



The Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

February 5, 8:45 & 11:15 AM

Saint Luke Lutheran Church and School

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Light shines in the darkness for the upright, the psalmist sings. Isaiah declares that when we loose the bonds of injustice and share our bread with the hungry, the light breaks forth like the dawn. In another passage from the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus, the light of the world, calls his followers to let the light of their good works shine before others. Through baptism we are sent into the world to shine with the light of Christ.

GATHERING

PRELUDE

Inward Light

Margaret Sandresky (b. 1921)

WELCOME

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God, who makes all things new, whose mercy endures forever.
Amen.

Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Holy One, source of our renewal,
we confess that we are wrapped up in sin, and cannot free ourselves. We have not practiced your righteousness. Our hearts have turned away from you. For the sake of the world you so love, forgive us, that we may be reconciled to one another for the glory of your holy name.
Amen.

Thus says our God: "The former things have come to pass and new things I now declare." God's mercy makes us new. We are forgiven in the name of ✠ Christ our Savior.
Amen.

GATHERING HYMN • ELW 673

God, Whose Almighty Word



1 God, whose al - might - y word cha - os and dark - ness heard
2 Christ, who once came to bring, on your re - deem - ing wing,
3 Spir - it of truth and love, life - giv - ing, ho - ly dove,
4 Ho - ly and bless - ed three, glo - ri - ous Trin - i - ty,



and took their flight: hear us, we hum - bly pray, and where the
heal - ing and sight; health to the trou - bled mind, sight where il -
speed forth your flight; move on the wa - ter's face bear - ing the
Wis - dom, Love, Might: bound - less as o - cean's tide, roll - ing in



gos - pel day sheds not its glo - rious ray, let there be light.
lu - sions blind; oh, now to hu - man-kind let there be light.
lamp of grace, and in earth's dark - est place let there be light.
full - est pride, through the earth, far and wide, let there be light.

Text: John Marriott, 1780–1825, alt.

Music: ITALIAN HYMN, Felice de Giardini, 1716–1796

GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
And also with you.

CANTICLE OF PRAISE (11:15)

Refrain



Lis - ten! you na - tions of the world: lis - ten to the Word of the Lord. An -



nounce it from coast to coast; de - clare it to dis - tant is - lands.



1 The Lord who scat - tered Is - ra - el will gath - er his peo - ple a - gain; and



he will keep watch o - ver them as a shep - herd watch - es his flock. *Refrain*



2 With shouts of joy they will come, their fac - es ra - diant - ly hap - py, for the



Lord is so gen - 'rous to them; he show - ers his peo - ple with gifts. *Refrain*



3 Young wom - en will dance for joy, and men young and old will make



mer - ry. Like a gar - den re - freshed by the rain, they will nev - er be in want a -



gain. Break in - to shouts of great joy; Ja - cob is free a - gain! Teach



na - tions to sing the song: "The Lord has saved his peo - ple!"

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

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.

Please be seated.

WORD

FIRST READING

Isaiah 58:1-9a [9b-12]

Shortly after the return of Israel from exile in Babylon, the people were troubled by the ineffectiveness of their fasts. God reminds them that outward observance is no substitute for genuine fasting that results in acts of justice, such as feeding the hungry, sheltering the homeless, and clothing the naked.

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. 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 delight to draw near to God. “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. Look, 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. 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?

Is 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? 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? 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. 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, 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. 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. 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.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALMODY (11:15)

Psalm 112

Sung by the choir.—Anglican chant by David Hurd

Hallelujah! Happy are they who fear the Lord
and have great delight in God’s commandments!
Their descendants will be mighty in the land;
the generation of the upright will be blessed.
Wealth and riches will be in their house,
and their righteousness will last forever.
Light shines in the darkness for the upright;
the righteous are merciful and full of compassion.
It is good for them to be generous in lending
and to manage their affairs with justice.
For they will never be shaken;
the righteous will be kept in everlasting remembrance.
They will not be afraid of any evil rumors;
their heart is right: they put trust in the Lord.
Their heart is established and will not shrink,
until they see their desire upon their enemies.

They have given freely to the poor, and their righteousness stands fast forever;
they will hold up their head with honor.
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 2:1-12 [13-16]

Though people such as the Corinthians are enamored with human philosophy and wisdom, Paul continuously presents God's hidden wisdom which is Jesus Christ crucified. True spiritual maturity involves judging ourselves and others in light of God's revelation in the cross.

When I came to you, brothers and sisters, I did not come proclaiming the mystery of God to you in lofty words or wisdom. For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ, and him crucified. And I came to you in weakness and in fear and in much trembling. My speech and my proclamation were not with plausible words of wisdom, but with a demonstration of the Spirit and of power, so that your faith might rest not on human wisdom but on the power of God.

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. But we speak God's wisdom, secret and hidden, which God decreed before the ages for our glory. None of the rulers of this age understood this; for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. 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”—

these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit; for the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. 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. 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. [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.

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

“For who has known the mind of the Lord
so as to instruct him?”

But we have the mind of Christ.]

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



All: Alleluia

Choir: Jesus says, I am the light of the world; whoever follows me will have the light of life. (John 8:12)

All: Alleluia

GOSPEL

Matthew 5:13-20

The holy gospel according to Saint Matthew, the fifth chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus encourages his followers to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world, doing good works and keeping God's commandments.

[Jesus said:] "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.

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

"Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. 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. 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. For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven."

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Pastor Cox

Please stand as you are able.

HYMN OF THE DAY • ELW 715

Christ, Be Our Light



1 Long - ing for light, we wait in dark - ness. Long - ing for
2 Long - ing for peace, our world is trou - bled. Long - ing for
3 Long - ing for food, man - y are hun - gry. Long - ing for
4 Long - ing for shel - ter, man - y are home - less. Long - ing for
5 Man - y the gifts, man - y the peo - ple, man - y the



truth, we turn to you. Make us your own,
hope, man - y de - spair. Your word a - lone
wa - ter, man - y still thirst. Make us your bread,
warmth, man - y are cold. Make us your build - ing,
hearts that yearn to be - long. Let us be ser - vants

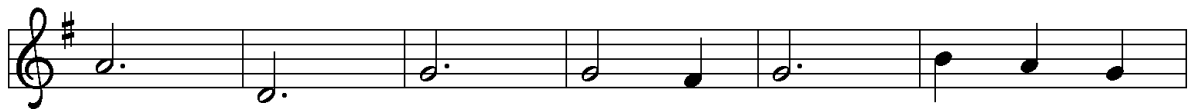


your ho - ly peo - ple, light for the world to see.
has pow'r to save us. Make us your liv - ing voice.
bro - ken for oth - ers, shared un - til all are fed.
shel - ter - ing oth - ers, walls made of liv - ing stone.
to one an - oth - er, signs of your king - dom come.

Refrain



Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the



dark - ness. Christ, be our light! Shine in your



church gath - ered to - day.

Text: Bernadette Farrell, b. 1957

Music: CHRIST, BE OUR LIGHT, Bernadette Farrell

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APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.*
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

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

After each portion of the prayers:

Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

The prayers conclude:

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

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

Please be seated.

MEAL

OFFERING

We invite you to give your offering online at saintlukegive.us
You may also mail your checks to:

Saint Luke Lutheran Church
9100 Colesville Road
Silver Spring, MD 20910

CHORAL ANTHEM

(8:45) *This Little Light of Mine*

This little light o' mine, I'm goin' let it shine
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.
Evrywhere I go, I'm goin' let it shine (repeat)
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.
All through the night, I'm goin' let it shine (repeat)
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Text: Traditional Spiritual

Music: Traditional, arr. Ken Berg

(11:15) *If Ye Love Me*

If ye love me, keep my commandments.
And I will pray the Father,
and he shall give you another comforter,
that he may 'bide with you forever;
E'en the sp'rit of truth.

Text: John 14:15-17

Music: Thomas Tallis (c. 1505-1585)

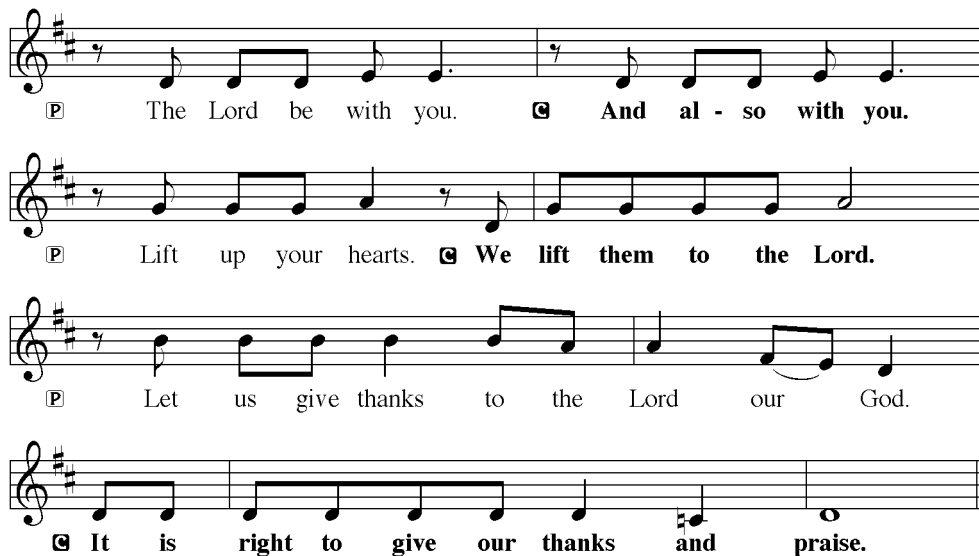
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OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

Liberating God, you break the bonds of injustice and let the oppressed go free. Receive these offerings in thanksgiving for all your works of merciful power, and shape us as people of your justice and freedom. You we magnify and adore, through Jesus our Savior, Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING



The musical notation consists of four staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. Each staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The lyrics are written below the notes, with a 'P' (Piano) or 'C' (Crescendo) marking indicating the dynamic. The lyrics are: 'The Lord be with you. And al - so with you. Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give our thanks and praise.'

It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, through Christ our Lord. Sharing our life, he lived among us to reveal your glory and love, that our darkness should give way to his own brilliant light. And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

The musical score is written on five staves in treble clef with a common time signature (C). The lyrics are: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might, heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed, bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Blessed are you, O holy God: you are the Life and Light of all. By your powerful word you created all things. Through the prophets you called your people to be a light to the nations. Blessed are you for Jesus, your Son. He is your Light, shining in our darkness and revealing to us your mercy and might.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore, his preaching and healing, his dying and rising, and his promise to come again, we await that day when all the universe will rejoice in your holy and life-giving light.

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

By your Spirit bless us and this meal, that, refreshed with this heavenly food, we may be light for the world, revealing the brilliance of your Son.

Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Please pray in your own preferred language.

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**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.**

**Padre Nuestro, que estas en los cielos,
santificado sea tu nombre,
venga a nosotros tu reino,
hagase tu voluntad,
asi en la tierra como en el cielo.**

**Danos hoy nuestro pan de cada dia;
perdona nuestras ofensas,
como nosotros perdonamos
a los que nos ofenden;
y no nos dejes caer en la tentacion,
mas libranos del mal.**

**Porque tuyo es el reino,
el poder, y la gloria,
por los siglos de los siglos. Amen**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Come and taste the joy of God!
Thanks be to God.

Please be seated.

COMMUNION

All are invited to the Lord's table, a table of grace and mercy. There are two stations at the foot of the chancel steps. Please stretch out your hand, palm up, to receive the host, the body of Christ. (Gluten-free wafers are available; please ask your server) Then receive in the individual cup the blood of Christ. You may deposit your cup in the basket near the side wall. Those who wish to receive a blessing instead of the Lord's supper are also encouraged to come forward. Those who wish to receive the sacrament in the pew please inform an usher. All are welcome to the Lord's table.

When giving the bread and cup, the communion ministers say:

The body of Christ, given for you.
The blood of Christ, shed for you.

The communicant may say:

Amen.

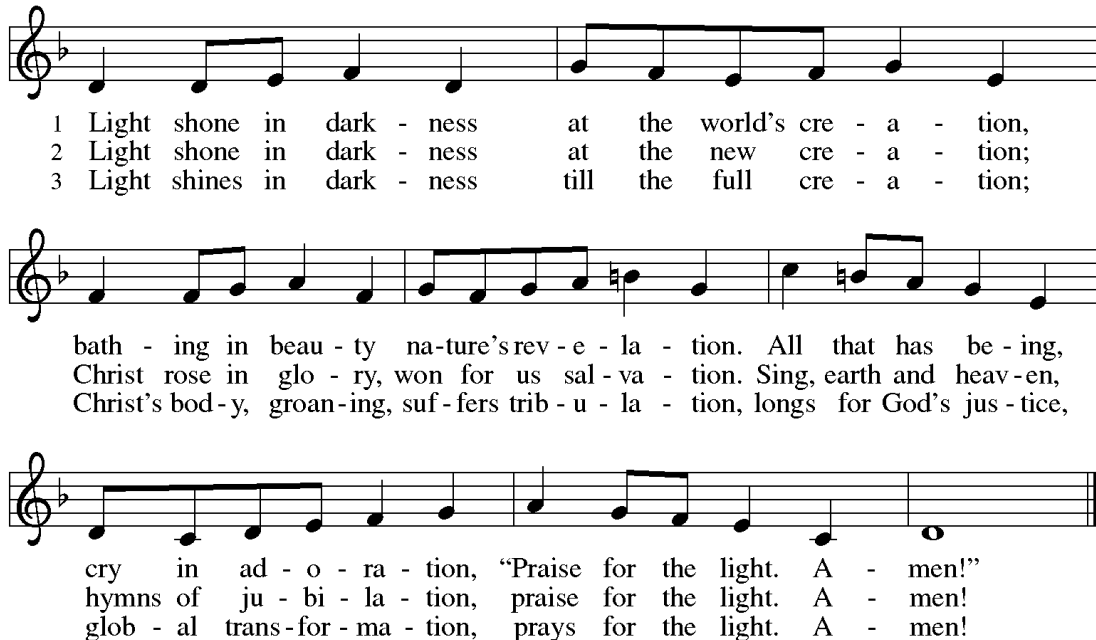
LAMB OF GOD



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;
have mer-cy on us, have mer-cy on us, have mer - cy.
Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;
have mer-cy on us, have mer-cy on us, have mer - cy.
Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; grant us peace.

COMMUNION HYMN • ELW 307

Light Shone in Darkness



1 Light shone in dark - ness at the world's cre - a - tion,
 2 Light shone in dark - ness at the new cre - a - tion;
 3 Light shines in dark - ness till the full cre - a - tion;
 bath - ing in beau - ty na-ture's rev - e - la - tion. All that has be - ing,
 Christ rose in glo - ry, won for us sal - va - tion. Sing, earth and heav - en,
 Christ's bod - y, groan - ing, suf - fers trib - u - la - tion, longs for God's jus - tice,
 cry in ad - o - ra - tion, "Praise for the light. A - men!"
 hymns of ju - bi - la - tion, praise for the light. A - men!
 glob - al trans - for - ma - tion, prays for the light. A - men!

Text: Delores Dufner, OSB, b. 1939

Music: LUX IN TENEBRIS, Mark Sedio, b. 1954

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Please stand as you are able.

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.
Amen.

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE



Thank-ful hearts and voic - es raise; tell ev- 'ry -
one what God has done. Let all who
seek the Lord re - joice, re - joice and
bear Christ's ho - ly name. Send us, O God, with your
prom - is - es, and lead us forth in joy
with shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

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.

Amen.

SENDING

BLESSING

The God who faithfully brings forth justice
and breaks the oppressor's rod

✠ bless, strengthen, and uphold you,
today and always.

Amen.

SENDING HYMN • ELW 553

Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies



1 Christ, whose glo - ry fills the skies, Christ, the true and on - ly light,
2 Dark and cheer-less is the morn un - ac - com - pa - nied by thee;
3 Vis - it then this soul of mine, pierce the gloom of sin and grief;



Sun of righ-teous-ness, a - rise, tri - umph o'er the shades of night;
joy-less is the day's re - turn, till thy mer-cy's beams I see,
fill me, ra - dian - cy di - vine, scat - ter all my un - be - lief;



Day - spring from on high, be near; Day - star, in my heart ap - pear.
till they in - ward light im - part, glad my eyes, and warm my heart.
more and more thy - self dis - play, shin - ing to the per - fect day.

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707–1788

Music: RATISBON, J. G. Werner, *Choralbuch*, 1815

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Follow the way of Jesus.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies

Aaron Shows (b. 1989)

WORSHIP LEADERS

PRESIDING MINISTERS

The Rev. Connie A Miller, *Senior Pastor*

The Rev. Franklin Morales, *Associate Pastor*

PREACHING MINISTER

The Rev. Doug Cox, *Executive Director, Global Health Ministries*

ASSISTING MINISTER

Deacon Kyle Warfield, *Director of Discipleship and Senior High Ministries*

COMMUNION SERVER

The Rev. Richard Zawistoski, *Confirmation Pastor*

READERS

8:45 Benjamin Gray, *Council Vice President*

11:15 Jordan Gerth

MUSICIANS

Dr. Alain Truche, *Director of Music and Organist*

(8:45) Choristers

(8:45) Sarah Aderholdt, *Cello*

(11:15) Schola Cantorum

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This week at Saint Luke Lutheran Church

SUNDAY, Feb. 5—Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

8:45 AM Holy Communion
10:00 AM Sunday School
10:00 AM Affirmation of Baptism Class
10:00 AM SLSHY
10:00 AM Reception
10:15 AM Up For Discussion (Hybrid)
11:15 AM Holy Communion
3:00 PM Zoom San Lucas Gospel Meditation

MONDAY, February 6

8:00 AM CDS Classes
1:30 PM CDS Staff Meeting
6:00 PM Yoga
7:00 PM ESL

TUESDAY, February 7

8:00 AM CDS Classes
10:00 AM Emergency Drill
1:30 PM Program Staff Meeting
4:30 PM Piano Lessons
7:00 PM ESL
7:00 PM Girl Scouts
7:00 PM Reformation Bells

WEDNESDAY, February 8

7:00 AM Zoom Faith Connections
8:00 AM CDS Classes
10:00 AM Women in Community
10:00 AM CDS Chapel
3:00 PM En Camino
5:00 PM Choristers RSCM program
7:00 PM ESL
7:30 PM Schola Cantorum Rehearsal
7:30 PM AA

THURSDAY, February 9

8:00 AM CDS Classes
4:00 PM CARing Project
7:30 PM Zoom Centering Prayer

FRIDAY, February 10

8:00 AM CDS Classes

SATURDAY, February 11

8:30 AM Zoom Men's Group
9:30 AM AA
10:00 AM Valentine's Cards and Crafts
11:00 AM Al-Anon
1:00 PM Share the Love Crafts

SUNDAY, Feb. 12—Sixth Sunday after Epiphany

8:45 AM Holy Communion
10:00 AM Sunday School
10:00 AM Affirmation of Baptism Class
10:00 AM SLSHY
10:00 AM Reception
10:15 AM Up For Discussion (Hybrid)
11:15 AM Holy Communion
5:00 PM San Lucas Misa Espanol

NB: Worship Services are in person and livestreamed

Upcoming Commemorations

The Martyrs of Japan, died 1597

Sunday, February 5, 2023

Christianity was brought to Japan in the sixteenth century by Jesuit and Franciscan missionaries. The religion was suppressed, however, and in 1597 twenty-six missionaries and converts were crucified. Nevertheless, Christianity survived and later prospered.

Saint Luke Update

2/5/2023 Edition

MASKS ARE STRONGLY RECOMMENDED INDOORS AT SAINT LUKE

WELCOME PASTOR COX

This morning we welcome **Pastor Doug Cox** as our guest preacher. Pastor Doug Cox is a son of Saint Luke, having been baptized, confirmed and ordained here. Currently, Pastor Cox serves as the Executive Director of Global Health Ministries (GHM), an independent Lutheran nonprofit based in Minnesota, committed to improving health among some of the most vulnerable people in the world. GHM “helps the hands that heal” in countries where Lutheran churches manage hospitals, clinics, and community-based efforts focused on improving health. Doug holds Master’s degrees in both divinity and Islamic studies. He has served as a parish pastor, a visiting professor of Islamic Studies, and as a missionary in Madagascar. Especially through living and working outside the USA (in Australia, Egypt, France, Tunisia and Madagascar) Pastor Cox developed a passion for improving the health and wellbeing of poor and underserved populations as participation in the justice and love of Christ. You can learn more about GHM on their website GHM.org. How proud we are of this son of Saint Luke. Welcome Pastor Cox!

SPECIAL FORUM NEXT SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 12

Come to the sanctuary, **next week at 10:00 a.m.** for a special presentation by our servants at the tech desk, Andrew Vigliotta and Gerson Vasquez. Recently, they both were part of a Campus Ministry 10 day trip to Puerto Rico, where they learned so much about our partnership in ministry. Come, experience their media presentation and discussion, and learn about our brothers and sisters in the Lutheran Church in Puerto Rico. How we also give thanks for the profound gift of Lutheran Campus Ministry.

CHRISTIAN DAY SCHOOL: EXCITING NEWS

Starting with the 2023-24 school year, aftercare will be added—what a wonderful new addition and outreach. Check out the enrollment information and all the news at www.saintlukekids.org. Application deadline for enrollment is February 7 and applications will be considered on a first come first served basis. Thanks for all passing this information on to friends and neighborhood listservs.

VALENTINE CRAFTS AND CARDS

Share God’s love Valentine craft and card making in rooms 101-102 at **10:00 a.m. on February 11**. There will be crafts for kids to make and take home. Families will also make cards for those in the congregation and community that need an extra dose of love. RSVP to Melissa Groen at mgroen@saintluke.us February 8.

FIRST COMMUNION

Is your child interested in participating in Holy Communion? A First Holy Communion Workshop will be held on February 26. Families are asked to attend the 8:45 a.m. worship service, then the kids and parents meet with a pastor briefly after worship, then they will then go with Melissa to the Faith Formation Office and the Great Hall for a lesson, and then to bake communion bread during the 10:00 a.m. Faith Formation hour. The children who attend will participate in their First Holy Communion on March 5 at the 8:45 a.m. worship service. Contact Melissa Groen, Director of Children’s Ministries, mgroen@saintluke.us if your child will be participating.

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SERVICE OPPORTUNITY

Work side-by-side with others from Saint Luke at A Wider Circle (<https://awidercircle.org/>) from 10:00 a.m.-12:00 noon on March 11 sorting donations of household goods (household furniture, linens, kitchen items, toys, and professional clothing and accessories) and stock the showroom for clients of A Wider Circle. **The size of our group is limited so please RSVP to Melissa Groen at mgroen@saintluke.us no later than March 3.** Proof of vaccination is required at A Wider Circle and masks are encouraged, though not currently required.

NEXT CONGREGATION SERVANT PROJECT SUPPLIES NEEDED

At 10:00 a.m. on **Sunday, March 19**, the congregation will be creating care packages for the for residents in Washington Highlands, a community in Southeast D.C. that has been hard hit from the economic fallout of the pandemic. The following items are needed for the care packages (all items should be full-sized): laundry detergent (if liquid, containers need to be 64 oz or smaller), dish soap, all-purpose disinfectant cleaner, and toothpaste. If you wish to donate to this project, items can be placed in the blue bins in the Fireside Room and/or monetary donations for the project can be given to *Congregation Service Projects* line on www.saintlukegive.us. Thanks for your support. Questions can be directed to Melissa Groen at mgroen@saintluke.us.

LOOKING AHEAD: ASH WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 22

6:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. Ashes-To-Go South Parking Lot

Special Safety Measures in Place

(Weather permitting)

12:00 Noon Ash Wednesday Service Nave

Imposition of Ashes, Holy Communion

Special Safety Measures in Place for Imposition of Ashes

7:00 p.m. Ash Wednesday Service (Full Liturgy) Nave

Special Safety Measures in Place for Imposition of Ashes

Today's Music

HYMN NOTES

God, Whose Almighty Word

John Marriott, 1780-1825

This hymn takes the first three verses of the Bible as its starting point. It was published in 1825 in the *Evangelical Magazine* as “Thou whose eternal word.” —ELW Hymnal Companion

Christ, Be Our Light

Bernadette Farrell, b. 1957

This hymn is structured so that the stanzas press from longing for the signs of the kingdom of God to us as its servants and signs. The refrain that follows is a petition that Christ would be our light and shine in our hearts as the church is gathered by that light. Farrell is a liturgical composer in Great Britain who has been part of the church's liturgical renewal since the Second Vatican Council. —ELW Hymnal Companion

Light Shone in Darkness

Delores Dufner, b. 1939

Dufner had in mind a hymn of hope for morning prayer or other times. John 1:25, “The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it,” stands behind the text, with the truth that “the world often looks darkest just before light breaks through. The writer of the tune, Mark Sedio, says he “was taken by the rather declamatory character of the first two stanzas—the first focusing on creation, the second on salvation, and the third morphing into a more eschatological forward-looking sense, all three ending curtly with the phrase ‘praise for the light, Amen!’ - ELW Hymnal Companion

Christ, whose glory fills the skies

Charles Wesley, 1707-1788

Wesley's “Morning Hymn” makes no reference to our rest of the night nor the perils of the day ahead, but instead focuses on Christ whose glory fills the skies (Psalm 19:1), who is “the true light” (I John 2:8), the “sun of righteousness” with healing rays (Malachi 3:20), the “dayspring” or dawn chasing the shades of night (Luke 1:78), and the “day star” rising in our hearts (II Peter 1: 19). If Christ's presence is with us all of our deepest needs for the day will be met.—Hymn Notes for Church Bulletins

MUSIC NOTES

Prelude: Inward Light—Margaret Sandresky (b. 1921)

Margaret Sandresky is a Winston-Salem, NC based composer. Sandresky taught theory at the Oberlin Conservatory and the University of Texas at Austin before returning to North Carolina where she was professor of theory and composition at Salem College from 1946-1986. In 1965 she was a founding faculty member at the University of North Carolina School of the Arts. She served as organ professor at UNCSCA from 1965-1967. During the 35 years since her retirement in 1986, she has composed prolifically for solo organ, organ with instruments, choir, orchestra, piano, and chamber music. She has received many accolades through the years including the 2004 Distinguished Composer Award given by the American Guild of Organists at the AGO national convention in Los Angeles. Her compositions have been performed and recorded by musicians worldwide. Inward Light is based on the hymn tune INWARD LIGHT by Carol Doran. It is a quite work with the tune played sometimes on the manuals (hands), and sometimes in the pedal (feet). The midsection features a fuller, louder texture. The piece ends quietly with the pedal playing a detached descending line.

Choral Anthem at 8:45: This Little Light of Mine—arr. Ken Berg

This arrangement of the Traditional Spiritual “This Little Light of Mine” features treble singers accompanied by piano and cello.

Choral Anthem at 11:15: If Ye Love Me—Thomas Tallis (c. 1505-1585)

The brief four-part motet, If Ye Love Me, was published in 1565 during Elizabeth's reign. It is a setting of a passage from the Gospel of John (4:15-17). Tallis' writing conforms to the pure, homophonic style of the time, employing “to each syllable a plain and distinct note.” Yet, while generally staying within these parameters, Tallis seems to push the boundaries, allowing intimations of glorious imitative counterpoint to blossom. If Ye Love Me is still a standard motet of the Anglican tradition.—Timothy Judd

Postlude: Voluntary on “Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies” - Aaron Shows (b. 1989)

This arrangement of the tune RATISBON by American organist and composer puts the tune in the pedal with a running scalar pattern in the right hand.