



**OUR SAVIOUR LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
**Southern Pines, North Carolina**

**ORDER FOR WORSHIP**  
Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany

**February 5, 2023**

## **PRELUDE**

## **WELCOME**

## **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

*Pastor:* Blessed be the holy Trinity, (+) one God, who makes all things new, whose mercy endures forever.

*People:* **Amen.**

*Pastor:* Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin. Holy One, source of our renewal,

*People:* **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.**

*Pastor:* 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 SONG**

## **THE APOSTOLIC GREETING**

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

*People:* **And also with you.**

## **THE HYMN OF PRAISE - ELW p. 139**

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

*People:* **Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. 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. 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.**

## **THE PRAYER OF THE DAY**

*Pastor:* 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.**

## **THE FIRST READING: Acts 13:44-14:7**

The next Sabbath almost the whole city gathered to hear the word of the Lord. But when the Jews saw the crowds, they were filled with jealousy, and blaspheming, they contradicted what was spoken by Paul. Then both Paul and Barnabas spoke out boldly, saying, "It was necessary that the word of God should be spoken first to you. Since you reject it and judge yourselves to be unworthy of eternal life, we are now turning to the gentiles. For so the Lord has commanded us, saying,

'I have set you to be a light for the gentiles,  
so that you may bring salvation to the ends of the earth.' "

When the gentiles heard this, they were glad and praised the word of the Lord, and as many as had been destined for eternal life became believers. Thus the word of the Lord spread throughout the region. But the Jews incited the devout women of high standing and the leading men of the city and stirred up persecution against Paul and Barnabas and drove them out of their region. So they shook the dust off their feet in protest against them and went to Iconium. And the disciples were filled with joy and with the Holy Spirit.

The same thing occurred in Iconium, where Paul and Barnabas went into the Jewish synagogue and spoke in such a way that a great number of both Jews and Greeks became believers. But the unbelieving Jews stirred up the gentiles and poisoned their minds against the brothers. So they remained for a long time speaking boldly for the Lord, who testified to the word of his grace by granting signs and wonders to be done through them. But the residents of the city were divided: some sided with the Jews, and some with the apostles. And when an attempt was made by both gentiles and Jews, with their rulers, to mistreat them and to stone them, the apostles learned of it and fled to Lystra and Derbe, cities of Lycaonia, and to the surrounding region, and there they continued proclaiming the good news.

Here ends the reading. Word of God, Word of Life...  
*People:* **Thanks be to God.**

**THE PSALM: Psalm 112:1-10** *(Read responsively by half verse.)*

<sup>1</sup> Praise the Lord!

**Happy are those who fear the Lord,  
who greatly delight in his commandments.**

<sup>2</sup> Their descendants will be mighty in the land;  
**the generation of the upright will be blessed.**

<sup>3</sup> Wealth and riches are in their houses,  
**and their righteousness endures for ever.**

<sup>4</sup> They rise in the darkness as a light for the upright;  
**they are gracious, merciful, and righteous.**

<sup>5</sup> It is well with those who deal generously and lend,  
**who conduct their affairs with justice.**

<sup>6</sup> For the righteous will never be moved;  
**they will be remembered for ever.**

<sup>7</sup> They are not afraid of evil tidings;  
**their hearts are firm, secure in the Lord.**

<sup>8</sup> Their hearts are steady, they will not be afraid;  
**in the end they will look in triumph on their foes.**

<sup>9</sup> They have distributed freely, they have given to the poor;  
**their righteousness endures for ever;  
their horn is exalted in honor.**

<sup>10</sup> The wicked see it and are angry;  
they gnash their teeth and melt away;  
**the desire of the wicked comes to nothing.**

**THE SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 2:1-12**

When I came to you, brothers and sisters, I did not come proclaiming the testimony of God to you with superior speech 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 made not with persuasive 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 being destroyed. But we speak God's wisdom, a hidden mystery, which God decreed before the ages for our glory and which none of the rulers of this age understood, 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”—

God has revealed to us through the Spirit, for the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. For what human 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.

Here ends the reading. Word of God, Word of Life...

*People:* **Thanks be to God.**

**THE CHILDREN'S SERMON** - Heather Lussier

**THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** – *"God, Whose Almighty Word" ELW #673 v. 1*

**THE HOLY GOSPEL: Matthew 5:13-20**

"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. People do not light a lamp and put it under the bushel basket; rather, they put it 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.

*Pastor:* The Gospel of the Lord

*People:* **Thanks be to God!**

**THE SERMON:** *Witnesses: The Response - Pastor Frank Waugh*

**THE HYMN OF THE DAY**

## **PROFESSION OF FAITH**

**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.**

## **THE PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

### **THE PEACE**

### **THE OFFERING**

### **THE OFFERING RESPONSE**

### **THE OFFERTORY PRAYER**

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.**

## **THE GREAT THANKSGIVING - ELW p. 144**

*Pastor:* The Lord be with you.

*People:* **And also with you.**

*Pastor:* Lift up your hearts.

*People:* **We lift them to the Lord.**

*Pastor:* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People:* **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

## **THE PREFACE** (*Sung by Pastor*)

## **THE SANCTUS**

**Holy, holy, holy Lord. God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

## **THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

### **THE LORD'S PRAYER (Spoken)**

**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**

Come and take the joy of God!

## **COMMUNION SONGS**

### **Lamb of God**

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;  
grant us peace, grant us peace.

## **THE COMMUNION PRAYER**

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.**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **THE BLESSING**

The God who faithfully brings forth justice and breaks the oppressor's rod (+) bless, strengthen, and uphold you, today and always. **Amen.**

## **THE SENDING SONG**

## **THE DISMISSAL**

God in peace. Follow in the way of Jesus.  
**Thanks be to God.**

## **POSTLUDE**