



**5th Sunday after Epiphany
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WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING HYMN: *Shine Jesus Shine*

BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

L: In the Name of the Father, and of the Son+, and of the Holy Spirit:

C: Amen.

L: Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

L: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

(Silence may be kept.)

C: Most merciful Father, Although in Christ our light has come, too much we prefer the darkness of sin. We do not let your holy light shine in our lives so others may see our good works and glorify you. We are deeply sorry and humbly repent. Forgive us and fill us with your Spirit. Give us once again the joy of your salvation; and send us out to proclaim your strong saving love, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

L: Arise, shine, for your Light has come; and the glorious mercy of the Lord shines round about you. In the name of and by the authority of our Savior Jesus Christ, I announce the forgiveness of your sin. May the Holy Spirit strengthen your faith, heal your spirit, and equip you to proclaim the greatness of the Lord until he comes in glory.

C: Amen.

GREETING

L: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

KYRIE (TIMELINE)

p.28 (WOV)

Ⓐ Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son: Ⓛ Lord, have mer - cy.
Lord, have mer - cy.

Ⓐ Chri - ste e - le - i - son: Ⓛ Christ, have mer - cy.
Christ, have mer - cy.

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Lord, have mer - cy.

HYMN OF PRAISE ("With Glory Bright v 1-5")

(TIMELINE - FADE OUT AFTER 5 VERSES)

1. With glo - ry bright and heav'n - ly gilds your name; Lord, touch our hearts, we pray.
2. God, Fa - ther, glo - ry glor - ious Sun of right-eous ness; bring heal - ing on your wing.
3. O Sing, 'Glo - ry be to you, O Lord; to you, O Christ, be praise.
4. Most glor - ious Spi - rit, Ho - ly Lord, con - form us to the Son,
6. O glo - ry to the Fath - er, Son, and Spir - it ev - er be!

With jud - ment true the earth re - new; turn dark-ness in - to day.
We bless and praise, our thanks we raise; your mer - cy we im - plore.
By your dear grace, re - veal your face, un - bar our hearts to sing.
God's Lamb of love from heav'n a - bove, Re - deem - er of our race."
To right - ly praise through all our days what - he for us has done.
God, bring your life a - midst our strife, and reign tri - umph - ant - ly.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: Let us pray.....

C: 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.

FIRST READING – Isaiah 58:3-9a

L: The first lesson is from the 58th chapter of Isaiah.

3 “Why do we fast, but you do not see?

 Why humble ourselves, but you do not notice?”

Look, you serve your own interest on your fast day
 and oppress all your workers.

4 You fast only to quarrel and to fight
 and to strike with a wicked fist.

Such fasting as you do today
 will not make your voice heard on high.

5 Is such the fast that I choose,
 a day to humble oneself?

Is it to bow down the head like a bulrush
 and to lie in sackcloth and ashes?

Will you call this a fast,
 a day acceptable to the Lord?

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

7 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?

8 Then your light shall break forth like the dawn,
 and your healing shall spring up quickly;
your vindicator[a] shall go before you;
 the glory of the Lord shall be your rear guard.

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

L: Here ends the reading.

PSALM 112:1-9

1 Praise the Lord!

Happy are those who fear the Lord,
who greatly delight in his commandments.
2 Their descendants will be mighty in the land;
the generation of the upright will be blessed.
3 Wealth and riches are in their houses,
and their righteousness endures forever.
4 They rise in the darkness as a light for the upright;
they are gracious, merciful, and righteous.
5 It is well with those who deal generously and lend,
who conduct their affairs with justice.
6 For the righteous will never be moved;
they will be remembered forever.
7 They are not afraid of evil tidings;
their hearts are firm, secure in the Lord.
8 Their hearts are steady; they will not be afraid;
in the end they will look in triumph on their foes.
9 They have distributed freely; they have given to the poor;
their righteousness endures forever;
their horn is exalted in honor.

L: We will read the Psalm responsively.

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 2:1-12

L: The Second Lesson is from the 2nd chapter of 1 Corinthians.

2 1 So I made up my mind not to make another visit that causes you grief. 2 For if I cause you grief, who is there to make me glad but the one whom I have grieved? 3 And I wrote as I did, so that when I came, I might not suffer grief from those who should have made me rejoice, for I am confident about all of you, that my joy would be the joy of all of you. 4 For I wrote you out of much distress and anguish of heart and with many tears, not to cause you grief but to let you know the abundant love that I have for you. 5 But if anyone has caused grief, he has caused it not to me but to some extent—not to exaggerate it—to all of you. 6 This

punishment by the majority is enough for such a person; 7 so now instead you should forgive and console him, so that he may not be overwhelmed by even worse grief. 8 So I urge you to reaffirm your love for him. 9 I wrote for this reason: to test you and to know whether you are obedient in everything. 10 Anyone whom you forgive, I also forgive. In fact, what I have forgiven, if I have forgiven anything, has been for your sake in the presence of Christ. 11 And we do this so that we may not be outwitted by Satan, for we are not ignorant of his designs. 12 When I came to Troas to proclaim the good news of Christ, a door was opened for me in the Lord

L: Here ends the reading.

GOSPEL VERSE (ACAPELLA)

p.31 (WOV)



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?
Al - le - lu - ia. You have the words of e - ter - nal life.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

HOLY GOSPEL

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



Glorious to you, O Lord.

Matthew 5:13-20

13 "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. 14 "You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. 15 People do not

light a lamp and put it under the bushel basket; rather, they put it on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. 16 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. 17 "Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. 18 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. 19 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. 20 For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.

L: The Gospel of the Lord.



CHILDREN'S SERMON

SERMON: Pastor Ann Auten
We All Need a Little Salt

SONG AFTER SERMON: (Pastor Ann will play guitar)
"We all need a little salt, need a little light
Need a hopeful word, shining bright
We can be a little salt
Be a little light
In this darkened world
We can shine oh oh shine so bright
Shine oh oh just like the starlight
Shine oh oh shine
Shine oh oh shine the light."

Repeat song above again....

This little light of mine I'm gonna let it shine
This little light of mine I'm gonna let it shine
This little light of mine I'm gonna let it shine
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Repeat song.

THE APOSTLE'S CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**
**I believe in Jesus Christ,
God's only Son, our Lord,
Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
Born of the Virgin Mary,
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,
He is seated at the right hand of the Father,
And 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.**

RECEIVE OFFERING

OFFERTORY: *For the Gifts Which You Have Given (TIMELINE)*

J = 80

For the gifts which you have given, Generous, gracious, lavish Lord,

We give thanks and prayers and offerings: tokens of your love out-poured.

Use our talents and our treasures; use our heart and mind and hand.

Hallow all for loving service to your folk in every land.

Rev. Cathy Ammlung, STS

OFFERING PRAYER

L: Let us pray.

C: Merciful Father, the magi brought gifts to your Son, the Babe of Bethlehem. Graciously accept our gifts, given to glorify and worship Christ our Savior, and to bring healing and hope to the people he came to redeem. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

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

L: Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

L: Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen

LORD'S PRAYER

p. 76 (LBW)

L: Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray...

C: 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.

BENEDICTION & AMEN

p. 221 (ELW)

L: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

C: Amen

CLOSING SONG: *My Lighthouse*

DISMISSAL

L: Go in peace

C: SHINE YOUR LIGHT!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

UPCOMING EVENTS

Feb. 8 @ Drama speakers meet after church to receive parts.

Feb. 10 @ 6:30 pm - Bible Study with Pastor Ann - Galatians

Feb. 11 @ 9:00 am - Women's Morning Bible Study

 @ 9:00-12:00 am - Ann's Office hours

 @ 6:00 pm - Confirmation

Feb. 12 @ 1:30 pm - Bible Study at Sunporch

Future Dates:

Feb. 15th - Lenten Drama Practice after Church

 @ 2:30 pm Church Service at Sunporch and SCHR

 @ 6:00 pm Youth Meetup with Supper

Feb. 18th - @ 5:30 pm - Youth Soup Supper Fundraiser-Ash Wednesday

Each Wednesday during Lent there will be a pre-tour presentation with slides from the Holy Lands from 6:00-6:50 with Pastor Ann in the parish hall to prepare for our Lenten Service. A light supper of Soup and Dessert will be provided at 5:30 PM

Our theme for Lent this year is "Journey to the Holy Lands - A Lenten Pilgrimage" On Wednesday evenings beginning Feb. 18th, we will be visiting several areas in Jerusalem through a drama series. Don't miss this unique Lenten Journey!

Total offering for Smith County Ministerial Association was \$2770.

Scriptures for Feb. 15th

1st Reading: Exodus 24:8-18

Psalm 2:6-13

2nd Reading: 2 Peter 1:16-21

Gospel Reading: Matthew 17:1-9

Sermon Title: "The Number 40"

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