



**“let your light  
shine before men,  
that they may see  
your good deeds  
and praise your  
Father in heaven.”**

*-Matthew 5:16*

# **Our Savior’s Lutheran Church Aurora, MN**

*Fifth Sunday after Epiphany*

**Pastor Greg Anderson  
February 5, 2023**

PRELUDE

HEARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

LBW pg. 77

HYMN Little Light of Mine

GREETING

LBW pg. 78

KYRIE

LBW pg. 78

HYMN OF PRAISE Lord God, heavenly king...

LBW pg. 80

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.**

CHILDREN'S SERMON

FIRST READING

Isaiah 58:1-9a [9b-12]

Shout out, do not hold back! Lift up your voice like a trumpet! Announce to my people their rebellion, to the house of Jacob their sins. Yet day after day they seek me and delight to know my ways, as if they were a nation that practiced righteousness and did not forsake the ordinance of their God; they ask of me righteous judgments, they delight to draw near to God.

“Why do we fast, but you do not see? Why humble ourselves, but you do not notice?” Look, you serve your own interest on your fast day, and oppress all your workers. Look, you fast only to quarrel and to fight and to strike with a wicked fist. Such fasting as you do today will not make your voice heard on high. Is such the

fast that I choose, a day to humble oneself? Is it to bow down the head like a bulrush, and to lie in sackcloth and ashes? Will you call this a fast, a day acceptable to the LORD? Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of injustice, to undo the thongs of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke? 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 them, and not to hide yourself from your own kin?

Then your light shall break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up quickly; your vindicator 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 for help, and he will say, Here I am. If you remove the yoke from among you, the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil, [ Then you shall call, and the LORD will answer; you shall cry for help, and he will say, Here I am. If you remove the yoke from among you, the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil, if you offer your food to the hungry and satisfy the needs of the afflicted, then your light shall rise in the darkness and your gloom be like the noonday. The LORD will guide you continually, and satisfy your needs in parched places, and make your bones strong; and you shall be like a watered garden, like a spring of water, whose waters never fail. Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt; you shall raise up the foundations of many generations; you shall be called the repairer of the breach, the restorer of streets to live in.]

**R: The word of the Lord.      C: Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 112:1-9 [10] (please read responsively)

Praise the LORD! Happy are those who fear the LORD, who greatly delight in his commandments.

**Their descendants will be mighty in the land; the generation of the upright will be blessed.**

Wealth and riches are in their houses, and their righteousness endures forever.

**They rise in the darkness as a light for the upright; they are gracious, merciful, and righteous.**

It is well with those who deal generously and lend, who conduct their affairs with justice.

**For the righteous will never be moved; they will be remembered forever.**

They are not afraid of evil tidings; their hearts are firm, secure in the LORD.

**Their hearts are steady, they will not be afraid; in the end they will look in triumph on their foes.**

They have distributed freely, they have given to the poor; their righteousness endures forever; their horn is exalted in honor.[

**The wicked see it and are angry; they gnash their teeth and melt away; the desire of the wicked comes to nothing.]**

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 2:1-12 [13-16]

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. 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.[ And we speak of these things in words not taught by human wisdom but taught by the Spirit, interpreting spiritual things to those who are spiritual. Those who are unspiritual do not receive the gifts of God's Spirit, for they are foolishness to them, and they are unable to understand them because they are spiritually discerned. Those who are spiritual discern all things, and they are themselves subject to no one else's scrutiny. "For who has known the mind of the Lord so as to instruct him?" But we have the mind of Christ.]

**R: The word of the Lord. C: *Thanks be to God.***

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

LBW pg. 83

***C: Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go...***

LBW pg. 83

GOSPEL INTRODUCTION

LBW pg. 83

***C: Glory to you O Lord.***

GOSPEL

Matthew 5:13-20

“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.

***C: Praise to you, O Christ.***

SERMON

HYMN

Here in This Place

WOV # 718

APOSTLES' CREED

**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**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

P: Merciful God, ***C: receive our prayer.***

THE PEACE

OFFERING

OFFERTORY Create in me.....

OFFERING PRAYER

P: Liberating God, you break the bonds of justice and let the oppressed go free. Receive these offerings in thanksgiving for all your works of merciful power, and shape us as people of your

justice and freedom. You we magnify and adore, through Jesus our Savior, **C: Amen**

THE SACRAMENT LBW pg. 88

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING LBW pg. 89

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY LBW pg. 89

WORDS OF INSTITUTION LBW pg. 91

THE LORD'S PRAYER LBW pg. 91

**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.**

THE MEAL (the congregation may come forward)

*\*please note ~ The center ring is white grape juice and the outer rings are red wine.)*

LAMB OF GOD LBW pg. 92

THANK THE LORD LBW pg. 92

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION LBW pg. 94

BENEDICTION LBW pg. 95

SENDING HYMN God, whose Almighty... LBW # 400

DISMISSAL LBW pg. 95

POSTLUDE

**Thank you to those who helped with today's service ~**



Pastor Greg Anderson

Reader ~ Janet Salo

Music ~ Diane Boback

Ushers ~ Don Berggren & Mark Boback

### **~Prayer Concerns~**

Joy Norman, Charlotte and Ken Carlson, Louise Ellingson, Glorene Clark, Bill Utley, Joanne Barstad

### **~Calendar ~**

|             |       |                                |
|-------------|-------|--------------------------------|
| Monday      | 10:00 | WELCA Board Meeting            |
| Tuesday     | 8:30  | Bandage Rolling                |
| Wednesday   | 9:00  | Quilting                       |
|             | ****  | Bulletin Announcement Deadline |
| Next Sunday | 10:30 | Worship and Sunday School      |
|             | 11:30 | Coffee an                      |

**Next Sunday ~ February 12, 2023**

Pastor Greg Anderson

Reader ~ Maren Lundquist

Ushers ~ Roger & Yvonne Trowbridge

Music ~ Diane Boback

### **Contributions**

2023 Total budget \$ TBD

Contributions needed weekly per 2023 budget \$ TBD

Given Sunday January 29, 2023 ~ \$ 1,135.00

### **~ Announcements~**

**Wanted** ~ Donated white sheets for the mission project of making bandages for Global Ministries. If you have any questions, please call Jan Moore at 229-3466.

**Prayer Concerns** ~ Everyone, if you need or know someone who needs/wants prayers, please call the church office, Pastor Greg, Deb Maki or call the prayer chain as printed in the weekly bulletins and monthly EyeOpener.

**Prayer Chain** ~ When anyone is in need of prayer for special needs, concerns or support, please call Pastor Greg, or anyone on

the list of the prayer chain. All requests and prayers are kept confidential. Lorraine Ekman 229-3328, Janet Salo 229-2332 or 404-3358, Yvonne Trowbridge 229-2463, Linda Loeffler 229-0130, Jan Moore 229-3466, Kate Undeland 780-2436, Debbie Maki 290-1471.

**Snow Shoveling List ~ Thank you to all who shovel, you all are very much appreciated!!**

|             |            |
|-------------|------------|
| 2/3 – 2/9   | Kim Norman |
| 2/10 – 2/16 | Tim Salo   |
| 2/17 – 2/23 | Doug Shuck |

Lent 2023 Announcement!

This year for Lent we will be participating in a 4 church round robin soup supper and services. We will have an Ash Wed. service on our own, 5:00pm Feb. 22nd at Our Savior's. Our Savior's will then be hosting a Wednesday night soup supper and service for the other churches on March 22<sup>nd</sup>. Soup Supper at 4:30pm, Service at 5:00pm. Maybe for 80 people?

Lent 2023 Schedule:

|                            |                     |        |                |            |
|----------------------------|---------------------|--------|----------------|------------|
| Wed. Feb. 22 <sup>nd</sup> | Ash Wed. Service    | 5:00pm | Our Savior's   | Aurora     |
| Wed. March 1 <sup>st</sup> | Soup Supper/Service | 4:30pm | Faith Lutheran | Hoyt Lakes |

Wed. March 8<sup>th</sup> Soup Supper/Service 4:30pm St. Mark's  
Palo

Wed. March 15<sup>th</sup> Soup Supper/Service 4:30pm Our Lady of  
Hope Aurora

Wed. March 22<sup>nd</sup> Soup Supper/Service 4:30pm Our Savior's  
Aurora