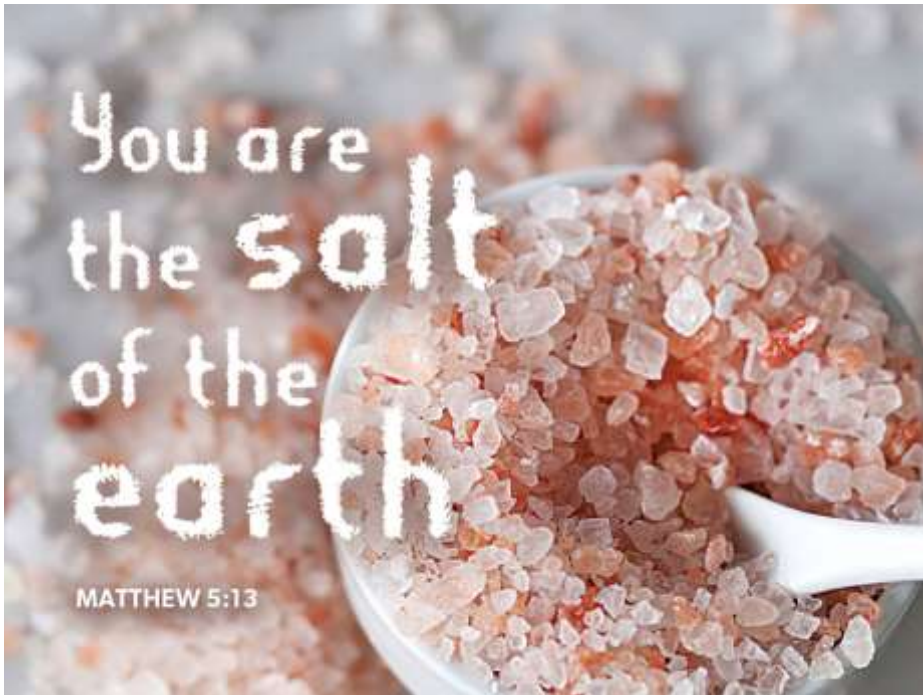


Fifth Sunday after Epiphany



February 5, 2023 | 9:00 a.m.

*Kviteseid Lutheran Church
308 North Third Street
Milan, Minnesota*

RDER OF SERVICE

Welcome to worship at Kviteseid Lutheran Church... as Jesus continues to reveal himself during Epiphany. May you sense anew your Savior's deep love for you and all the world.

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING HYMN

"Gather Us In"

ELW #532

INTRODUCTION FOR THE DAY

Light shines in the darkness for the upright, the psalmist sings. Isaiah declares that when we loose the bonds of injustice and share our bread with the hungry, the light breaks forth like the dawn. In another passage from the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus, the light of the world, calls his followers to let the light of their good works shine before others. Through baptism we are sent into the world to shine with the light of Christ.

CALL TO WORSHIP

- P Called to be light,
C **we would carry God's hope into the shadows of the world.**
P Called to be salt,
C **we would enhance the lives of those around us, with joy.**
P Called to live in God's reality,
C **we would welcome everyone as sisters and brothers in faith.**

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

- P Let us confess our sins before God, our help in times of trouble.
C **Almighty God,
we have asked for your righteous judgment against others,
but we have not acknowledged the sin in our own lives.** *Isa. 58:2*
**We have worshiped you with our lips,
but have dishonored you with our actions.**
**We have prayed for you to end the suffering in our world,
yet we have not practiced compassion and generosity toward others.**
**Our religion has become the source of quarreling
rather than a testimony to your grace.** *Isa. 58:4*
**Forgive our self-righteousness and give us integrity of heart,
that we may shine forth the light of your salvation,
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

P God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of † Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

C **Amen.**

HYMN OF PRAISE “God, Whose Almighty Word” (vs. 1-3) ELW #673

GREETING

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray.

C **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.**

LESSON: Isaiah 58:1-12

Shortly after the return of Israel from exile in Babylon, the people were troubled by the ineffectiveness of their fasts. God reminds them that outward observance is no substitute for genuine fasting that results in acts of justice, such as feeding the hungry, sheltering the homeless, and clothing the naked.

PSALM 112:1-9

L ¹Hallelujah! Happy are they who fear the LORD and have great delight in God's commandments!

C ²**Their descendants will be mighty in the land; the generation of the upright will be blessed.**

L ³Wealth and riches will be in their house, and their righteousness will last forever.

C ⁴**Light shines in the darkness for the upright; the righteous are merciful and full of compassion.**

L ⁵It is good for them to be generous in lending and to manage their affairs with justice.

C ⁶**For they will never be shaken; the righteous will be kept in everlasting remembrance.**

L ⁷They will not be afraid of any evil rumors; their heart is steadfast, trusting in the LORD.

C **⁸Their heart is established and will not shrink,
until they see their desire upon their enemies.**

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

LESSON: 1 Corinthians 2:1-12

Though people such as the Corinthians are enamored with human philosophy and wisdom, Paul continuously presents God's hidden wisdom which is Jesus Christ crucified. True spiritual maturity involves judging ourselves and others in light of God's revelation in the cross.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

P The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 5th chapter.

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

GOSPEL: Matthew 5:13-20

In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus encourages his followers to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world, doing good works and keeping God's commandments.

P The Gospel of our Lord.

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

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY "Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service"

ELW #712

APOSTLES' CREED

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

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilot,
was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come 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 THE CHURCH

Each portion of the prayers ends with these words:

P Merciful God,

C **receive our prayer.**

The prayers are concluded with these words:

P We bring to you our needs and hopes, O God, trusting your wisdom and power revealed in Christ crucified.

C **Amen.**

SHARING THE PEACE

P The peace of Christ be with you always.

C **And also with you.**

OFFERING

OFFERTORY RESPONSE “We Give Thee but Thine Own” (vs. 1-2) ELW #686

OFFERING PRAYER

P Merciful God, receive the gifts we bring, our selves, our time, and our possessions. Through this meal unite us as your body, shining with the light of your justice and mercy; for the sake of him who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C **Amen.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

C **We lift them to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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C **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.

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

COMMUNION HYMNS	“We Come to the Hungry Feast”	ELW #479
	“You Satisfy the Hungry Heart”	ELW #484
	“Break Now the Bread of Life”	ELW #515

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P Holy One, we thank you for the healing that springs forth abundantly from this table. Renew our strength to do justice, love kindness, and journey humbly with you.

C Amen.

****CHARGE**

P Jesus said, let your light shine before others,
so that they may see your good works
and give glory to your Father in heaven. *Matt. 5:16*

****BLESSING**

P May Christ, the true light, shine upon you,
that you may walk in righteousness all your days.

C Amen.

CLOSING HYMN “Arise, Your Light has Come!” ELW #314

DISMISSAL

P Go in peace. Follow in the way of Jesus.

C Thanks be to God.

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