

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

Sat. Feb. 4, 2023, 6:00 p.m. & Sun. Feb. 5, 2023, 8:30 a.m.

Order of Worship

* indicates congregation stands

We welcome all people in the Name of Jesus Christ!
John 3:16-17

As We Gather

The Boy Scouts of America designates the Sunday that falls before February 8 (Scouting Anniversary Day) as Scout Sunday, on which we recognize the contributions of young men, women, and adults to Scouting. Members of Epiphany's Troop 280 & 3280 will be speaking in the worship service today and afterwards, collecting donations to buy food for the San Mateo Mission in Mexico.

Prelude

I Call to Thee, Lord Jesus Christ *J.S. Bach*

Welcome

Opening Hymn

Rise, Shine, You People *LSB 825*



1 Rise, shine, you peo - ple! Christ the Lord has en - tered
2 See how He sends the pow'rs of e - vil reel - ing;
3 Come, cel - e - brate, your ban - ners high un - furl - ing,
4 Tell how the Fa - ther sent His Son to save us.



Our hu - man sto - ry; God in Him is cen - tered.
He brings us free - dom, light and life and heal - ing.
Your songs and prayers a - gainst the dark-ness hurl - ing.
Tell of the Son, who life and free-dom gave us.



He comes to us, by death and sin sur -
All men and wom - en, who by guilt are
To all the world go out and tell the
Tell how the Spir - it calls from ev - 'ry



round - ed, With grace un - bound - ed.
driv - en, Now are for - giv - en.
sto - ry Of Je - sus' glo - ry.
na - tion His new cre - a - tion.

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* Invocation

Leader: In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

* Confession and Absolution

Matthew 5:16

Leader: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness. Our help is in the name of the Lord,

All: who made heaven and earth.

Leader: I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

All: and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

Leader: O almighty God, merciful Father,

All: I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

Leader: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for His sake God forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ He gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. May the Lord, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our ☩ Lord Jesus Christ.

All: Amen.

* Kyrie

Leader: In peace let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.

Leader: For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.

Leader: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.

Leader: For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.

Leader: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

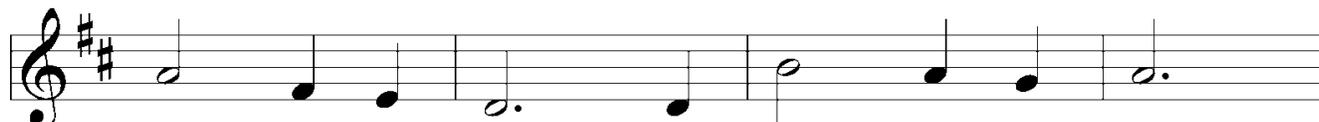


C A - men.

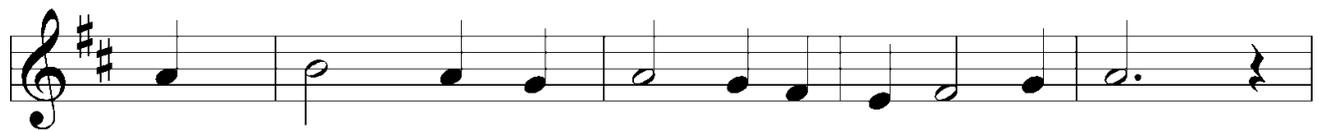
* Hymn of Praise

This is the Feast

Leader: This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia.



C Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,



whose blood set us free to be peo-ple of God.



Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and strength and



hon - or and bless-ing and glo - ry are His.



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al - le -



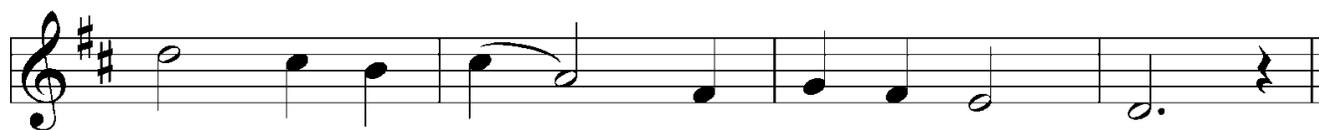
lu - ia. Sing with all the peo - ple of



God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion:



Bless - ing and hon - or and glo - ry and might be to



God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God,
 for the Lamb who was slain has be - gun His reign.
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

*** Prayer of the Day**

Leader: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Leader: Let us pray. 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 mighty power; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

All: Amen.

“Scouts in Service”

Troop 280 Representatives

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 58:3–9a *NIV*

True fasting, true faith.

Lector: The Old Testament Reading is from the 58th chapter of Isaiah.

‘Why have we fasted,’ they say,

‘and you have not seen it?

Why have we humbled ourselves,

and you have not noticed?’

“Yet on the day of your fasting, you do as you please
 and exploit all your workers.

Your fasting ends in quarreling and strife,
 and in striking each other with wicked fists.

You cannot fast as you do today
 and expect your voice to be heard on high.

Is this the kind of fast I have chosen,
only a day for people to humble themselves?
Is it only for bowing one's head like a reed
and for lying in sackcloth and ashes?
Is that what you call a fast,
a day acceptable to the LORD?
"Is not this the kind of fasting I have chosen:
to loose the chains of injustice
and untie the cords of the yoke,
to set the oppressed free
and break every yoke?
Is it not to share your food with the hungry
and to provide the poor wanderer with shelter—
when you see the naked, to clothe them,
and not to turn away from your own flesh and blood?
Then your light will break forth like the dawn,
and your healing will quickly appear;
then your righteousness will go before you,
and the glory of the LORD will be your rear guard.
Then you will call, and the LORD will answer;
you will cry for help, and he will say: Here am I.
"If you do away with the yoke of oppression,
with the pointing finger and malicious talk

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Epistle

I Corinthians 2:1–12 NIV

God's wisdom revealed by the Spirit.

Lector: The Epistle is from the 2nd Chapter of 1 Corinthians.

And so it was with me, brothers and sisters. When I came to you, I did not come with eloquence or human wisdom as I proclaimed to you the testimony about God. For I resolved to know nothing while I was with you except Jesus Christ and him crucified. I came to you in weakness with great fear and trembling. My message and my preaching were not with wise and persuasive words, but with a demonstration of the Spirit's power, so that your faith might not rest on human wisdom, but on God's power.

We do, however, speak a message of wisdom among the mature, but not the wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are coming to nothing. No, we declare God's wisdom, a mystery that has been hidden and that God destined for our glory before time began. None of the rulers of this age understood it, for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. However, as it is written:

“What no eye has seen,
what no ear has heard,
and what no human mind has conceived”—
the things God has prepared for those who love him—
these are the things God has revealed to us by his Spirit.

The Spirit searches all things, even the deep things of God. For who knows a person's thoughts except their own spirit within them? In the same way no one knows the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God. What we have received is not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, so that we may understand what God has freely given us.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Please stand to sing the Alleluia and Verse.

*** Alleluia and Verse**



The musical notation consists of two staves in G major (one sharp) and common time. The first staff begins with a common time signature 'C' and contains the melody for the first line of text. The second staff contains the melody for the second line of text. The lyrics are: "Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia."

*** Holy Gospel**

Matthew 5:13–20 NIV

The fulfillment of the Law.

Leader: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 5th Chapter.

All: Glory to You, O Lord.

“You are the salt of the earth. But if the salt loses its saltiness, how can it be made salty again? It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out and trampled underfoot.

“You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father 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 tell you, until heaven and earth disappear, not the smallest letter, not the least stroke of a pen, will by any means disappear from the Law until everything is accomplished. Therefore anyone who sets aside one of the least of these commands and teaches others accordingly will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever practices and teaches these commands will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. For I tell you that unless your righteousness surpasses that of the Pharisees and the teachers of the law, you will certainly not enter the kingdom of heaven.

Leader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

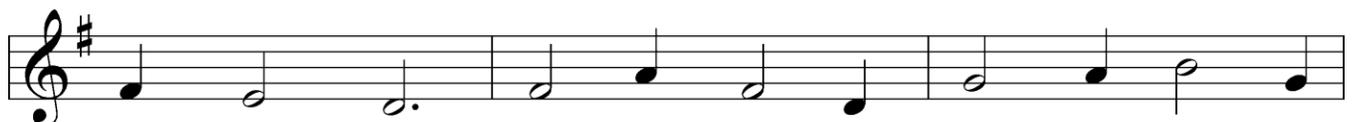
All: Praise to You, O Christ.

Hymn of the Day

Light of Light, O Sole-Begotten *LSB 914*



1 Light of Light, O Sole - Be - got - ten Ra - diance of the
 2 Word e - ter - nal, through Your be - ing God cre - at - ed
 4 Come, Lord Je - sus, by Your Spir - it In our hearts Your



Fa - ther's face, Word made flesh, who lived a - mong us
 all we see, When the emp - ty spac - es ech - oed
 work be - gin, Bring the heal - ing res - to - ra - tion



Full of truth and full of grace, Shine up - on our
 With the Fa - ther's "Let there be . . ." Light and life burst
 Of Your im - age lost by sin; From Your full - ness



hu - man dark - ness; Pierce the night that shrouds our race.
from the glo - rious Pow - er of Your maj - es - ty!
all re - ceiv - ing Grace on grace, new life with - in!

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Sermon

Rev. Mark Rossington

*** Nicene Creed**

**All: I believe in one God,
the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth
and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation
came down from heaven
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit
of the virgin Mary
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.**

He suffered and was buried.

**And the third day He rose again
according to the Scriptures
and ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of the Father.**

**And He will come again with glory to judge
both the living and the dead,
whose kingdom will have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together
is worshiped and glorified,**

**who spoke by the prophets.
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
and I look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

*Offerings will be received at the end of the service
as you exit the Sanctuary.*

*** Prayer of the Church**

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

***After each prayer, the Leader will say, "Lord, in your mercy."
The congregation responds, "Hear our prayer."***

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

All: Amen.

*** Lord's Prayer**

**All: 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.**

*** Words of Institution**

*** Peace of the Lord**

Leader: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

All: And also with you.

* Agnus Dei



C Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the world;



have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a - way the



sin of the world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of



God, You take a - way the sin of the world;



grant us peace, grant us peace.

Distribution of Holy Communion

Holy Communion will be offered continuously. You may follow the direction of the usher. We invite those who are not communing to receive a blessing by crossing their arms when standing before the bread host. The wine will be offered by individual cups. Please place empty individual cups in the glass bowls in front of the aisles. Those preferring non-alcoholic wine may take the individual cups from the center of each tray. Those needing a gluten free wafer may request one from the bread host.

Music during Distribution

Jesus Comes Today with Healing *LSB 620*



1 Je - sus comes to - day with heal - ing, Knock - ing at my
2 Christ Him - self, the priest pre - sid - ing, Yet in bread and
3 Un - der bread and wine, though low - ly, I re - ceive the

door, ap - peal - ing, Of - f'ring par - don, grace, and peace.
 wine a - bid - ing In this ho - ly sac - ra - ment,
 Sav - ior ho - ly, Blood and bod - y, giv'n for me,

He Him - self makes prep - a - ra - tion, And I hear His
 Gives the bread of life, once bro - ken, And the cup, the
 Ver - y Lamb of God from heav - en, Who to bit - ter

in - vi - ta - tion: "Come and taste the bless - ed feast."
 pre - cious to - ken Of His sa - cred cov - e - nant.
 death was giv - en, Hung up - on the curs - ed tree.

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* Post-Communion Dismissal

* Post-Communion Canticle

C Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev-'ry-one what

He has done. Let ev - 'ry-one who seeks the Lord re -

joice and proud - ly bear His name. He re-calls His prom-is-

es and leads His peo - ple forth in joy with shouts of thanks -

giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

* Post-Communion Prayer

Leader: Let us pray together,

All: We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

* Benediction

Leader: 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.

All: Amen.

Closing Hymn

Christ the Eternal Lord *LSB 829*



1 Christ the e - ter - nal Lord, Whose prom - ise here we claim,
4 Christ the un - fad - ing Light Of ev - er - last - ing day,



Whose gifts of grace are free - ly poured On all who name Your name;
Our Morn - ing Star in splen - dor bright, The Life, the Truth, the Way;



With thank - ful - ness and praise We stand be - fore Your throne,
That light of truth You give To ser - vants as to friends,



In - tent to serve You all our days And make Your glo - ry known.
Your way to walk, Your life to live, Till earth's brief jour - ney ends.

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Postlude

Postlude in D *Henry Smart*

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WE WORSHIP GOD!

While we are united through faith in Jesus Christ, we express our praise and thanksgiving with different worship styles. Holy Communion is celebrated on the second and fourth Sundays of the month.

**Saturday • 6:00 p.m. &
Sunday • 8:30 a.m.**

Traditional worship services featuring the Lutheran liturgy, hymns and choral music.

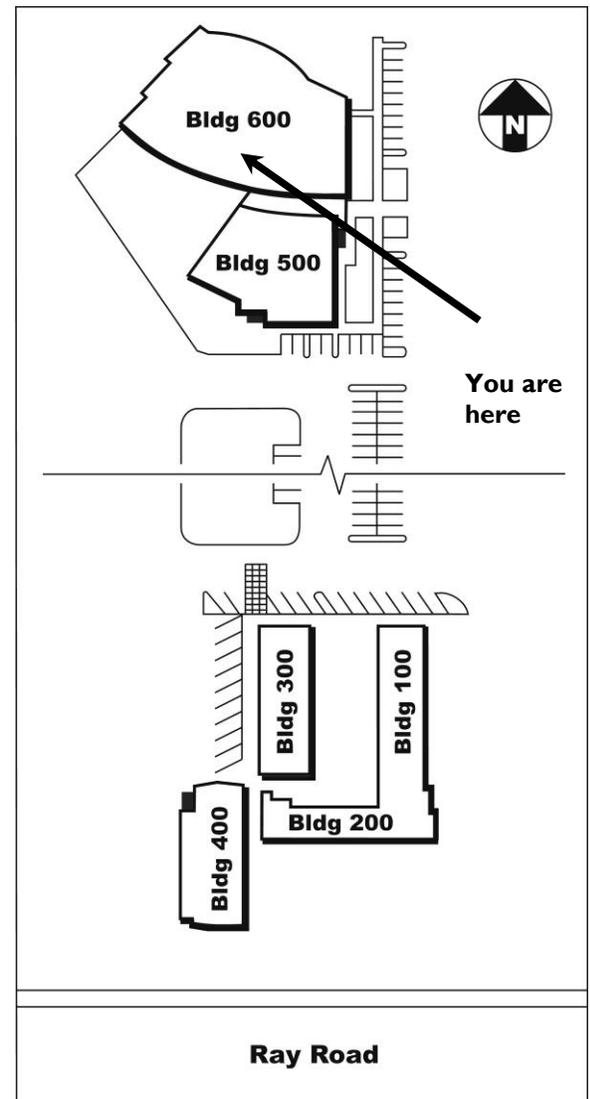
Sunday • 11:00 a.m.

An informal and celebrative worship experience using contemporary Christian music led by our praise band.

WE GROW IN FAITH!

• 9:45 a.m. •

We offer simultaneous Adult, Youth and Children's Sunday School classes at various rooms on our North and South Campuses. See the *Epiphany Star* insert for class descriptions and locations. Please feel free to ask Pastor Mark or ushers if you are uncertain about a location.



Campus map

- 100 • Classrooms
 - Youth room
- 200 • Classrooms
 - Dining area/Fellowship Hall
 - Kitchen
- 300 • Classrooms
 - Ray of Light Preschool Office
- 400 • Education
- 500 • Church Office
 - Conference Rooms
 - Nursery
- 600 • Worship Center/Sanctuary

