



**Our Redeemer Lutheran Church**  
**Jackson, Minnesota**  
***“Bringing Jesus to Jackson”***  
**Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany**  
**February 5, 2023**

**Welcome** to this Divine Service. We gather in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Please sign the attendance card in pew and place in offering plate.

**Communion Policy:** In the Lord’s Supper, the Risen Christ gives us His true Body & Blood for the forgiveness of sins and the strengthening of our faith. As we participate in the Lord’s Supper we declare doctrinal unity. Therefore we ask guests who are not members of Our Redeemer Lutheran Church to speak with Pastor before communing with us.



**Prelude and Ringing of the Bell**

**Hymn** “Thy Strong Word” **578 vv. 1-3**

**Confession and Absolution** **184-185**

**Introit** **Ps. 119:9-16; antiphon: Ps. 119:12**

- P** Blessèd are you, O LORD;  
**C** **teach me your statutes!**  
**P** How can a young man keep his way pure?  
**C** **By guarding it according to your word.**  
**P** With my whole heart I seek you;  
**C** **let me not wander from your commandments!**  
**P** I have stored up your word in my heart,  
**C** **that I might not sin against you.**  
**P** Blessèd are you, O LORD;  
**C** **teach me your statutes!**  
**P** With my lips I declare  
**C** **all the rules of your mouth.**  
**P** In the way of your testimonies I delight  
**C** **as much as in all riches.**  
**P** I will meditate on your precepts  
**C** **and fix my eyes on your ways.**  
**P** I will delight in your statutes;  
**C** **I will not forget your word.**

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

**P** Blessèd are you, O LORD;

**C** teach me your statutes!

**Kyrie, Gloria in Excelsis,**

**186-189**

## **Salutation and Collect of the Day**

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** *(sung)* **And with thy spirit.**

**P** 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.

**C** *(sung)* **Amen.**

## **Old Testament Reading**

**Isaiah 58:3–9a ESV**

<sup>3</sup> ““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.

<sup>4</sup> 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.

<sup>5</sup> 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?

<sup>6</sup> “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?

<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 him,  
and not to hide yourself from your own flesh?

<sup>8</sup> 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.

- <sup>9</sup> Then you shall call, and the LORD will answer;  
you shall cry, and he will say, ‘Here I am.’”

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.      **C** Thanks be to God.

## Gradual

Ps. 117:1-2a; 96:8

**P** Praise the Lord, all nations!

**C** Extol him, all peoples!

**P** For great is his steadfast love toward us,

**C** and the faithfulness of the Lord endures forever.

**P** Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name;

**C** bring an offering, and come into his courts!

## Epistle

1 Corinthians 2:1–12 ESV

<sup>1</sup> And I, when I came to you, brothers, did not come proclaiming to you the testimony of God with lofty 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 was with you in weakness and in fear and much trembling, <sup>4</sup> and my speech and my message were not in plausible words of wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power, <sup>5</sup> so that your faith might not rest in the wisdom of men but in the power of God.

<sup>6</sup> 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. <sup>7</sup> But we impart a secret and hidden wisdom of God, which God decreed before the ages for our glory. <sup>8</sup> None of the rulers of this age understood this, 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 heart of man imagined,  
what God has prepared for those who love him”—

<sup>10</sup> these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit. For the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. <sup>11</sup> 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. <sup>12</sup> 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.

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.      **C** Thanks be to God.

## Holy Gospel

St. Matthew 5:13–20 ESV

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the fifth chapter.**C** (*sung*) **Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

<sup>13</sup>[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.

<sup>14</sup>“You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden.

<sup>15</sup>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. <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 who is in heaven.

<sup>17</sup>“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. <sup>18</sup>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. <sup>19</sup>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 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** This is the Gospel of the Lord.**C** (*sung*) **Praise be to Thee, O Christ.**

## Nicene Creed

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## Hymn

“Thy Strong Word”

578 vv. 4-6

Sermon “Separated to be Salt and Light” St. Matthew 5:13-20

## Offertory and Offering

192-193

## Prayer of the Church

*Richard Polz, Lorna Nielsen, Marsha Pohlman, Irene Montgomery, Arnie Henning, Joyce Dorschner, Karen Temple, Keaton Clipperton, Dave Lappe, Mark Oeltjenbruns, Gen Rehne, Robert Pohlman, Diann Johnson (Bernie Stubbe’s sister), Deb Sundahl, Ron Kloos, Barney Olson, Travus Mekosch.*

*Petitions conclude:***P** . . . Lord, in Your mercy,**C** hear our prayer.

*Final petition:*

**P** Lord God, heavenly Father, send forth Your Holy Spirit, that delivered from the spirit of this world, we may hold fast in faith to what You freely give us; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the same Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

**Service of the Sacrament** **194-202**

**Distribution Hymns** **585, 851**

**Hymn** “O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright” **395 vv. 5-6**

**Postlude**



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