

Living Hope Lutheran Church
The Heart of Christ in the Heart of the City

Fifth Sunday after Epiphany
February 5, 2023 9:00am

PRELUDE

WELCOME

Rev. Paul Hansen

CALL TO WORSHIP

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.

P God, our Creator, calls us into true worship,

C to loose the bonds of injustice, to undo the thongs of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free.

P Jesus, our liberator, frees us, so that our light breaks forth like the dawn

C and our gloom be like the noonday.

P God's Spirit promises to guide us and make us like a watered garden,

C like a spring of water, whose waters never fail.

P Let us worship God with thanksgiving, praise, and justice!

C Amen.

OPENING HYMN

Christ, Be Our Light

Hymn #715



1 Long - ing for light, we wait in dark - ness. Long - ing for
 2 Long - ing for peace, our world is trou - bled. Long - ing for
 3 Long - ing for food, man - y are hun - gry. Long - ing for
 4 Long - ing for shel - ter, man - y are home - less. Long - ing for
 5 Man - y the gifts, man - y the peo - ple, man - y the



truth, we turn to you. Make us your own,
 hope, man - y de - spair. Your word a - lone
 wa - ter, man - y still thirst. Make us your bread,
 warmth, man - y are cold. Make us your build - ing,
 hearts that yearn to be - long. Let us be ser - vants



your ho - ly peo - ple, light for the world to see.
 has pow'r to save us. Make us your liv - ing voice.
 bro - ken for oth - ers, shared un - til all are fed.
 shel - ter - ing oth - ers, walls made of liv - ing stone.
 to one an - oth - er, signs of your king - dom come.



Refrain
 Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the



dark - ness. Christ, be our light! Shine in your



church gath - ered to - day.

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who stretches out the heavens, who sends light to the nations, who gives breath to us all.

C **Amen.**

P Dear friends, together let us acknowledge our failure to love this world as Jesus does

Silence is kept for reflection.

P Loving God,

C **we confess that we have turned from your way to follow our own ways. Forgive us for the times we have spoken or acted too quickly; we have not spoken or acted at all; we have hurt those closest to us; we have hurt those we have yet to know; we have thought more about ourselves than others; we have thought less of ourselves than we ought. Turn us around, and give us a fresh start, so that we can live again as your children. Amen.**

P Even when we have done wrong, God makes us right. Even when we have messed up, God puts us together. God's love never runs out. God never tires of calling us beloved children. Hear God say to you now: Your sins are forgiven, for the sake of † Jesus Christ our Savior.

C **Amen.**

APOSTLES CREED

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 Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried;
he descended into hell.**

**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

PRAYER OF THE DAY

**P Lord God,
C 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 MESSAGE

FIRST READING

A reading from Isaiah 58: 1-12

¹Shout 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.

²Yet 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.

³"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.

⁴Look, 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.

⁵Is 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?

⁶Is 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?

⁷Is 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?

⁸Then 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.

⁹Then 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,

¹⁰if 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.

¹¹The 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.

¹²Your 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.

P The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

(Psalm 111, et. al.)

Hal-le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal -
- le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le -
lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah.

THE GOSPEL

P The Holy Gospel according to **Matthew 5:13-20**
C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

P 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.

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

SERMON

"Bright & Zesty"

Rev. Paul Hansen

OFFERING

All that we have belongs to God, and we give faithfully in gratitude for God's abundance, as a practice of discipleship, and to serve the needs of those around us. Our mission to bless and serve our neighbors matters now more than ever.

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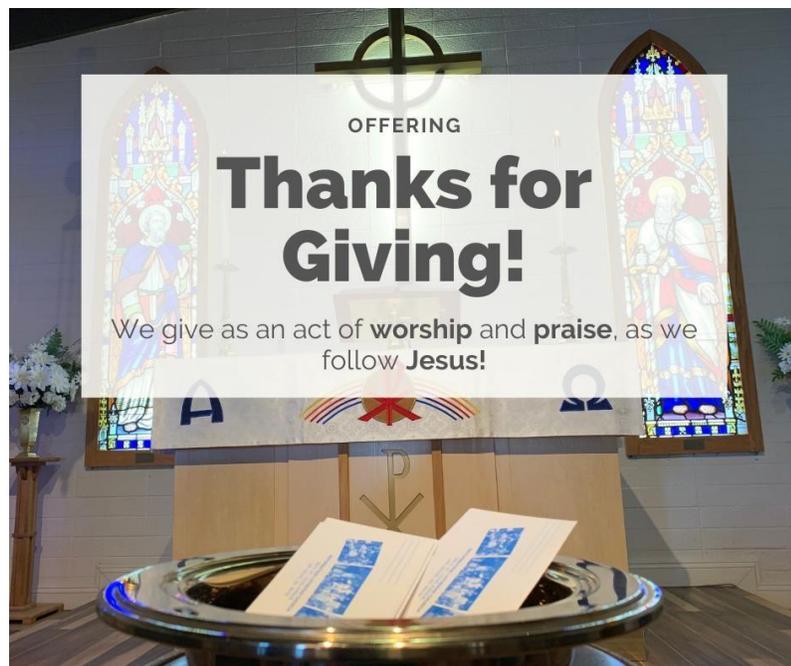
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OFFERTORY

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE 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.

P It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise ... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

*HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,
heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the
high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

(1 Cor. 11:23-25)

P In the night in which he was betrayed...

LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed
be your name, your kingdom
come, your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we
forgive those who sin
against us.
Save us from the time of trial and**

**deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and
the glory are yours, now and
forever. Amen.**

DISTRIBUTION OF ELEMENTS

P We who are many are one body, for we all partake of the one bread.
Come. Be filled with light and life.

You may come forward as directed by the ushers, receive bread, and take a cup with either wine (in the round tray) or white grape juice (in the rectangular tray) and return to your seat.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P Let us pray. O Morning Star, fair and bright,
C **you have refreshed us again with heavenly food. You are our dearest treasure. Go with us now – today, tomorrow, every day – that we tell the story of your never-ending love and sing your praise both now and forever. Amen.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING

P The God of glory dwell in you richly, name you beloved, and shine brightly on your path; and the blessing of almighty God, the Father, the † Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you always.
C **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN

Let Justice Flow Like Streams

Hymn #717



- 1 Let jus - tice flow like streams of spar-ling wa - ter, pure,
- 2 Let righ-teous-ness roll on as oth - ers' cares we heed,
- 3 So may God's plumb line, straight, de - fine our mea - sure true,



en - a - bling growth, re - fresh - ing life, a - bun - dant, cleans-ing, sure.
an ev - er - flow - ing stream of faith trans-lat - ed in - to deed.
and jus-tice, right, and peace per-vade this world our whole life through.

SENDING

P Go in peace. Be the light of Christ.

C **Sharing the heart of Christ in the Heart of the City! Thanks be to God!**

POSTLUDE

Preaching today: Rev. Paul Hansen

Worship: Rev. Paul Hansen

Music: Dr. Alexandria Le

Greeter: Sarah Filer

Reader: Roger Bailey

Communion Assistants: Sarah Filer, Rebekah Johnson &

Penny Hovick

Usher: Patt Burton

Next Sunday:

February 12

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Last Week's Worship Attendance:

In person: 35

Online Streaming Views: 45

PRAYERS

Please remember in prayer: Dr. Mark Wickstrom, Suzanne Cason, Han Stover, Braydin, Vinny, Tammy's sister Terry, Lois Keeton, Christy Lyn Gamber and her father Eldon, Taylor, Debby and Kelly Dailey, Helen Smith's husband Bruce, Donna Delancy Spierer, The Windes Family, Sara Siller, Stephen Sappington, Pete Geloff, Pat Ward, Jeremy Filer, refugees and all affected by the war in Ukraine.



Youth News

YOUTH
group

SUNDAYS | 10:15-11:30
AM

6Th - 12Th Grade

FACEBOOK: LIVING HOPE YOUTH GROUP





Living Hope Singers

Come share your musical talents with Living Hope! Please contact Dr. Le to sign up to join the Living Hope Singers or email her at music@livinghopelasvegas.org.
Sing your praises unto the Lord.



Help Wanted

We are looking for a few good people!
Do you like to read?
Do you like to pray?
Do you like to serve people food and beverage?
Please sign up for various worship assistant positions
with Mary or Sarah Filer.
Thank you!

NEVADANS FOR THE COMMON GOOD

The Nevada legislative session begins on Monday, Feb. 6th. NCG will offer the second of a two-part training series for those interested in understanding how the session works and how to make public comment on bills. Save the date --

- Wednesday, February 15th at 6:30 pm, at Green Valley United Methodist Church: "Understanding Public Comment, Leadership, and How to Follow the Session"

Please contact Paul Hansen for sign up details at 702-335-3735.



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