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February 5, 2023; Fifth Sunday after Epiphany



Matthew 5:13-16

Prelude:

“Near the Cross”

Welcome

The flowers on the Altar are from Craig & Julie Begemann in memory of their grandson Blake.

The radio broadcast is sponsored by Russell & Betty Ball in honor of their 65th wedding anniversary.

Brief Order of Confession and Forgiveness:

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen**

P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires know, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another. Most merciful God,

C: we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

P: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore 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.

Amen.

Gathering Hymn:

“Gather Us In”

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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.

Apostolic Greeting:

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

Response: **And also with you.**

Hymn of Praise

“Praise, Praise, Praise the Lord!”

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Prayer of the Day

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.

Reading

1 Corinthians 2:1-12

Read by Eric Johanninger

²When 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.

"This Little Light of Mine"

This little light of mine, I'm goin' a let it shine;
This little light of mine, I'm goin' a let it shine;
This little light of mine, I'm goin' a let it shine;
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Ev'rywhere, I go, I'm goin' a let it shine
Ev'rywhere, I go, I'm goin' a let it shine
Ev'rywhere, I go, I'm goin' a let it shine
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Jesus gave it to me, I'm goin' a let it shine
Jesus gave it to me, I'm goin' a let it shine
Jesus gave it to me, I'm goin' a let it shine
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Children's Sermon

Gospel Song:

"Alleluia"

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia,
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

P: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew 5:13-16



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.

P: The Gospel of the Lord...



Sermon

Pastor Russ Leeper

Song of the Day

“10,000 Reasons”

Video

The Creed

The Apostles’ Creed

**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 (P): Lord in your mercy,
Response: **hear our prayer.**

Please keep the following in prayer:

Sue Ayers	Dave Hagen	Randy Kreger	Leon Mulford	Ron Venz
Joyce Boehmer	Helen Hagen	Jerry Meader	Calvin Schultz	Marilu Wohlers
Rodney Ellis	Shirley Hall	Kathy Michael	Lorna Scrimger	Bill Wohlers Jr.
Linda Girken	Linda Hoy	Larry Milleson	Beverly Hinders Trost	

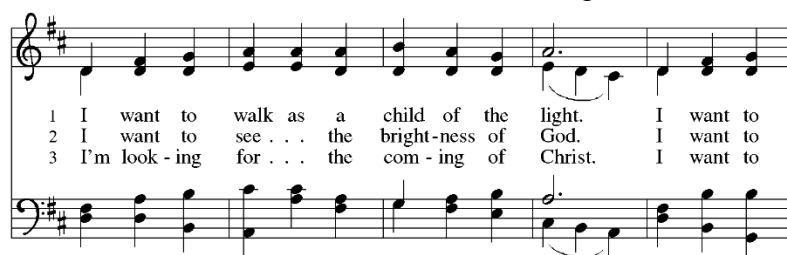
Galen Hicok on the death of his sister.

Please pray for all serving in the Armed Forces & their families: Kaleb Bilharz, Mackenzy Bilharz, Alex Buenger, Tanner Evans, Kaylie Fox, Hannah Fox, Kim Hall, Daniel Jacobs, Cameron Kakac, Drew Roethler, Robson Shankland

The Offering Hymn

“I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light”

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light to the world. The star of my life is Je - sus.
shine on my path, and show me the way to the Fa - ther.
pa - tience the race, 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.

*Response

“Feed Us Now”

Feed us now, Bread of life, In this holy meal;
Let us know your love a-new; We hunger for you.
Feed us now, Bread of life, Come and live with-in.
Let your peace be ours today, Lord Jesus, we pray.

The Communion

The Words of Institution

The Lord’s Prayer:

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.

1 We come to the hun - gry feast hun - gry for a word of peace.
 2 We come to the hun - gry feast hun - gry for a world re - leased
 3 We come to the hun - gry feast hun - gry that the hun - ger cease,

To hun - gry hearts un - sat - is - fied the love of God is
 from hun - gry folk of ev - 'ry kind, the poor in bod - y,
 and know - ing, though we eat our fill, the hun - ger will stay

not de - nied. We come, we come to the hun - gry feast.
 poor in mind. We come, we come to the hun - gry feast.
 with us; still we come, we come to the hun - gry feast.

“Just As I Am, without One Plea”

1 Just as I am, with - out one plea, but that thy blood was
 2 Just as I am, though tossed a - bout with man - y a con - flict,
 3 Just as I am, thou wilt re - ceive, wilt wel - come, par - don,
 4 Just as I am; thy love un - known has bro - ken ev - 'ry

shed for me, and that thou bidd'st me come to thee,
 man - y a doubt, fight - ings and fears with - in, with - out,
 cleanse, re - lieve; be - cause thy prom - ise I be - lieve,
 bar - rier down; now to be thine, yea, thine a - lone,

O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Refrain "There is a Balm in Gilead"

There is a balm in Gil-e-ad to make the wound-ed whole;

there is a balm in Gil-e-ad to heal the sin-sick soul.

1 Some - times I feel dis - cour - aged and think my work's in vain,
2 If you can - not preach like Pe - ter, if you can - not pray like Paul,
3 Don't ev - er be dis - cour - aged, for Je - sus is your friend;

Refrain

but then the Ho - ly Spir - it re - vives my soul a - gain.
you can tell the love of Je - sus and say, "He died for all."
and if you lack for knowl - edge, he'll ne'er re - fuse to lend.

Communion Blessing & Benediction

Sending Hymn:

"We are Marching in the Light"

Si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos', si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.
We are march - ing in the light of God, we are march - ing in the light of God.
nyen' kwen - khos'. Si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos',
light of God. We are march - ing in the light of God,
si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.
we are march - ing in the light of God.

si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen-, kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.
 we are march - ing in the light of, the light of God.

si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.
 we are march - ing in the light of God.

Si - ya - ham - ba _____ *oo* _____
 We are march - ing _____ *oo* _____

Si - ya - ham - ba, ham - ba, si - ya - ham - ba, ham - ba,
 We are march - ing, march - ing, we are march - ing, march - ing.

si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.
 we are march - ing in the light of God.

si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen-, kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.
 we are march - ing in the light of, the light of God.

si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.
 we are march - ing in the light of God.

Si - ya - ham - ba _____ *oo* _____
 We are march - ing _____ *oo* _____

Si - ya - ham - ba, ham - ba, si - ya - ham - ba, ham - ba,
 We are march - ing, march - ing, we are march - ing, march - ing.

si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.
 we are march - ing in the light of God.

P: Go in peace and share the Good News!
Thanks be to God!

Postlude: "There is a Fountain" & "My Jesus, I Love Thee"



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February 5 - February 12

Sunday	8:00 a.m.	Youth board
	9:00 a.m.	Worship/Comm
	10:05 a.m.	Education Hour
	10:15 a.m.	5th grade 1st communion meeting
Monday	Office Hours 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.	
	SJCP new family registration starts	
Tuesday	6:00 p.m.	Building & Grounds
Wednesday	3:30 p.m.	After School
	5:00 p.m.	Supper
	6:00 p.m.	Confirmation
	7:00 p.m.	Trinity Choir
	7:00 p.m.	Family board
Sunday	9:00 a.m.	Worship
	10:05 a.m.	Education Hour
	11:00 a.m.	Deacons

After Worship Social Time! Coffee & a treat are served in the Parish Hall each Sunday! If you would like to volunteer to bring the treats, there is a signup on the treat table!

St. John Christian Preschool 2023/2024 Registration
 New families beginning February 6th

5th Grade Parents! The 1st Communion parent/student/pastor instructional classes will be today, February 5th at 10:15am..

Beginning February 6th, the St. John office hours will be 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Other staff will be following their normal schedules. Phone calls will be answered, if possible, otherwise leave a message when prompted. Should you wish to email a message, the staff page on the St. John website lists our emails.

The Business Manager's hours are Fridays from 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Ash Wednesday
February 22, 2023

5:30 p.m. Worship with Communion & 5th grade 1st Communion



Wednesday Night Supper
Menu for February 8th:
 Bubble Pizza, cherry Jello fruit salad, ice cream sandwich
 Supper is from 5:00 – 6:00 p.m.
 Cost: \$5.00 for adults, children through 12th grade free thanks to Kans for Kids

Offering from the week of
January 29, 2023

Attendance:	107
General Receipts:	\$2,703.70
Designated:	\$545.00
Total	\$3,248.70

REMINDER: Those students attending a Lutheran college who would like to receive an EPIC grant must notify the church by **May 1st**.

St. John scholarship applications for non-Lutheran colleges can be emailed to you and should be emailed to the office by **May 1st**.

GriefShare Begins at St. John

GriefShare provides help and encouragement after the death of a spouse, child, family member, or friend. Sessions will be led by St. John members in a warm, caring environment. **A GriefShare orientation will be held Tuesday, February 21 at 6:30 PM in the chapel at St. John. The program itself will begin February 28 at 6:30 PM and run every Tuesday for 13 weeks. There is no cost to attend.**

Weekly topics include: Is This Normal?, Challenges of Grief, The Journey of Grief – Part 1, The Journey of Grief – Part 2, Grief and Your Relationships, Why?, Guilt and Anger, Complicating Factors, Stuck, Lessons of Grief – Part 1, Lessons of Grief – Part 2, Heaven, and What Do I Live for Now? There are three key parts to the weekly GriefShare experience: video seminar, group discussion, and personal study exercises in a workbook.

You are welcome to begin attending our GriefShare group at any point. Each session is self-contained, so you don't have to attend in sequence. You will be able to pick up any sessions you missed in our next 13-week cycle. You can learn more about GriefShare at **www.griefshare.org**.

Guy's Night at St. John!

Guys come to St. John on **February 26th from 5:00 – 7:00 p.m.**

to eat supper & play cards/board games! Bring your sons, fathers, uncles, friends to enjoy an evening of fellowship & fun. Tickets are \$5.00 for adults, \$3.00 for boys ages 6-18, & under 6 is free. Tickets may be purchased in the church office until February 24th!

Ladies Luncheon will be Sunday, March 26th!

The Prayer Shawl Group is starting up again for 2023. We will meet on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of the month at 1:00 p.m. in the Fireside Room. That will be the 2nd and 16th in February. We could use some knit, crocheted, quilted or fleece shawls. It's time to get back in the swing and support this ministry. Please work on some at home if you can't attend the group. There will be coffee and conversation and all are welcome at any level of knitting ability. We are happy to help if needed. For questions contact Janet Petefish at petefishj@mchsi.com