

Welcome to Worship
February 5, 2023

Light shines in the darkness for the upright, the psalmist sings. Isaiah declares that when we loosen 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.

Prelude *Adagio* ~ Georg Muffat

Gathering Hymn *Gather Us In* ~ ELW 532

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.

First Reading Isaiah 58:1-12

Psalm Psalm 112:1-10



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Light shines in the darkness for the upright. (Ps. 112:4)

¹*Hallelujah! Happy are they who¹ fear the Lord
and have great delight in¹ God's commandments!*

²*Their descendants will be mighty¹ in the land;
the generation of the upright¹ will be blessed.*

³*Wealth and riches will be¹ in their house,
and their righteousness will¹ last forever.*

⁴*Light shines in the darkness¹ for the upright;
the righteous are merciful and full¹ of compassion.*

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

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

⁷*They will not be afraid of any¹ evil rumors;
their heart is steadfast, trusting¹ in the Lord.*

⁸*Their heart is established and¹ will not shrink,
until they see their desire upon their enemies.*



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

¹⁰*The wicked will see it and be angry; they will gnash their teeth and | pine away;
the desires of the wick- | ed will perish.*

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.

[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 under foot.

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. ¹⁸For 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."

Hymn of the Day

Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service ~ ELW 712

Musical Offering

Fanfare - Danza ~ T. Susato, arr. Kevin McChesney (Hallelujah Ringers)

Offertory Hymn

Many Will Come ~ ACS 982

Communion Hymns

Light Shone in Darkness ~ ELW 307

For the Bread Which You have Broken ~ ELW 494

Sending Hymn

O God of Light ~ ELW 507

Postlude

Nun bitten wir den heiligen Geist ~ Dietrich Buxtehude