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FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

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HOLY COMMUNION

TO OUR GUESTS AND MEMBERS: We receive the Lord's Supper, believing the Word of Jesus, that He gives into our mouths His true body and blood, miraculously united to the bread and wine, to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins, and to strengthen our union with Him and with one another. Our Lord invites to His table those who trust His Word, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love one another, even as He forgives and loves us.

God's Word teaches us that those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood in an unworthy manner do so to their great harm, and that this Holy Communion is a confession of the faith that is confessed in this church. Therefore any who are not yet instructed, who are in doubt, or are members of a congregation not in the fellowship of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, and yet desire to commune, are asked to kindly speak with the pastor ahead of time. (*Matt. 5:23f.; 10:32f.; 18:15-35; 26:26-28; 1 Cor. 10:16-21; 11:17-34*)

The Confessional Service with Holy Communion

+ Prelude

+ Hymn of Invocation – #354

“In the Cross of Christ I Glory”

+ The Invocation – pg. 15 (stand)

+ The Corporate Confession of Sins and Absolution pg. 15-16

+ INTROIT

Ps. 119:9–16; antiphon: Ps. 119:12

Blessèd are you, O LORD;

teach me your statutes!

How can a young man keep his way pure?

By guarding it according to your word.

*With my whole heart I seek you;
let me not wander from your commandments!*

**I have stored up your word in my heart,
that I might not sin against you.**

*Blessèd are you, O LORD;
teach me your statutes!*

**With my lips I declare
all the just decrees of your mouth.**

*In the way of your testimonies I delight
as much as in all riches.*

**I will meditate on your precepts
and fix my eyes on your ways.**

*I will delight in your statutes;
I will not forget your word.*

**Blessèd are you, O LORD;
teach me your statutes!**

+ The Gloria Patri – pg. 16

+ The Kyrie – pg. 17

+ The Gloria in Excelsis – pg. 17-19

+ The Salutation – pg. 19

+ The Collect for the Day

O Lord, keep Your family the Church continually in the true faith that, relying on the hope of Your heavenly grace, we may ever be defended by Your mighty power; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

+ The Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 58:3-9a

³ “‘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.

⁴ 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.

⁵ 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?

⁶ “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?

⁷ 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?

⁸ 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.

⁹ Then you shall call, and the LORD will answer;
you shall cry, and he will say, ‘Here I am.’”

+ The Epistle: 1 Corinthians 2:1-12

¹And I, when I came to you, brothers, did not come proclaiming to you the testimony of God with lofty speech or wisdom. ²For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ and him crucified. ³And I was with you in weakness and in fear and much trembling, ⁴and my speech and my message were not in plausible words of wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power, ⁵that your faith might not rest in the wisdom of men but in the power of God.

⁶Yet 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. ⁷But we impart a secret and hidden wisdom of God, 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 heart of man imagined,
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 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. ¹²Now 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.

+ The Triple Hallelujah, pg. 20

+ The Gospel Versus, pg. 20-21

+ The Holy Gospel: Matthew 5:13-20

¹³[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.

¹⁴“You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. ¹⁵Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, 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 who is in heaven.

¹⁷“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. ¹⁸For 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. ¹⁹Therefore 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. ²⁰For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.”

+ The Nicene Creed – pg. 22

+ Hymn #358

“Lamb of God, We Fall before Thee”

+ Sermon – “Nothing Except Jesus Christ, and Him Crucified”

1 Corinthians 2:1-2

- I. Our message is not superiority of speech or of wisdom.
- II. We know nothing except Jesus Christ, and Him crucified.
- III. He is God's true wisdom, righteousness, holiness, and redemption for our glory.

+ The Offertory – pg. 22 (*stand*)

+ The Offerings

Choir: “Beneath the Cross of Jesus” (8:00)

+ The Prayer of The Church

+ The Preface ~ The Agnus Dei – pg. 24-28

+ Distribution Hymns

#348 - “Jesus, Jesus, Only Jesus”

#381 - “I Know My Faith is Founded”

#179 - “On My Heart Imprint Thine Image”

+ The Nunc Dimittis – pg. 29

+ The Thanksgiving – pg. 30

+ Post-Communion Collect – pg. 30

+ The Salutation & The Benedicamus – pg. 31

+ The Benediction – pg. 31

+ Closing Hymn - #179 (7:00 p.m.)

“On My Heart Imprint Thine Image”

+ SOLI DEO GLORIA +

DAILY READINGS: February 5: Job 2:1–3:10; John 1:19–34; 6: Job 3:11–26; John 1:35–51; 7: Job 4:1–21; John 2:1–12; 8: Job 5:1–27; John 2:13–25; 9: Job 6:1–13; John 3:1–21; 10: Job 6:14–30; John 3:22–4:6; 11: Job 7:1–21; John 4:7–26.

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