

Readings, Sermon Notes, Prayers, Hymns  
To Study and Share with those You Love.  
WEEK OF FEB. 5, 2023

## CONCORDIA

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Hymn of Invocation. **Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling** 650

+ The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism. +

### INTROIT PSALM 119

Blessèd are you, | O LORD;\* teach me your | statutes!  
How can a young man keep his | way pure?\* By guarding it according | to your word.  
With my whole heart I | seek you;\* let me not wander from your com- | mandments! I  
have stored up your word | in my heart,\* that I might not sin a- | gainst you. Blessèd  
are you, | O LORD;\* teach me your | statutes! With my lips | I declare\* all the just  
decrees | of your mouth. In the way of your testimonies | I delight\* as much as in all |  
riches. I will meditate on your | precepts\* and fix my eyes | on your ways. I will delight  
in your | statutes;\* I will not for- | get your word. Glory to the Father and | to the Son\*  
and to the Holy | Spirit; as it was in the be- | ginning,\* is now, and will be forever. |  
Amen. Blessèd are you, | O LORD;\* teach me your | statutes!

### COLLECT OF THE DAY

**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.**

### PSALM 112

Praise the LORD! Blessèd is the man who fears the LORD, who greatly delights in his  
commandments! **His offspring will be mighty in the land; the generation of the upright  
will be blessed.** Wealth and riches are in his house, and his righteousness endures forever.  
**Light dawns in the darkness for the upright; he is gracious, merciful, and righteous.** It  
is well with the man who deals generously and lends; who conducts his affairs with justice.  
**For the righteous will never be moved; he will be remembered forever.** He is not afraid  
of bad news; his heart is firm, trusting in the LORD. **His heart is steady; he will not be  
afraid, until he looks in triumph on his adversaries.** He has distributed freely; he has  
given to the poor; his righteousness endures forever; his horn is exalted in honor.  
**Glory to the Father and to the + Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning,  
is now and will be forever, Amen.** Light dawns in the darkness for the upright.

### APPOINTED READINGS 5 FEBRUARY 2023

Old Testament/Isaiah 58:3–9a Epistle/1 Corinthians 2:1–16 Gospel/Matthew 5:13–20

### ***The Righteousness of Christ***

- Jesus warns that “*unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven*”, but He also calls His imperfect people “*the salt of the earth*” and “*the light of the world*”. That’s because the Lord Jesus came not to abolish the Law or the prophets, “*but to fulfill them*” in perfect faith and love. Since He does and teaches all of God’s commandments, He is “*called great in the kingdom of heaven.*” (Matt. 5)
- God manifests His “*demonstration of the Spirit and of power*” in “*Jesus Christ and him crucified*”, and through the preaching of the Gospel He gives His “*secret and hidden wisdom*”. (1 Cor. 2:7).
- Christ gives this perfect righteousness to His people, and it leads them to true fasting, which is “*to loose the bonds of wickedness, to undo the straps of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free*” (Is. 58:6) and “*to share your bread with the hungry and bring the homeless poor into your house.*” (Is. 58:7).

Sermon Missionary Jonathan Federwitz

*PRAYER OF THE CHURCH. 5TH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY. 5 FEB. 2023*

Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

Almighty God, You delight to loose the bonds of wickedness and undo the straps of the heavy yoke, that freed from sin's bondage, we may gladly receive Your blessings. Preserve us from the lie that You are a cruel oppressor, and give us thankful hearts to rejoice that You are the Giver of all good gifts. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Merciful God, preserve Your Church by Your life-giving Word. Open the lips of pastors to declare Your just decrees and store them up in the hearts of Your people, that we may delight in Your promises and abound in good works. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

O Lord, give wisdom and courage to parents as they teach their children Your ways. Make our homes havens of peace in a quarrelsome, self-seeking world. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Heavenly Father, You declare that a young man may keep his way pure by guarding it according to Your Word. Protect children and youth against the siren calls of the devil, the world and their own sinful nature. Grant delight in Your testimonies as much as in all riches. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Almighty God, according to Your wisdom You establish rulers of this age for a time. Remember Joseph, our president; Bill, our governor; and all those You have placed in authority, that they might fulfill their duties with wisdom. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Holy Father, cause healing to spring up speedily for the sake of Your Son. Have mercy upon those who suffer afflictions of sin in mind and body [*especially*\_\_\_\_\_]. Where You permit trial to remain, preserve Your people in faith until the day when Your light breaks forth like the dawn. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

O God, in Christ Your righteousness goes before us and Your glory is our rearguard. Answer our pleas for mercy this day in the gift of Christ's body and blood, and prepare all those who commune to receive Him worthily and joyfully. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Lord God, heavenly Father, send forth Your Holy Spirit, that delivered from the spirit of this world, we may hold fast in faith to what You freely give us; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the same Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**