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Our Mission Statement
Grounded in the Word,
we
Gather in Grace
Grow in Faith
and *Go* with love to change the world!

We are a Reconciling in Christ Congregation

As such, we uphold the words of the Apostle Paul: "In Christ, there is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female." (Galatians 3:28) Christ has made us all one. We believe that this oneness extends to all persons regardless of race, color, creed, national origin, sexual orientation, gender identities, or religious, economic, or political affiliation.

10:00 Worship
Fifth Sunday of Epiphany
February 5, 2023

Welcome

Gathering Song: *This Little Light of Mine (ELW 677)*

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✚ one God,
God, who said of all creation, “It is good!”
God, who redeems our lives and our ways in God’s own self, Christ Jesus;
God, the Holy Spirit, who breathes within us the gift of faith.

Opening Song: *Rise, Shine, You People (ELW 665)*

Responsive Reading:

Hallelujah! Happy are they who fear the Lord and have great delight
in God’s commandments! **²Their descendants will be mighty in the land;
the generation of the upright will be blessed.**

**³Wealth and riches will be in their house, and their righteousness will last
forever. ⁴Light shines in the darkness for the upright; the righteous are
merciful and full of compassion.**

**⁵It is good for them to be generous in lending and to manage their affairs
with justice. ⁶For they will never be shaken; the righteous will be kept in
everlasting remembrance.**

**⁷They will not be afraid of any evil rumors; their heart is steadfast,
trusting in the Lord. ⁸Their heart is established and will not shrink, until
they see their desire upon their enemies.**

**⁹They have given freely to the poor, and their righteousness stands fast
forever; they will hold up their head with honor.**

(Psalm 112:1-9)

Now the Feast

Prayer of the Day

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Gracious God, in Christ, through your Spirit, make us salt; make us light.
Amen

Reading: *1 Corinthians 2:1-12*

When 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. ⁷**But 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. ¹²**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.**

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

The Announcement of the Gospel: Matthew 5:13-20

Gospel Acclamation: *Gospel Verse*

The Reading of the Holy Gospel

Jesus said: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 underfoot. 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.**

¹⁷“Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. ¹⁸**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. ¹⁹Therefore, 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. ²⁰For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.”**

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Children’s Message

Homily

Song: *Bring Forth the Kingdom*

The Prayers of the Church

We pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their need.

That you move among us, through the power of your spirit, to be salt and light in your world.

Lord in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

For the families and friends of the victims of violence that has erupted in the past few weeks. Hold those whose pain shatters our prayers for mercy. Let us name what is among us, feel its utter weight, and bend ourselves to let it no more be.

Lord in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

That we would rejoice with those who have had occasions for joy

Lord in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

That those who are sick would find healing

Lord in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

That you would bring peace to all who grieve

Lord in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Into your hands we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen

Sharing of the Peace

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

Offering

Offering Song: *The Lord is My Light*

Holy Communion

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts

We lift them up unto the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

It is truly right and good . . . evermore praising you, and singing: *Holy Holy*

The Words of Institution

The Lord's Prayer

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.

Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,

Now and forever.

Amen

Reception of the Meal

Songs: *Lamb of God; Light My Step*

Communion Blessing

Announcements

Thank you to all for your help last service. **Next week Feb. 12th:**

Altar Flowers: ___; **Assist Pastor:** *Phyllis*; **Children's Sermon:** ___; **Usher:** *Padurs*; **Communion Prep:** *Padurs*; **PowerPoint:** ___; **Coffee Host:** *Padurs*, ___; **Offering counters:** *Kristin*, ___

**Sign-up sheets are in the fellowship hall, please sign up or let Elaine know if you can help.*

The Ashley House, will be using the church's fellowship hall to hold training sessions over the next 6 weeks. 2/7, 2/14, 2/21, 3/1, 3/7, and 3/14. Please ask Holly about specific times if you are needed to hold a meeting at the church.

The SW Synod Women's retreat is happening in person this year. It is in Auburn at the Black Diamond Camp April 28-30th. There are registration forms in the fellowship hall. There is a discounted price if registered before February 28th.

We are working to get our nursery back up and running again. If you would like to sit with our children during worship, you are welcome and encouraged to sign up! (Background check is needed.)

Our next Vaccine Clinic - Monday, March 28, 12 – 6.

Ash Wednesday is ahead- Wednesday, Feb. 22. Imposition of Ashes and Prayer, Noon; Imposition of Ashes, Holy Communion, 7:00.

Happy Birthday Joyce, Cassandra, and John to this week! We give thanks for you!

Benediction

The Lord Bless you and keep you.

The Lord's face shine upon you and be gracious to you;

The Lord look upon you with favor, and give you peace.

Amen

Song: *We are Marching in the Light of God (ELW 866)*

Sending

Go in peace to serve the Lord!

Thanks be to God.

And All God's people said-

Amen!

Prayer Requests

Prayers and blessings for Rick's daughter Hilary and son-in-law, CJ on their marriage.

Please keep Ruth and her family in your prayers, Kathleen, Ruth's mother in-law has covid and they all live in the same household.

Please pray for Alex and Aurora, Alex is recovering from back surgery.

Prayers for Lynne's brother Rob who is very ill and has been in the hospital this week with complications of end-stage kidney disease. He began dialysis and will now continue dialysis three times a week, and is trying to be approved for a kidney transplant.

Please keep the family of Ron in your prayers. He was a good friend of Paul and Peggy's. Ron passed away in hospice recently.

Please pray for Chris- he came down with a severe case of Lymphedema, and had to spend 6 hours in the ER the other day. Also keep his 98-year-old mom in your prayers, who lives in England. She has Covid.

Please keep Agnes in your prayers who is dealing with some health issues, as well as the death of her son Michael who passed away suddenly.

Please pray for Sheila's friend, Linda who is dealing with health issues.

Please keep Jennifer and Suzanne in your prayers, Jennifer's nephew Joshua has died. Pray for peace, hope and comfort for the whole family.

Please keep friends of Nancy Zahnow in your prayers, Jim Baggs (wife Gloria) is being treated for cancer, and Kristy Powell for breast cancer.

Please pray for Nikki's sister, Noel, who is recovering from surgery. Also keep Beatrice Elliot, Nikki's sister-in-law in your prayers. She is living with cancer and recently had walking pneumonia.

Keep Josephine Hanson in your prayers, she is at Garden Terrace in Federal Way for the next few weeks, recuperating from some issues with her kidneys.

Please keep Barb in your prayers for comfort, as Dave passed away. Phyllis also asks that we pray for Chelsea as she completes chemotherapy and radiation, and that she would be free of cancer so she and her husband can raise their baby girl; for Victor, as he struggles with an inoperable brain tumor; and for her husband Dale, to find meaningful activity to enjoy.

Please pray for Judy's brother-in-law, Warren, who is struggling with cancer.

Please pray for Ann, Gail's sister-in-law, as she heals from surgery, and other health concerns.

Please keep Cindy and Bill's brother-in-law Hans in prayer as he deals with cancer.

Pray for all who have been affected by Covid.

Please pray for common care and productive civic discourse to find root and growth amid the turbulence our country is experiencing.

Please pray for a cessation of hostility in those places in our world in warfare or on its brink, especially Ukraine.

Upcoming at Resurrection

Pastor Karen is at church Monday-Thursday, 9-1. Afternoons and evenings for visitations and meetings. You're welcome to contact her, walk in, or arrange for a visit.

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Sunday, February 5

10:00: In-Sanctuary and Online
Worship

Monday, February 6

9:00-1:00: Office Hours

Tuesday, February 7

9:00-1:00: Office Hours
9:00-12:00: Ashley House
9:30: Worship and Music meeting

Wednesday, February 8

9:00-1:00: Office Hours
9:30: Worship Team Practice

Thursday, February 9

9:00-1:00: Office Hours
10:00: Quilting

Friday, February 10

Saturday, February 11

Sunday, February 12

10:00: In-Sanctuary and Online
Worship
Fellowship after worship!

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