

ST. LUCAS EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN

CHURCH AND SCHOOL

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The Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany

February 4 & 5, 2023

The Season

The word epiphany means “appearance.” In the Season of Epiphany, we watch Jesus begin his public ministry. Jesus makes his first appearances. In those appearances, it quickly becomes clear that this is more than a random carpenter’s son. As Jesus appears, we see exactly who he is and what he came to do.

The Series

Jesus teaches us what it means to be one of his followers through the most famous sermon of all time. It is not delivered while standing in a pulpit but while sitting on a hill. Elevated above the crowd, Jesus’ voice would carry through the air. His followers hung on his every word as the Christ talked about living an authentic Christian life. It is called the Sermon on the Mount.

The Sunday

In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus teaches about discipleship. He wants us to see that being a disciple and acting as a disciple are intimately connected. When God called us to faith, he declared that we were something new: light, salt, his children. Jesus now encourages us to be what God says we are, so that God might bless the world through us. As Jesus speaks to us, he means to mold our will to his own.

Prayer before Worship

“I rejoiced with those said to me, ‘Let us go to the house of the Lord.’” Give me joy, dear Jesus, as I prepare to worship you today. Make me understand what my life would be like without you so that I long to hear about your grace and compassion. Help me participate in a way that honors you and builds up all who worship with me, and let their worship strengthen and encourage my faith. Amen.

Serving in Worship

Presiding Minister: Pastor Timothy Henning Organist: Laura Schulz

Ushers: David Butzke (6 pm)

Kevin Kempf (8 am)

Jonathan Koch (10:30 am)

How Lovely Shines the Morning Star

CW 370

Stand for stanza 5



1 How love - ly shines the Morn - ing Star! The na - tions see
2 O high - est joy by mor - tals won, true Son of God
3 O might - y Fa - ther, in your Son you loved me ere
4 Oh, joy to know that you, my friend, are Lord, be - gin -
5 Lift up the voice and strike the string, let all glad sounds



and hail a - far the light in Ju - dah shin - ing.
and Mar - y's son, the high - born King of a - ges!
you had be - gun this an - cient world's foun - da - tion.
ning with - out end, the first and last, e - ter - nal!
of mu - sic ring in God's high prais - es blend - ed.



O Da - vid's son of Ja - cob's race, my Bride - groom and
In your blest bod - y let me be, e'en as the branch
Your Son has made a friend of me, and when in spir -
And you at length— O glo - rious grace— will take me to
Christ will be with me all the way, to - day, to - mor -



my King of grace, for you my heart is pin - ing.
is in the tree, your life my life sup - ply - ing.
it him I see, I joy in trib - u - la - tion.
that ho - ly place, the home of joys su - per - nal.
row, ev - 'ry day till trav - 'ling days are end - ed.



Low - ly, ho - ly, great and glo - rious, O vic - to - rious
Sigh - ing, cry - ing for the sa - vor of your fa - vor,
What bliss is this! He is liv - ing, to me giv - ing
A - men, a - men! Come and meet me, quick - ly greet me!
Sing out, ring out tri - umph glo - rious, O vic - to - rious



Prince of grac - es, fill - ing all the heav'n-ly plac - es.
rest - ing nev - er till I rest in you for - ev - er.
life for - ev - er; noth - ing me from him can sev - er.
With deep yearn - ing, Lord, I look for your re - turn - ing.
cho - sen na - tion; praise the God of your sal - va - tion.

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Stand

In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Confession

CW 155

Blessed are they whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered.

Blessed are they whose sin the Lord does not count against them.

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

Almighty and merciful Father,

we have strayed from your ways like lost sheep.

We have followed what we have devised and desired in our hearts.

We have offended you and sinned against your holy law.

We have done those things that we should not have done,

and we have not done those things that we should have done.

Have mercy on us, Lord!

Spare us, forgive us, and restore us,

according to your promises in Christ Jesus.

Silence for meditation and reflection

God, our merciful Father, has forgiven all our sins. He sent his Son, Jesus Christ, to be our Redeemer and Savior. Jesus paid the penalty for our guilt by his death on the cross and freed us from death by his resurrection from the grave. We have peace with God now and forever.

Amen.

Lord, Have Mercy

In peace let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

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

Lord, have mercy.

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.

Lord, have mercy.

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

Lord, have mercy.

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

Amen.

Glory to God in the Highest

Tune: ACH GOTT VOM HIMMELREICHE



1 To God on high be glo - ry and peace to all the earth,
2 O Lamb of God ex - alt - ed, you take all sin a - way;



for God has shown his fa - vor in Je - sus' ho - ly birth!
ex - tend to us your mer - cy and hear us as we pray.



Al - mighty - y God and Fa - ther, our hum - ble thanks we bring;
With God the Ho - ly Spir - it, at God the Fa - ther's throne,



we wor - ship you, we bless you, Lord God, our heav'n-ly King.
you reign, O Christ, for - ev - er, for you are Lord a - lone!

The Word

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

Almighty God, you sent your one and only Son as the Word of life for our eyes to see and our ears to hear. Help us believe what the Scriptures proclaim about him and do the things that are pleasing in your sight; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Be seated

First Reading

Exodus 19:1–8a

God made Israel, a nation of slaves, his special people.

¹On the first day of the third month after the Israelites left Egypt—on that very day—they came to the Desert of Sinai. ²After they set out from Rephidim, they entered the Desert of Sinai, and Israel camped there in the desert in front of the mountain.

³Then Moses went up to God, and the LORD called to him from the mountain and said, “This is what you are to say to the descendants of Jacob and what you are to tell the people of Israel: ⁴‘You yourselves have seen what I did to Egypt, and how I carried you on eagles’ wings and brought you to myself. ⁵Now if you obey me fully and keep my covenant, then out of all nations you will be my treasured possession. Although the whole earth is mine, ⁶you will be for me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.’ These are the words you are to speak to the Israelites.”

⁷So Moses went back and summoned the elders of the people and set before them all the words the LORD had commanded him to speak. ⁸The people all responded together, “We will do everything the LORD has said.”

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Psalm of the Day

Psalm 112

Refrain

Light dawns in the dark-ness for the up - right.

Tone

Blessed are those who / fear the LORD,
who find great delight in / his commands.
Wealth and riches are in their / houses,
and their righteousness endures for- / ever. *Refrain*

Surely the righteous will never be / shaken;
they will be remembered for- / ever.
Their hearts are secure, they will / have no fear;
in the end they will look in triumph / on their foes.
Glory be to the Father and / to the Son
and to the Holy / Spirit,
as it was in the be- / ginning,
is now, and will be forever. / Amen. *Refrain*

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Second Reading

1 Peter 2:9–12

We are members of a royal priesthood, citizens of a holy nation.

⁹But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light. ¹⁰Once you were not a people, but now you are the people of God; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

¹¹Dear friends, I urge you, as foreigners and exiles, to abstain from sinful desires, which wage war against your soul. ¹²Live such good lives among the pagans that, though they accuse you of doing wrong, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day he visits us.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Stand

Gospel Acclamation

Matthew 5:16

Alleluia! Let your light shine before others,
that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven. Alleluia!

Gospel

Matthew 5:13–20

Jesus declares that his disciples are blessings to this dark, decaying world.

¹³You 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.

¹⁴You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. ¹⁵Neither 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. ¹⁶In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.

¹⁷Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them. ¹⁸For 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. ¹⁹Therefore 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. ²⁰For 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.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

Be seated

Children's Sermon

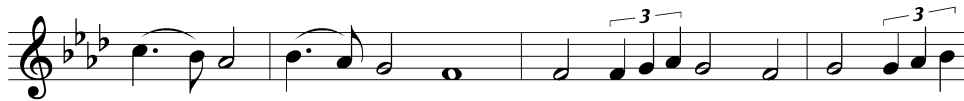
The children are invited to come forward to the front pew.

Hymn of the Day: Thy Strong Word

CW 630



1 Thy strong word did cleave the dark - ness; at thy
2 Lo, on those who dwelt in dark - ness, dark as
3 Thy strong Word be - speaks us right - eous; bright with
4 From the cross thy wis - dom shin - ing break - eth



speak - ing it was done. For cre - at - ed light we
night and deep as death, broke the light of thy sal -
thine own ho - li - ness, glo - rious now, we press toward
forth in con - qu'ring might; from the cross for - ev - er



thank thee while thine or - dered sea - sons run.
va - tion, breathed thine own life - giv - ing breath.
glo - ry, and our lives our hopes con - fess.
beam - eth all thy bright re - deem - ing light.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise to
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise to
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise to
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise to



thee who light dost send! Al - le - lu - ia,
thee who light dost send! Al - le - lu - ia,
thee who light dost send! Al - le - lu - ia,
thee who light dost send! Al - le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia with - out end!
al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia with - out end!
al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia with - out end!
al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia with - out end!

- 5 Give us lips to sing thy glory,
tongues thy mercy to proclaim,
throats to shout the hope that fills us,
mouths to speak thy holy name.
Alleluia, alleluia!
May the light which thou dost send
fill our songs with alleluias,
alleluias without end!
- 6 God the Father, light-creator,
to thee laud and honor be.
To thee, Light from Light begotten,
praise be sung eternally.
Holy Spirit, light-revealer,
glory, glory be to thee.
Mortals, angels, now and ever
praise the holy Trinity!

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Sermon

Matthew 5:16

You Are . . .

Righteous

Salt and Light

Stand

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his 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 into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Be seated

Forward Presentation

Prayer of the Church

Lord God, from whom all blessings flow, we praise you for everything you provide to sustain our lives. Lead us every day to be thankful for your gifts and content with what you have given. Today we pray that you would guide us to manage your blessings wisely for the good of your kingdom.

As we use your gifts to meet our needs, move us also to support the ministry of the gospel with our offerings.

Before your Son ascended to your throne, he called us to preach the good news to every creature. In grace you created the public ministry so that we may answer his call by sending others in our place.

Impress on us the immense importance of the task you have given us to proclaim your Word to the world.

In our words and in our offerings, move us to be faithful witnesses of your grace.

Work in our hearts so that our gifts do more than support a cause or meet a need. Move us to give out of love for you, our King and Redeemer.

Lead us to bring our gifts first to honor you, the Giver of all things.

Teach us to give as an ongoing part of life since the work of the gospel continues every day. Forgive us for the sins of apathy and carelessness and for giving that reacts only to urgent pleas or crises.

Help us see the wisdom of planning our offerings as a regular routine of our faith.

Teach us determine our offerings in view of your blessings to us. The widow's coins were meager, but they were all she had. Move us to believe that to whom much is given, much is also expected.

Give us courage to bring gifts that reflect your gifts to us.

Teach us to give our offerings as a cheerful response of our faith in you and your Son. Spare us all feelings of obligation or resentment as we give. Help us to see our offerings as the vehicle that carries the gospel to the lost, and lead us to rejoice with the angels of heaven over every sinner who repents.

Help us to balance our duty to give with the joy of giving.

Hear us, Lord, as we pray in silence.

Silent prayer

Precious Lord, all our blessings come from you. Lead us again and again to thank you and then move us to be wise and faithful stewards of your gifts. May our gifts and offerings bring souls here and far away to the gracious gift of Jesus and his love.

Lord, hear us and grant us this blessing. Amen.

Offering *God's people offer their first and best to the Lord in response to the Lord's blessings to them. The offering is gathered in a basket in the church entrance before or after the service. If you prefer to give electronically, you may scan this graphic to access www.stlucaswels.org/donate.*



Built on the Rock

CW 856



1 Built on the Rock the Church shall stand e - ven when
2 Sure - ly in tem - ples made with hands God, the Most
3 We are God's house of liv - ing stones, built for his
4 Here stands the font be - fore our eyes, tell - ing how
5 Grant then, O God, your will be done, that, when the



ste - ples are fall - ing. Crum - bled have spires in
High, is not dwell - ing; high a - bove earth his
own hab - i - ta - tion. He through bap - tis - mal
God has re - ceived us. Th' al - tar re - calls Christ's
church bells are ring - ing, man - y in sav - ing



ev - 'ry land; bells still are chim - ing and call -
tem - ple stands, all earth - ly tem - ples ex - cel -
grace us owns heirs of his won - drous sal - va -
sac - ri - fice and what the sac - ra - ment gives
faith may come where Christ his mes - sage is bring -



ing, call - ing the young and old to rest,
ling. Yet he who dwells in heav'n a - bove
tion. Were we but two his name to tell,
us. Here sound the Scrip - tures that pro - claim
ing: "I know my own; my own know me.



but a - bove all the soul dis - tressed,
choos - es to live with us in love,
yet he would deign with us to dwell
Christ yes - ter - day, to - day, the same,
You, not the world, my face shall see.



long - ing for rest ev - er - last - ing.
mak - ing our bod - ies his tem - ple.
with all his grace and his fa - vor.
and ev - er - more, our Re - deem - er.
My peace I leave with you. A - men.”

Text: tr. Carl Döving, 1867–1937, alt.; Nikolai F. S. Grundtvig, 1783–1872, abr.
Tune: Ludvig M. Lindeman, 1812–1887
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Stand

Almighty God, we thank you for teaching us the things you want us to believe and do. Help us by your Holy Spirit to keep your Word in pure hearts that we may be strengthened in faith, guided in holiness, and comforted in life and in death, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Lord's Prayer

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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

Blessing

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

Amen.

The God of Abraham Praise

CW 613



1 The God of A-br'ham praise, who reigns en-throned a - bove,
2 The God of A-br'ham praise, at whose su - preme com-mand
3 The God of A-br'ham praise, whose all - suf - fi - cient grace
4 He by him-self has sworn; I on his oath de - pend.



An - cient of ev - er - last - ing days and God of love.
from earth I rise and seek the joys at his right hand.
shall guide me all my pil - grim days in all my ways.
I shall, on ea - gle wings up - borne, to heav'n as - cend.



Je - ho - vah, great I AM, by earth and heav'n con - fessed,
I all on earth for - sake, its wis - dom, fame, and pow'r,
He deigns to call me friend; he calls him - self my God.
I shall be - hold his face; I shall his pow'r a - dore



I bow and bless the sa - cred name for - ev - er blest.
and him my on - ly por - tion make, my shield and tow'r.
And he shall save me to the end through Je - sus' blood.
and sing the won - ders of his grace for - ev - er - more.

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Announcements

New Office Assistant Mrs. Suzanne Giese has stepped down as our church and school office assistant. We thank Mrs. Giese for her faithful service. Mrs. Jana Baumann will start as our office assistant on February 14. The Lord bless her as she serves the Lord and our congregation.

2022 Offering Statements are on a table in the back of church, on the left side as you leave.

The Fourteenth Annual Men of His Word Conference Keynote speaker: Pastor Dan Solofra “MAN UP: in a man down world”; Worship Band: Koine; 16 Challenging Breakout Sessions. Saturday, February 18, 2023 Best Western Premier Waterfront Convention Center – Oshkosh. Register at: www.menofhisword.org.

The women of St. Lucas Lutheran invite you to join us for our 18th annual Women’s Retreat, titled *Working for the Lord*. Saturday, March 11, 2023 with registration and refreshments at 8:30 AM and the retreat concluding at about 2:45. A non-refundable registration fee of \$25.00 includes lunch and presentations. This is a one-day retreat filled with speakers, worship, and fellowship. Speakers for this retreat will include: Ryan Halter, Pastor Joe Radsek, and Juli Hesse. Please call Lynn Garvey at 262-626-4749 with questions. Registrations are due by February 17. Registration is available at <https://Stlucasretreat.eventbrite.com>. Brochures are available in the narthex.

New Beginnings – A Home for Mothers in Milwaukee, WI (the daughter ministry of Christian Life Resources in Richfield, WI) has an immediate opening for a Resident Supervisor. This is a relief staff position for an individual or couple looking to live and work closely with the residents at New Beginnings. Potential candidates include: single female college students looking to fulfill internship hours, a single individual or young couple looking to gain experience and save money, or a retired couple/individual. For questions, interest, or more information, contact Madison Schulz, Interim Executive Director, by phone (414-376-0595) or by email (madisons@homeformothers.com).

St. Paul Little Learners Preschool and Childcare in Slinger is accepting applications for part-time or full-time teachers in our childcare as well as summer positions. Sign-on bonus, paid holidays, personal days, vacation, free childcare while at work. No nights or weekends! Must be over 18 with a background in education or be willing to take at least one class. Contact Lisa Meissner: 262-644-8295 ext. 1 littlelearners@stpaulslinger.org

Celebrating God’s blessings this week

Birthdays

Jax Butzke 5

Phyllis Ermer 5

Sue Laubach 5

Brady Laubach 7

Catrin Homuth 7

Makayla Demler 7

Diane Lemke 98

Autumn Berndt 9

Gage Lang 9

Joyce Schleif 9

John Shaske 10

Bev Hansen 11

Ruth Dolly Ramthun 11

Calendar

Readings for February 4 – February 12

Saturday:	<i>Job 1:1-22; John 1:1-18</i> Worship 6:00 pm w/Communion	Usher : Butzke
Sunday:	<i>Job 2:1-3:10; John 1:19-34</i> Worship 8 or 10:30 am w/Communion Sunday School and Bible Hour 9:15 am	Ushers : Kempf 8 am Koch 10:30 am
Monday:	<i>Job 3:11-26; John 1:35-51</i>	
Tuesday:	<i>Job 4:1-21; John 2:1-12</i> Bible Study 6:30 pm	
Wednesday:	<i>Job 5:1-27; John 2:13-25</i> Public School Catechism class 3:30-5:00 pm	
Thursday:	<i>Job 6:1-13; John 3:1-21</i> Bible Study 10:00 am	
Friday :	<i>Job 6:14-30; John 3:22-4:6</i> School Chapel Service 7:45 am	
Saturday:	<i>Job 7:1-21; John 4:7-26</i> Worship 6:00 pm w/Communion	Usher : Peters
Sunday:	<i>Job 8:1-22; John 4:27-45</i> Worship 8 or 10:30 am w/Communion Sunday School and Bible Hour 9:15 am	Ushers : Stoltz 8 am Wolter 10:30 am

*St. Lucas Lutheran Church strives to be a congregation that is
always inviting, always edifying, and always equipping.*

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