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Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

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SALT & LIGHT

***Thank you for being the Body of Christ
gathered here this morning.***

We have committed as a church to pray for all those in our community who are living in the darkness of addiction. We have lit a candle in the front of the sanctuary as we pray for the light of Christ to break into their lives. Before worship begins, you are invited to light a candle for a friend or family member for whom you are praying.

Prelude

Welcome

Announcements

Now the Feast:

Confession and Forgiveness

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

As God's beloved children, let us call to mind our sin and our need for reconciliation with God and one another.

Silence is kept for reflection

Strong and faithful God, we confess that we have not lived as your holy people in the world. We have closed our hearts to your love. We have resisted your light. We have failed to proclaim your mercy. Forgive what we have done and what we have left undone, heal us with your abundant grace, and help us walk as children of the light. Amen.

God, who is gracious and merciful and slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love, loves you as you are. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Kyrie

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Now the Feast

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Salutation

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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

Choir

Isaiah 58: 5-9**Reader: Walt Olsen**

Is this the kind of fast I have chosen, only a day for people to humble themselves? Is it only for bowing one's head like a reed and for lying in sackcloth and ashes? Is that what you call a fast, a day acceptable to the LORD?

"Is not this the kind of fasting I have chosen: to loose the chains of injustice and untie the cords of the yoke, to set the oppressed free and break every yoke?

Is it not to share your food with the hungry and to provide the poor wanderer with shelter— when you see the naked, to clothe them, and not to turn away from your own flesh and blood?

Then your light will break forth like the dawn, and your healing will quickly appear; then your righteousness will go before you, and the glory of the LORD will be your rear guard.

Then you will call, and the LORD will answer; you will cry for help, and he will say: Here am I.

1 Corinthians 2: 1-5

And so it was with me, brothers and sisters. When I came to you, I did not come with eloquence or human wisdom as I proclaimed to you the testimony about God.

For I resolved to know nothing while I was with you except Jesus Christ and him crucified.

I came to you in weakness with great fear and trembling.

My message and my preaching were not with wise and persuasive words, but with a demonstration of the Spirit's power,

so that your faith might not rest on human wisdom, but on God's power.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Children's Sermon**Gospel Verse****p.7**

Alleluia, Alleluia, Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia. (2x)

Matthew 5: 13-20

"You are the salt of the earth. But if the salt loses its saltiness, how can it be made salty again? It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out and trampled underfoot.

"You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden.

Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house.

In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.

"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.

For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth disappear, not the smallest letter, not the least stroke of a pen, will by any means disappear from the Law until everything is accomplished.

Therefore anyone who sets aside one of the least of these commands and teaches others accordingly will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever practices and teaches these commands will be called great in the kingdom of heaven.

For I tell you that unless your righteousness surpasses that of the Pharisees and the teachers of the law, you will certainly not enter the kingdom of heaven.

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon**Hymn of the Day****"This Little Light of Mine"****#677****Apostle's Creed****p. 8**

Prayers of Intercession

Each petition will end with “Lord, in your mercy,”
the congregation responds with **“hear our prayer.”**

Offering *You may put your offerings in the box on the table at the back of the church, or you are invited to make your offerings online on our website – americanlutheranchurch.net -- or mail them to American Lutheran Church at PO Box 653- Newport, WA 99156*

Meal

The Great Thanksgiving p. 10

‘Holy, Holy, Holy’ p. 10

Words of Institution

Christ has died, Christ has risen, Christ will come again.

Lord’s Prayer

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. 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.

Invitation to Communion

*Jesus welcomes ALL to his table to receive his love and forgiveness -- his life given for you.
Grape juice and gluten/soy/corn free wafers are available.*

Lamb of God p.13

Communion songs: #1-5 (white pages in the back of the book)

Blessing

Prayer

Benediction

Post-Communion Canticle

“Thanks be to You”

Praise to you, O God of mercy: thanks be to you forever!

Raising high the weak and lowly: thanks be to you forever!

From of old you loved and sought us: thanks be to you forever!

Truth and justice you have taught us: thanks be to you forever!

***Strong is your faithfulness, strong is your love,
rememb’ring your covenant of life with us.***

Praise to you, O God of mercy: thanks be to you forever!

Raising high the weak and lowly: thanks be to you forever! Thanks be to you forever!

Go in Peace. Serve the Lord. Thanks be to God.

This Week

Monday	10 am	Bible Study
	Noon	Al-anon
Tuesday	10 am	Quilting
Wednesday	7pm	Choir
Saturday	3pm	Addiction Support Group
Sunday	10 am	Worship

Remember in Prayer: Lucy Anderson (at the request of Mary Bug Smith), Anita (at the request of Terry Zakar), Cyndy Akre Grady, Scone Bender, Rudy Bergen, Roger Brandt, Annika Britton, Julie Brown and family, Barbara Campbell, Justin Carnie (Ruth and Mitch Carnie), Ellie, Bobbie Joe (at the request of Carlene Connelly), Shae Courtney (son-in-law of the Lewis'), Susan Fox, Dorothy Funden, Gladys Gerow, Larry Gerow, Ed and Lynda Heckman, Gary Heckathorn, Marva Heckathorn, Annika Hughes, Kurt Johnson, Imo Jones, Kapple family, Leroy Leland, Moses (at the request of Sark Ratliff), friends and family of Carl Pitts, Sark Ratliff, Jeanette Reiter, Paul (Julie Brown's brother), Joel Robertson, Carol Rock, Sandy Rock (Joy Peralta's sister-in-law), Val Samson, Cheryl Schoesler, Judy Schoesler, Bill Stewart (at the request of the Graffs), Sara Rogers (at the request of Christian Britton), Chris Vullo (at the request of Judy Bell), Wayland VanZant, Audrey Wilbur (Marva's great niece)

***Please note:** Prayer requests will normally be kept on the list for one month unless requested for longer.

Announcements:

Giving Update: December Actual Giving: \$ 39,941.82 December Budget: \$ 17,083.33

December Variance: \$22,858.49

YTD Variance to General Fund giving budget as of December 31, 2025 is \$12,033.35.

Thank you for your faithful and generous gifts.

Lent: Ash Wednesday is February 18th. Lenten Soup Suppers start February 25th. Soup Supper served at 5:45, followed by a short service at 6:30. Choir practice will follow. Please sign up on the form in the Narthex.

Addiction Support Group: Christian Britton and Sark Ratliff are hosting a support group for all addictions. They meet on Saturdays at 3pm.

Pastor Bob Albing can be reached at (208)446-5206 and pinetreepadre@gmail.com. In an emergency, if you are unable to reach Pastor Bob, Pastor Chris Hill is available:

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Also, Annie Frederick is available to answer any questions you may have about the transition: 509-270-0496 and afrederick2018@outlook.com

If you would like to be on our church email list for announcements and prayer concerns, please send your email address to alc.churchoffice@gmail.com.

Reminder: Please don't forget to set the alarm before leaving the church. If you do not have a code please text/call Laretta 509-447-3440