

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

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Worship Focus

“Now Appearing”... The Preacher, who says, “Shine”



Shine
for Jesus

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Order of Service for
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OPENING HYMN

557 – On Galilee’s High Mountain



1 On Gal - i - lee’s high moun - tain Christ
 2 The Lord, who, born of Mar - y, Came
 3 His strength with - in my weak - ness Will
 4 And not a - lone to na - tions In
 5 Lord, gath - er all your chil - dren, Wher -



gave the great com - mand In words of strength and
 down as man and died, Who preached to all who
 make me bold to say How his re - deem - ing
 far - a - way re - treats, But ev - ’ry - where I
 ev - er they may be, And lead them on to



prom - ise Which all can un - der - stand: “All
 lis - tened, For us was cru - ci - fied. This
 pow - er Trans - forms my stub - born clay. His
 broad - cast His love through crowd - ed streets. The
 heav - en To live e - ter - nal - ly With



pow’r to me is giv - en To do what
 Lord, our liv - ing broth - er, In pow’r at
 touch of fire ig - nites me; With cour - age
 lives that my life touch - es, How - ev - er
 you, our lov - ing Fa - ther, And Christ, our



I shall choose. There - fore I send my
 God's right hand Has cho - sen us to
 I am sent, My tongue - tied si - lence
 great or small— Let them through me see
 broth - er dear, Whose Spir - it guards and



chil - dren; Their wit - ness I will use."
 car - ry His truth to ev - 'ry land.
 bro - ken, With grace made el - o - quent.
 Je - sus, Who served and saved us all.
 gives us The joy to per - se - vere.

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 Tune: MISSIONARY HYMN (76 76 D) Lowell Mason, 1792–1872.

INVOCATION

Minister In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.



Congregation A - men.

M Beloved in the Lord: Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

C **Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord have mercy on me a sinner.**

LORD HAVE MERCY (*Kyrie*)

C: Lord, have mer - cy on us. Christ, have mer - cy
on us. Lord, have mer - cy on us.

The image shows two staves of musical notation in C major. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of lyrics: "Lord, have mer - cy on us. Christ, have mer - cy". The second staff contains the melody for the second line of lyrics: "on us. Lord, have mer - cy on us." The notes are simple quarter and eighth notes.

ABSOLUTION

M God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given His only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: A - men.

The image shows a single staff of musical notation in C major. The melody consists of a few notes: a quarter note, followed by a half note, and then a quarter note, all connected by a slur. The lyrics "A - men." are written below the staff.

M In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord:

Adult Choir

Go Tell the People

Words by JOHN F. WILSON
Music based on a Traditional English Canon, Adapted by JOHN F. WILSON
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*Go tell the people of every nation that Jesus loves them.
Go tell the people of every nation that Jesus loves them,
and He will bring them eternal life!*



PRAYER OF THE DAY

M The Lord be with you.



C: And al - so with you.

M Let us pray. Almighty God, you sent your one and only Son as the Word of life for our eyes to see and our ears to hear. Help us to believe what the Scriptures proclaim about him and do the things that are pleasing in your sight; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C: A - men.



✘ **The Word** ✘

FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 58:5-9a

The prophet encourages us to understand that expressions of selflessness toward others are ways to reveal the light of the Gospel from our hearts through to our hands.

ISAIAH 58:5 Is this the kind of fast I have chosen, only a day for a man to humble himself? Is it only for bowing one's head like a reed and for lying on sackcloth and ashes? Is that what you call a fast, a day acceptable to the LORD?

⁶ "Is not this the kind of fasting I have chosen: to loose the chains of injustice and untie the cords of the yoke, to set the oppressed free and break every yoke? ⁷ Is it not to share your food with the hungry and to provide the poor wanderer with shelter— when you see the naked, to clothe him, and not to turn away from your own flesh and blood? ⁸ Then your light will break forth like the dawn, and your healing will quickly appear; then your righteousness will go before you, and the glory of the LORD will be your rear guard. ⁹ Then you will call, and the LORD will answer; you will cry for help, and he will say: Here am I.

PSALM 111

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty



1 Praise to the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre -
 2 Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things is won - drous - ly
 3 Praise to the Lord, who has fear - ful - ly, won - drous - ly,
 4 Praise to the Lord, who will pros - per your work and de -
 5 Praise to the Lord! Oh, let all that is in me a -



a - tion! O my soul, praise him, for
 reign - ing And, as on wings of an
 made you, Health has be - stowed and, when
 fend you; Sure - ly his good - ness and
 dore him! All that has life and breath,



he is your health and sal - va - tion!
 ea - gle, up - lift - ing, sus - tain - ing.
 heed - less - ly fall - ing, has stayed you.
 mer - cy shall dai - ly at - tend you.
 come now with prais - es be - fore him!



Let all who hear Now to his tem - ple draw
 Have you not seen All that is need - ful has
 What need or grief Ev - er has failed of re -
 Pon - der a - new What the Al - might - y can
 Let the A - men Sound from his peo - ple a -



near, Join - ing in glad ad - o - ra - tion!
 been Sent by his gra - cious or - dain - ing?
 lief? Wings of his mer - cy did shade you.
 do As with his love he be - friends you.
 gain; Glad - ly for - ev - er a - dore him!

Text: Joachim Neander, 1650-80; tr. composite.

Tune: LOBE DEN HERREN (14 14 478) *Ander Theil Des Erneuerten Gesang-Buchs*, Stralsund, 1665, alt.

SECOND LESSON

1 Corinthians 2:1-5

The light that Paul wanted to shine through to the Corinthians was not any of his own creativity but Christ and him crucified.



C: Glo - ry be to you, O Lord!

GOSPEL

Matthew 5:13-20

Christ urges his people to be salt and light in the world, so that because of them the Father in heaven might be praised.

MATTHEW 5:13 “You are the salt of the earth. But if the salt loses its saltiness, how can it be made salty again? It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out and trampled by men.

¹⁴“You are the light of the world. A city on a hill cannot be hidden. ¹⁵Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. ¹⁶In the same way, let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven.

¹⁷“Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them. ¹⁸I tell you the truth, until heaven and earth disappear, not the smallest letter, not the least stroke of a pen, will by any means disappear from the Law until everything is accomplished. ¹⁹Anyone who 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 practices and teaches these commands will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. ²⁰For I tell you that unless your righteousness surpasses that of the Pharisees and the teachers of the law, you will certainly not enter the kingdom of heaven.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

After the reading of the Gospel the congregation responds:



C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

CONFESSION OF FAITH

The Apostles' Creed

C I believe in God, the Father almighty,

maker of heaven and earth.

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his 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 into hell.

The third day he rose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty.

From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

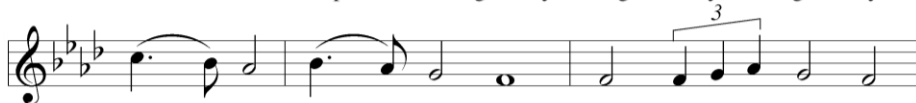
**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

HYMN OF THE DAY

280 - Thy Strong Word



1 Thy strong word did cleave the dark - ness; At thy
2 Lo, on those who dwelt in dark - ness, Dark as
3 Thy strong Word be - speaks us right - eous; Bright with
4 From the cross thy wis - dom shin - ing Break - eth
5 Give us lips to sing thy glo - ry, Tongues thy



speak - ing it was done. For cre - at - ed
night and deep as death, Broke the light of
thine own ho - li - ness, Glo - rious now, we
forth in con - qu'ring might; From the cross for -
mer - cy to pro - claim, Throats to shout the



light we thank thee While thine or - dered sea -
 thy sal - va - tion, Breathed thine own life - giv -
 press toward glo - ry, And our lives our hopes
 ev - er beam - eth All thy bright re - deem -
 hope that fills us, Mouths to speak thy ho -



sons run. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Praise
 ing breath. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Praise
 con - fess. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Praise
 ing light. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Praise
 ly name. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! May



to thee who light dost send! Al - le - lu - ia!
 to thee who light dost send! Al - le - lu - ia!
 to thee who light dost send! Al - le - lu - ia!
 to thee who light dost send! Al - le - lu - ia!
 the light which thou dost send Fill our songs with



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia with - out end!
 Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia with - out end!
 Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia with - out end!
 Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia with - out end!
 al - le - lu - ias, Al - le - lu - ias with - out end!

6 God the Father, light-creator,
 To thee laud and honor be.
 To thee, Light from Light begotten,
 Praise be sung eternally.
 Holy Spirit, light-revealer,
 Glory, glory be to thee.
 Mortals, angels, now and ever
 Praise the holy Trinity!

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Tune: EBENEZER (87 87 D) Thomas J. Williams, 1869-1944.

✠ Sermon ✠
Matthew 5:13-16

Be the Influencers God Wants You to Be

Sermon Notes:

✠ Praise and Prayers ✠

RESPONSE TO THE WORD



C: Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -
way from your pres-ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it
from me. Re-store un - to me the joy of your sal - va -
tion, and up-hold me with your free Spir-it. A - men.

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PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Let us pray for the Lord's mercy upon all of us and upon all people as they have need.

Brief silence

Give counsel and aid, O Lord, for Your people cry to You in weakness and in need. Bless and prosper Your Church according to Your purpose, that she may be salt and light, giving bold witness to the redemption You have provided in Jesus Christ and giving shape to Your love by showing compassion to all in need. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Give peace to our nation, and give Your blessing to our president, our governor, and all those elected and appointed to governmental service. Give wisdom to all judges and magistrates, and give protection to the firefighters, police and emergency personnel who labor on our behalf. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Give healing to the sick, relief to the suffering, comfort to the grieving, and peace to the dying [*especially...*]. According to Your will, deliver them from their afflictions, sustain them in their struggles, and give them patience in their adversities. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Give to Your people a grateful heart, that we may honor You with the firstfruits of our labors, bring You the tithes and offerings of our hands, and use wisely all that You entrust into our care. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Give to Your people a joyous remembrance of the saints, that we may be encouraged in life and in death by Your blessing and care and their faithfulness, until that day when we shall stand together with them before Your presence on high. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

All these things we pray, O Lord, in confidence of Your mercy. Supply us with all things needed and beneficial to us and to our faith, and keep from us all things harmful, that we may rest our fears in You and be granted a clear conscience and peace; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

C Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

SERMON HYMN

556 – Rise, Shine, You People



1 Rise, shine, you peo - ple! Christ the Lord has
 2 See how he sends the pow'rs of e - vil
 3 Come, cel - e - brate, your ban - ners high un -
 4 Tell how the Fa - ther sent his Son to



en - tered Our hu - man sto - ry; God in
 reel - ing; He brings us free - dom, light and
 furl - ing, Your songs and prayers a - gainst the
 save us. Tell of the Son, who life and



him is cen - tered. He comes to us, by death
 life and heal - ing. All men and wom - en, who
 dark - ness hurl - ing. To all the world go out
 free - dom gave us. Tell how the Spir - it calls



and sin sur - round - ed, With grace un - bound - ed.
 by guilt are driv - en, Now are for - giv - en.
 and tell the sto - ry Of Je - sus' glo - ry.
 from ev - 'ry na - tion His new cre - a - tion.

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SENDING PRAYER

M Almighty God, grant to your Church the Holy Spirit and the wisdom that comes from above. Let nothing hinder your Word from being freely proclaimed to the joy and edifying of Christ's holy people, so that we may serve you in steadfast faith and confess your name as long as we live, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C: A - men.

BLESSING

M The Lord bless you and keep you.
 The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
 The Lord look on you with favor and (+) give you peace.



C: A - men. A - men. A - - men.

CLOSING HYMN

771 – I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light



1 I want to walk as a child of the light;
 2 I want to see the bright - ness of God;
 3 I'm look - ing for the com - ing of Christ;



I want to fol - low Je - sus.
 I want to look at Je - sus.
 I want to be with Je - sus.

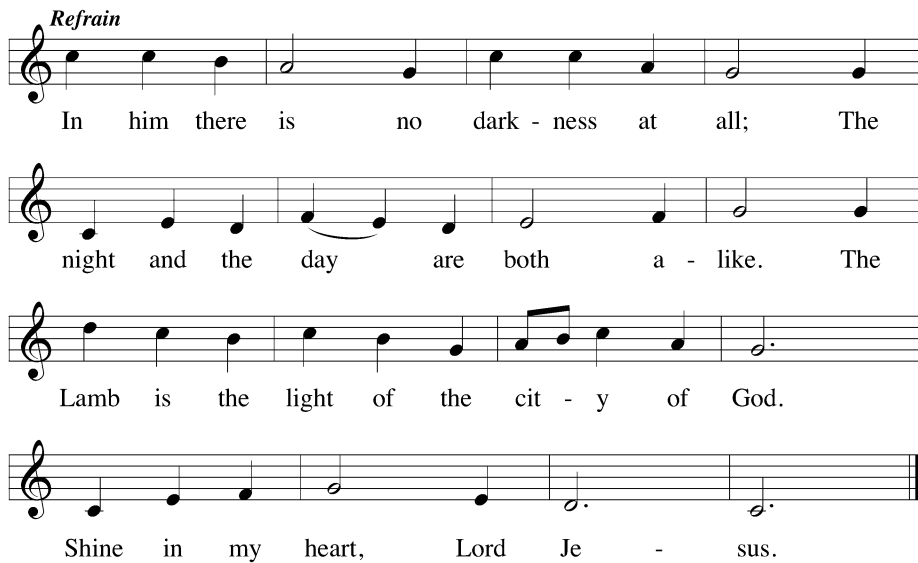


God set the stars to give light to the world;
 Clear Sun of Right - eous - ness, shine on my path
 When we have run with pa - tience the race,



The star of my life is Je - sus.
 And show me the way to the Fa - ther.
 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.

Tune: HOUSTON (10 7 10 8 and Refrain)
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After worship, please feel free to stay and greet your neighbors.

THE SEASON AFTER “THE EPIPHANY”

The season of the church year marked “After the Epiphany” is a time of revelation. “The Epiphany” isn’t a season, per se, but a one day event, traditionally celebrated on January 6th (the final of the Twelve Days of Christmas). It marks the visit of the Wisemen to Jesus in Bethlehem, in this way revealing for the first time that Jesus was born for *the world*, both Jew and Gentile (the Wisemen were non-Jews or Gentiles).

The Sundays after the Epiphany continue to explore the theme of “revelation”. For example, on the First Sunday after the Epiphany the congregation hears the Gospel lesson concerning Jesus’ baptism, the event which revealed Jesus as the Christ or Anointed One. Subsequent Sundays make known the mission of Jesus through his messages or through his miracles.

Each of the three years of the Church Year cycle emphasizes one of the synoptic Gospels (Matthew, Mark, and Luke) with readings from John interspersed throughout each of the years. The Church Year 2019/2020 follows the readings appointed for Year A (confer *Christian Worship: A Lutheran Hymnal*, page 163) with Gospel lessons predominantly from Matthew.

OUR WORSHIP SERIES: “NOW APPEARING...”

During our worship in this season after the Epiphany we will focus on the theme, “**Now Appearing...!**” Just like a movie marquee whets the cinematic appetite with the words “Now Appearing!”, so we anticipate finding out more and more during the Sundays after the Epiphany about who Jesus is and why the Son of God came to earth in the first place.

OUR THEME FOR TODAY:

“NOW APPEARING...” THE PREACHER, WHO SAYS, “SHINE”

Matthew chapters 5-7 give us one of the most complete “sermons” or “Bible Classes” of Jesus. In it, Jesus addresses those who have already come to faith in him as the Messiah and subsequently are following him as his disciples. The Sermon on the Mount is divided into “1) Beatitudes, that is, declarations of blessedness, 2) ethical admonitions, and 3) contrasts between Jesus’ ethical teaching and Jewish legalistic traditions” (*Concordia NIV Study Bible, notes on page 1456*)

In the transition from the Beatitudes to his ethical admonitions, Jesus addressed the “state of being” of his disciples. He did so in two stunning “you are” statements: “You are the salt of the earth” and “you are the light of the world.” Jesus understood that people of faith ought not live in isolation but are meant to be conduits through which God’s truth makes an impact on the world. The world needs the light of God’s grace and the influence of God’s goodness on the world. What a blessing that God calls us to be those lights shining in a dark world.