



salt of
the **earth**

CONCORDIA LUTHERAN CHURCH

February 5, 2017

Fifth Sunday of Epiphany

8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

(we stand)

CONFESSION & FORGIVENES

Blessed be the Holy Trinity, + one God, who is the light and life of all the ages.

Amen.

Trusting in Jesus Christ, who came to share our humanity and bring light to this broken world, let us come before God without fear to make our confession.

(Silence is kept for reflection)

Comforting God,

We confess before you and in the presence of one another that we are sinners who fail to live as you desire. So often we place our trust in ourselves and not in you. We do not love each other as you have commanded. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, forgive us. In your boundless patience and mercy, lead us to live by faith in your promise. Amen.

God's love for us is greater than all our sins. God promises full pardon and complete forgiveness to all who turn from sin and place their trust in Christ, the light of the world. Hear and believe the good news that all your sins are forgiven.

With God nothing is impossible.

Amen.

GATHERING SONG LBW # 433 "The Church of Christ in Every Age"

PRAYER OF THE DAY

The grace of our Savior Jesus Christ, Word made flesh, be with you all.

And also with you.

Let us pray. Stand watch over your family, O Lord, that we who depend entirely on your heavenly grace may always be protected in the mighty fortress of your love; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

(we sit)

CHILDREN'S WELCOME SONG

"Jesus Loves Me"

(sung by the congregation)

*Jesus loves me! This I know, for the bible tells me so;
Little ones to Him belong, they are weak but He is strong.
Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! The bible tells me so.*

CHILDREN'S SERMON *(then children 2nd grade and younger may attend Children's Church)*

PSALM 112:1-9 (read responsively)

¹Hallelujah! Happy are they who fear the Lord and have great delight in his commandments!

²Their descendants will be mighty in the land;

The generation of the upright will be blessed.

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

⁴Light shines in the darkness for the upright;

the righteous are merciful and full of compassion.

⁵It is good for them to be generous in lending and to manage their affairs with justice.

⁶For they will never be shaken;

The righteous will be kept in everlasting remembrance.

⁷They will not be afraid of any evil rumors;

Their heart is right; they put their trust in the Lord.

⁸Their heart is established and will not shrink, until they see their desire upon their enemies.

⁹They have given freely to the poor, and their righteousness stands fast forever;

They will hold up their head with honor.

Here ends the reading of the Psalm.

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 58:3-9a

³“Why have we fasted, and you see it not? Why have we humbled ourselves, and you take no knowledge of it?”

Behold, in the day of your fast you seek your own pleasure, and oppress all your workers.

⁴Behold, you fast only to quarrel and to fight and to hit with a wicked fist.

Fasting like yours this day will not make your voice to be heard on high.

⁵Is such the fast that I choose, a day for a person to humble himself? Is it to bow down his head like a reed, and to spread sackcloth and ashes under him? Will you call this a fast, and a day acceptable to the Lord?

⁶Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of wickedness, to undo the straps of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke?

⁷Is 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?

⁸Then 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.

⁹Then you shall call, and the Lord will answer; you shall cry, and he will say, ‘Here I am.’”

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

(we stand)

(11:00 a.m.) GOSPEL HYMN

"All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!"

All hail the pow'r of Jesus' name! Let angels prostrate fall;

Bring forth the royal diadem And crown him Lord of all.

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GOSPEL

Matthew 5:13-20

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 5th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹³(Jesus said) “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 trampled under people’s feet. ¹⁴You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden.

¹⁵Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, 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 who is in heaven. ¹⁷Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them.

¹⁸For truly, I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not an iota, not a dot, will pass from the Law until all is accomplished. ¹⁹Therefore whoever relaxes 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 the Lord!

Praise to you, O Christ!

(we sit)

SERMON

Pastor Ken Reed

SONG OF THE DAY

LBW # 300

“O Christ, Our Hope”

PRAYERS & APOSTLES' CREED

In the tender compassion of our God, let us pray.

Mighty God of mercy, we thank you for the resurrection dawn, bring the glory of the risen Lord who makes every day new.

for the people of this congregation...
for those who suffer and are need of healing...
for this community...
for our nation and the world...
for the Christian church...

Almighty and everlasting God, you have brought us safely into this new day. Preserve us with your mighty power, so that we may not fall into sin nor be overcome in adversity. In all we do, direct us to the fulfilling of your purpose. Through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again 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

***(8:30 am/11:00am services)* ANTHEM**

Special Music

Michael Adams

(we stand)

OFFERTORY

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.

Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me.

Restore to me, the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with your free Spirit.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Almighty God,

Holy is your name. You have done great things for us. Receive our thanks and praise. Receive and bless all that we offer you: our tithes, our abilities and all you have given us. May your grace and favor, through us, make your name known through all the world. For the sake of Jesus Christ, our redeemer. Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also 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 him thanks and praise.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me. Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

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

Send the Spirit of your Son into our hearts, that as your beloved children we may welcome our Savior who comes to us in his body and blood. Hear us as we pray,

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.

INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION

Christ is revealed to us in this meal. Come and behold. God welcomes you to his holy table.

Amen.

(we sit)

COMMUNION HYMN OFH # 54 "Take My Life and Let It Be"

(we stand)

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING & PRAYER

May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

Amen.

Let us pray. Radiant God, with our eyes we have seen your salvation, and in this meal we have feasted on your grace. May your Word take flesh in us, that we may be your holy people, revealing your glory made known to us in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

SENDING SONG LBW # 559 "O, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing"

BENEDICTION & SENDING

Light and peace are yours through Jesus Christ.

May your light so shine before others, that they see your works and glorify your Father in heaven.

Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

Amen.

Go in peace and serve the Lord!

We will! Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE