

Matthew 5:13-20

SALT & LIGHT



Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

February 5, 2023

8:30 & 11:00 a.m.

Now the Feast & Celebration

“Living God’s Love”

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Now the Feast and Celebration

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(* Please stand as you are able.)

GATHERING

Welcome and Announcements

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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.

Children's Sermon (8:30)

Deacon Lindsay Bailey

Scout Recognition Sunday (11:00)

WORD

First Reading

Isaiah 58:1-12

- ¹Shout 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.
- ²Yet 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 delight to draw near to God.
- ³"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.
- ⁴Look, 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.

⁵Is 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?

⁶Is not this the fast that I choose:
to loose the bonds of injustice,
to undo the thongs of the yoke,
to let the oppressed go free,
and to break every yoke?

⁷Is 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?

⁸Then 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.

^{9a}Then you shall call, and the LORD will answer;
you shall cry for help, and he will say, Here I am.

^{9b}If you remove the yoke from among you,
the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil,

¹⁰if 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.

¹¹The 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.

¹²Your 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.

R: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm

Psalm 112:1-10

- ¹ Hallelujah! Happy are they who fear the LORD
and have great delight in God's commandments!
- ² **Their descendants will be mighty in the land;
the generation of the upright will be blessed.**
- ³ Wealth and riches will be in their house,
and their righteousness will last forever.
- ⁴ **Light shines in the darkness for the upright;
the righteous are merciful and full of compassion.**
- ⁵ It is good for them to be generous in lending
and to manage their affairs with justice.
- ⁶ **For they will never be shaken;
the righteous will be kept in everlasting remembrance.**
- ⁷ They will not be afraid of any evil rumors;
their heart is steadfast, trusting in the LORD.
- ⁸ **Their heart is established and will not shrink,
until they see their desire upon their enemies.**
- ⁹ They have given freely to the poor, and their righteousness stands fast
forever;
they will hold up their head with honor.
- ¹⁰ **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

1 Corinthians 2:1-16

- ¹ When I came to you, brothers and sisters, I did not come proclaiming the
mystery of God to you in lofty words or wisdom. ² For I decided to know
nothing among you except Jesus Christ, and him crucified. ³ And I came to
you in weakness and in fear and in much trembling. ⁴ My speech and my
proclamation were not with plausible words of wisdom, but with a
demonstration of the Spirit and of power, ⁵ so that your faith might rest not on
human wisdom but on the power of God.
- ⁶ 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 doomed to perish. ⁷ But we speak
God's wisdom, secret and hidden, which God decreed before the ages for our
glory. ⁸ None of the rulers of this age understood this; for if they had, they
would not have crucified the Lord of glory. ⁹ 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"—
- ¹⁰ these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit; for the Spirit
searches everything, even the depths of God. ¹¹ For what human being 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. ¹² 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. ¹³And 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.

¹⁴Those 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. ¹⁵Those who are spiritual discern all things, and they are themselves subject to no one else's scrutiny.

¹⁶"For who has known the mind of the Lord so as to instruct him?"

But we have the mind of Christ.

R: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

***Gospel Verse**

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***Gospel**

Matthew 5:13-20

P: The holy gospel according to St. Matthew, the fifth chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus said: ¹³"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.

¹⁴"You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. ¹⁵No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. ¹⁶In 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.

¹⁷"Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. ¹⁸For 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. ¹⁹Therefore, 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. ²⁰For 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.

Sermon

Pastor Steve Mahaffey

Hymn of the Day

Christ, Be Our Light

No. 715

***Apostles' Creed**

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*Prayers of Intercession

D: Called together to follow Jesus, we pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

A brief silence.

D: Call your people to seek your wisdom in difficult conversations and action. Give the church everywhere courage to repent for the ways we have tolerated and practiced injustice. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

D: Inspire our wonder at creation, from the light of dawn to the beauty of the dark night. Sustain the unseen depths of the ocean to the plants and animals we know well. Bring healing to lands and communities experiencing natural disasters. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

D: Instruct the powerful in your ways. Provide upright leadership in business and industry, that workers are not oppressed. Throughout the world, inspire voters and raise up politicians to heed your call for nations to practice righteousness. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

D: Loosen the bonds of injustice in our midst. Grant peace to endless quarrels, put an end to hunger, and break every yoke of oppression. Shelter all who flee abuse in their homes or violence in their communities. Satisfy those afflicted in any way, especially we pray for the Haycock family, Adam and Family, Bill, Gail, Carl, Pat, Becky, Scott, Dorothy, Laurel, Sandi, Arline, Judy, Peggy, Pat, Steve, and those we now name aloud or hold tenderly in our hearts. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

D: Shape our congregation to be salt for the earth. Give us delight in your commandments, that we are generous with those in need. Make us steadfast in our trust in you, ready with tangible mercy and compassion for our neighbors. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

D: The cross and resurrection bring redemption from sin and death. We praise you for all whose unshaken faith in Christ shines forth in their witness. Keep them in our remembrance and bring us with them into the kingdom of heaven. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

D: We bring to you our needs and hopes, O God, trusting your wisdom and power revealed in Christ crucified.

C: Amen.

***Peace**

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

C: **And also with you.**

MEAL

Offering		
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*Post Communion Prayer		
	P: Holy One, we thank you for the healing that springs forth abundantly from this table. Renew our strength to do justice, love kindness, and journey humbly with you.	
	C: Amen.	

SENDING

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PRAYERS

Altar Flowers This Morning are given to the glory of God.

Prayers for Healing: The Haycock family, Adam and Family, Pastor Bill Lucht, Gail Burke, Carl Ulich, Pat Straub, Becky, Scott Taylor, Dorothy Ulich, Laurel Mader, Sandi, Arline, Judy McLaughlin, Peggy, Pat, and Steve Combs.

TODAY'S WORSHIP & EVENTS

Today, Fifth Sunday after Epiphany, we worship in person at 8:30 and at 11:00 a.m. with *Now the Feast and Celebration* and holy communion. Livestream at 8:30 a.m.

Welcome and Thank You to Cindy Piovarchy, our guest accompanist for worship this morning.

Sunday School for all ages at 9:45 a.m.

National Wear Red Sunday!

Blood Pressure Screening in Brenda's office before each service.

Comprehensive Youth Meeting today at 12:30 in the Fellowship Hall.

NEXT SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 12, AT ST. MATTHEW

Next Sunday, Sixth Sunday after Epiphany, we will worship in person at 8:30 with *ELW Setting 4* and holy communion, and at 11:00 a.m. with *Rhythm & Blues* and holy communion. Livestream at 8:30 a.m.

Sunday School for all ages at 9:45 a.m.

WORSHIP SERVANTS

Date	Sunday February 5	Sunday February 5	Sunday February 12	Sunday February 12
Service	8:30 a.m.	11:00 a.m.	8:30 a.m.	11:00 a.m.
Acolyte	Aubrey Terihay	Trevor Terihay	Evan Hogan	Luke Gierhart
Reader	Delores Ivan	Melody Costello	Adam Scheid	
Ushers	Alan Ivan Delores Ivan	Jen Hogan Sophie Hogan Julie Shrader		
Communion Assistants		Melody Costello Cindy Rickly		
Sound	Joe Obermeier	Larry Mohler	Joe Obermeier	Larry Mohler
Video	Brian Harris	--	Rex Rickly	--
Altar Guild	Nancy McNeal & Julie Crow			

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Are you interested in becoming a member of St. Matthew? Contact Pastor Steve if interested or if you have any questions about St. Matthew.

Gift cards are needed! Walmart, Buehler's, Aldi, Giant Eagle or Fast Food cards are needed for local residents in need. Cash or checks may also be donated for the purchase of gift cards. Please make checks payable to St. Matthew, indicating that it is for gift cards. Thank you for your generosity!

Block Party Survey - The Communication Evangelism Team is looking for feedback on purchasing food at the Block Party. Please take this quick 2 question survey. Thank you. <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/S9HVZWH>

High School Lock-In - Join your high school friends for a night of incredible memories on Friday, February 24. We will go bowling at 7 and then come back to the church for a night of late night pizza, games and fun. A sign up link will be sent Luther League emails and to Remind.

Roller Skating - February 26, from 1-3 p.m. Discounted rate - \$8.00 for admission and skate rental. Admission only - \$4.00. Invite a friend! All are welcome! Sign up in the narthex or at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080A45AFAE2CABFF2-roller>.

St. Matthew Wine Night - Friday, March 10th, 7pm. Forest Meadows Villa, 574 Leisure Lane, Medina. You **MUST** be 21 or older to attend. Please bring two of the same bottles of your favorite wine to share and taste test. We will hold a separate taste testing for beer for those interested. Please provide either an appetizer or dessert to share for the event. We will plan a St. Patrick's Day/Mardi Gras theme. Sign up in the Narthex or at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080A45AFAE2CABFF2-stmatthew2>. Games and activities planned. See you there!

Progressive Dinner - St. Matthew is hosting an adult Progressive Dinner on Saturday, April 29th beginning at 4 pm. All adults are welcome. There will be three courses: appetizer, soup/salad or entree and we all come together for dessert. Everyone will have a role. Also, if you have a concern about driving, just let a member of Small Groups know and we will make arrangements for you to pair up with someone.

Please sign up in the narthex or at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080A45AFAE2CABFF2-progressive> no later than April 9th. The week prior to the dinner, you will be contacted with your location for the first two courses.

We are working on babysitting services at the church. We are planning to provide very capable teenagers at our church with fun games and activities for the kiddos. Stay tuned on that component.

Worship assistants are needed each week to help make our services run smoothly. We need readers, ushers and communion assistants for each service. Please consider how you or your family can help (kids are welcome to help usher). Sign up in the narthex or scroll to the link below. If you have questions about any of the opportunities, please see Sandy Andrews or Melody Costello.

Altar Flowers - 2023 Flower charts are posted in the Narthex. When signing up for Memorial or Altar Flowers, please fill out a form (located at the bottom of the charts) for the office. The form will include your name, the date you selected, and the dedication that you would like to appear in the bulletin. (One sheet for each day chosen.) Please place completed forms and payment in the office administrator's mailbox or the mail slot on the office door. Price per arrangement is \$15.

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St. Mathew invites you to join us in celebration of Holy Communion!

The Lord's table is open to all who believe and are baptized.

Please join us as we receive the means of grace, where Jesus promises to meet us in the bread and the wine.

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS:

Monday-Thursday 9:00 AM - 3:30 PM

Friday 9:00 AM - 12:30 PM



Hearing Loop
System available.