INTROIT - entrance Psalm of worship

Psalm 112

P Praise the LORD! Blessed is the man who I fears the LORD, \* who greatly delights in his com- | mandments!

Wealth and riches are | in his house, \* and his righteousness endures for- | ever.

P Light dawns in the darkness for the | upright; \* he is gracious, merciful, and | righteous.

**■** It is well with the man who deals generous- | ly and lends; \* who conducts his affairs with | justice.

**P** For the righteous will nev- I er be moved: \* he will be remembered for- I ever.

G He is not afraid of | bad news; \* his heart is firm, trusting | in the LORD. **Glory be to the Father and | to the Son\*** and to the Holy | Spirit; as it was in the be- | ginning,\* is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

P Light dawns in the darkness for the | upright; \* he is gracious, merciful, and | righteous.

### COLLECT OF THE DAY - ancient prayer of the Church based upon the Scriptural theme of the day

- P O Lord, keep Your family the Church continually in the true faith that, relying on the hope of Your heavenly grace, we may ever be defended by Your power; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C Continued with sung "Amen" p.156

# **OLD TESTAMENT** Isaiah 58:3-9 The Lord, your light, your quide

'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. Behold, 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.

Is 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?

"Is 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? 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.'

**GRADUAL** - the historical seasonal response to hearing God's Word

P Praise the Lord, I all nations! \* Extol him, | all peoples!

For great is His | love toward us, \* and the faithfulness of the Lord endures for | ever. Ascribe to the Lord the glory | due His name. \* Bring an offering and come in | to His courts.

#### **EPISTLE 1 Corinthians 2:1-12** *God's wisdom, Christ crucified*

And I, when I came to you, brothers, did not come proclaiming to you the testimony of God with lofty speech or wisdom. For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ and him crucified. And I was with you in weakness and in fear and much trembling, and my speech and my message were not in plausible words of wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power, that your faith might not rest in the wisdom of men but in the power of God. 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.

Psalm 117, 96

But we impart a secret and hidden wisdom of God, which God decreed before the ages for our glory. None of the rulers of this age understood this, for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory.

But, as it is written, "What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the heart of man imagined, what God has prepared for those who love him"--- these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit. For the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. For who knows a person's thoughts except the spirit of that person, which is in him? So also no one comprehends the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God. Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, that we might understand the things freely given us by God.

### **HOLY GOSPEL Matthew 5:13-20** The sermon on the mount

[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.

"You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. In 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.

"Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them. For 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. Therefore 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 areat in the kingdom of heaven. For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.

**Prayers** before worship, Holy Communion may be found on the inside front cover of the hymnal, or pages 305-318.

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# **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Visitors** – it is a joy to have you with us. Please fill out the attendance pad in the folder in the pew rack from the center aisle and pick-up a newsletter at the brochure rack by the door.

Parents with small children. If needed, the Nursery has a video feed of the Service; also a restroom with changing table. A **Nursing Room** is located off the Library. The **Library** is also space for children under 3 during the Sunday School hour.

## **Prayer List – for those who mourn:**

Marland Mortensen at the death of his mother Doris Mortensen - members:

Reagan Malone (cancer), Tim, Brenda Fincham (health issues), Mary Lingo (cancer), Erika Colacicco (cancer),

David Benzel (health issues), Ron Swartz (cancer), Gloria Brimhall (surgery)

## - family & friends:

Nelson & Judy Krueger (friend of Chris Knoernschild, health) Camryn Scharnhorst (granddaughter of Scharnhorst, diabetes) Jerry Kruse (brother-in-law of Tim Selbe, critically ill) Kelli Scott (young mother, friend of Emily Newman, inoperable cancer) Michelle Herbert (friend of Teri Long, cancer) Dean Landman (father of Deb Glaum, health issues) Maren Turner (niece of Amanda Dowdall, leukemia)

**Pastor Cockran.** Divine Call to Immanuel Lutheran Church. Macomb, IL. We pray God's blessings for his future work, family.

**Blood Drive,** Monday, Feb. 28, 12-5:30 pm, sign-up in Narthex.

Sunday School gamenight/Parent's datenight, Friday, Feb. 10, 6-8 pm, infants-high school. Food, snacks provided.

**Souper Bowl Party,** Feb. 12, begins 4:30 pm, kickoff is 5:30 pm. Every year numerous soups entered into the highly competitive contest. Bring your favorite soup in a crockpot by 5:00 pm to win our highly coveted traveling Souper Bowl trophy. You may bring snacks, drinks if you wish; but in addition to many soups, a variety of snacks and beverages are provided. The game will be on a couple of our big TVs. Children may play in the gym or other games.

Pfann-Kuchen Tag (Pancake Day) Feb. 21, 6-7 pm, the day before Lent begins. Pancakes, sausage, sweets and races.

**Board of Fellowship head.** This Church Council position is needed to be filled with the role of coordinating social events. See Vice-Pres. Steve Mariano, any Elder or Pastor.

**RSCA**, immediate need for elementary age Music Instructor, two classes on Thursday mornings. Curriculum provided. See Amanda Uhlmansiek or Pastor.

Congregation Potluck & Quarterly Voter's Assembly, **Feb. 19,** after the 10:30 Service. Agenda available 2/12.

For our potluck, members last name:

A-M: bring a main dish;

N-Z: bring a side dish, salad, dessert, or bread.

Men's Basketball Sundays, 8 pm, until March 26, for high school and older. Friends welcome. (Not on 2/12)

CALENDAR					
Today	8:00 a	Divine Service			
	9:15 a	Sunday School/Bible Class for all			
	10:30 a	Divine Service			
	5:00 p	New Member class			
	6:00 p	Youth Group			
	8:00 p	Men's Basketball			
Monday	8:30a-3:30p	Risen Savior Classical Academy			
Weds. ´	8:30 a	Matins Service			
	9:00 a	Bible Class for all			
	6:30 p	Evening Prayer			
	7:00 p	Youth Confirmation			
		Vocal Choir practice			
	7:45 p	Bell Choir practice			
Thursday	<b>Thursday</b> 8:30a-3:30p Risen Savior Classical Academy				
	6:00 p	LWML meeting			
Friday	6-8 p	Sunday School gamenight			
Saturday		Divine Service			
Sunday		Divine Service			
	9:15 a	Sunday School/Bible Class for all			
	10:30 a	Divine Service			
	4:30 p	Souper Bowl party			

# UPCOMING EVENTS

Feast of the Transfiguration

Feb. 19 Next Quarterly Voter's Assembly/Cong. Potluck Feb. 21 PfannKuchen Tag (Pancake Day) Feb. 22 Ash Wednesday, Lent begins Feb. 28 Next Blood Drive March 1,8,15,22,29 Lent Midweek, 8:30 a, 7 p, Services, 6 pm meal March 10 Confirmation Retreat March 17 40 Days of Life vigil April 1 Spring cleaning	1 CD. 13	reast of the fransingulation
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#### Palm Sunday, Confirmation, Holy Week begins April 2

SIEWANDSIIP *8059/wk. budget				
Date	Attendance	Offering +	Special Funds	
1/29	290	\$10,891	\$720	
1/22	251	\$8341	\$170	

**Altar Flowers**: in memory of her parents, from Susan Eubanks.

See Church Calendar in the office to sign-up, \$25/1 Vase. **Financial Reports** are posted in Church Office.

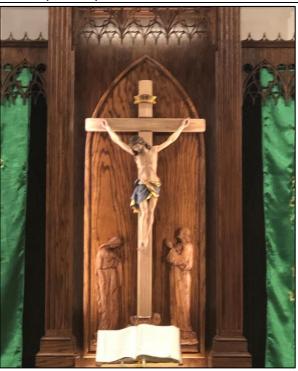
**On-Line Giving.** Our Vendor is: Vanco. Download the App.

There is also a link on our website.



# 5<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY FEBRUARY 5, 2023

Welcome to the Lord's House. The Righteousness of Christ. Jesus warns that "unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven" (Matt. 5:20), but He also calls His imperfect people "the salt of the earth" and "the light of the world" (Matt. 5:13,14). That's because the Lord Jesus came not to abolish the Law or the prophets, "but to fulfill them" (Matt. 5:17) in perfect faith and love. Since He does and teaches all of God's commandments, He is "called great in the kingdom of heaven" (Matt. 5:19). God manifests His "demonstration of the Spirit and of power" in "Jesus Christ and him crucified" (1 Cor. 2:2-4), and through the preaching of the Gospel He gives His "secret and hidden wisdom" (1 Cor. 2:7). Christ gives this perfect righteousness to His people, and it leads them to true fasting, which is "to loose the bonds of wickedness, to undo the straps of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free" (Is. 58:6) and "to share your bread with the hungry and bring the homeless poor into your house" (Is. 58:7). The Lord bless this Divine Service.



For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ and him crucified.

1 Corinthians 2

We celebrate the Lord's Supper today, in the confession, as Jesus says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread, wine but His very real, true body, blood to eat, drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him, and with one another. According to Scripture, Holy Communion is also a public confession of faith, sharing a unity in doctrinal belief; also those who eat, drink our Lord's body, blood unworthily or without discernment do so to their harm. In love towards God and our neighbor, according to Scripture, the Church has always practiced a closed communion. Therefore, in love and pastoral concern for our guests, if you are not a member of the LCMS and desire to receive the Sacrament, please speak with the pastor first.