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EAST SVEADAH LUTHERAN CHURCH**

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**The Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany**

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**“Congregations joined in faith and fellowship to spread God’s love.”**

AE Ministries Mission Statement

**Welcome to all who worship with us today! All are welcome at the Lord’s Table!**

***ALL CREATION SINGS*    WORSHIP SETTING 12**

**PRELUDE, RINGING OF THE BELL, WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

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**GATHERING SONG**

“God, We Gather as Your People”

ACS #1038

**APOSTOLIC GREETING**

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**HYMN OF PRAISE**

“Glory to God”

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**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**P:** Let us pray . . .

**C:** 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.

**INSTALLATION OF THE COUNCIL**

**FIRST READING    Isaiah 58:1-12**

<sup>1</sup> 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.” 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.

L: Word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

### PSALM 112:1-10

<sup>1</sup> Hallelujah! Happy are they who fear the Lord and have great delight in God's 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 will be in their house, and their righteousness will last forever.

<sup>4</sup> **Light shines in the darkness for the upright; the righteous are merciful and full of compassion.**

<sup>5</sup> It is good for them to be generous in lending and to manage their affairs with justice.

<sup>6</sup> **For they will never be shaken; the righteous will be kept in everlasting remembrance.**

<sup>7</sup> They will not be afraid of any evil rumors; their heart is steadfast, trusting in the Lord.

<sup>8</sup> **Their heart is established and will not shrink, until they see their desire**

<sup>9</sup> They have given freely to the poor, and their righteousness stands fast forever; they will hold up their head with honor.

<sup>10</sup> **The wicked will see it and be angry; they will gnash their teeth and pine away; the desires of the wicked will perish.**

### SECOND READING I Corinthians 2:1-16

<sup>1</sup> 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. [<sup>13</sup> And we speak of these things in words not taught by human wisdom but taught by the Spirit, interpreting spiritual things to those who are spiritual. <sup>14</sup> Those who are unspiritual do not receive the gifts of God's Spirit, for they are foolishness to them, and they are unable to understand them because they are spiritually discerned. <sup>15</sup> Those who are spiritual discern all things, and they are themselves subject to no one else's scrutiny. <sup>16</sup> "For who has known the mind of the Lord so as to instruct him?" But we have the mind of Christ.

L: Word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

"Alleluia"

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### HOLY GOSPEL Matthew 5:13-20

P: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the fifth chapter.

C: **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> 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.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

## MESSAGE

**HYMN OF THE DAY** “Christ is Alive! Let Christians Sing” ELW #389

**APOSTLES’ CREED** ACS p.17

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

P: Lord, in your mercy . . .

C: hear our prayer.

## SHARING THE PEACE

## THE OFFERING

**OFFERTORY RESPONSE** “Thank You, Lord” ACS #1092

## OFFERTORY PRAYER

## HOLY COMMUNION

Here at East Sveadahl we are committed to the inclusion of all God's people, with no exception. Therefore, we practice open communion, welcoming all to the table to receive the sacrament of Holy Communion. Juice (light color) and wine (dark red) are both available. Individually wrapped gluten free wafers are available as well. If you would like to receive communion, but are unable to physically come forward, please indicate that to an usher and communion will be brought to you.

**WORDS OF INSTITUTION** ACS p.35

**RESPONSE** “Holy, Holy, Holy” ACS p.36

## THE LORD’S PRAYER

## INVITATION TO THE TABLE

**DISTRIBUTION** “When Our World Is Rent by Violence” ACS #1052

## POST COMMUNION PRAYER

## BLESSING

**SENDING SONG** “Christ, Be Our Light” ELW # 715

## DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord:

C: Thanks be to God!

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**Prayer Concerns:** Lucy Christenson, Sonja Coleman, Janet Bloomquist, Dean Hoffman, Brandon Hagen, Lindsey Kulseth, Debbie McGuire, Roger Hagen, Nolan O'Connor, Judy Berg, Brenda Watson, Darrell Ask, Dennis Johnson, Mike Larson, Jamie (Noren) Seiner, Marie Christenson, Darryl Jensen, Phyllis Jurgens, Dave Finnegan, Tim Knaak, Don Flater, Bruce Ohland, Sam Christenson, Melissa Anderson, Steven Olson, Tom Anderson, Chloe Anderson, Orval Larson, Dennis Madison, Linda Madison, and Emma Overson.

**Praises:** Our Council

Please return the *All Creation Sings* hymnal to the table in the narthex.

Today's radio broadcast is given by Marge Reinke in loving memory of Merlin "Sonny" Reinke.

Thank you, **Council members**, for all you do for East Sveadah!

**Ash Wednesday** is February 18<sup>th</sup>. **Ashes to Go** will be from 12–1:00 pm at the corner of Weston and Armstrong – stay in your car for communion and imposition of ashes. The **Ash Wednesday Service** will be at 6:30 pm at East.

**PLEASE NOTE: The deadline for the March newsletter is Tuesday the 17<sup>th</sup>! The deadline has been moved up.**

**Youterans** will meet at 6:00 pm next Sunday at the food shelf.

**Activities this week: February 9 – February 15**

Monday	3:00 pm Study Group, East
	6:00 pm Education Committee, Augustana
Tuesday	2:15 pm Augustana worship on cable tv
Wednesday	6:00 pm ROAR, Augustana
	6:00 pm Committee Meetings, Augustana
Thursday	7:00 pm Council, East
Sunday	9:00 am Worship, Augustana
	10:30 am Worship, East
	6:00 pm Youterans