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Fifth Sunday After Epiphany

February 5, 2023 8:30 AM

"Congregations joined in faith and fellowship to spread God's love."

AES Ministries mission statement

Welcome to all who worship with us today! All Are Welcome at The Lord's Table!

Worship Service

PRELUDE, WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

ELW P. 94

GATHERING HYMN

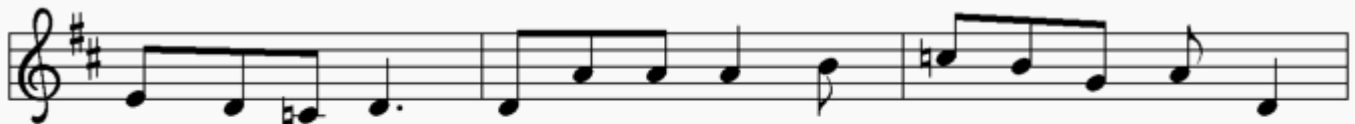
"GATHER US IN"

ELW #532

Gather Us In



1 Here in this place the new light is stream-ing, now is the dark - ness
2 We are the young, our lives are a mys - t'ry, we are the old who
3 Here we will take the wine and the wa - ter, here we will take the
4 Not in the dark of build-ings con - fin - ing, not in some heav - en,



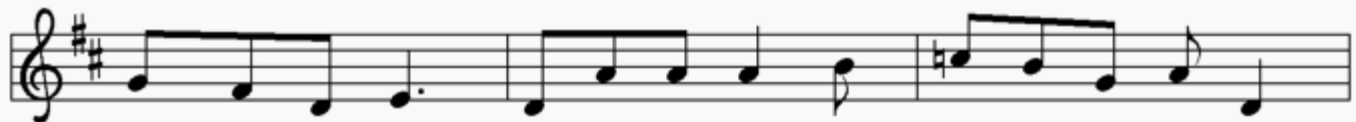
van - ished a - way; see in this space our fears and our dream-ings
yearn for your face; we have been sung through - out all of his - t'ry,
bread of new birth, here you shall call your sons and your daugh - ters,
light years a - way— here in this place the new light is shin - ing,



brought here to you in the light of this day.
called to be light to the whole hu - man race.
call us a - new to be salt for the earth.
now is the king - dom, and now is the day.



Gath-er us in, the lost and for - sak - en, gath-er us in, the
Gath-er us in, the rich and the haugh-ty, gath-er us in, the
Give us to drink the wine of com-pas - sion, give us to eat the
Gath-er us in and hold us for - ev - er, gath-er us in and



blind and the lame; call to us now, and we shall a - wak - en,
 proud and the strong; give us a heart, so meek and so low - ly,
 bread that is you; nour-ish us well, and teach us to fash - ion
 make us your own; gath - er us in, all peo - ples to - geth - er,



we shall a - rise at the sound of our name.
 give us the cour - age to en - ter the song.
 lives that are ho - ly and hearts that are true.
 fire . . of love in our flesh and our bone.

GREETING AND KYRIE

ELW P. 184

CANTICLE OF PRAISE

“THIS IS THE FEAST”

ELW P. 187

PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: Let us pray....

C: 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.

FIRST READING: ISAIAH 58:1-9A[9B-12]

¹Shout out, do not hold back! Lift up your voice like a trumpet! Announce to my people their rebellion, to the house of Jacob their sins. ²Yet day after day they seek me and delight to know my ways, as if they were a nation that practiced righteousness and did not forsake the ordinance of their God; they ask of me righteous judgments, they delight to draw near to God.

³“Why do we fast, but you do not see? Why humble ourselves, but you do not notice?” Look, you serve your own interest on your fast day, and oppress all your workers. ⁴Look, you fast only to quarrel and to fight and to strike with a wicked fist. Such fasting as you do today will not make your voice heard on high. ⁵Is such the fast that I choose, a day to humble oneself? Is it to bow down the head like a bulrush, and to lie in sackcloth and ashes? Will you call this a fast, a day acceptable to the Lord? ⁶Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of injustice, to undo the thongs of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke? ⁷Is it not to share your bread with the hungry, and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover them, and not to hide yourself from your own kin? ⁸Then your light shall break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up quickly; your vindicator shall go before you, the glory of the Lord shall be your rear guard. ^{9a}Then you shall call, and the Lord will answer; you shall cry for help, and he will say, Here I am. [^{9b}If you remove the yoke from among you, the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil, ¹⁰if you offer your food to the hungry and satisfy the needs of the afflicted, then your light shall rise in the darkness and your gloom be like the noonday. ¹¹The Lord will guide you continually, and satisfy your needs in parched places, and make your bones strong; and you shall be like a watered garden, like a spring of water, whose waters never fail. ¹²Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt; you shall raise up the foundations of many generations; you shall be called the repairer of the breach, the restorer of streets to live in.]

L: Word of God, Word of Life. **C:** Thanks be to God

PSALM: 112:1-9 [10]

L: ¹Hallelujah! Happy are they who fear the Lord and have great delight in God’s commandments!

C: ²**Their descendants will be mighty in the land;
the generation of the upright will be blessed.**

L: ³Wealth and riches will be in their house,
and their righteousness will last forever.

C: ⁴**Light shines in the darkness for the upright;
the righteous are merciful and full of compassion.**

L: ⁵It is good for them to be generous in lending and to manage their affairs with justice.

C: ⁶**For they will never be shaken;
the righteous will be kept in everlasting remembrance.**

L: ⁷They will not be afraid of any evil rumors;
their heart is steadfast, trusting in the Lord.

C: ⁸**Their heart is established and will not shrink,
until they see their desire upon their enemies.**

L: ⁹They have given freely to the poor, and their righteousness
stands fast forever; they will hold up their head with honor.

C: [¹⁰**The wicked will see it and be angry; they will gnash their teeth
and pine away; the desires of the wicked will perish.]**

SECOND READING: 1 CORINTHIANS 2:1-12 [13-16]

¹When I came to you, brothers and sisters, I did not come proclaiming the mystery of God to you in lofty words or wisdom. ²For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ, and him crucified. ³And I came to you in weakness and in fear and in much trembling. ⁴My speech and my proclamation were not with plausible words of wisdom, but with a demonstration of the Spirit and of power, ⁵so that your faith might rest not on human wisdom but on the power of God. ⁶Yet 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. ⁷But we speak God's wisdom, secret and hidden, which God decreed before the ages for our glory. ⁸None of the rulers of this age understood this; for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. ⁹But, 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"—¹⁰these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit; for the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. ¹¹For 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. ¹²Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit that is from God, so that we may understand the gifts bestowed on us by God. [¹³And we speak of these things in words not taught by human wisdom but taught by the Spirit, interpreting spiritual things to those who are spiritual. ¹⁴Those who are unspiritual do not receive the gifts of God's Spirit, for they are foolishness to them, and they are unable to understand them because they are spiritually discerned. ¹⁵Those who are spiritual discern all things, and they are themselves subject to no one else's scrutiny. ¹⁶"For who has known the mind of the Lord so as to instruct him?" But we have the mind of Christ.]

L: Word of God, Word of Life.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

"ALLELUIA"

ELW P. 188

L: The Holy Gospel According to St. . Matthew, the 5th Chapter **C:** **Glory to you, O Lord.**

GOSPEL: MATTHEW 5:13-20

[Jesus said:] ¹³"You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot. ¹⁴"You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. ¹⁵No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. ¹⁶In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven. ¹⁷"Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. ¹⁸For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. ¹⁹Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches others to do the same, will be called least in the

kingdom of heaven; but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. ²⁰For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN’S TIME

MESSAGE

HYMN OF THE DAY

“THIS LITTLE LIGHT OF MINE”

ELW #677

This Little Light of Mine

1 This lit - tle light of mine, I'm goin' - a let it shine;
2 Ev - 'ry - where I go, I'm goin' - a let it shine;
3 Je - sus gave it to me, I'm goin' - a let it shine;

oh, oh,

this lit - tle light of mine, I'm goin' - a let it shine;
ev - 'ry - where I go, I'm goin' - a let it shine;
Je - sus gave it to me, I'm goin' - a let it shine;

oh,

this lit - tle light of mine, I'm goin' - a let it shine,
ev - 'ry - where I go, I'm goin' - a let it shine,
Je - sus gave it to me, I'm goin' - a let it shine,

oh,

let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.
 let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.
 let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

INSTALLATION OF COUNCIL MEMBERS

SEE YELLOW INSERT

APOSTLE'S CREED

ELW P. 104

PRAYER'S OF INTERCESSION

L: God, in your Mercy

C: Hear our Prayer

SHARING GOD'S PEACE

OFFERTORY HYMN

"LET THE VINEYARDS BE FRUITFUL"

ELW #182

Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful

Offering Song

Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of

bles - sing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be

fed with the bread of life. Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u -

nite them with the prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your

pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

HOLY COMMUNION

GREAT THANKSGIVING

RESPONSE: "HOLY, HOLY, HOLY"

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

ELW P. 190

THE LORD'S PRAYER

ELW P. 191

COMMUNION HYMN

"LET US BREAK BREAD TOGETHER"

ELW#471

Let Us Break Bread Together

1 Let us break bread to - geth - er on our knees;
2 Let us drink wine to - geth - er on our knees;
3 Let us praise God to - geth - er on our knees;

let us break bread to - geth - er on our knees.
let us drink wine to - geth - er on our knees.
let us praise God to - geth - er on our knees.

Refrain

When I fall on my knees, with my face to the ris - ing

sun, O Lord, have mer - cy on me.

"BEAUTIFUL SAVIOR"
Beautiful Savior

1 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, King of cre - a - tion,
 2 Fair are the mead - ows, fair are the wood - lands,
 3 Fair is the sun - shine, fair is the moon - light,
 4 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, Lord of the na - tions,

Son of God and Son of Man!
 robed in flow'rs of bloom - ing spring;
 bright the spar - kling stars on high;
 Son of God and Son of Man!

Tru - ly I'd love thee, tru - ly I'd serve thee,
 Je - sus is fair - er, Je - sus is pur - er,
 Je - sus shines bright - er, Je - sus shines pur - er
 Glo - ry and hon - or, praise, ad - o - ra - tion,

light of my soul, my joy, my crown.
 he makes our sor - rowing spir - it sing.
 than all the an - gels in the sky.
 now and for - ev - er - more be thine!

BLESSING

SENDING HYMN

“GO, MY CHILDREN, WITH MY BLESSING”
Go, My Children, with My Blessing

ELW #543



1 “Go, my chil - dren, with my bless - ing, nev - er a - lone.
2 “Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure.
3 “Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour - ished, clos - er to me.



Wak - ing, sleep - ing, I am with you, you are my own.
Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.
Grow in love and love by serv - ing, joy - ful and free.



In my love's bap - tis - mal riv - er I have made you mine for - ev - er.
Here you heard my dear Son's sto - ry, here you touched him, saw his glo - ry.
Here my Spir - it's pow - er filled you, here my ten - der com - fort stilled you.



Go, my chil - dren, with my bless - ing, you are my own.”
Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure.”
Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour - ished, joy - ful and free.”

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace, Love and serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

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Activities this week: February 6 – February 12

Monday	10:00 am – Weekly Prayer meeting on Zoom, see website for the link
Tuesday	9:30 am – Rebecca Circle 1:00 pm – Pastor – Text Study 2:15 pm – Augustana worship on cable tv
Wednesday	2:00 pm – 7 th & 8 th Grade Confirmation 6:00 pm – Committee Meetings 7:00 pm – Church Council – Augustana
Thursday	7:00 pm – Church Council – East
Friday	Augustana Office Closed – Pastor’s Sabbath
Sunday	“Soaper – Bowl Sunday” 8:30 am – Communion Worship – Augustana – Facebook 9:30 am – Coffee Hour – Augustana 9:45 am – TLC – Augustana 10:00 am – Bible Study – Ruth – East 11:00 am – Worship – East 11:30 am – Radio Broadcast on 1370AM 6:30 pm – Mentor Meeting (A)

Announcements

- † A Celebration of Life was held for **Diane Missling** on Monday, January 30th at 2:00 pm at Augustana. Diane passed away on January 23, 2023.
- † For Soaper Bowl Sunday – next Sunday the 12th – bring any **soap related product** (laundry, baby, dish, bar, body wash, etc.) **or monetary gift** to be donated to our Food Shelf and High School Pantry.
- † The **Green Lake Annual Meeting** is Tuesday the 14th at noon. It begins with a meal followed by the meeting.
- † SIGN UP for Green Lake Bible Camp is closing on **February 15th**. If you haven’t already and want to sign up your child, message Trish Anderson through the TLC Heja App or by phone 507-220-8236.
- † There will be an **Open House Bridal Shower for Annika Torkelson and Beth Rudloff** Saturday the 18th, 10:00 am at the Percy home in Sveadahl. All are welcome.
- † **BLESS A CAMPER** program has started and goes through May. Can YOU help send them? Our goal is to make it possible for all AES youth to attend. You will find each church has a poster for BLESS A CAMPER. If able/interested, please take an envelope, containing all information you need to help a camper and a stamped envelope, from the poster. The AES Youth thank you in advance; they’ll share their experience with you!
- † Join Pr. Mandy and Deacon Lyla for **“Taco ‘bout Faith Talk”** Sunday the 19th, 6 pm at Plaza Jalisco to discuss faith and to eat if you’d like.
- † **WELLSPRING Coffee & Conversation** presents “Protect Yourself From Scams” by the Watonwan County Adult Protection Team Tuesday the 7th, 3 pm at Amberfield Sr. + Dining Room in Madelia and Wednesday the 8th, 3 pm at Prairie View Dining Room in St. James. RSVP WELLSPRING at (507)375-1276.
- † **The Little Pantry at Augustana can always use food. Food can be left in the boxes under the bench in the Education entry, or place right into the Pantry.**
- † Please save your **used, clean plastic bags**. There is a labeled tote for them under the pew in the Education Entrance at Augustana.