



A reading from Isaiah.

(Not Printed)

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Psalm 112:1-9

A reading from First Corinthians.

When I came to you, brothers and sisters, I did not come proclaiming the mystery of God to you in lofty words or wisdom. For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ, and him crucified. And I came to you in weakness and in fear and in much trembling. My speech and my proclamation were not with plausible words of wisdom, but with a demonstration of the Spirit and of power, so that your faith might rest not on human wisdom but on the power of God. Yet 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. But we speak God's wisdom, secret and hidden, which God decreed before the ages for our glory. None of the rulers of this age understood this; for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. 9 But, 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"—these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit; for the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. For 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. 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.

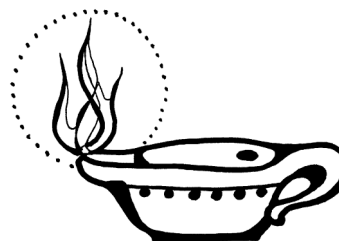
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The gospel according to Matthew.
Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said:] "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. "You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. In 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. "Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. 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. Therefore, 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. For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven."

The gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY



Let your light so shine before others,
that they may see your good works
and glorify your father in heaven.

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Sunday
February 9, 2020
8:00 + 9:30 am

GATHERED TO WORSHIP

Setting 4: Pgs. 147-155

GATHERING

Confession and Forgiveness

(Inside Back of Hymnal)

Gathering Song No. 715

"Christ, Be Our Light"

Greeting

Canticle of Praise p. 148

"Glory to God"

Greeting & Prayer of the Day

Children's Sermon 9:30 am

Chancel Choir

"This Little Light of Mine"

WORD

Isaiah 58:1-9a

Psalm 112:1-9

1 Corinthians 2:1-12

Gospel Acclamation p. 151

Gospel Matthew 5:13-20

Sermon

Hymn of the Day No. 843

"Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness"

Apostles' Creed

(Inside Back of Hymnal)

Prayers of Intercession

Peace

MEAL

Offering & Offertory Prayer

Great Thanksgiving p. 152

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Communion Distribution

Lamb of God p. 154

Distribution Hymns No. 712

"Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service"

No. 479

"We Come to the Hungry Feast"

Post-Communion Prayer

SENDING

Blessing

Sending Song No. 665

"Rise, Shine, You People"

Dismissal

WELCOME

Visiting Today

If you are visiting today, thank you. If you wish, please fill out a "Visitor Card" located in the pew rack.

The Worship Service

The bold "No." on the front of your bulletin are hymn numbers. The Psalm can be found by turning the hymnal to the side and looking for the stripe. The small numbers marked with a "p." are at the bottom of the page at the front of the hymnal.

Holy Communion

All are welcome. Distribution is by intinction, taking a piece of bread, dip it in the wine, and receive both elements at once. There is a gluten-free/grape juice option available near the baptismal font.

Offerings

Thank you for all who contribute and share in the work of Christ's church. Offerings can be placed in the offering plate.

Altar Flowers

The flowers in the sanctuary this morning are given to the glory of God in memory of Jay Oemichen by Julie Oemichen.

Fair Trade Products

Fair Trade products will be available for purchase next **Sunday, February 16**. Your purchase helps small landholder farmers in developing countries bring hope and help to their families.

Lost and Found

Are you missing your favorite baking dish or plastic storage container? Check out the table in the Fellowship Hall to perhaps find your missing favorite dish.

2020 Youth Summer Trip

High school students who have completed 9th grade are invited to join us on a Summer Youth Trip in July to Christikon

Lutheran Bible Camp in Montana for a week-long opportunity to unplug, reflect, grow in faith, and connect to nature. Interest forms are available on the Information Desk.

Food Pantry Current Needs

The Saint Andrew food pantry currently needs the following items (please no glass jars):

spaghetti sauce, ravioli, jelly,
mayonnaise, snacks such as
granola bars

Items can be dropped off in the baskets inside the building entrances. Thank you for supporting the food pantry!

Giving in Gratitude for 40 Years of Ministry: \$40 for 40

In honor of the life and legacy of Saint Andrew, members are invited to consider sharing a gift of \$40-one dollar for every year of the church's ministry-or a gift of any amount. This special appeal will be used in three significant ways: 80% will be allocated for a Sanctuary renewal project (lighting updates, flooring, etc.); 10% will be shared with the SALC endowment and local hunger efforts; 10% will be tithed to the greater church in thanksgiving for our connection to the ELCA. Watch your mail for more details and your opportunity to participate in celebrating the 40th anniversary of Saint Andrew.

40th Anniversary Save the Dates

Watch for more details in the coming months. Activities/events currently planned:

Sunday, April 26 – Celebration of the anniversary of Saint Andrew's very first service; Recognition of Pastor John Roseth and charter members.

Mid-May – Spring Cantata

Tuesday, June 23 – Birthday Picnic on the 400 Block

THIS WEEK AT SALC

Sunday, February 9

8:00 am **WORSHIP**

9:30 am **WORSHIP**

9:30 am Adult Bible Study

9:45 am Sunday School

10:45 am New Member Orientation

Monday, February 10

7:00 pm AA, Alanon & Alateen

7:00 pm Dartball vs Covenant

Tuesday, February 11

9:00 am Reading Reflections

10:00 am Quilting Group

Wednesday, February 12

6:45 am Son Riser's Bible Study

9:30 am Wonder? Women

Lectionary Bible Study

10:00 am Men's Bible Study

11:00 am Art Devo

5:15 pm Handbell Reh.

6:15 pm 7th & 8th Grade Conf.

6:30 pm Chancel Choir

Thursday, February 13

12:15 pm **WORSHIP**

6:15 pm **WORSHIP**

Friday & Saturday, February 14 & 15

Lay School Classes

Lent 2020

Life in the Wilderness

**Self Examination
and Repentance**

February 26—Ash Wednesday

Prayer

March 4

Fasting

March 11

Sacrificial Giving

March 18

Works of Love

March 25

Word and Sacrament

April 1

*"I am about to do a new thing;
now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?"*

*I will make a way in the wilderness
and rivers in the desert."*

ISAIAH 43:19

WORSHIP WORD

This is a strange time of year. The days are short, the nights are long, and even though we dream of more daylight, we walk around hoping against hope that there won't be enough sunshine produced for a rodent (okay, a groundhog!) to see its own shadow.

Enter Epiphany. This season shines like a beacon of light and hope in the dead of winter. This week God provides the mission in Isaiah—feed the hungry, care for the homeless, clothe the naked. Upon accomplishing this mission God tells the people, "Your light shall break forth like the dawn." Paul continues his Spirit-led mission, encouraging the church in Corinth, "No eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the human heart conceived, what God has prepared for those who love him." Jesus teaches his disciples, "You are the light of the world. . . . Let your light shine before others". Through these words in Jesus' sermon, he gives followers of every day and age a mission to share the light which scatters the darkness.

Things may seem pretty dark and dreary at this time of year, but do not miss the light of Epiphany! We are indeed created in God's image, therefore the spark of the divine is alive in all of us. The light shines through us as we live out God's mission for our lives each day.

SERVING IN WORSHIP

Pastors	Jenn Collins Justin Smoot
Pianist	Joel Freiberg
Ushers	A
Lectors	Duane Zietlow Ruth Heyne
Greeters	Jason Rickstad & Jan Mann Jeff & Pam Kyhos
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FEBRUARY 9, 2020
FIFTH SUNDAY
AFTER EPIPHANY

taking⁺ faith home

See the world through the cross of Christ.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

These passages are related to the Lectionary texts for this Sunday.

Sunday	Matthew 5:13-20	Salt and light
Monday	Isaiah 58:1-12	False and true worship
Tuesday	1 Corinthians 2:1-16	True wisdom of God
Wednesday	Galatians 2:17-21	Everyone is saved by faith
Thursday	1 Peter 2:21-25	Example of Christ's suffering
Friday	1 Corinthians 1:18-31	Christ is God's power and wisdom
Saturday	Psalms 112:1-10	Blessings of the righteous
Sunday	Matthew 5:21-37	Teachings of Jesus

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

When I came to you, brothers and sisters, I did not come proclaiming the mystery of God to you in lofty words or wisdom. For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ, and him crucified.

1 Corinthians 2:1-2 (NRSV)

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Week:

Eternal God, help us to see that through the cross of Christ we are made your people and to be the salt of the earth to share your saving work with others. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer:

Dear God, may the gift of this food remind us of your generosity and your desire for us to provide food for the needy. Amen. (Isaiah 58:7)

A Blessing to Give:

May the Lord bless you with a generous heart that trusts in God. (Psalm 112:5-7)



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FEBRUARY 9, 2020

HYMN OF THE WEEK

*Let Us Ever
Walk with Jesus*



WEEKLY MILESTONES



Take a moment to tell or think about a recent mountain high and/or valley low in your life.

CARING CONVERSATIONS



Discuss in your home, small group, or use for personal reflections:

- When have you helped someone go through a sad time?
- Talk or think about a sad time you have experienced. Who helped you?
- The cross of Christ is about Jesus' suffering and death so that we may know God's eternal love. How does knowing that Christ suffered help you in daily life?

DEVOTIONS



Read: 1 Corinthians 2:1-16.

Paul contrasts the strength and wisdom of the world with the strength and wisdom of God. What is most important is knowing "Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles" because it is "the power of God and the wisdom of God." The Corinthians are fixated on their spiritual gifts and special wisdom, but that only divides the community. Paul wants to unite the community as the body of Christ in the world. Spiritual gifts are all based on the work of God, not on people's own spiritual powers. Therefore, Christians are not to get caught up on who has the "better" spiritual gifts. What does matter is to know that the uniqueness of the spiritual life is to see everything through the death and resurrection of Christ, which is the true wisdom and strength that gives faith, hope, and love to a world in need. How does seeing the world through the cross of Christ help you as a follower of Jesus?

Pray: **God of wisdom and might, give us faith to see in the cross of Christ your healing and redeeming work in the world. Amen.**

SERVICE



Jesus tells his followers "you are the salt of the earth" (Matthew 5:13). Think about what this means for us. In Jesus' day salt was used for many things from preserving and flavoring food to using it as money. Make a bowl of popcorn and set aside a salt shaker. Place several pieces of popcorn on a napkin. For each piece of popcorn, name someone who is in need. Then shake salt on the popcorn and as you taste its saltiness think about how "you are the salt of the earth" and can add flavor and a little something extra to the lives of those who are in need.

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS



Faith is caught more than it is taught. Praying in the faith community is visible as we kneel, fold hands, or bow our heads. The ritual of prayer is important and something that is "caught" through years of worship together. The ritual of daily prayer in our homes is important also. Make a list of the different ways you pray in your home. Practice getting "caught" in the act of prayer by family members or when others visit to establish a tradition in your home that many will learn and look forward to doing with you for generations to come.



In addition to *Taking Faith Home*, celebrate milestones in your daily life as an effective faith formation tool. Go to: www.milestonesministry.org