



*5<sup>th</sup> Sunday  
after Epiphany*

*February 5, 2017*

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## ***WORSHIP SCHEDULE***

Sundays 8:00 a.m. & 10:45 a.m.

Holy Communion: 1st, 3rd, 5th Sundays

Becky Lanzito & Karen Leicht - Organists, Ann Souza - Music Director,

Mandi Stilson – Choir/New Music Accompanist

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### ***WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS***

We are pleased you chose to be with us in worship today, and pray the Lord blesses you as he has blessed us with your presence. Our goal is to help people find the right place for them to hear God's word and serve His mission. We'd love to support you in that spiritual journey. Please take a moment to complete an attendance card and place it in the Offering plate or give to an usher. This card will help us connect with you.

### ***HOLY COMMUNION***

The Lord's Supper is celebrated according to the Lutheran Confessions based on the teaching Jesus gave his disciples and us that he is truly present in this meal. Confident that our sins are forgiven, we experience our oneness with him and each other as he gathers us at his table. His true body and blood, given and shed for us, we share in this meal as he invites in Matthew 26:26-28, "Take and eat; this is My Body ... This is My Blood..." Baptized Christians sharing these beliefs are invited to receive Communion. All others are invited to the altar rail for a blessing. Wine can be taken by common chalice, individual cup, or by dipping your wafer into the chalice. Please address questions to the Elders or the Pastor. ***Non-alcoholic wine is in purple-colored cups.***

### ***NURSERY***

We have two rooms available for your use. When the service is in the sanctuary, the nursery is down the hall just past the restrooms. If the service is held in the gym, the nursery is in the youth room at the far end of the gym.

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### ***SERVING TODAY***

**8:00 a.m.**

***Elder:*** JJ Jones  
***Comm/Asst. Elder:*** John Kozlik  
***Acolytes:*** Joe Souza, Nathan Stutzman  
***Ushers:*** Don Heidlauf, Mike Bandman, OPEN  
***Lay Readers:*** Samantha & Clint McDonald  
***Greeters:*** Ken & Sue Hessel,  
Mulley Family  
***Fellowship:*** Pipia & Swanson families  
***Feb. Altar Guild:*** Margie Tatgenhorst  
***Feb. Counters:*** Morrie & Carol Cook

**10:45 a.m.**

***Randy Gifford***  
***Monte Stoltzman***  
***Mineva Freehling, Hunter Kregel***  
***John Schultz, OPEN***  
***Bob & Linda Piepenbrink***  
***Paul & Linda Groh,***  
***Freehling Family***  
  
***Dawn Werfelmann***

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### ***TODAY'S FLOWERS ARE PROVIDED BY:***

Carla Thompson in celebration of daughter Katie's birthday and her mother's birthday, and  
Chris Mason and Sue Walker in celebration of father, Roy Roberts, 95th birthday.

# 1 CORINTHIANS SERVICE

Worship in a traditional order that uses portions of 1 Corinthians.

## Opening Hymn

## Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling

LSB 650



1 Ho - ly Spir - it, ev - er dwell - ing In the ho - liest  
2 Ho - ly Spir - it, ev - er liv - ing As the Church's  
3 Ho - ly Spir - it, ev - er work - ing Through the Church's



realms of light; Ho - ly Spir - it, ev - er brood - ing  
ver - y life; Ho - ly Spir - it, ev - er striv - ing  
min - is - try; Quick - 'ning, strength - 'ning, and ab - solv - ing,



O'er a world of gloom and night; Ho - ly Spir - it,  
Through us in a cease - less strife; Ho - ly Spir - it,  
Set - ting cap - tive sin - ners free; Ho - ly Spir - it,



ev - er rais - ing Those of earth to thrones on high; Liv - ing,  
ev - er form - ing In the Church the mind of Christ: You we  
ev - er bind - ing Age to age and soul to soul In com -



life - im - part - ing Spir - it, You we praise and mag - ni - fy.  
praise with end - less wor - ship For Your gifts and fruits un - priced.  
mu - nion nev - er end - ing, You we wor - ship and ex - tol.

## Invocation (Based on 1 Corinthians 1:2-3)

P: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. **C: Amen.**

P: To the church of God, to those sanctified in Christ Jesus and called to be holy,

**C: Together with all those everywhere who call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ,**

P: Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. **C: Amen.**

**Confession and Absolution** (Based on 1 Corinthians 10:6-13, 15:56-57, 5:7a)

P: Paul warns the Corinthians from Israel’s history: “Do not be idolaters,” “we should not test the Lord,” and “do not grumble.” “So if you think you are standing firm, be careful that you don’t fall! No temptation has seized you except what is common to man. And God is faithful; He will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, He will also provide a way out so that you can stand up under it.” Do you recognize that you are tempted in many ways?   **C: Yes.**

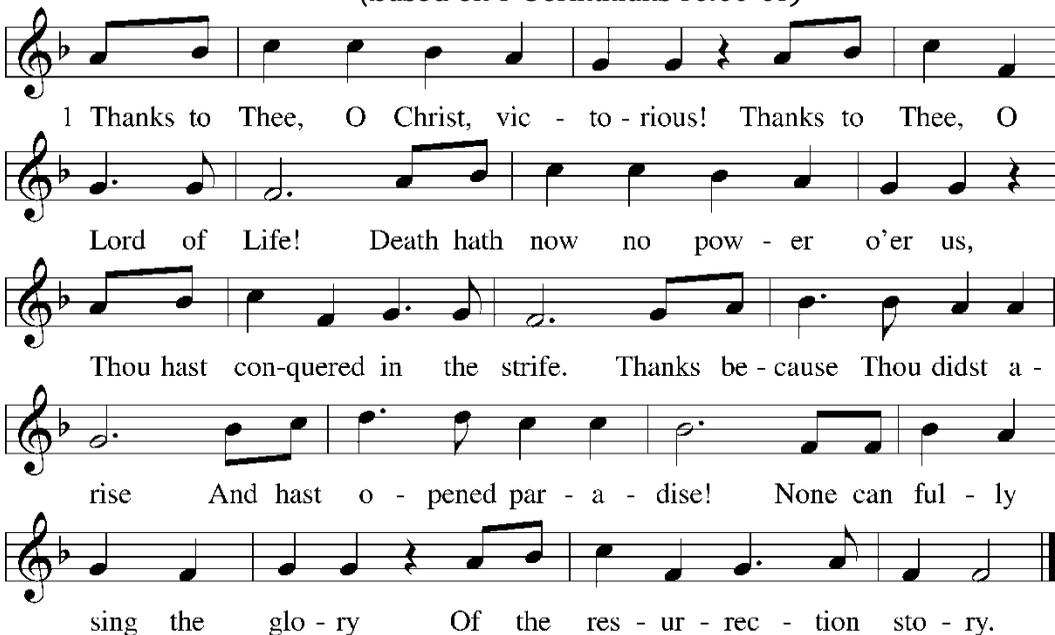
P: “The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law.”

**All: “But thanks be to God!**

**He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.”**

P: “For Christ, our Passover lamb, has been sacrificed” for our sins.   **C: Amen!**

**Hymn of Praise**      **Thanks to Thee, O Christ, Victorious**      LSB # 548, st. 1  
(based on 1 Corinthians 15:56-57)



1 Thanks to Thee, O Christ, vic - to - rious! Thanks to Thee, O  
Lord of Life! Death hath now no pow - er o'er us,  
Thou hast con-quired in the strife. Thanks be - cause Thou didst a -  
rise And hast o - pened par - a - dise! None can ful - ly  
sing the glo - ry Of the res - ur - rec - tion sto - ry.

**Collect (Prayer of the Day)**

P: 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: Amen.**

**Old Testament Reading**

**Isaiah 58:3–12 (ESV)**

[The people say:] <sup>3</sup>“Why have we fasted, and you see it not?

Why have we humbled ourselves, and you take no knowledge of it?”

[The Lord answers:]

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.’

If you take away the yoke from your midst,

the pointing of the finger, and speaking wickedness,

<sup>10</sup>if you pour out [your soul] for the hungry and satisfy the [soul] of the afflicted,

then shall your light rise in the darkness and your gloom be as the noonday.

<sup>11</sup>And the LORD will guide you continually

and satisfy your [soul] in scorched places and make your bones strong;

and you shall be like a watered garden, like a spring of water, whose waters do not fail.

<sup>12</sup>And your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt;

you shall raise up the foundations of many generations;

you shall be called [Repairer of Broken Walls, Restorer of Streets with Dwellings.]”

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**Epistle****1 Corinthians 2:1–7, 11–12 (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>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>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.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

**Anthem*****"This Little Light of Mine*****Adult Choir**

- *This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine...Ev'rywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine...*

**Holy Gospel****Matthew 5:13–20 (ESV)**

<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: **Thanks be to God.**

**Praise Song (Led by the Children) "Shake, Shake the Salt"**

Children are invited up to help Mrs. Souza teach this Sunday School song to the congregation.

**Hymn of the Day Church of God, Elect and Glorious**

LSB 646, tune: 826



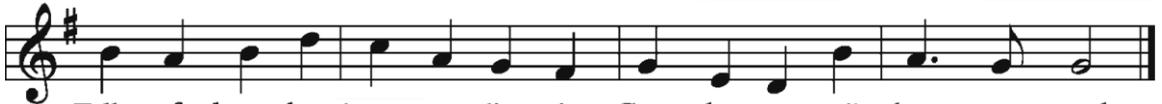
1 Church of God, e - lect and glo - rious, Ho - ly na - tion, cho - sen race;  
2 God has called you out of dark - ness In - to His most mar - v' lous light;  
3 Once you were an al - ien peo - ple, Strang - ers to God's heart of love;



Called as God's own spe - cial peo - ple, Roy - al priests and heirs of grace:  
Brought His truth to life with - in you, Turned your blind - ness in - to sight.  
But He brought you home in mer - cy, Cit - i - zens of heav'n a - bove.



Know the pur - pose of your call - ing, Show to all His might - y deeds;  
Let your light so shine a - round you That God's name is glo - ri - fied  
Let His love flow out to oth - ers, Let them feel a Fa - ther's care;



Tell of love that knows no lim - its, Grace that meets all hu - man needs.  
And all find fresh hope and pur - pose In Christ Je - sus cru - ci - fied.  
That they too may know His wel - come And His count - less bless - ings share.

**Sermon**

**"Fasting from Salt?"**

**Isaiah 58:3-12**

## Confession of Faith

1 Corinthians 15:1-6a,20-22,58

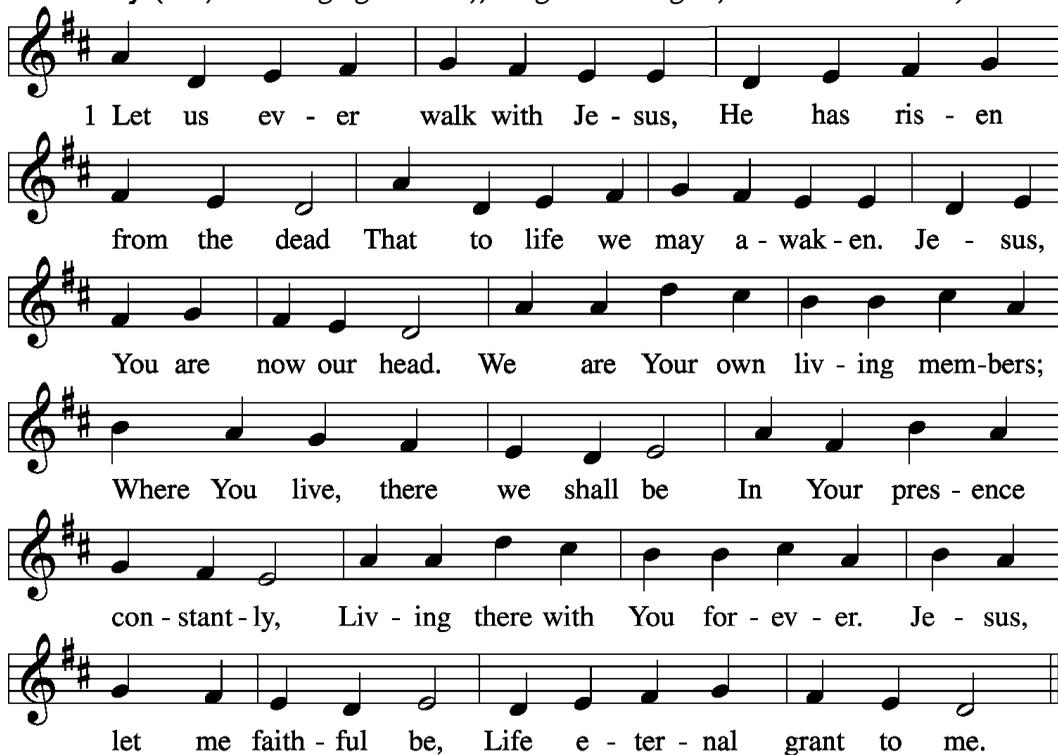
P: Now, brothers and sisters, I want to remind you of the gospel I preached to you, which you received and on which you have taken your stand. By this gospel you are saved, if you hold firmly to the word I preached to you. Otherwise, you have believed in vain. For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance:

**C: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures, and that he appeared to Peter, and then to the Twelve. After that, he appeared to more than five hundred of the brothers at the same time. Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. For since death came through a man, the resurrection of the dead comes also through a man. For as in Adam all die, so in Christ all will be made alive. Amen.**

## Offering & Prayer Requests

In addition to the prayer requests already received, Pastor will pause here to see if there are additional requests. Prayers can be thanksgivings, joy, requests for yourself, or requests for others.

**Offertory** (we join in singing as the offerings are brought forward to the altar) LSB 685, st. 4 alt.



1 Let us ev - er walk with Je - sus, He has ris - en  
from the dead That to life we may a - wak - en. Je - sus,  
You are now our head. We are Your own liv - ing mem - bers;  
Where You live, there we shall be In Your pres - ence  
con - stant - ly, Liv - ing there with You for - ev - er. Je - sus,  
let me faith - ful be, Life e - ter - nal grant to me.

## Prayers

### **The Lord's Supper: What We Believe**

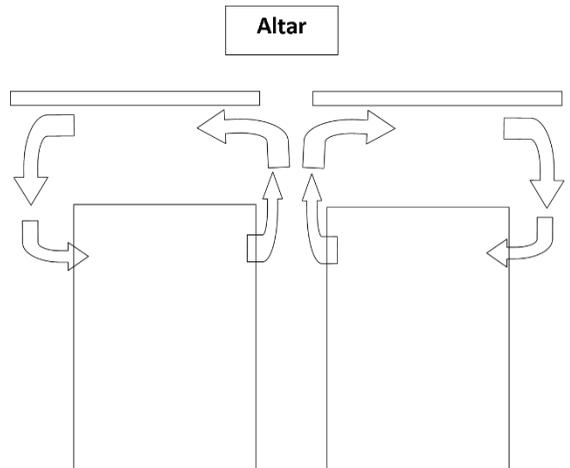
All Christians who are baptized and have been instructed are invited to receive Communion with us if you believe as we do—that the bread is the body of Christ, and the wine is the blood of Christ, truly present for us for the forgiveness of our sins.

If this is a new teaching to you, or if this is different than you believe, we ask that you wait to commune until we've had a further chance to talk. We invite those who are not communing to come to the rail, cross your arms, and receive a blessing from the Lord.



### **Communion Distribution**

- Pastor distributes the bread, and the Elders distribute the wine—with individual cups or common cup. The individual trays also contain alcohol-removed wine in the center of each tray in the purple cups.
- Each side will be ushered from the center aisle to the communion rail, row by row, starting with the front.
- Go to the rail on your side of the sanctuary, filling in starting with the outside wall towards the center.
- Once you have received the elements, you may remain at the rail for prayer and leave at your own pace.
- Return to your seat using the outside aisle.



Liturgy based on 1 Corinthians 10:16-17, 11:26-28, 15:22-23

P: Test your hearts. Recognize that you are sinners in need of God's mercy and forgiveness. And when you have recognized your sin, then eat of the bread and drink of the cup. For anyone who eats and drinks without discerning the body of Christ in the meal, eats and drinks judgment on himself, guilty of the body and blood of the Lord.

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: The cup of blessing we bless now

**C: is a sharing in the blood of Christ.**

P: The bread that we break

**C: is a sharing in the body of Christ.**

P: Since through man's sin came death,

**C: Therefore through a man comes the resurrection of the dead.**

P: Since all die because we are Adam's offspring,

**C: Therefore also in Christ all will be made alive.**

P: Because there is one bread, we who are many are one body,

**C: for we all share the one bread.**

### **Prayer of Thanksgiving**

LSB 209

P: Father, in Your righteous judgment You condemned the sin of Adam and Eve, who ate the forbidden fruit, and You justly barred them and all their children from the tree of life. Yet, in Your great mercy, You promised salvation by a second Adam, Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, and made His cross a life-giving tree for all who trust in Him. We give You thanks for the redemption You have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may faithfully eat and drink of the fruits of His cross and receive the blessings of forgiveness, life, and salvation that come to us in His body and blood. **C: Amen.**

### **The Lord's Prayer**

P: Lord, remember us in Your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

**All: 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.**

### **Words of Institution**

## ***Pax Domini (The Peace of the Lord)***

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.      C: **And also with you.**

(We greet one another in peace saying “God’s peace” or “The Lord be with you.”)

### ***First Distribution Hymn Lord, Whose Love through Humble Service***      LSB 848



1 Lord, whose love through hum - ble ser - vice Bore the weight of  
2 Still Your chil - dren wan - der home - less; Still the hun - gry  
3 As we wor - ship, grant us vi - sion, Till Your love's re -  
4 Called by wor - ship to Your ser - vice, Forth in Your dear



hu - man need, Who up - on the cross, for - sak - en,  
cry for bread; Still the cap - tives long for free - dom;  
veal - ing light In its height and depth and great - ness,  
name we go, To the child, the youth, the a - ged,



Of - fered mer - cy's per - fect deed, We, Your ser - vants, bring the  
Still in grief we mourn our dead. As, O Lord, Your deep com -  
Dawns up - on our quick - ened sight, Mak - ing known the needs and  
Love in liv - ing deeds to show; Hope and health, good - will and



wor - ship Not of voice a - lone, but heart, Con - se -  
pas - sion Healed the sick and freed the soul, Use the  
bur - dens Your com - pas - sion bids us bear, Stir - ring  
com - fort, Coun - sel, aid, and peace we give, That Your



crat - ing to Your pur - pose Ev - 'ry gift that You im - part.  
love Your Spir - it kin - dles Still to save and make us whole.  
us to tire - less striv - ing, Your a - bun - dant life to share.  
ser - vants, Lord, in free - dom May Your mer - cy know and live.



1 My faith looks up to Thee, Thou Lamb of Cal - va - ry,  
 2 May Thy rich grace im - part Strength to my faint - ing heart;  
 3 While life's dark maze I tread And griefs a - round me spread,  
 4 When ends life's tran - sient dream, When death's cold, sul - len stream



Sav - ior di - vine. Now hear me while I pray; Take all my  
 My zeal in - spire! As Thou hast died for me, Oh, may my  
 Be Thou my guide; Bid dark - ness turn to day, Wipe sor - row's  
 Shall o'er me roll, Blest Sav - ior, then, in love, Fear and dis -



guilt a - way; O let me from this day Be whol - ly Thine!  
 love to Thee Pure, warm, and change - less be, A liv - ing fire!  
 tears a - way, Nor let me ev - er stray From Thee a - side.  
 trust re - move; O bear me safe a - bove, A ran - somed soul!

**Common Dismissal**

P: Now may this true body and true blood of our Lord...

**C: Amen.**

**Post-Communion Prayer**

LSB 212

P: Let us pray. O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

**Benediction (Blessing)** *(Based on 1 Corinthians 1:5,7-9 & 16:23)*

P: "In Christ Jesus you have been enriched in every way—in all your speaking and in all your knowledge. Therefore you do not lack any spiritual gift as you eagerly wait for our Lord Jesus Christ to be revealed. He will keep you strong to the end, so that you will be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**C: God, who has called us into fellowship with His Son Jesus Christ, is faithful."**

P: The grace of the Lord Jesus be with you.

**C: Amen.**

**Closing Hymn**

***I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light***

LSB 411



1 I want to walk as a child of the light.  
2 I want to see the bright-ness of God.  
3 I'm look - ing for the com - ing of Christ.



I want to fol - low Je - sus.  
I want to look at Je - sus.  
I want to be with Je - sus.



God set the stars to give light to the world.  
Clear Sun of Righ - teous - ness, shine on my path,  
When we have run with pa - tience the race,



The star of my life is Je - sus.  
And show me the way to the Fa - ther.  
We shall know the joy of Je - sus.

*Refrain*



In Him there is no dark - ness at all.



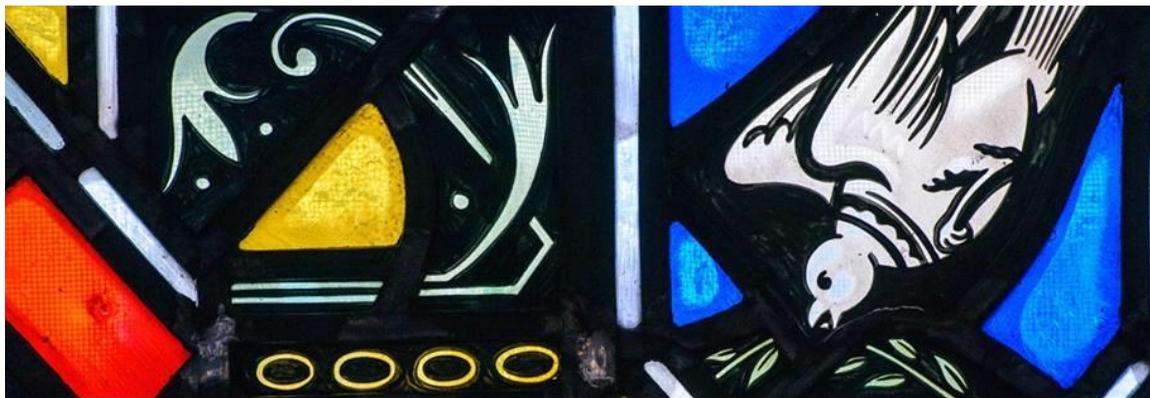
The night and the day are both a - like.



The Lamb is the light of the cit - y of God.



Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus.



**Gracious Father,** in Your Son You prepared a welcome and a home for all people. Remember in mercy all non-citizens and their families who have been unable to enter or return to this country due to the recent executive order. Preserve them from despair and anxiety. Grant Your gracious wisdom to our governing authorities to find a just and honest solution to the difficulties that have arisen. Guide them to protect the citizens of our nation and to honor those who would come here in peace, particularly those seeking relief and refuge from oppression and violence. In our land and throughout this world, Your people raise their voices to beg the gift of peace: Grant peace, we pray, in mercy, Lord. Peace in our time, O send us! For there is none on earth but You, none other to defend us. You only, Lord, can fight for us. **Amen.**

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# Sunday Morning Adult Bible Study With Pastor Squires 9:30-10:30AM



## Please join us anytime!

*The Bible Project* is a Portland based non-profit that utilizes short-form, fully animated videos to make the biblical story accessible to everyone, everywhere. We will use these videos to explore the New Testament, book by book, getting a good overview of each book as well as its key events & themes.

### **This study will be great for:**

- 1) Those who don't feel they know much about the Bible
- 2) Those who feel like they know a little about the Bible but it's incomplete
- 3) Those who've studied the Bible a lot, but aren't sure how to talk to others about it in basic ways
- 4) Those who think they don't need to study the Bible, but have realized that's kind of strange since faith in Jesus is based on the Bible

### **Here's what the Bible Project team says:**

*We want to change how people read and use the Bible. For some, the Bible is used as a devotional grab bag. For others it is a instructional manual that fell out of the sky. And for many, it is an oppressive book of out-dated rules used to control people. We believe that the Bible is a divine-human book that speaks God's word to his people. We think it points people to Jesus, who has power to change individuals and whole communities. When we let the biblical story speak for itself, we believe it has immense wisdom to offer the modern world.*

**The Bible Project Schedule: February 5 & 12 - The Gospel of Mark**

**February 19, 26 & March 5, 12 - The Gospel of Luke**

**For past weeks & resources, go to:** <http://www.bethelgurnee.org/bibleproject.html>

PRESCHOOL



Saturday,  
March 4

We have a great need for volunteers and we are asking for your help! The Rummage Sale is the preschool's major annual fundraiser.

Sign-up online at <http://tinyurl.com/preschoolrummage2017> or on the sign-up sheets on display in the preschool hallway.

### **There are many ways to pitch in:**

**Sunday, February 26** starting at noon after late service: set up tables and bring up rummage from the basement.

**Monday, February 27—Friday March 3** pricing, sorting, folding, and organizing rummage.

**Saturday, March 4 Rummage Sale Day!** Lots of ways to help! We'll need cashiers, baggers, people to carry items, people to fold and organize, people to direct shoppers, and a clean-up crew at the end of the day. There is a delicious, free lunch provided for all workers on Saturday. Please consider signing-up to help. Our volunteers are critical and make a huge impact to the success of the sale!

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**Rummage Drop-off** Drop-off begins on Sunday, **February 26** at noon after late service. It continues Monday - Thursday morning between 9:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m. and from 6:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. each evening. **(Drop-off will be unavailable from 3:00-6:00 p.m. each day and the door to the gym will be locked.)** We ask that all items are dropped-off by Thursday to allow for sorting and pricing.

**Accepted Items** Items accepted are clothes, baby items, toys, games, knick knacks, linens, kitchen items, books, shoes, etc. (No computers or TV's please.) If you have a larger item you wish to donate, such as furniture, we ask that you please contact the Preschool Office at (847)244-9672 or [preschool@bethelgurnee.org](mailto:preschool@bethelgurnee.org), to make sure we can accept the item.