

A scenic view of a hillside town with a church tower, seen through a field of yellow flowers. The town is built on a hillside, with a prominent church tower in the center. The foreground is filled with a field of yellow flowers, and the background shows a blue sky with clouds and distant mountains.

A CITY BUILT
ON A HILL

CANNOT
BE HID

MATTHEW 5:14

Hope Lutheran Church

February 8, 2026

Pastor

Jim Helgren

Organist

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Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

Prelude, Welcome, Announcements

Opening Hymn "The Light of the World is Jesus" FOG # 636

Call to Worship

P: Let all who love Him come rejoicing. C; God is in His heaven.

P: To the Almighty praises voicing! C: God is in His heaven.

P: All nature does to Him belong. Yet we, His children, own the song that age to age has made us strong. C: God is in His heaven.

P: There dawns no day but by His blessing. C God is in His heaven.

P: No night without the stars confessing. C: God is in His Heaven.

P: Within His hand He does contain all pow'r of sun, moon, wind and rain, and watchful to His vast domain. C: God is in His heaven.

P: Through all the years that are before us. C: God is in His heaven.

P :His love forever reigning o'er us. C: God is in His heaven.

P; Each season in its turn shall be a glimpse of His eternity, as God has been, so God shall be! ALL: God is in His heaven!

FOG – Jacqueline Hanna McNair

Hymn of Praise "O Savior, Precious Savior" 1 verse LBW # 514

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.

The Lessons Isaiah 58:1-9a (9b-12)

Psalm 112:1-9 (10)

LBW pg. 270

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

Alleluia, sing Alleluia eight times

Gospel Matthew 5:13-20

Sermon

Hymn of the Day "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah" FOG # 608

Prayers of the Church-----The Lord's Prayer

Offering/Offertory: We give Thee but Thine own, What e'er the gift may be. All that we have is thine alone. A trust, O Lord, from Thee.

Benediction & Dismissal

Closing Hymn "Blest Be the Tie That Binds"

FOG # 560

In Our Prayers: Carol Speth, Nancy Gerking, Ruth Heitbrink, Gerry Brezenski & the Workbook Committee

We welcome you to worship with us today. If you are a guest please sign the guest book.

Monday, Febr. 9th: 2:00 Hope & Grace Bible Study at Grace

Wednesday, Febr. 11th: 4:00 p.m. Kids for Christ, 6:00 p.m. Confirmation, 7:30 p.m. Hope Council & Workbook committee

Sunday, Febr. 15th: 10:00 a.m. Holy Communion 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 testimony of God to you with superior speech or wisdom. ²For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ and him crucified. ³And I came to you in weakness and in fear and in much trembling. ⁴My speech and my proclamation were made not with persuasive words of wisdom but with a demonstration of the Spirit and of power. ⁵so that your faith might rest not on human wisdom but on the power of God.

⁶Yet 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 being destroyed. ⁷But we speak God's wisdom, a hidden mystery, which God decreed before the ages for our glory ⁸and which none of the rulers of this age understood, for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. ⁹But, 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"—

¹⁰God has revealed to us through the Spirit, for the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. ¹¹For what human 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. ¹²Now 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. [¹³And 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.

¹⁴Those 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. ¹⁵Those who are spiritual discern all things, and they are themselves subject to no one else's scrutiny.

¹⁶"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:] 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. ¹⁵People do not light a lamp and put it under the bushel basket; rather, they put it 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."

Next Sunday's Readings: Exodus 24:12-18; Psalm 2 or Psalm 99; 2 Peter 1:16-21; Matthew 17:1-9.

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