

HymnsGathering—*Gather Us In*

ELW 532

Hymn of the Day—*This Little Light of Mine*

ELW 677

Sending—*Rise, Shine You People!*

ELW 665

First Reading: 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.

² Yet 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 want God on
 their side.

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.

⁴ 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.

⁵ Is 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?

⁶ Is not this the fast that I choose: to
 loose the bonds of injustice, to undo the
 straps of the yoke, to let the oppressed
 go free, and to break every yoke?

⁷ Is 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?

⁸ Then 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.

⁹ Then 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.

¹⁰ if 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.

¹¹ The 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.

¹² Your 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.

Psalm: Psalm 112:1-10

¹ Hallelujah! Happy are they who fear the LORD and have great delight in God's commandments!

² **Their descendants will be mighty in the land; the generation of the upright will be blessed.**

³ Wealth and riches will be in their house, and their righteousness will last forever.

⁴ **Light shines in the darkness for the upright; the righteous are merciful and full of compassion.**

⁵ It is good for them to be generous in lending and to manage their affairs with justice.

⁶ **For they will never be shaken; the righteous will be kept in everlasting remembrance.**

⁷ They will not be afraid of any evil rumors; their heart is steadfast, trusting in the LORD.

⁸ **Their heart is established and will not shrink, until they see their desire upon their enemies.**

⁹ They have given freely to the poor, and their righteousness stands fast forever; they will hold up their head with honor.

¹⁰ **The wicked will see it and be angry; they will gnash their teeth and pine away; the desires of the wicked will perish.**

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 2:1-16

¹ When I came to you, brothers and sisters, I did not come proclaiming the testimony of God to you with superior speech or wisdom. ² For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ and him crucified. ³ And I came to you in weakness and in fear and in much trembling. ⁴ My speech and my proclamation were made not with persuasive words of wisdom but with a demonstration of the Spirit and of power, ⁵ so that your faith might rest not on human wisdom but on the power of God.

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

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

¹⁴ 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. ¹⁵ Those 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. ¹⁵

People 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.”

SERVERS

Greeters

.... *Gail Marcum*

Lector

.... *Steve Nivens*

Worship

.... *Beverly Nivens*

FEBRUARY

Ushers

.... *Gail Marcum*

Steve Nivens

Tellers

.... *Pam Hanfland &*

Gail Marcum

Offering Pickup

.... *Gail Marcum*

Property

.... *Steve Nivens*

Altar Guild

.... *Gail Marcum &*

Marie Lybrand

Today

Next Week

Gail Marcum

Charles Nicholson

Charles Nicholson

MARCH

Wayne Lybrand

Mark Satterwhite

Beth Cleland &

Sandra Hughes

Wayne Lybrand

Bill Aull

David & Linda Griffith

OFFERING

Last Sunday

Total for February

General

\$15,160.00

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Online General

\$ 1,127.50

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Total

\$16,287.50

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Building Maint.

& Prop. Imp.

\$ 60.00

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Online BMPI

\$ 66.63

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Total

\$ 126.63

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The flowers today are in memory of my son, Justin Micheal Parks' birthday today and my dad, Raymond Eargle's birthday which was on Jan. 22 by Gail Marcum.

Souper Bowl Sales Postponed. As many of you know, recent winter storms forced us to cancel soup prep, but we're excited to share that sales have been rescheduled for February 15th after service. This year's winning flavors are: Chicken Noodle, Clam Chowder, and Tuscan Soup. Pricing reminder: \$10 per quart; \$5 per pint. As always, thank you for your continued support of this cause. We can't wait to serve you some delicious soup!

<i>Sunday</i> (Feb 8)	9:15 am	Adult Sunday School
	10:00 am	Choir Practice
	10:15 am	Youth Sunday School
	10:30 am	Holy Communion
	11:45 am	Council Mtg.
	12:45 pm	Set-Up for Rostered Leaders Event
Monday	6:00 pm	Lydia Circle
Tuesday	9:00 am	Rostered Leaders Meeting (Synod)
Wednesday	10: 30 am	Bible Study
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Those on our **Prayer list** below have special prayer needs at this time. We keep the entire congregation in our prayers at all times, but sometimes special prayers are needed. If your name is on the list or you have added someone's name and they no longer need to be on the list, please contact the church office so the name can be removed. Names on the prayer list are left on for two months, but may be extended upon request.

Melanie Amick

Bill Aull

Gary Black

Greg Chapman

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