

**OFFERING PRAYER:** Let us pray. Merciful God, as grains of wheat scattered upon the hills were gathered together to become one bread, so let your church be gathered together from the ends of the earth into your kingdom, for yours is the glory through Jesus Christ, now and forever. Amen.

**MEAL (ELW p. 144)**

**HOLY, HOLY, HOLY: (ELW p. 144)**

**LORD'S PRAYER: (ELW p. 145)**

**COMMUNION HYMNS: *Lamb of God* (ELW p. 146)**

*You Satisfy the Hungry Heart* (ELW 484)

*Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service* (ELW 712)

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION:** Let us pray. Gracious God, in this meal you have drawn us to your heart and nourished us at your table with food and drink, the body and blood of Christ. Now send us forth to be your people in the world, and to proclaim your truth this day and evermore, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

**BLESSING**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**SENDING SONG: *This Little Light of Mine* (ELW 677)**

**DISMISSAL**

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*All who desire communion with Jesus and approach the sacrament with faith, are welcome at the Lord's Table. While both the common cup and individual glasses are offered, we encourage the use of the common cup to emphasize the unity we share in the Body of Christ, the church (please indicate your preference to the servers). A non-alcohol option is available in the tray. You may also partake of bread only, or come to the table for a blessing only.*

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**LECTIONARY STUDY:** Monday, February 10, 2 pm. Lectio: 1 Cor 3:7-11.

**CONFIRMATION CLASS:** Tuesday, February 11, 5:30 pm, at FLC.

**MEN'S BREAKFAST:** Wednesday, February 12, 9 am at Chances R Restaurant.

**MEDITATION GROUP:** Wednesday, February 12, 5 pm, at FLC.

**COUNCIL MEETING:** Wednesday, February 12, 7 pm, at FLC.

**NEW MEMBERS:** Welcome to our new members, Simon Lieschke and Elsie Swendsen. Please pray for them as we accompany them on their journeys of faith.

**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING:** FLC's AGM is after the service on Sunday, Feb 23<sup>rd</sup>. The *Annual Report* is in your church mailboxes today and the *Constitution & Bylaws* documents were distributed last week. Please read them carefully and bring a print copy of the *Constitution & Bylaws* to the meeting.

**PRAYER PAL, LENT EDITION:** If you have a concern or know someone that would benefit from special daily prayers, join us after the service on March 1. For more information, contact Rochelle Piske at rochellepiske@gmail.com.

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# Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

## Sunday, February 9<sup>th</sup>, 2020

Evangelical Lutheran Worship (ELW), Setting 3



**Pastor:** Martin Malina

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**Church Secretary:** Debra Boyd-Chisholm

### **Assisting Today:**

Lector: Brenda Shoenermarck

Assistant: Earla Roth

Musician: Sharon Wirth

Cantor: Krista Quenneville

Ushers: Krista & Pierre

Quenneville

Counters: Ian McGill &

Barbra Fricker

### **Next Sunday:**

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**GATHERING AND WELCOME**

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS: (ELW p. 94)**

**OPENING HYMN: *Dearest Jesus, At Your Word* (ELW 520)**

**GREETING**

**KYRIE: (ELW p. 138)**

**HYMN OF PRAISE: *Glory to God in the Highest ...* (ELW p. 139)**

**PRAYER OF THE DAY: Let us pray. 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.**

**FIRST READING: Isaiah 58:6-12** A reading from Isaiah.

<sup>6</sup>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?

<sup>7</sup>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?

<sup>8</sup>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.

<sup>9</sup>Then you shall call, and the Lord will answer; you shall cry for help, and he will say, Here I am.

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

If you remove the yoke from among you, the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil,

<sup>10</sup> if you offer your food to the hungry and satisfy the needs of the afflicted, then your light shall rise in the darkness and your gloom be like the noonday.

<sup>11</sup> The Lord will guide you continually, and satisfy your needs in parched places, and make your bones strong; and you shall be like a watered garden, like a spring of water, whose waters never fail.

<sup>12</sup> 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 live in.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church. **Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM: Psalm 112:1-9** (*Sung in unison*)

**SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 2:1-12** A reading from 1 Corinthians.

<sup>1</sup>When I came to you, brothers and sisters, I did not come proclaiming the mystery of God to you in lofty words or wisdom. <sup>2</sup>For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ, and him crucified. <sup>3</sup>And I came to you in weakness and in fear

and in much trembling. <sup>4</sup>My speech and my proclamation were not with plausible words of wisdom, but with a demonstration of the Spirit and of power, <sup>5</sup>so that your faith might rest not on human wisdom but on the power of God.

<sup>6</sup>Yet 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. <sup>7</sup>But we speak God's wisdom, secret and hidden, which God decreed before the ages for our glory. <sup>8</sup>None of the rulers of this age understood this; for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. <sup>9</sup>But, 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”—

<sup>10</sup>these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit; for the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. <sup>11</sup>For 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. <sup>12</sup>Now 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.

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**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: *Alleluia* (ELW p. 142)**

**GOSPEL: Matthew 5:13-20**

The holy gospel according to Matthew. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus said:] <sup>13</sup>“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.

<sup>14</sup>“You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. <sup>15</sup>No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. <sup>16</sup>In 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.

<sup>17</sup>“Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. <sup>18</sup>For 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. <sup>19</sup>Therefore, 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. <sup>20</sup>For 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.**

**SERMON: (Read along at [www.raspberryman.wordpress.com](http://www.raspberryman.wordpress.com))**

**HYMN OF THE DAY: *Christ Be Our Light* (ELW 715)**

**RECEIVING OF NEW MEMBERS: (ELW p. 234)**

**APOSTLES CREED: (ELW p. 105 or back cover of hymn book)**

**PRAYERS OF PETITION: Hear us, O God. Your mercy is great.**

**SHARING THE PEACE**

**GIFT GATHERING AND SONG: *Let the Vineyards...* (ELW 181)**