“Thank the Lord”* p. 92

Prayer after Communion

P: We give you thanks, Almighty God, that you have fed and refreshed us with this Holy Sacrament. Strengthen us in faith and fervent love toward one another, through your dear Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, whose body and blood we have humbly received.

**C: Amen**

\*The Blessing

P: Go with the blessing of God the Father, God the Son, and + God the Holy Spirit, and may the Light of God’s Word ever shine within your hearts and lives so that his holy name is praised throughout the world.

**C: Amen**

\*SENDING HYMN *“Take My Life and Let It Be”* #406

P: Go in peace. Let your light shine!

**C: Thanks be to God!**

Postlude

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LECTOR: Cindy Sarver  
COMMUNION ASSISTANTS: Gene & Jodi Fjeld

## WEST PRAIRIE LUTHERAN CHURCH

40041 150th Ave

Leland, Iowa



Fifth Sunday after Epiphany February 5, 2023

*Mission:* To proclaim the gospel of Jesus Christ to all through worship, education, outreach, and fellowship.

Communion given the 1<sup>st</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays in February

*Please be advised, the service is livestreamed and posted on the internet.*

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## Fifth Sunday after Epiphany February 5, 2023

### ORDER OF WORSHIP

(\*Stand as you are able)

Prelude/Enter joyously to worship the Lord

Welcome and Announcements

\*Confession & Forgiveness

P: Arise, shine, your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you. We are gathered in this Season of Light to worship God, the Father, the Son, + and the Holy Spirit. (Isaiah 60:1)

**C: Amen**

P: Let us humble ourselves before the Lord of all, confessing our sins of which we are aware and for those things that grieve Him of which we are unaware.

*(Silence for self-reflection and examination)*

P: Gracious God who sent the Light of the World into the darkness of our human sin.

**C: We come before you asking for your gracious mercy for all the things we have done and left undone. We have lived in darkness rather than seeking your light; we have ignored your call to serve our neighbors; and we have neglected to show our gratitude for all you've done for us. Forgive us, dear Lord. Let the light of Christ shine upon us and restore us to your salvation, that we might live holy lives here and now, and be with you in eternity. Amen.**

P: Lift up your eyes all around and see! Your heart shall thrill and exult in the Lord's mercy. The Holy One of Israel, the Lord your God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit forgives you all your sin and grants you salvation in his holy name.

**C:Amen**

\*Opening Hymn "O Christ, Our Hope" #300 vs 1-6

\*Greeting

P: May the glorious light of the Son of God shine upon you, the abiding love of the Father fill your hearts, and the peace of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C: And also with you.**

\*The Kyrie p. 78

\*Hymn of Praise "This is the Feast" p. 81

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

\*Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

**God of all compassion, you call us to be salt and light for your world, yet without your Spirit we are powerless to answer that call. Empower us to hear your voice and respond with faith and boldness; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

FIRST READING

**Isaiah 58:3-9a**

PSALMS

**Psalm 112:1-9**

SECOND READING

**1 Corinthians 2:6-12**

\*Gospel Acclamation "Alleluia" p. 83

*"Glory to you, O Lord"*

p. 83

\*HOLY GOSPEL

**Matthew 5:13-20**

*"Praise to you, O Christ"*

p. 83

Children's message

Sermon

Pastor Tony

HYMN OF THE DAY "How Good Lord to be Here" #89 vs 1-5

\*The Nicene Creed p. 84

\*Prayers

Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.

Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

**The Holy Gospel according to St Matthew the 5<sup>th</sup> Chapter.**

<sup>13</sup> "You are the salt of the earth. But if the salt loses its saltiness, how can it be made salty again? It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out and trampled underfoot.

<sup>14</sup> "You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. <sup>15</sup> Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. <sup>16</sup> In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven. <sup>17</sup> "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. <sup>18</sup> For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth disappear, not the smallest letter, not the least stroke of a pen, will by any means disappear from the Law until everything is accomplished. <sup>19</sup> Therefore anyone who sets aside one of the least of these commands and teaches others accordingly will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever practices and teaches these commands will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. <sup>20</sup> For I tell you that unless your righteousness surpasses that of the Pharisees and the teachers of the law, you will certainly not enter the kingdom of heaven.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Let your  
light  
shine.  
Matthew 5:16

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*~Pastor Tony is available for visitations and prayer requests. ~  
Please call or e-mail with your request.*

**The Fifth Sunday after Epiphany**

**February 5, 2023**

**The first lesson is from the 58<sup>th</sup> Chapter of Isaiah**

<sup>3</sup> 'Why have we fasted,' they say, 'and you have not seen it? Why have we humbled ourselves, and you have not noticed?' "Yet on the day of your fasting, you do as you please and exploit all your workers. <sup>4</sup> Your fasting ends in quarreling and strife, and in striking each other with wicked fists. You cannot fast as you do today and expect your voice to be heard on high. <sup>5</sup> Is this the kind of fast I have chosen, only a day for people to humble themselves? Is it only for bowing one's head like a reed and for lying in sackcloth and ashes? Is that what you call a fast, a day acceptable to the LORD? <sup>6</sup> "Is not this the kind of fasting I have chosen: to loose the chains of injustice and untie the cords of the yoke, to set the oppressed free and break every yoke? <sup>7</sup> Is it not to share your food with the hungry and to provide the poor wanderer with shelter—when you see the naked, to clothe them, and not to turn away from your own flesh and blood? <sup>8</sup> Then your light will break forth like the dawn, and your healing will quickly appear; then your righteousness will go before you, and the glory of the LORD will be your rear guard. <sup>9</sup> Then you will call, and the LORD will answer; you will cry for help, and he will say: Here am I. "If you do away with the yoke of oppression, with the pointing finger and malicious talk."

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**



**Let us pray Psalm 112 (responsively)**

<sup>1</sup> Praise the LORD. Blessed are those who fear the LORD, who find great delight in his commands.

<sup>2</sup> **Their children will be mighty in the land; the generation of the upright will be blessed.**

<sup>3</sup> Wealth and riches are in their houses, and their righteousness endures forever.

<sup>4</sup> **Even in darkness light dawns for the upright, for those who are gracious and compassionate and righteous.**

<sup>5</sup> Good will come to those who are generous and lend freely, who conduct their affairs with justice.

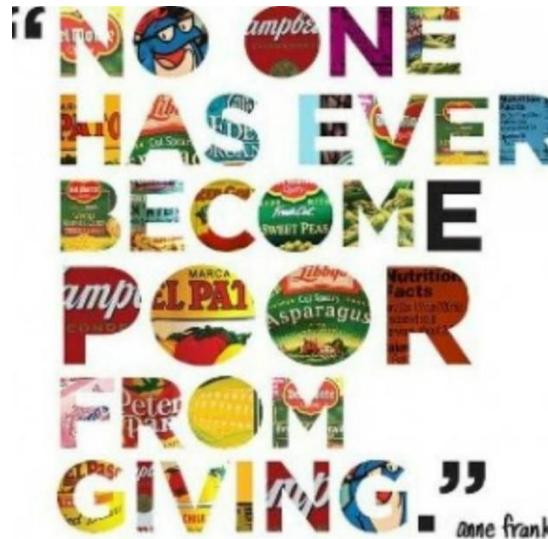
<sup>6</sup> **Surely the righteous will never be shaken; they will be remembered forever.**

<sup>7</sup> They will have no fear of bad news; their hearts are steadfast, trusting in the LORD.

<sup>8</sup> **Their hearts are secure, they will have no fear; in the end they will look in triumph on their foes.**

<sup>9</sup> They have freely scattered their gifts to the poor, their righteousness endures forever; their horn will be lifted high in honor.

Amen



**The second lesson is found in the 1<sup>st</sup> Chapter of 1 Corinthians**

<sup>6</sup> We do, however, speak a message of wisdom among the mature, but not the wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are coming to nothing. <sup>7</sup> No, we declare God's wisdom, a mystery that has been hidden and that God destined for our glory before time began. <sup>8</sup> None of the rulers of this age understood it, for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. <sup>9</sup> However, as it is written: "What no eye has seen, what no ear has heard, and what no human mind has conceived"—the things God has prepared for those who love him—<sup>10</sup> these are the things God has revealed to us by his Spirit. The Spirit searches all things, even the deep things of God. <sup>11</sup> For who knows a person's thoughts except their own spirit within them? In the same way no one knows the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God. <sup>12</sup> What we have received is not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, so that we may understand what God has freely given us.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

BUT THE WISDOM  
*that is from above*  
IS FIRST PURE,  
*then peaceable, gentle,*  
AND EASY TO BE INTREATED,  
*full of mercy and good fruits,*  
WITHOUT PARTIALITY,  
AND WITHOUT HYPOCRISY.  
~JAMES 3:17~

## Announcements & Activities

### **West Prairie prayer list:**

Jonie Bang, Phyllis Disque, Joyce Greer, Alan Goranson, Brittney Hawke, Dennis Kramer, Ryan Mullins (in the military), Denny Norstrud, Scott Norstrud, Allen Peterson, Jean Peterson, LeAnn Peterson, Roger Peterson, our sister church in the LCMC, St Paul Lutheran Church, Hull, IA, and Bethel Lutheran Church, Scarville, IA.

Please let me or Pastor Tony know of any prayer requests you may have. We will gladly list them. Cindy at csarver52@gmail.com or 319-931-3570.

Scott Norstrud was hospitalized last week. Prayers for the Norstrud Family.

Movie Night: Tonight 5:30 pm, movie to be announced.

**Correction** to January 2023 Council Minutes. Pastor Tony received a 10.2% cost of living increase. Approved at Annual Meeting 1/15/23.

### **This Week's Activities**

|                     |         |                                 |
|---------------------|---------|---------------------------------|
| Wed., Feb. 8, 2023  | 9:00 am | WOW Quilt, Mitchell's following |
|                     | 7:00 pm | Church Council Meeting          |
| Sun., Feb. 12, 2023 | 8:30 am | Worship, fellowship following.  |
|                     | 9:45 am | Sunday school                   |
|                     | 5:30 pm | Movie TBA                       |

### **February Volunteers**

**Fellowship:** Feb. 12 — Julie and Jan Reimann  
Feb. 19 —  
Feb. 26 — Cindy Sarver

**Lector:** Cindy Sarver

**Usher(s):**

**Flowers:**

**Communion Prep/Clean-up:** Cindy Sarver

**Birthdays:** Angela Haugen (2/7), Logan West (2/8),  
Judy Norstrud (2/10)

Note: Bulletin Information can be sent to Cindy by email: csarver52@gmail.com or phone-319-931-3570. Entry deadline, Wednesdays by 5:00 pm.