

You are  
the salt  
of the  
earth

MATTHEW 5:13



# Hope Lutheran Church

February 5, 2023

**Pastor**

**Jim Helgren**

**Organist**

**Ruth Neeman**

## Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

**Prelude, Welcome, Announcements**

**Opening Hymn "You Servants of God"**

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**Prayer of the Day (in unison)**

**Most Holy God, the earth is filled with your glory, and before you  
angels and saints stand in awe. Enlarge our vision to see your  
power at work in the world, and by your grace make us heralds  
of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

**The Lessons**

**Isaiah 58:1-9a (9b-12)**

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**1 Corinthians 2:1-12 (13-16)**

**Alleluia**

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**Welcome to Hope Lutheran. Visitors please sign our guest book in the entry. As we celebrate Holy Communion, we invite all communing Christians to participate. You may come forward to commune or pick up a communion baggie and commune in your pew.**

**In our prayers we remember Bruce Gerking, Kathy Helgren, & Garry Carman who starts radiation on Monday.**

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**Wednesday, February 8th: 4:00 p.m. Kids for Christ,  
6:00 p.m. Confirmation**

**Thursday, February 9th: 1:30 p.m. Alberta is Bible Study leader  
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**Sunday, February 12th: 10:00 a.m. Worship**

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**FIRST READING:** Isaiah 58:1-9a  
[9b-12] [not printed]

Psalm 112:1-9 [10]

**SECOND READING:** 1 Corinthians 2:1-12 [13-16]

When I came to you, brothers and sisters, I did not come proclaiming the mystery of God to you in lofty words or wisdom. <sup>2</sup>For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ, and him crucified. <sup>3</sup>And I came to you in weakness and in fear and in much trembling. <sup>4</sup>My speech and my proclamation were not with plausible words of wisdom, but with a demonstration of the Spirit and of power, <sup>5</sup>so that your faith might rest not on human wisdom but on the power of God.

<sup>6</sup>Yet among the mature we do speak wisdom, though it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to perish. <sup>7</sup>But we speak God's wisdom, secret and hidden, which God decreed before the ages for our glory. <sup>8</sup>None of the rulers of this age understood this; for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. <sup>9</sup>But, as it is written,

"What no eye has seen, nor ear heard,  
nor the human heart conceived,  
what God has prepared for those who  
love him"—

<sup>10</sup>these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit; for the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. <sup>11</sup>For what human being knows what is truly human except the human spirit that is within? So also no one comprehends what is truly God's except the Spirit of God. <sup>12</sup>Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit that is from God, so that we may understand the gifts bestowed on us by God. [<sup>13</sup>And we speak of these things in words not

taught by human wisdom but taught by the Spirit, interpreting spiritual things to those who are spiritual.

<sup>14</sup>Those who are unspiritual do not receive the gifts of God's Spirit, for they are foolishness to them, and they are unable to understand them because they are spiritually discerned. <sup>15</sup>Those who are spiritual discern all things, and they are themselves subject to no one else's scrutiny.

<sup>16</sup>"For who has known the mind of the Lord  
so as to instruct him?"  
But we have the mind of Christ.]

**GOSPEL: Matthew 5:13-20**

[Jesus said:] "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.

<sup>14</sup>"You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. <sup>15</sup>No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. <sup>16</sup>In 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.

<sup>17</sup>"Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. <sup>18</sup>For 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. <sup>19</sup>Therefore, 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. <sup>20</sup>For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven."