

February 9, 2025—Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

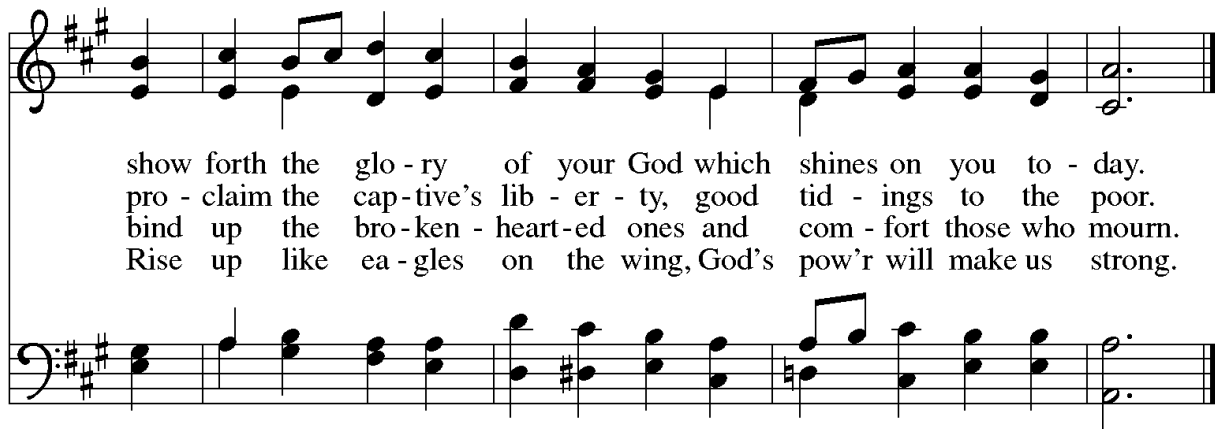
Prelude

Opening Hymn

ELW #314 "Arise, Your Light has Come!"



1 A - rise, your light has come! The Spir - it's call o - bey;
2 A - rise, your light has come! Fling wide the pris - on door;
3 A - rise, your light has come! All you in sor - row born,
4 A - rise, your light has come! The moun - tains burst in song!



show forth the glo - ry of your God which shines on you to - day.
pro - claim the cap - tive's lib - er - ty, good tid - ings to the poor.
bind up the bro - ken - heart - ed ones and com - fort those who mourn.
Rise up like ea - gles on the wing, God's pow'r will make us strong.

Prayer of the Day

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.

C: Amen.

First Reading

Isaiah 6:1-13

¹ In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple. ² Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. ³ And one

called to another and said:

“Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts;
the whole earth is full of his glory.”

⁴ The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. ⁵ And I said: “Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!”

⁶ Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. ⁷ The seraph touched my mouth with it and said: “Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out.” ⁸ Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, “Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?” And I said, “Here am I; send me!” [⁹ And he said, “Go and say to this people:

‘Keep listening, but do not comprehend;
keep looking, but do not understand.’

¹⁰ Make the mind of this people dull,
and stop their ears,
and shut their eyes,
so that they may not look with their eyes,
and listen with their ears,
and comprehend with their minds,
and turn and be healed.”

¹¹ Then I said, “How long, O Lord?” And he said:

“Until cities lie waste
without inhabitant,
and houses without people,
and the land is utterly desolate;

¹² until the LORD sends everyone far away,
and vast is the emptiness in the midst of the land.

¹³ Even if a tenth part remain in it,
it will be burned again,
like a terebinth or an oak
whose stump remains standing
when it is felled.”

The holy seed is its stump.]

L: Word of God. Word of Life.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 138

¹ I will give thanks to you, O LORD, with ^l my whole heart;
before the gods I will ^l sing your praise.

² I will bow down toward your holy temple and praise your name, because of your steadfast ^l
love and faithfulness;

for you have glorified your name and your word a- ^lbove all things. R

³ When I called, you ^l answered me;
you increased my ^l strength within me.

- ⁴ All the rulers of the earth will praise | you, O LORD,
when they have heard the words | of your mouth.
- ⁵ They will sing of the ways | of the LORD,
that great is the glory | of the LORD.
- ⁶ The LORD is high, yet cares | for the lowly,
perceiving the haughty | from afar. R
- ⁷ Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you | keep me safe;
you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies; your right | hand shall save me.
- ⁸ You will make good your pur- | pose for me;
O LORD, your steadfast love endures forever; do not abandon the works | of your hands. R

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 15:1-11

¹ Now I would remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, ² through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you—unless you have come to believe in vain.

³ For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, ⁴ and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, ⁵ and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. ⁶ Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. ⁷ Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. ⁸ Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. ⁹ For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. ¹⁰ But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me has not been in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them—though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. ¹¹ Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe.

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Gospel

Luke 5:1-11

¹ Once while Jesus was standing beside the lake of Gennesaret, and the crowd was pressing in on him to hear the word of God, ² he saw two boats there at the shore of the lake; the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. ³ He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little way from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat. ⁴ When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, “Put out into the deep water and let down your nets for a catch.” ⁵ Simon answered, “Master, we have worked all night long but have caught nothing. Yet if you say so, I will let down the nets.” ⁶ When they had done this, they caught so many fish that their nets were beginning to break. ⁷ So they signaled their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both boats, so that they began to sink. ⁸ But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus’ knees, saying, “Go away from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man!” ⁹ For he and all who were with him were amazed at the catch of fish

that they had taken; ¹⁰ and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. Then Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching people."

¹¹ When they had brought their boats to shore, they left everything and followed him.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Hymn of the Day

ELW #574 "Here I Am, Lord"



1 "I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my peo - ple cry.
2 "I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my peo - ple's pain.
3 "I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.



All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save.
I have wept for love of them. They turn a - way.
I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.

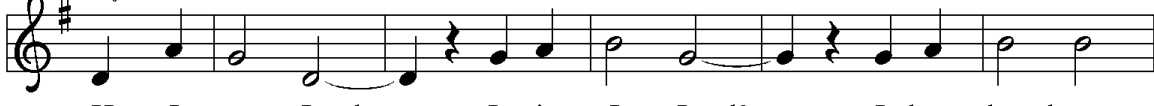


I, who made the stars of night, I will make their dark-ness bright.
I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love a - lone.
Fin-est bread I will pro-vide till their hearts be sat - is - fied.



Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?"
I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?"
I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?"

Refrain



Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you



call-ing in the night. I will go, Lord, if you




lead me. I will hold your peo - ple in my heart.

Offertory Anthem


Closing Hymn

ELW #671 "Shine, Jesus, Shine"


Refrain




Shine, Je - sus, shine, fill this land with the Fa - ther's glo - ry;



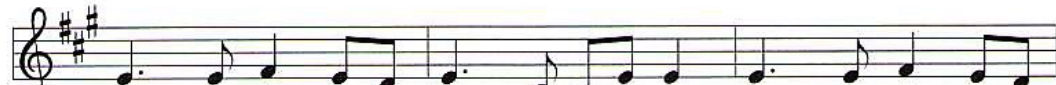
blaze, Spir - it, blaze, set our hearts on fire.



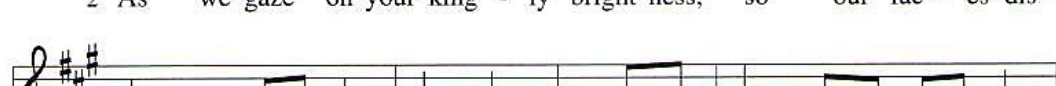
Flow, riv - er, flow, flood the na - tions with grace and mer - cy;



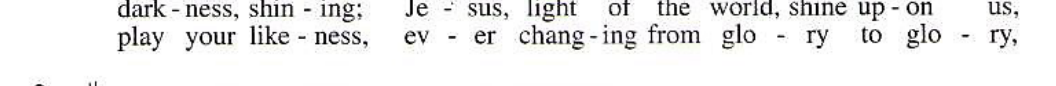
send forth your Word, Lord, and let there be light!



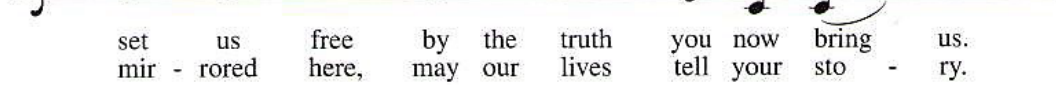
1 Lord, the light of your love is shin - ing, in the midst of the
2 As we gaze on your king - ly bright - ness, so our fac - es dis -



dark - ness, shin - ing; Je - sus, light of the world, shine up - on us,
play your like - ness, ev - er chang - ing from glo - ry to glo - ry,



set us free by the truth you now bring us.
mir - rored here, may our lives tell your sto - ry.



Refrain

Shine on me, shine on me:
Shine on me, shine on me:

Postlude

Please remember these individuals in your prayers: Lupe, Raymond, Bonnie, Bob, Rachel, Sandy, Mary, Doug, Donna, Lola, Marte, Bernie, Elizabeth, Dee, Nick, Mike, Wilma, Non

Today's celebrants:

Pastor: Rev. Nicholas Zook

Deacon: Christina Formeller

Lector: John DeCorah

Greeter: Jocelyn Lemish

Song Leaders: Marisa Buchheit, Jade Dasha, Ryan Alexander Avery Sujkowski

Choir members: Richard Gaul, Dan Lantvit, Mary-Ann Lupa, Betsy Ries, Wilma Stevens, Linda Storbeck

Organist & Choir Director: Paul Dykstra

Announcements

'Second Sundays' concert – February 9th

Join us TODAY for our next 'Second Sundays' concert at 12pm in the Concordia Church sanctuary. We will welcome Jordan Thomas, harpist, to perform. It is sure to be a musical delight! There will be light refreshments in the gym following worship to enjoy before the concert begins. You can also view this concert via livestream – visit Concordia Church Chicago on YouTube today at 12pm to tune in!

Valentine's Day Gala – February 15th

Hear Tres Belle and Lakeshore Brass at the Concordia Church 'Love Your Neighbor' Gala in honor of Valentine's Day. Bring your partner, your best friend, your neighbor, or just bring yourself! It will be a nice focused on love in its many forms. Tickets are \$60/adults and include treats and drinks of all kinds. Tickets for youth under 21 years of age are \$15/each. You can order tickets at concordiafaith.org/concerts. This event is a fundraiser for the Music Ministry at Concordia Church and will help to sponsor future concerts, soloists, and other music events. We hope that you will show your support for the music program at Concordia and get a beautiful concert and some treats in return!

Looking Ahead to Lent

Sunday, March 5th

Join us on Sunday, March 2nd for a morning of activities:

We will have the annual burning of the palms during worship that day at 10am. Following the

service, join us in the fellowship hall for a special Mardi Gras potluck as we enjoy all our favorite treats before entering the reflective season of Lent. Bring a favorite dish to share with everyone for the meal.

Ash Wednesday

Join us on March 5th for an Ash Wednesday service at 7pm. The service will include the imposition of ashes as begin the season of Lent.

Additionally, be on the lookout for more information to come about other activities during the season of Lent. These include:

- Sunday School each Sunday for children, where they will work on a Lenten craft over the course of the five weeks.
- Lenten Almsgiving to support those in need in our community
- New Adult Study session
- Daily reflections and prayer to encourage mindfulness during the season
- Weekly musical Vespers shared on our website (concordiafaith.org) every Wednesday at 7pm