

First Presbyterian Church

Kingsford, Michigan
Rev. Michael March, Pastor

5TH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

February 5, 2023

Greeting: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

Response: And also with you.

Announcements / Opening Prayer

Prelude

*Praise Medley

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*Prayer of Confession: **Loving God, you invite us into the eternal community you created by love. We confess that often we are too busy to spend time building up your church. We hope it will happen around us while we do little to create it. Forgive us. Show us practical ways to reach out in love to one another in this community. Lead us to closer friendships. Lead us to more prayer time, together and alone. Lead us to deeper worship and greater service. May the Church family you build here become so beautiful that the world might notice and come to Jesus; for we ask in his Name.**

*Assurance of God's Pardon

*Alleluia! Alleluia! **Hearts to heav'n and voices raise; Sing to God a hymn of gladness, sing to God a hymn of praise. He who on the cross as Savior for the world's salvation bled, Jesus Christ, the King of Glory, now is risen from the dead.**

*Sharing the Peace of Christ

Children's Message (Sunday)

Prayer for Illumination (Saturday)

--Jen Spreen

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--Sandi Lefebvre

Scripture Reading: Matthew 5:13–20

Pg. 810, Pew Bible

Responsive Reading: Psalm 112

Pg. 509, Pew Bible

Anthem (Saturday)

Choral Anthem (Sunday): *Remember Me*

Sermon Text: 1 Corinthians 2:1–16

Pg. 952, Pew Bible

Sermon

*Hymn: *Be Thou My Vision*

No. 562

*Creed: *The Confession of Belhar*

We believe that the unity of the people of God must be manifested and be active in a variety of ways: in that we love one another; that we experience, practice and pursue community with one another; that we are obligated to give ourselves willingly and joyfully to be of benefit and blessing to one another; that we share one faith, have one calling, are of one soul and one mind; have one God and Father, are filled with one Spirit, are baptized with one baptism, eat of one bread and drink of one cup, confess one name, are obedient to one Lord, work for one cause, and share one hope; together come to know the height and the breadth and the depth of the love of Christ; together are built up to the stature of Christ, to the new humanity; together know and bear one another's burdens, thereby fulfilling the law of Christ that we need one another and upbuild one another, admonishing and comforting one another; that we suffer with one another for the sake of righteousness; pray together; together serve God in this world; and together fight against all which may threaten or hinder this unity.

The Offering (Sunday)

*Doxology (Sunday): **Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise him, all creatures here below. Praise him above, ye heavenly host. Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

Prayer of Thanksgiving

L: The Lord be with you.

P: And also with you.

L: Lift up your hearts.

P: We lift them up to the Lord.

L: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

P: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

L: Almighty Father, Creator and Sustainer of life, your majesty and power, your continued blessing, and your great goodness

fill us with wonder. We are unworthy of the pardon you have in mercy given. We can only bring our thanks, putting our trust in your Son, who alone saves us from evil. Therefore in joy, we join in giving you praise:

P: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

L: God of glory, in thanks we remember how Jesus broke bread and gave the cup to make us partakers of his body and blood, so that he might live in us and we in him. God of mercy, in thanks we remember how Jesus invites us to his table, imprinting on our hearts his sacrifice on the cross. In gratitude we bow before him, declaring his resurrection and glory, and knowing that his prayers alone make us worthy to partake of his spiritual meal. Believing in Christ's promise of eternal life, we live in him and declare:

P: Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

INTERCESSIONS & PRAYER CONCERNS:

Bob Hendrickson, Ralph Kramer, Mark Kaad, Harvey Johnson, Darlene Duff, Tobias Cook, Karen Daft, Pat Quick, Sara Miller

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 debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.**

THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

*Hymn: *We Are God's People* No. 399

*Benediction

*Response: *The Church's One Foundation* No. 401, vv. 1,2

*Postlude

*Those who are able, please stand.

CHURCH NOTES

Monday: 3:30p.m. Prayer in the Chapel
5:00p.m. Soup Kitchen (*drive-thru only*)

Tuesday: 10:00a.m. and 5:15p.m. Bible Study
1:00p.m. Shawl Ministry

Wednesday: 3:30p.m. KID'S CLUB
3:30p.m. 5th/6th Youth Group
6:00p.m. Sr. High Youth Group
6:30p.m. Adult Choir

Thursday: 9:30a.m. Sit, Chat, Finish That
6:00p.m. 789 Youth Group

Saturday: 4:00p.m. Worship

“Souper Bowl” Sunday is next Sunday, February 12th.

Please bring a can or two of soup with you to worship or you can give a monetary donation. All donations of soup will go to the First Lutheran Food Pantry, and all monetary donations will go to our soup kitchen.

Lenten Study: For Bible Study during Lent we plan to watch and discuss *The Chosen* series, which is based on the life of Jesus. There is a 40-day devotional that goes with this, and we have them available in the office for \$10.

Volunteer Opportunity: We collect Super One and Tadych's receipts and tally them monthly. The proceeds go into a mission fund to help fund any future mission trips. Please call the Church office at 774-4211 if you are willing to help with this project.

Ushers: Mike and Susan Corcoran; Bob and Susan Strang