



God, who is here in mercy, loved us even when we were alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved through faith in Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God, through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in us. Amen.

Gathering Hymn

Gather Us In

OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

Prayer request and visitor cards can be found in the packet.

(*) Denotes when to stand, if you are able. **Boldface** readings are spoken together.

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Let the Lower Lights Be Burning

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God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

Gracious God,

have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you.

reeting

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.**

1. 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
call to us now, and we shall awaken, we shall arise.

2. 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
Give us a heart, so meek and so lowly, gives us grace.

3. 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
nourish us well and teach us to fashion
lives that are holy and hearts that are true
into the fullness of Jesus.

4. 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
Gather us in all peoples together, fire of love in us.

In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship,
let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Help, save, comfort, and defend us gracious Lord.

Amen.

Hymn of Praise

This is the Feast

Refrain

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia.

1. Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood sets
us free. Power and riches and wisdom and strength, and honor
and glory are his.

Refrain

2. Sing with all the people of God and join in the hymn of all creatures.
Blessing and honor and glory and might be to God and the Lord

Final refrain

This is the feast of victory for our God,
for the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia. Amen.

Prayer of the Day

Lord God, **with endless mercy you receive the prayers of your people.**
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 Lord.
Amen.

A reading from 1 Corinthians.

Though people such as the Corinthians are enamored of wisdom, Paul continuously presents God's hidden wisdom crucified. True spiritual maturity involves judging all things by God's revelation in the cross.

¹When I came to you, brothers and sisters, I did not proclaim the mystery of God to you in lofty words or wisdom. I proclaimed it among you except Jesus Christ, and him crucified. I was weak and in fear and in much trembling. ⁴My message was not with plausible words of wisdom, but with 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 a mystery, the hidden wisdom, secret and hidden, which God decreed before the world for our glory. ⁸None of the rulers of this age understood this, for they did 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 his Spirit. ¹¹For what does the Spirit search for in the human except the human spirit that is within? So we know the mind of God, which is truly God's except the Spirit of God. ¹²Now we have received the wisdom of God, the wisdom that was hidden from the world, but the Spirit that is from God, so that we have made known to you. ¹³And we speak of these things in a mystery, but not in human wisdom but taught by the Spirit, interpreting spiritual truths to those who are spiritual.

¹⁴Those who are unspiritual do not receive the truths of the Spirit, for they are foolishness to them, and they are unable to understand them, for they are spiritually discerned. ¹⁵Those who are spiritual discern all things, but they themselves are subject to no one else's scrutiny.

¹⁶"For who has known the mind of the Lord so as to instruct him?" But we have the mind of Christ.

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

- 1,5. Light of Christ, burn bright, with hope illumine our love, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from our lips. Shine, resound with joy, that all may know the promise accomplished. ¹⁹Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments, shall be called least in the kingdom of heaven. Sign of grace and peace, this Church of God come nourished teaches others to do the same, will be called least in the kingdom of heaven. Sacrament and Word proclaimed now form us in the risen Christ. 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.
2. Light of Christ, burn bright where water flows revealing our sins, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. Cleansed of hate and fear, we breathe new life, our comfort. The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ** Crowned, redeemed, and named, held as a friend and born of Spirit's breath, Walk now, unafraid, God's living sign that life has conquered death.
3. Light of Christ, burn bright where pilgrims gather, seeking truth and life, *Light House*
All with humble hearts share of one meal, and feast with great delight.
May all those who come rejoice in hope, sustained by living bread,
Formed, and healed, forgiven, strengthened: all who eat of the bread of life. *My Lord of Light*
4. Light of Christ, burn bright where oil anoints and comforts the human soul, *My Lord of Light*
Easing grief and loss, signed by the cross, in Christ now we remain. *My Lord of Light*
All our wounds now bound with healing light and balm of sacrifice,
Consolation, mercy unrestrained, Christ's voice now speaks, "Arise, O Lord of love who knew no sin, a sinner's death for those of us you wore a crown of thorns, a crown of glory."

Children's Message

3. Pastor Kevin Olson
My Lord of life who came in fire when Christ was born,
your burning love is now released, our days of freedom.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?
You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.

4. ^{p. 151a}
My Lord of lords, one Trinity, to your pure name
all glory now and evermore, all praise in earth and heaven.

Apostles' Creed

Gospel

Matthew 5:12-20
With the Church, we confess our faith.

The holy gospel according to Matthew. **Glory to you, O Lord**
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.
[Jesus said:] ¹³You 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.
¹⁴You 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.

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, 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.**

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 our thanks and praise.

Holy, Holy, Holy

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might.

Heav'n and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord

Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.

Prayers of Intercession

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

A brief silence.

Call your people to seek your wisdom in difficult conversation,
the church everywhere courage to repent for the ways we have
practiced injustice (injustice such as systemic racism, church sanction of
colonialism, church protection of sexual abusers may be named).

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.**

Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

Words of Institution

Lord's Prayer

Reception of Offering *This Little Light of Mine* arr. by Nadine Berg

Lamb of God

Offertory Response *In the Bleak Midwinter*

Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world
#294 (vs 3 ELW)
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world
grant us peace.
grant us peace.

Offering Prayer

God of all creation, **all you have made is good, and your love endures
forever. You bring forth bread from the earth and fruit from the vine.
Nourish us with these gifts, that we might be for the world signs of your
gracious presence in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

Communion Hymns

This Little Light of Mine

1. This little Light of mine, I'm goin'a let it shine....

2. Everywhere I go, I'm goin'a let it shine...

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

1. Longing for light, we wait in darkness. / Longing for truth, we wait for the dawn.
Make us your own, your holy people, / light for the world to see.
Trinity: Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the darkness.
Christ be our light! Shine in your church gathered today.

God of abundance, with this bread of life unite
**united us with Christ, making us one with a
forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may
love to the world and continue forever in the
our Lord. Amen.**

2. Longing for peace, our world is troubled. Longing for hope, many despair.
Your word alone has pow'r to save us. Make us your living voice. (Refrain)
The Lord bless you and keep you.
3. Longing for food, many are hungry. / Longing for water, many are thirsty.
Make us your bread, broken for others, shared until all are fed. The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you
The Lord bless you and keep you.
4. Longing for shelter, many are homeless. / Longing for warmth, many are cold.
Make us your building sheltering others, walls made of living stone. (Refrain)
5. Many the gifts, many the people, / many the hearts that yearn to belong.
Let us be servants to one another, signs of your kingdom come. (Refrain)

Blessing

ending Hymn

God, Whose Almighty Word

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

1. Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
in light in accessible hidden from our eyes,
most blessed glorious the Ancient of Days,
almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise!
2. Unresting, unchanging, and silent as light,
nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might;
thy justice like mountains high soaring above
thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.
3. To all, life thou givest, to both great and small;
in all life thou livest the true life of all;
we blossom and flourish like leaves on the tree,
'tis only the splendor of light hideth thee!
4. Thou reignest in glory; thou dwellest in light;
thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;
all laud we would render; oh, help us to see
'tis only the splendor of light hideth thee!

1. God, whose almighty word chaos and darkness
hear us, we humbly pray, and where the gospel
not its glorious ray, let there be light.

2. Christ, who once came to bring, on your redeemed
health to the troubled mind, sight where illusion
oh, now to humankind let there be light.

3. Spirit of truth and love, life giving holy dove, sp
move on the water's face bearing in the lamp of
and in earth's darkest place let there be light.

4. Holy and blessed thee, glorious Trinity, Wisdom,
boundless as ocean's tide, rolling in fullest pride
through the earth, far and wide, let there be light.

Dismissal

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Justice and Mercy Steven Scott

ASSISTING WITH WORSHIP TODAY

stor: Kevin Olson
olyte: Sam Pinkoski, Naomi Ronning
ctor: Fred Fawkes
ntor: Paula Jackson
oir Director: Roy Berg
ganist: Nadine Berg
hers: Mike & Pam Finco, Dan Ellefson
llers: Jan Gregorich, Dianne Mousseau
leographer: Dustin Davidson, John Law
ar Guild: Sharon Cook

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

b Moe for his birthday, yesterday
nneth Hocking for his birthday this Friday
y & Charlene Norman 61 years
nrad & Bonnie Mangseth 62 years

æ extend our deepest sympathies to the family of Tom
Nancy Sampson for the passing of their son, Jeffrey
omas Sampson on January, 30th 2023 God Bless

æ extend our deepest sympathies to the family of Sue
Tom Graber for the passing of Sue's mother, Rose
radi, on January 21st 2023. God Bless

RADIO BROADCAST

Our radio broadcast is sponsored by Helga
lson in loving memory of her son, Bob - Thank you!

ANNOUNCEMETNS

VLM Annual Meeting taking place at OSLC Saturday,
February 11th at 10:30

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OPPORTUNITIES

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Today 5th in *newborn and size 1* are also welcome. Moneta
9:00 - Worship & Communion
10:30 Radio Broadcast
12:00 PM VLMG
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am Rundell for OSLCW
Monday, 6th

9:00 Quilting

Tuesday, 7th

5:00 Foundation Committee

It's time to register for Camp Vermilion or Camp Hiawatha

6:00 TV Broadcast

Chanel 805 OSLC will pay for your camp experience!

6:30 Council Meeting

Register online using transfer code: **OSLC501**

Wednesday, 8th

Go to: VLMcamps.org

8:00 TV Broadcast

Chanel 805

8:30 Bible Study

Register by February 15th to get the **"Early, Early Bird**

11:30 Staff Meeting

6:00 Handbells

7:00 Confirmation

Grades 7th, 8th & 9th Radio broadcast sponsorships and

7:00 You Choir
You would like to sponsor a broadcast in memory of a
event, please call the office at 218

Thursday, 9th

10:00 Women's Bible Study

Weekly broadcasts are \$50

Saturday, 11th

10:30 VLM Annual Meeting

Please note: Church Office will be closed on

Sunday, 12th

9:00 Worship &

Sunday School

10:00 Coffee & Fellowship

10:30 Radio Broadcast