

Fifth Sunday After Epiphany
February 5th 2023
Our Savior's Lutheran, ELCA

Order of Worship

Prelude

Welcome/Announcements

Call to Worship:

L: In the beginning when God created

**C: A wind swept over the waters,
A breath warmed the dark voids,
A Spirit called forth creation.**

L: God gave in grace:

**C: Let there be light for all to see,
Let there be water for all to splash in,
Let there be life in the midst of death**

L: Yes, let there be life beyond death.

And God invited and invites us to respond, rejoicing!

**C: It was good,
It was awesome and awe-filled,
It is good.**

Song

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“Gather Us In”

Confession and Forgiveness

L: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen

L: Let us draw near to God in humility and confidence, confessing our sin.

(Silent Reflection and Self-examination)

L: God of truth and light,

C: We confess our trust and reliance on human wisdom and strength. We acknowledge the things that divide us within the church, among the nations, and in our own relationships. Pour out your great light on us. Through the power and wisdom of the cross, heal our brokenness and forgive our foolish ways, that your light may shine through us, and we may give glory to you.

Amen

L: The boundless riches of Christ are the gift of God's grace to all people. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen

Thy Holy Wings



1 Thy ho - ly wings, O Sav - ior, spread gent-ly o - ver me,
 2 Oh, let me nes - tle near thee, with - in thy down-y breast
 3 Oh, wash me in the wa - ters of No-ah's cleans-ing flood.



and let me rest se - cure - ly through good and ill in thee.
 where I will find sweet com-fort and peace with - in thy nest.
 Give me a will - ing spir - it, a heart both clean and good.



Oh, be my strength and por - tion, my rock and hid - ing place,
 Oh, close thy wings a - round me and keep me safe - ly there,
 Oh, take in - to thy keep - ing thy chil - dren great and small,



and let my ev - 'ry mo - ment be lived with-in thy grace.
 for I am but a new - born and need thy ten - der care.
 and while we sweet-ly slum - ber, en - fold us one and all.

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 Music: BRED DINA VIDA VINGAR, Swedish folk tune
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Prayer of the Day

First Reading

Isaiah 58: 6-11

Gospel Reading-

Matthew 5: 13-20

Sermon

Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service



1 Lord, whose love in hum-ble ser - vice bore the weight of hu-man need,
 2 Still your chil-dren wan-der home-less; still the hun - gry cry for bread;
 3 As we wor-ship, grant us vi - sion, till your love's re - veal-ing light
 4 Called by wor-ship to your ser - vice, forth in your dear name we go,



who up - on the cross, for - sak - en, worked your mer-cy's per - fect deed:
 still the cap - tives long for free - dom; still in grief we mourn our dead.
 in its height and depth and great-ness dawns up - on our quick-ened sight,
 to the child, the youth, the a - ged, love in liv - ing deeds to show;



we, your ser - vants, bring the wor - ship not of voice a - lone, but heart;
 As you, Lord, in deep com-pas - sion healed the sick and freed the soul,
 mak - ing known the needs and bur - dens your com-pas-sion bids us bear,
 hope and health, good-will and com - fort, coun - sel, aid, and peace we give,



con - se - crat - ing to your pur - pose ev - 'ry gift which you im - part.
 by your Spir - it send your pow - er to our world to make it whole.
 stir - ring us to ar - dent ser - vice, your a - bun - dant life to share.
 that your ser - vants, Lord, in free - dom may your mer - cy know and live.

Text: Albert F. Bayly, 1901–1984

Music: BEACH SPRING, *The Sacred Harp*, Philadelphia, 1844

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Confession of Faith “Apostle Creed”

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**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.**

Sharing the peace
Offering Invitation
Offering
Offering Prayer
God's Giving Continues...
Lord's Prayer
Sharing the Meal
Communion Blessing
Communion Prayer

Song

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“We Are Called”

Blessing

Sending

L: Go in peace. Shine the Light of Christ in all you do.

C: Thanks be to God!

Postlude

An Invitation

Holy Communion: All are welcome to this table. Whether you belong to this church, or another church, or no church at all, the gift of this bread and wine, and Christ's real presence are for us all. Your Children are welcome. You do not need to be a certain age to receive the gift of God at this table. Those not communing may come forward for a blessing. Crossing your arms in front of your chest (sign language for love) will let our servers know you would like a blessing. If you prefer grape juice, take the cups from the center of the tray. If you prefer a gluten-free wafer, let the server know as you come forward. Please let the usher know if you would like communion brought to you.

We also celebrate the gifts of God's grace and love in **Holy Baptism**. If you have not been Baptized and would like to be, please contact the church office to visit with our pastor.

The Gifts of God for the people of God. Come for all is ready!



ANNOUNCEMENTS - FEBRUARY 5, 2023

PRAYER: You are invited to light the candles on the tables in the back of the sanctuary any time before, during, or after worship for yourself, or in memory/honor of a loved one as a symbol of the promised light of Christ shining in the darkest, gloomiest, most uncertain times of our life – to give us hope.

HELP UKRAINE 🏠 You can support the people of Ukraine by sending donations to: *Lutheran World Relief, P.O. Box 17061, Baltimore, MD 21297-1061*. You may also call LWR @ 800-638-3522. **Please continue to pray for peace, protection, and provisions.**

WELCA Love offering: February is the month WELCA starts their love offering for various ministries they support: VLM Camp scholarships for kids, Project CareFee Clinic, Quad Cities Food Shelf, ERDAC, Youth Foyer, Habitat for Humanity, Lutheran World Relief...If you would like to contribute, their envelopes will be available today with your bulletin. **FEB. 16TH** *We'll be sewing baby blankets & packing Baby kits for LWR, 10am-12pm, join us!*

MONTHLY FOCUS ON THE "FREE LITTLE PANTRY" We are asking for donations of boxed/dry pasta goods for the remainder of February for the outside *Free Little Pantry*. Food items like spaghetti, shell or elbow macaroni, mac & cheese boxes, ramen noodles will be collected. You can bring your donated food item to the metal shopping cart in the Social Hall. Thank you! Every month we will announce a new food item.

CAR-POOL TEAM: We have a few congregants who love being at church in person on Sundays, but it can be difficult for them to get here for various reasons. A new team is going to assist with this and you are invited to sign up if you are able to help! See the narthex/entry table.

CLOTHING SALE DONATIONS: You may bring in donated clothing for next spring's clothing sale and leave in the back left side of the social hall or the west wing of the church on **MONDAYS**. Call Gloria if you have questions @ 218-750-7362. *Our Annual Clothing Sale will be Apr. 20th-22nd.*

PRAYER CHAIN: You may call Janet Heglund @ 218-749-6143, prayer chain leader through April. Please pray for people in need of comfort, hope, healing, or safe transition: Matt(heart), Ethan(community, illness) Brandon, Maryilee, Deb, Jessica, Breanna, Jeremy, Richard, Shari, Rodney, Matt P., Ross-(needs your prayers to recover from infection, needs eye surgery & transplant of kidneys & pancreas), Marlene K., Avery(heart), Dave C., Lee, Kathy, Mary, Wally C., Carolyn, Raymon(blood circulation), Marlene S., Cliff, Gerilyn & family, Bonnie M.(MS), Victoria, Bob & Wife (ALS).

IF YOU'RE VISITING: *Thank you for being here today. If you would like to know more about OSLC, call the church office at 218-741-6207 or Pastor Tim @ 320-226-7074 (voice messages are routed to our email, so leave us a message). Office hours are Mon-Wed from 10am to 4pm, and Fri. 10am to 4pm (except during holidays). Join us for coffee & treats in our Fellowship Hall across from the sanctuary after worship. Bathrooms are located to the left and down the hall as you exit the sanctuary. Parents: As you enter the Sanctuary, to the left, there is an activity tree holding canvas bags with toys & books for your children to use during worship, and coloring pages/books with crayons in the basket beside it - feel free to use them! You are also welcome to utilize the "Youth Room" down the hall (past the bathrooms) with your little ones if needed (Sunday School also takes place here after worship). We're glad you're here~*

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Upcoming Meetings & misc.

- **Feb 9: Prayer Meeting @ 10am**
- **Feb 9: Call Committee Meeting @ 6pm**
- **Feb 9: Faith Formation Meeting @ 5:30pm**
- **Feb 11: VLM Annual Meeting, Our Savior's Lutheran in Hibbing, check-in 10:30 and 11am meeting begins**

VLM Annual Meeting: Will be held Saturday, Feb. 11th at Our Savior's Lutheran in Hibbing, doors open at 10:30, Call to Meeting 11am. Anyone interested can attend, and our delegates will as well.

Ash Wednesday & Lent: Ash Wednesday is Feb. 22nd this year and will include a Soup Supper at 5pm, with worship to follow at 6pm. You may sign up to help serve for the season of Lent, the sheet is in the narthex (*each Wednesday during Lent the Soup Supper will begin at 5pm, and worship at 6pm. - March 1, 8, 15, 22, & 29*).



Another easy way to give to the church instead of worrying about a check Sunday mornings... You can either hop on to our website and look for the green on the right side of the page, or you can scan **our new QR code** that takes you directly to the source on your phone. The BEST PART IS, you have total control of your electronic giving this way. You do not have to wait on someone from church to change/undo your e-giving! You can hop on to the site and change your desired giving yourself. It is secure and easy to do. If you want a demo, stop in at the office and we will show you how this works.

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