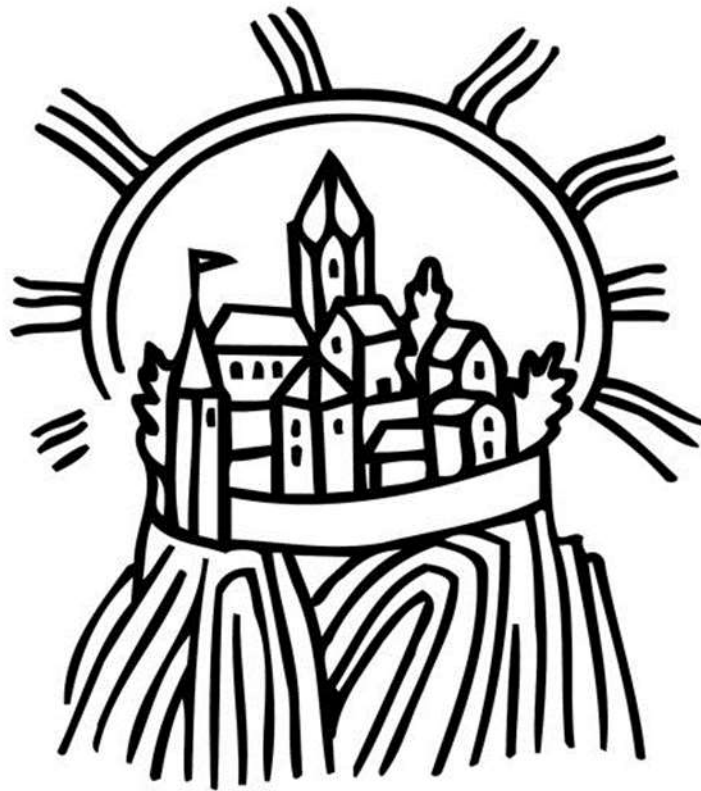




**Lord of Life**  
Lutheran Church



*Loved by God,  
Sent to Serve.*

**5<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Epiphany**  
**February 5, 2023**  
**10:30 am**

**Evangelical Lutheran Worship**  
Setting Eight

**GATHERING**

*The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.*

**Prelude: “This Little Light of Mine”**

**Gathering Song: *Here I Am to Worship***

Light of the world  
You stepped down into darkness  
Opened my eyes let me see  
Beauty that made This heart adore You  
Hope of a life spent with You

**Chorus**

So here I am to worship  
Here I am to bow down  
Here I am to say that You're my God  
You're altogether lovely  
Altogether worthy  
Altogether wonderful to me

King of all days  
Oh so highly exalted  
Glorious in heaven above  
Humbly You came  
To the earth You created  
All for love's sake became poor

**Chorus (x2)**

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**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.**

## **Kyrie**

**ELW p. 184**

*The assembly joins in with the refrain when invited.*

let us pray to the Lord, **let us pray to the Lord**  
**Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way,**  
**Kyrie eleison, ev'ry day.**

## **Canticle of Praise**

**ELW p. 185**

### **Refrain**

Glory to God in the highest, the highest, and peace to God's people on earth.

- 1 Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. **Refrain**
- 2 Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer. **Refrain**
- 3 For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father. Amen. Amen. Amen. **Refrain (x2)**

## **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.**

## **WORD**

*God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.*

### **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.*

<sup>1</sup>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. <sup>2</sup>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. <sup>3</sup>“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. <sup>4</sup>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. <sup>5</sup>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?

<sup>6</sup>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? <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 them, and not to hide yourself from your own kin? <sup>8</sup>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. <sup>9a</sup>Then you shall call, and the LORD will answer; you shall cry for help, and he will say, Here I am.

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

## **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.*

<sup>1</sup>When I came to you, brothers and sisters, I did not come proclaiming the mystery of God to you in lofty words or wisdom. <sup>2</sup>For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ, and him crucified. <sup>3</sup>And I came to you in weakness and in fear and in much trembling. <sup>4</sup>My speech and my proclamation were not with plausible words of wisdom, but with a demonstration of the Spirit and of power, <sup>5</sup>so that your faith might rest not on human wisdom but on the power of God.

<sup>6</sup>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. <sup>7</sup>But we speak God’s wisdom, secret and hidden, 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 human heart conceived, 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 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. <sup>12</sup>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.

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

## **Children's Time**

### **Gospel Song: *Word of God, Speak***

Word of God speak, would You pour down like rain  
Washing my eyes to see Your majesty  
to be still and know that You're in this place  
Please let me stay and rest, in Your holiness  
Word of God speak (**repeat**)

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### **Gospel: Matthew 5:13-20**

The holy gospel according to Matthew.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus said:] <sup>13</sup>“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.

<sup>14</sup>“You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. <sup>15</sup>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. <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 in heaven.

<sup>17</sup>“Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. <sup>18</sup>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. <sup>19</sup>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. <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.”

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Song of the Day: *All My Hope***

Light in my darkness peace for my soul  
You are my rescue You never let go **(REPEAT)**

All my hope is in You all my strength is in You  
With every breath my soul will rest in You

Here in my weakness always the same  
Your love is my shelter Your life is my way

All my hope is in You all my strength is in You  
With every breath my soul will rest in You **(REPEAT)**

Constant Savior friend forever Lord You have my heart  
Sure foundation never failing Lord You have my heart

All my hope is in You all my strength is in You  
With every breath my soul will rest in You

All the earth beneath You all my life before You  
With every breath my soul will rest in You  
With every breath my soul will rest in You

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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

...Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**  
...power revealed in Christ crucified. **Amen.**

## Sharing of the Peace

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

### MEAL

*God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.*

## Offertory Music: “*This Little Light of Mine*”

ELW 677

- 1 This little light of mine, I'm goin'-a let it shine;  
this little light of mine, I'm goin'-a let it shine;  
this little light of mine, I'm goin'-a let it shine,  
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.
- 2 Ev'rywhere I go, I'm goin'-a let it shine;  
ev'rywhere I go, I'm goin'-a let it shine;  
ev'rywhere I go, I'm goin'-a let it shine,  
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.
- 3 Jesus gave it to me, I'm goin'-a let it shine;  
Jesus gave it to me, I'm goin'-a let it shine;  
Jesus gave it to me, I'm goin'-a let it shine,  
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.



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## Offering Prayer in Unison

Let us pray together.

**Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: our selves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

## **Holy Communion**

### **Preparing for the Table**

...So if we come to this table angry,  
**Let this bread and wine be our peace.**

If we come to this table broken,  
**Let this bread and wine be our grace.**

If we come to this table betrayed,  
**Let this bread and wine be our wholeness.**

If we come to this table in despair,  
**Let this bread and wine be our life.**

For this is a holy table, with food to fill the hungry world  
and wine to quench thirsty hearts.

**Thanks be to God!**

### **Words of Institution**

When Jesus ate with his friends, He took bread, and after blessing it, He broke it and gave it to them saying:

**"Take, eat; this is my body given for you. Each time you do this, remember me."**

Then he took the cup, and after giving thanks, passed it to his friends, saying:

**"Drink. This cup poured out for you and for all people is the promise of God. Whenever you drink it, remember me."**

We remember Jesus' death and resurrection, our hope and our life. We break bread and share the one cup.

**Thanks be to God!**



## Lord's Prayer

*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.

## Invitation to Communion

### Communion Distribution Song: *Christ, Be Our Light*

ELW 715

1 Longing for light, we wait in darkness.  
Longing for truth, we turn to you.  
Make us your own, your holy people,  
light for the world to see.

### Refrain

Christ, be our light!  
Shine in our hearts.  
Shine through the darkness.  
Christ, be our light!  
Shine in your church gathered today.

2 Longing for peace, our world is troubled.  
Longing for hope, many despair.  
Your word alone has pow'r to save us.  
Make us your living voice. **Refrain**

3 Longing for food, many are hungry.  
Longing for water, many still thirst.  
Make us your bread, broken for others,  
shared until all are fed. **Refrain**

4 Longing for shelter, many are homeless.  
Longing for warmth, many are cold.  
Make us your building, sheltering others,  
walls made of living stone. **Refrain**

5 Many the gifts, many the people,  
many the hearts that yearn to belong.  
Let us be servants to one another,  
signs of your kingdom come. **Refrain**

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### **Prayer after Communion**

Let us pray.

O God, we give you thanks that you have set before us this feast, the body and blood of your Son. By your Spirit strengthen us to serve all in need and to give ourselves away as bread for the hungry, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

### **SENDING**

*God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.*

### **Announcements**

#### **Blessing**

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace.

**Amen.**

# Sending Song: *We Are Marching in the Light*

ELW 866



*Si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos', si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha -*  
 We are march - ing in the light of God, we are march - ing in the



*nyen' kwen - khos', Si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos',*  
 light of God. We are march - ing in the light of God,



*si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.*  
 we are march - ing in the light of God.



*Si - ya - ham - ba (ham - ba, si - ya - ham - ba) OO*  
 We are march - ing (march - ing, we are march - ing) OO



*si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.*  
 we are march - ing in the light of God.



*Si - ya - ham - ba (ham - ba, si - ya - ham - ba) OO*  
 We are march - ing (march - ing, we are march - ing) OO



*si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.*  
 we are march - ing in the light of God.

*Additional stanzas ad lib.:*

We are dancing ...

We are praying ...

We are singing ...

Clarinet: Kim Barnes

Trombone: Brandon Johnson

Saxophone: Bri Ensign

## **Dismissal**

Go in peace. Share the good news.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Postlude: “*We Are Marching in the Light*”**

## **Announcements**

### **Worship Online**

#### **Zoom:**

<https://bit.ly/2PvSCQJ>

Meeting ID: 563 582 7371

Passcode: Luther

#### **Phone in at:**

(312) 626-6799

Meeting ID: 563 582 7371

Passcode: 456037

**Altar Flowers** today are provided by Galen & Debbie Thomas in celebration of their birthdays.

### **This Week at Lord of Life**

Today	8:00 AM	Worship in-person or online
	9:15 AM	Sunday School
	9:15 AM	Adult Faith Formation
	10:30 AM	NOW Worship in-person or online
Tuesday, February 7	6:30 PM	Faith Formation Parent meeting
Wednesday, February 8	6:00 PM	Confirmation
Thursday, February 9	6:30 PM	Stephen Ministry
Saturday, February 11	8:30 AM	Men’s Breakfast

### **Adult Faith Formation**

Today, in the conference room between services, Pastor Paul will host our viewing of part 2 of the Bonhoeffer movie. No need to have seen part 1 to join the class.

### **SOUPer Bowl of Caring**

Please consider “cheering on” your favorite team going into the Super Bowl by donating soup to help stock our own Lord of Life Food Pantry. Your donations will be collected at the Super Bowl display in the LOL narthex. Monetary donations are also accepted. Good luck to your team, and thank you for your support.

## **Men's Breakfast**

Join us on Saturday, February 11th for a delicious breakfast, a fair bit of laughter, and faith-filled conversation. 8:30am on the lower level.

## **Holy Land Presentation**

During our cross-generational Sunday School time on February 12th we will welcome students from Wartburg Theological Seminary who will tell us about their experiences in the Holy Land in January. There will be foods to try and lots of photos and stories. All are invited and encouraged to attend!

## **New Offering Envelope System**

We have new offering envelopes which are simpler and more cost effective. You can find a supply of these new envelopes in the gathering space along with an explanation of how to use. If you need more envelopes and can't find in the narthex reach out to the office and a supply will be put into your mailbox for your use.

## **Fat Tuesday Pancake Supper and Jazz Service!**

On the evening before Ash Wednesday we will have a party. Our first pancake supper and jazz service since before the pandemic takes place on **TUESDAY, February 21st**. Dinner at 6pm and a Dixieland Jazz Band service at 7pm.

## **Ash Wednesday Services**

Pastor Paul will once again offer an open space in the sanctuary from Noon-1pm for the imposition of ashes. Come and go over the lunch hour. The full liturgy will take place at 7:00pm and will be live-streamed from the sanctuary. This day is critical as we enter Lent and the 40 days.

## **Prayer List**

Dale & Jan Helwig-Schrobilgen

John & Vonda Hermsen

Gretchen Hong and family

Jenny Huseman and family

Steve & Megan Ingalsbe

Eric & Kalli Jahnke

Gerald Jecklin

## **Servants:**

### **Sunday, February 5**

	<b>Tech</b>	<b>Assisting Min.</b>	<b>Reader</b>	<b>Ushers</b>
<b>8:00 AM</b>	Kevin Cartee	Diane Frambach	Sandy Arp	Susan Hansen
<b>10:30 AM</b>			Barry Pickart	

### **Sunday, February 12**

<b>8:00 AM</b>	Jon/Rita			
<b>10:30 AM</b>		Joan Cram		Tim & Heather Felderman

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