

**TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH
FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY**



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SERVICE OF THE WORD

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PRELUDE Deep River – Spiritual,
Nancy Jackman & Ross McDonald - Duo

GATHERING

WELCOME & PARISH NOTICES

CONFESSON & FORGIVENESS AMEN.

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GATHERING SONG Gather Us In

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Here in this place the new light is streaming,
now is the darkness vanished away;
see in this space our fears and our dreamings
brought here to you in the light of this day.
Gather us in, the lost and forsaken,
gather us in, the blind and the lame;
call to us now, and we shall awaken,
we shall arise at the sound of our name.

We are the young, our lives are a myst'ry,
we are the old who yearn for your face;
we have been sung throughout all of hist'ry,
called to be light to the whole human race.
Gather us in, the rich and the haughty,
gather us in, the proud and the strong;
give us a heart, so meek and so lowly,
give us the courage to enter the song.

(continued...)

Here we will take the wine and the water,
here we will take the bread of new birth,
here you shall call your sons and your daughters,
call us anew to be salt for the earth.

Give us to drink the wine of compassion,
give us to eat the bread that is you;
nourish us well, and teach us to fashion
lives that are holy and hearts that are true.

Not in the dark of buildings confining,
not in some heaven, light years away—
here in this place the new light is shining,
now is the kingdom, and now is the day.
Gather us in and hold us forever,
gather us in and make us your own;
gather us in, all peoples together,
fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

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GREETING AND ALSO WITH YOU.

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PRAYER OF THE DAY AMEN.

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WORD

FIRST READING: ISAIAH 58:1-9A [9B-12]

“Cry aloud, spare not, lift up your voice like a trumpet; declare to my people their transgression, to the house of Jacob their sins. Yet they seek me daily, and delight to know my ways, as if they were a nation that did righteousness and did not forsake the ordinance of their God; they ask of me righteous judgments, they delight to draw near to God. ‘Why have we fasted, and thou seest it not? Why have we humbled ourselves, and thou takest no knowledge of it?’ Behold, in the day of your fast you seek your own pleasure, and oppress all your workers. Behold, you fast only to quarrel and to fight and to hit with wicked fist. Fasting like yours this day will not make your voice to be heard on high. Is such the fast that I choose, a day for a man to humble himself? Is it to bow down his head like a rush, and to spread sackcloth and ashes under him? Will you call this a fast, and a day acceptable to the LORD? “Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of wickedness, 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 him, and not to hide yourself from your own flesh? Then shall your light break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up speedily; your righteousness 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, and he will say, Here I am.

“If you take away from the midst of you the yoke, the pointing of the finger, and speaking wickedness, if you pour yourself out for the hungry and satisfy the desire of the afflicted, then shall your light rise in the darkness and your gloom be as the noonday. And the LORD will guide you continually, and satisfy your desire with good things, and make your bones strong; and you shall be like a watered garden, like a spring of water, whose waters fail not. And your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt; you shall raise up the foundations of many generations; you shall be called the repairer of the breach, the restorer of streets to dwell in.

C: Thanks be to God

PSALM 112:1-9 [10]

Read responsively by full verse

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

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

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

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

⁵ It is good for them to be gener- I ous in lending
and to manage their af- I fairs with justice.

⁶ **For they will nev- I er be shaken;
the righteous will be kept in everlast- I ing
remembrance.**

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

⁸ **Their heart is established and I will not shrink,
until they see their desire up- I on their enemies.**

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

¹⁰ **The wicked will see it and be angry; they will gnash
their teeth and I pine away;
the desires of the wick- I ed will perish. R**

SECOND READING: 1 CORINTHIANS 2:1-12 [13-16]

2 When I came to you, brethren, I did not come proclaiming to you the testimony^[a] of God in lofty words or wisdom. **2** For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ and him crucified. **3** And I was with you in weakness and in much fear and trembling; **4** and my speech and my message were not in plausible words of wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power, **5** that your faith might not rest in the wisdom of men but in the power of God.

6 Yet among the mature we do impart wisdom, although it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to pass away. **7** But we impart a secret and hidden wisdom of God, which God decreed before the ages for our glorification. **8** None of the rulers of this age understood this; for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. **9** But, as it is written,

“What no eye has seen, nor ear heard,
nor the heart of man conceived,
what God has prepared for those who love him,”

10 God has revealed to us through the Spirit. For the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. **11** For what person knows a man’s thoughts except the spirit of the man which is in him? So also no one comprehends the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God. **12** Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit which is from God, that we might understand the gifts bestowed on us by God. **13** And we impart this in words not taught by human wisdom but taught by the Spirit, interpreting spiritual truths to those who possess the Spirit.^[b]

14 The unspiritual^[c] man does not receive the gifts of the Spirit of God, for they are folly to him, and he is not able to understand them because they are spiritually discerned. **15** The spiritual man judges all things, but is himself to be judged by no one. **16** “For who has known the mind of the Lord so as to instruct him?” But we have the mind of Christ.

C: Thanks be to God.

L: The Holy Gospel according to ... C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

GOSPEL: MATTHEW 5:13-20

¹³ “You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything except to be thrown out and trodden under foot by men.

¹⁴ “You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hid. ¹⁵ Nor do men light a lamp and put it under a bushel, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. ¹⁶ Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.

¹⁷ “Think not that I have come to abolish the law and the prophets; I have come not to abolish them but to fulfil them. ¹⁸ For truly, I say to you, till heaven and earth pass away, not an iota, not a dot, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. ¹⁹ Whoever then relaxes one of the least of these commandments and teaches men so, shall be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but he who does them and teaches them shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven. ²⁰ For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.

L: This is the Gospel of the Lord, C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

Lord of light, your name outshining
all the stars and suns of space,
use our talents in your kingdom
as the servants of your grace;
use us to fulfill your purpose
in the gift of Christ your Son:

Refrain

Father, as in highest heaven,
so on earth your will be done.

By the toil of faithful workers
in some far outlying field,
by the courage where the radiance
of the cross is still revealed,
by the victories of meekness,
through reproach and suff'ring won: *Refrain*

Grant that knowledge, still increasing,
at your feet may lowly kneel;
with your grace our triumphs hallow,
with your charity our zeal;
lift the nations from the shadows
to the gladness of the sun: *Refrain*

By the prayers of faithful watchers,
never silent day or night;
by the cross of Jesus, bringing
peace to all and healing light;
by the love that passes knowledge,
making all your children one: *Refrain*

CREED (*APOSTLES' CREED PG. 217 OR NICENE CREED PG. 104*)

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

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L: Merciful God, C: **Receive our prayer.**

THE PEACE

L: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: **And also with you.**

THANKSGIVING

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Canticle Of Thanksgiving

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CANTICLE OF THANKSGIVING

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THE LORD'S PRAYER

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SENDING

BLESSING Amen

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SENDING SONG This Little Light of Mine

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This little light of mine, I'm goin'-a let it shine;
this little light of mine, I'm goin'-a let it shine;
this little light of mine, I'm goin'-a let it shine,
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Ev'rywhere I go, I'm goin'-a let it shine;
ev'rywhere I go, I'm goin'-a let it shine;
ev'rywhere I go, I'm goin'-a let it shine,
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Jesus gave it to me, I'm goin'-a let it shine;
Jesus gave it to me, I'm goin'-a let it shine;
Jesus gave it to me, I'm goin'-a let it shine,
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Text: African American spiritual

DISMISSAL L: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

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C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE Sometimes I Feel Like A Motherless Child – Spiritual

Nancy Jackman & Ross McDonald - Duo

PARISH NOTICES

WELCOME We are happy that you have chosen to join us today. You have increased our joy with your presence, and we hope you will return again soon.

OUR THANKS to Pastor Frank Mantz for his leadership this morning.

FLOWER CHART If you would like to provide flowers for the altar on a specific day, please add your name to the sign-up sheet next to the Pastor's office.

TODAY NANCY JACKMAN AND ROSS MCDONALD presented music for the second week of **Black History Month**. Nancy and Ross played the prelude and postlude music, keyboard duo.

Thank you, Nancy for sharing your gift of music with us today. We are blessed.

THE MEN'S CLUB BREAKFAST will be held on Saturday, February 14, at 9:00 a.m.

Ladies are welcome to attend.

Please note that the cost of breakfast is \$7.00

Our speaker will be Rev. David Wirt.

REDEEMER WARMLY INVITES YOU to their all-you-can-eat Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper on February 17 running from 4:30 PM to 6:30 PM, at Redeemer Lutheran Church at 1 Frank Place off Wellington Road. The building is wheelchair accessible.

PLEASE JOIN US FOR WORLD DAY OF PRAYER on Friday, March 6th at 2:00 pm. This is an opportunity to enrich our faith and bring hope to others. A reception will follow the service.

THE MISSION STORE IS ASKING FOR DONATIONS of warm winter clothes, hoodies and footwear. Donations can be dropped off in the office with Angela.

MY SISTER'S PLACE Please leave donations at the My Sister's Place box in Koehler Hall. Some of the most needed items include toilet paper, paper towels, Kleenex, laundry detergent, hand soap, cleaning supplies, full sized toiletries, feminine hygiene products, granola bars, fruit cups and gift cards for grocery stores, Tim Hortons, Giant Tiger and pharmacies. Gift Cards can be left in the office with Angela.

ELEVATOR ASSISTANCE is now available before and after the service. Please ask the elevator host for assistance.

IN OUR PRAYERS

If you or a family member is going into hospital, please let us know so that a Pastor can plan to visit.

We pray for those in our community, especially Geraldine Wigelsworth, Teresa Hamilton, Rosemary Christensen, Jean Krautner, Mary Anne Stewart, Kathy Hough, Don Cook, Nancy Hickling and Barb Hamilton.

We also pray for healing and comfort for those close to our congregation as we name - Deborah & Bobby, daughter and son of Sharon Mantle, Edward Schmidt, brother of Fred; Mavis Copeman, sister of Jean Hohnstein, Steve Hodgins and Margy Mantz, wife of Pastor Frank Mantz.

We also pray for the Retired Roster: Jack Dressler, Jim Garey, John Goldsworthy, Tom Ristine, Glenn Sellick and Bob Zimmerman.

IN WORSHIP THIS MORNING

Leader: Pastor Frank Mantz
Music: Ross McDonald
Cantor: George Cooper
Reader: Lisa Hinnah
Greeters: Dave and Pauline Hutchison
Coffee Host: The Hinnah Family
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