



## 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Epiphany

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*Welcome!* Words in **bold** are said together.

### *The Lord's Prayer*

We pray together with confidence the prayer our Lord Jesus taught us to pray,

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven.**

**Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

### *Confession and Forgiveness*

*Leader: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, the Creator of heaven and earth, the Word who spoke life into being, the Wind stirring the waters. Congregation: Amen.*

*L: Let us turn in confession to the one who knows us completely. (silence for reflection)*

*L: Mighty God, lover of justice, C: you call us to life in community, but we have served our own interests at the expense of our neighbors. We have sown deceit where honesty was needed. We say the right words, but our hearts are far from you. Turn us to seek your face. Knit us together and give us the mind of Christ, and walk humbly with you, our God. Amen.*

*L: The former things have passed away, and new things God now declares: Like a spring of water that never fails, God covers you in the righteousness of Christ, and forgives your sin in + Jesus' name. May the Spirit give you strength to live for others, and bless you with the gift of peace. C: Amen.*

### *Gathering Song – Light the Fire*

I stand to praise you, but I fall down on my knees.

My spirit is willing but my flesh is so weak.

*Refrain: So light the fire (light the fire) in my soul (in my weary soul)  
fan the flame (fan the flame) make me whole (make my spirit whole)  
Lord you know (Lord you know) where I've been (where I've been)  
So light the fire in my heart again.*

I feel Your arms around me, as the pow'r of your healing begins.  
Your Spirit moves through me like a mighty rushing wind. *Refrainx2.*

**Prayer of the Day – 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.**

## Scripture Readings

Isaiah 58:1-9a p. 600

Shout out; do not hold back! Lift up your voice like a trumpet! Announce to my people their rebellion, to the house of Jacob their sins. <sup>2</sup> Yet day after day they seek me and delight to know my ways, as if they were a nation that practiced righteousness and did not forsake the ordinance of their God; they ask of me righteous judgments; they want God on their side.

<sup>3</sup> "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. <sup>4</sup> 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. <sup>5</sup> 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? <sup>6</sup> 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? <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."

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 112:1-10 p. 490

<sup>1</sup> Praise the Lord! Happy are those who fear the Lord, who greatly delight in his commandments.

**<sup>2</sup> Their descendants will be mighty in the land; the generation of the upright will be blessed.**

<sup>3</sup> Wealth and riches are in their houses, and their righteousness endures forever.

**<sup>4</sup> They rise in the darkness as a light for the upright; they are gracious, merciful, and righteous.**

<sup>5</sup> It is well with those who deal generously and lend, who conduct their affairs with justice.

**<sup>6</sup> For the righteous will never be moved; they will be remembered forever.**

<sup>7</sup> They are not afraid of evil tidings; their hearts are firm, secure in the Lord.

**<sup>8</sup> Their hearts are steady; they will not be afraid; in the end they will look in triumph on their foes.**

<sup>9</sup> They have distributed freely; they have given to the poor; their righteousness endures forever; their horn is exalted in honor.

**<sup>10</sup> The wicked see it and are angry; they gnash their teeth and melt away; the desire of the wicked comes to nothing.**

1 Corinthians 2:1-12 p. 927

When I came to you, brothers and sisters, I did not come proclaiming the testimony of God to you with superior speech 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 made not with persuasive 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 being destroyed. <sup>7</sup> But we speak God's wisdom, a hidden mystery, which God decreed before the ages for our glory <sup>8</sup> and which none of the rulers of this age understood, 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> God has revealed to us through the Spirit, for the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. <sup>11</sup> For what human 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.

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

*Gospel Acclamation (sung) p. 102, setting 1*

\*Please stand for the reading of the gospel.

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

Matthew 5:13-20 p. 786

<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 underfoot. <sup>14</sup> "You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. <sup>15</sup> 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.

<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*

David Ingram

*Song of the Day – My Light by Colton Dixon (lyrics on screen)*

*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 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.**

*Prayers of God's People*

Each petition ends "Lord, in your mercy," please respond: **hear our prayer.**

*Sharing the Peace – L: The love of God poured into our hearts, the saving grace of Jesus Christ, and the abundant life of the Holy Spirit be with you all. C: And also with you.*

## *Offering*

- ◊ Mail: Lord of Life Lutheran Church, 1005 St. Nicholas Drive, North Pole, AK 99705
- ◊ Online: "giving" tab at [www.lordoflifeak.com/giving](http://www.lordoflifeak.com/giving) or the QR Code →
- ◊ Phone app: download "Give Plus Church" search by zip 99705, choose Lord of Life, and follow the instructions. Giving is secure.



## *Offering Song – Thank You*

## *Offering Prayer*

**God of majesty, no eye has seen, no ear has heard what you have prepared for those who love you, yet in this meal you reveal the breadth of your mercy. Use what we have gathered to feed us with the reign of God come near. Amen.**

*The Great Thanksgiving p. 107*

*Holy, Holy, Holy p. 108*

*Christ's Words of Institution and Communion*

*Invitation to Communion*

*L: Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! Come to the table; taste and see.*

## *Post Communion Prayer*

*L: Radiant God, we have seen your glory in the face of Jesus Christ. In the sacrament of his body and blood you have drawn us to your heart. Send us from this table with delight, that our lives may reflect the beauty of your love, and bear witness to all we have seen and heard, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. C: Amen.*

## *Announcements*

## *Closing Song – Open the Eyes of My Heart*

*Refrain: Open the eyes of my heart, Lord, open the eyes of my heart  
I want to see You, I want to see You (2x)*

*Verse: To see You high and lifted up shinin' in the light of Your glory.  
Pour out Your power and love as we sing holy, holy, holy.*

*Repeat Refrain (2x) and Verse (2x)*

*Ending: Holy, holy, holy... holy, holy, holy... holy, holy, holy, I want to see you. (repeat)*

## *Blessing*

*L: May the triune God, who has put a new song in your mouth and tuned your heart for praise + bless you now and forever. C: Amen.*

## *Dismissal*

*L: Go in peace. Do justice. Love mercy. C: Thanks be to God.*

## ***Special Thanks to...***

All who assist with worship

***Birthdays & Anniversaries...***

None

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