



**Fifth Sunday After the Epiphany**  
**February 5, 2023**  
*Lutheran Book of Worship*  
**Holy Communion Setting One**

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**GOD GATHERS US AS HIS HOLY PEOPLE**

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION (LBW p. 56) *Matthew 28:19; 1 John 1:8-10*

*Please stand as you are able.*

*In remembrance of Baptism, you may sign a cross on your chest or forehead.*

We gather to worship the One true God – the Father, the + Son, and the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, 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.

**Amen.**

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

*We keep silence for self-reflection and contrition.*

Most merciful God,

**we confess that we are in bondage 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.**

Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, 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: “I Love Your Kingdom, Lord” LBW #368

1 I love your king - dom, Lord, The place of your a - bode;  
 2 I love your Church, O God! Its walls be - fore you stand,  
 3 Be - yond my high - est joy I prize its heav'n - ly ways,  
 4 Sure as your truth shall last, To Zi - on shall be giv'n

The Church our blest Re - deem - er saved With his own pre - cious blood.  
 Dear as the ap - ple of your eye And grav - en on your hand.  
 Its sweet com - mu - nion, sol - emn vows, Its hymns of love and praise.  
 The bright - est glo - ries earth can yield, And bright - er bliss of heav'n.

Text: Timothy Dwight, 1752-1817, alt.  
 Tune: Aaron Williams, 1731-1776

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**AFFIRMATION OF PURPOSE** *Matthew 28:18-20, 22:36-39; Mark 12:30-31*

We are Joy Mission Church, missionary-disciples of Jesus Christ.  
**We love God, love neighbor, and serve with joy in Jesus' name.**

**APOSTOLIC GREETING** (LBW p. 57) *2 Corinthians 13:14*

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit  
 be with you all. **And also with you.**

**HYMN OF PRAISE** (LBW pp. 58-59)

*Luke 2:14; John 1:29; Mark 16:19; Acts 7:55-56; Romans 8:34; Ephesians 1:20; Colossians 3:1; Hebrews 8:1, 12:2*

♩ Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his peo - ple on earth.

♩ Lord God, heav - en - ly king, al - might - y God and Fa - ther:

♩ We wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.

♩ Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God:

♩ You take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.

♩ You are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther; re - ceive our prayer.

♩ For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,

♩ you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,

♩ in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men

SALUTATION (LBW p. 62) *Ruth 2:4*

♩ The Lord be with you.      ♩ And al - so with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray together. **Stand** watch over your family, O Lord, that we who depend entirely on your heavenly grace may always be protected in the mighty fortress of your love; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

*Please be seated.*

## GOD SPEAKS TO US IN HIS WORD

FIRST READING: Isaiah 58:3-9a

<sup>3</sup>“Why have we fasted, and you see it not? Why have we humbled ourselves, and you take no knowledge of it?” Behold, in the day of your fast you seek your own pleasure, and oppress all your workers. <sup>4</sup>Behold, you fast only to quarrel and to fight and to hit with a wicked fist. Fasting like yours this day will not make your voice to be heard on high. <sup>5</sup>Is such the fast that I choose, a day for a person to humble himself? Is it to bow down his head like a reed, and to spread sackcloth and ashes under him? Will you call this a fast, and a day acceptable to the Lord? <sup>6</sup>Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of wickedness, to undo the straps of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke? <sup>7</sup>Is it not to share your bread with the hungry and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover him, and not to hide yourself from your own flesh? <sup>8</sup>Then shall your light break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up speedily; your righteousness shall go before you; the glory of the Lord shall be your rear guard. <sup>9</sup>Then you shall call, and the Lord will answer; you shall cry, and he will say, “Here I am.””

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 112:1-9 - *Sung responsively with the cantor. (psalm tone 9)*

<sup>1</sup>Hallelujah! Happy are they who | fear the Lord\*

and have great 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 will be | in their house,\*

and their righteousness will | last forever.

<sup>4</sup>**Light shines in the darkness | for the upright;\***

**the righteous are merciful and full | of compassion.**

<sup>5</sup>It is good for them to be gener- | ous in lending\*

and to manage their af- | fairs with justice.

<sup>6</sup>**For they will nev- | er be shaken;\***

**the righteous will be kept in everlast- | ing remembrance.**

<sup>7</sup>They will not be afraid of any | evil rumors;\*

their heart is right; they put their trust | in the Lord.

<sup>8</sup>**Their heart is established and | will not shrink,\***

**until they see their desire up- | on their enemies.**

<sup>9</sup>They have given freely | to the poor,\*

and their righteousness stands fast forever; they will hold up their | head with honor.

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 2:1-16

<sup>1</sup>I, when I came to you, brothers, did not come proclaiming to you the testimony of God with lofty speech or wisdom. <sup>2</sup>For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ and him crucified. <sup>3</sup>And I was with you in weakness and in fear and much trembling, <sup>4</sup>and my speech and my message were not in plausible words of wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power, <sup>5</sup>so that your faith might not rest in the wisdom of men but in the power of God. <sup>6</sup>Yet among the mature we do impart wisdom, although it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to pass away. <sup>7</sup>But we impart a secret and hidden wisdom of God, which God decreed before the ages for our glory. <sup>8</sup>None of the rulers of this age understood this, for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. <sup>9</sup>But, as it is written, “What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the heart of man imagined, what God has prepared for those who love him” — <sup>10</sup>these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit. For the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. <sup>11</sup>For who knows a person’s thoughts except the spirit of that person,

which is in him? So also no one comprehends the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God. <sup>12</sup>Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, that we might understand the things freely given us by God. <sup>13</sup>And we impart this in words not taught by human wisdom but taught by the Spirit, interpreting spiritual truths to those who are spiritual. <sup>14</sup>The natural person does not accept the things of the Spirit of God, for they are folly to him, and he is not able to understand them because they are spiritually discerned. <sup>15</sup>The spiritual person judges all things, but is himself to be judged by no one. <sup>16</sup>“For who has understood the mind of the Lord so as to instruct him?” But we have the mind of Christ. The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand as you are able.*

VERSE (LBW p. 62) *John 6:68*

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

GOSPEL ANNUNCIATION (LBW p. 63)

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew the fifth chapter.

Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL READING: Matthew 5:13-20

<sup>13</sup>{Jesus said,} “You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything except to be thrown out and trampled under people’s feet. <sup>14</sup>You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. <sup>15</sup>Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. <sup>16</sup>In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven. <sup>17</sup>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. <sup>18</sup>For truly, I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not an iota, not a dot, will pass from the Law until all is accomplished. <sup>19</sup>Therefore whoever relaxes 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. <sup>20</sup>For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.” This is the Gospel of the Lord.

GOSPEL RESPONSE (LBW p. 63)

Praise to you, O Christ.

*Please be seated.*

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

SERMON

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# GOD INVITES US TO RESPOND IN FAITH

*Please stand as you are able.*

HYMN OF THE DAY: "O Zion, Haste" LBW #397

1 O Zi - on, haste, your mis - sion high ful - fill - ing,  
 2 Pub - lish to ev - 'ry peo - ple, tongue, and na - tion  
 3 Give of your own to bear the mes - sage glo - rious,  
 4 He comes a - gain! O Zi - on, ere you meet him,

To tell to all the world that God is light; That he who  
 That God, in whom they live and move, is love; Tell how he  
 Give of your wealth to speed them on their way, Pour out your  
 Make known to ev - 'ry heart his sav - ing grace; Let none whom

made all na - tions is not will - ing One soul should  
 stooped to save his lost cre - a - tion And died on  
 soul for them in prayer vic - to - rious, And haste the  
 he has ran - somed fail to greet him, Through your ne -

*Refrain*

per - ish, lost in shades of night.  
 earth that we might live a - bove. Pub - lish glad tid - ings, tid - ings of  
 com - ing of the glo - rious day. glect, un - fit to see his face.

peace, Tid - ings of Je - sus, re - demp - tion, and re - lease.

Text: Mary A. Thomson, 1834-1923  
Tune: James Walsh, 1837-1901

ANGELIC SONGS  
11 10 11 10 and refrain

APOSTLES' CREED (LBW p. 85) *Genesis 1-2; John 3:16; Luke 2; Acts 2*

Living together in trust and hope, let us confess our faith.

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.**

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.**

**He descended into hell.**

**On the third day he rose again.**

**He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again 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.**

### INTERCESSORY PRAYERS

Let us pray... *Each petition ends with these words:* Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

*The prayers conclude with these words:* ...through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

### OFFERING OF PEACE *John 20:19-21*

The peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you.**

*Having been reconciled to God in Christ, we share His peace with others.*

### OFFERING OF TITHES, ADDITIONAL GIFTS, & SPECIAL MUSIC as available

*We offer our time, talents, and treasures in gratitude for all of the blessings God has given us.*

*Please stand as you are able.*

### OFFERTORY HYMN (LBW p. 66)

Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our  
cup of bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the  
seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life.  
Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u - nite them with the  
prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your  
pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

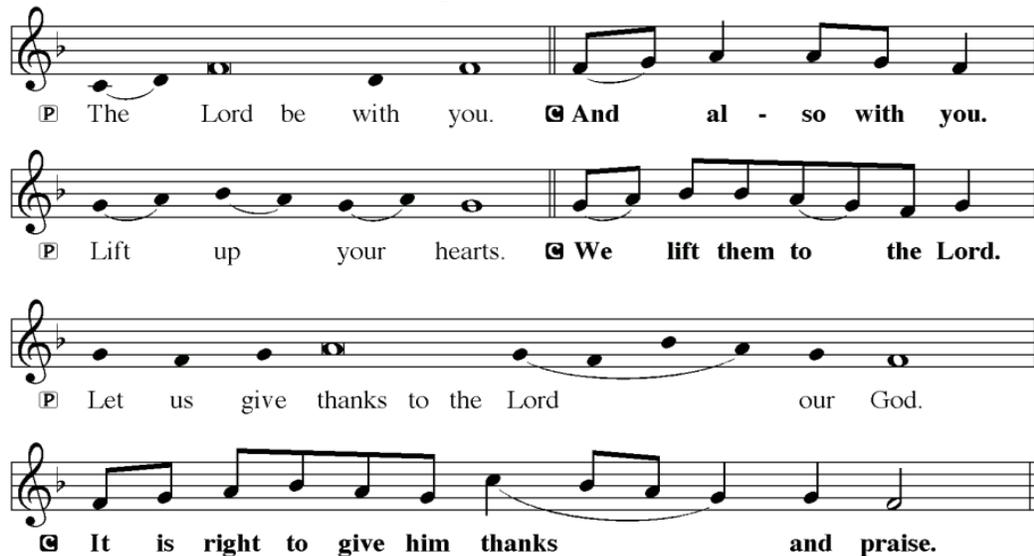
OFFERTORY PRAYER (LBW p. 68)

Let us pray...

Blessed are you,

**O Lord our God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts. With them we offer ourselves to your service and dedicate our lives to the care and redemption of all that you have made, for the sake of him who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING (LBW p. 68)



Ⓟ The Lord be with you. ☩ And al - so with you.

Ⓟ Lift up your hearts. ☩ We lift them to the Lord.

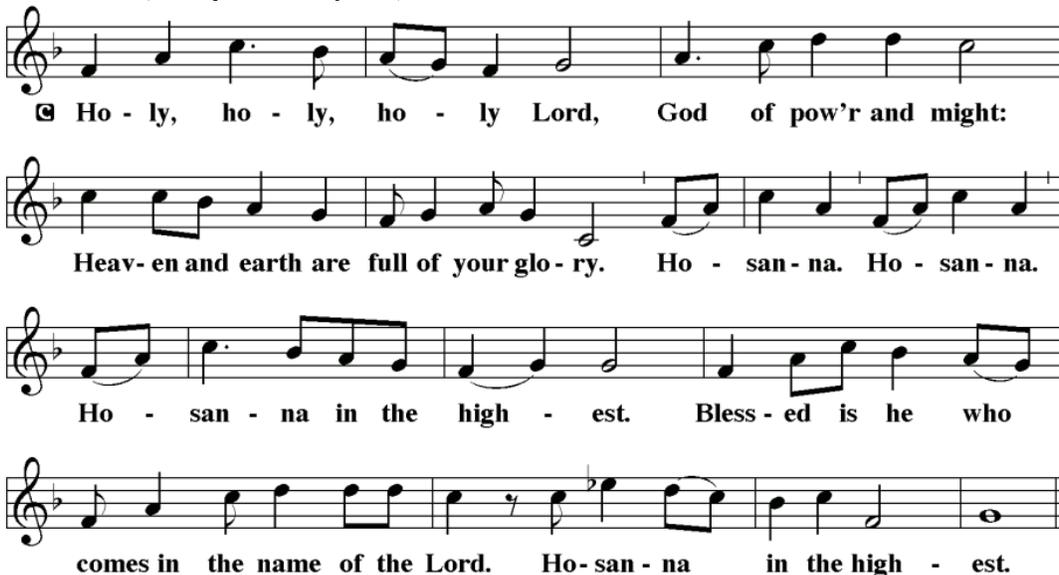
Ⓟ Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

☩ It is right to give him thanks and praise.

PREFACE (LBW p. 68) *Sung or spoken by the pastor.*

It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, Holy Father, through Christ our Lord. Sharing our life, he lived among us to reveal your glory and love, that our darkness should give away to his own brilliant light. And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS ("Holy" LBW p. 69) *Psalm 118:25-26; Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9; Mark 11:9*



☩ Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:

Heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho - san - na.

Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who

comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

**WORDS OF INSTITUTION (LBW p. 69)**

*1 Corinthians 11:23-26; Matthew 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24; Luke 22:19-20*

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:

Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying:

This cup is the new covenant in my blood,

shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

**THE LORD'S PRAYER (LBW p. 71)** *Matthew 6:9-13; Luke 11:2-4*

Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray...

**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.**

*Please remain standing as you are able.*

**COMMUNION HYMN ("Lamb of God..." LBW p. 72)** *John 1:29*

☞ Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have  
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the  
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
sin of the world; grant us peace.

*Please be seated.*

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## GOD COMES TO US IN HIS HOLY MEAL

*All who are baptized and trust that Christ is truly present in, with, and under the bread and wine may commune at the Lord's table. We commune by continuous table. The usher will direct you. Use the side aisle to return to your seat. If you require gluten-free wafers or abstain from wine, indicate so to the pastor. To receive the Sacrament in your seat, notify the usher and it will be brought to you. If you abstain from the Sacrament, trust that you have full forgiveness by God's Word alone.*

The body of Christ given for you. **Amen.** The blood of Christ shed for you. **Amen.**

*After the elements are covered, please stand as you are able.*

### POST-COMMUNION BLESSING & CANTICLE (LBW pp. 72-73)

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

**Amen.**



☞ Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell ev-'ry-one what he has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re-joice and proud-ly bear his name.



He re-calls his prom-is-es and leads his peo-ple forth in joy with



shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al-le-lu-ia. Al-le-lu-ia.

### POST-COMMUNION PRAYER (LBW p. 74)

Let us pray.

We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life; and we pray that in your mercy you would strengthen us, through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

### BENEDICTION (LBW p. 74)



☞ Almighty God, Father, † Son, ☞ A - men  
and Holy Spirit, bless you now . . . and for - ever.

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## GOD SENDS US FORTH TO SERVE

SENDING HYMN: "O Christ, Our Light, O Radiance True" LBW #380

1 O Christ, our light, O Ra - diance true, Shine forth on  
2 Fill with the ra - diance of your grace The wan - d'ers  
3 Lord, o - pen all re - luc - tant ears And take a -  
4 Lord, let your mer - cy's gen - tle ray Shine down on

those es - tranged from you, And bring them to your  
lost in er - ror's maze. En - light - en those whose  
way the child - ish fears Of those who trem - ble  
oth - ers strayed a - way. To those in con - science

home a - gain, Where their de - light shall nev - er end.  
se - cret minds Some deep de - lu - sion haunts and blinds.  
to ex - press The faith their se - cret hearts con - fess.  
wound - ed sore Show heav - en's wait - ing, o - pen door.

5 Make theirs with ours a single voice  
Uplifted, ever to rejoice  
With wond'ring gratitude and praise  
To you, O Lord, for boundless grace.

*Text: Johann Heermann, 1585-1647; tr. composite  
Tune: Gesang-Buch, Nürnberg, 1676*

O JESU CHRISTE, WAHRES LICHT  
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DISMISSAL

Go in peace to shine with the light of Christ! **Thanks be to God!**

POSTLUDE

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**WELCOME!** We are delighted to have you join us for worship today!

Love God. Love neighbor. Serve with joy in Jesus' name.

Worship + fellowship + discipleship

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