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**9:00 - Traditional**

# SALT & MATTHEW 5:13-16 LIGHT

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## *Welcome*

to St. John Lutheran Church and our Traditional Worship Service.  
We are so glad you have chosen to join us today and we pray your  
time with us will fill you with the love our Lord has for you.

May God bless your worship with us today,  
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Learn, Share, and Serve*

*Our Vision is to inspire the vibrant experience of  
Christian faith in our community, to all  
generations, wherever they may be'*

## **As We Gather**

**Third Sunday after Epiphany**

**Divine Service Three** (pp 184ff)

### **A Time of Preparation**

#### **Prelude**

#### **Welcome and Sharing of the Peace**

#### **Opening Song**

***"The People That in Darkness Set"*** LSB 412

The people that in darkness sat  
A glorious light have seen;  
The light has shined on them who long  
In shades of death have been,  
In shades of death have been.

To hail Thee, Sun of Righteousness,  
The gath'ring nations come;  
They joy as when the reapers bear  
Their harvest treasures home,  
Their harvest treasures home.

To us a Child of hope is born,  
To us a Son is giv'n,  
And on His shoulder ever rests  
All pow'r in earth and heav'n,  
All pow'r in earth and heav'n.

His name shall be the Prince of Peace,  
The Everlasting Lord,  
The Wonderful, the Counselor,  
The God by all adored,  
The God by all adored.

His righteous government and pow'r  
Shall over all extend;  
On judgment and on justice based,  
His reign shall have no end,  
His reign shall have no end.

Lord Jesus, reign in us, we pray,  
And make us Thine alone,  
Who with the Father ever art  
And Holy Spirit, one,  
And Holy Spirit, one.

## Invocation

LSB 184

**P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

*The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.*

## Confession and Forgiveness

**P** Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

**P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**C** **who made heaven and earth.**

**P** I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

**C** **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

*Silence for reflection on God's Word and self-examination*

**P** Almighty God, our maker and redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto You that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against You by thought, word, and deed. Wherefore we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**C** **O most merciful God, who has given Your only-begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Your Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of You and of Your will and true obedience to Your Word, to the end that by Your grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

**P** Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and has given His only Son to die for us and for His sake forgives us all our sins. To those who believe on His name He gives power to become the children of God and has promised them His Holy Spirit. He that believes and is baptized shall be saved. Grant this, Lord, unto us all.

**C** Amen.

### Service of the Word

**P** I will tell of your name to my brothers;

**C** **in the midst of the congregation I will praise you.**

**P** All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord,

**C** **and all the families of the nations shall worship before you.**

**P** For kingship belongs to the Lord,

**C** **and he rules over the nations.**

**P** All the prosperous of the earth eat and worship;

**C** **before him shall bow all who go down to the dust, even the one who could not keep himself alive.**

**P** Posterity shall serve him;

**C** **it shall be told of the Lord to the coming generation;**

**P** they shall come and proclaim his righteousness to a people yet unborn,

**C** **that he has done it.**

### Glory be to the Father *(Sung)*

*LSB 186*

**C** **Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

### Lord, Have Mercy *(Sung)*

*LSB 186*

**C** **Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.**

### Song of Praise *(Sung)*

*LSB 187*

**P** Glory be to God on High,

**C** **and on earth peace, goodwill toward men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee, we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory. O Lord God, heav'nly King, God the Father Almighty. O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sin of the world, receive our prayer.**

**Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us. For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord. Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

## **Prayer of the Day**

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** **And with thy spirit.**

**P** Let us pray together...

**C** **Almighty and everlasting God, mercifully look upon our infirmities and stretch forth the hand of Your majesty to heal and defend us; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

## **“My Jesus”**

Are you past the point of weary  
Is your burden weighing heavy  
Is it all too much to carry  
Let me tell you 'bout my Jesus  
Do you feel that empty feeling  
'Cause shame's done all its stealing  
And you're desperate for some healing  
Let me tell you 'bout my Jesus  
He makes a way where there ain't no way  
Rises up from an empty grave  
Ain't no sinner that He can't save  
Let me tell you 'bout my Jesus  
His love is strong and His grace is free  
And the good news is I know that He  
Can do for you what He's done for me  
Let me tell you 'bout my Jesus  
And let my Jesus change your life  
Hallelujah Hallelujah Hallelujah  
Amen amen

Who can wipe away the tears  
From broken dreams and wasted years  
And tell the past to disappear  
Oh and let me tell you 'bout my Jesus  
And all the wrong turns that you would  
Go and undo if you could  
Who can work it all for your good  
Let me tell you about my Jesus  
He makes a way where there ain't no way  
Rises up from an empty grave  
Ain't no sinner that He can't save  
Let me tell you 'bout my Jesus  
His love is strong and His grace is free  
And the good news is I know that He  
Can do for you what He's done for me  
Let me tell you 'bout my Jesus  
And let my Jesus change your life  
Hallelujah Hallelujah Hallelujah  
Amen amen amen

Who would take my cross to Calvary  
Pay the price for all my guilty  
Who would care that much about me  
Let me tell you 'bout my Jesus oh  
He makes a way where there ain't no way  
Rises up from an empty grave  
Ain't no sinner that He can't save  
Let me tell you 'bout my Jesus  
His love is strong and His grace is free  
And the good news is I know that He  
Can do for you what He's done for me  
Let me tell you 'bout my Jesus  
And let my Jesus change your life

Hallelujah Hallelujah Hallelujah  
Amen amen  
Hallelujah Hallelujah Hallelujah  
Let my Jesus change your life

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## First Reading

Ephesians 5:8-18

<sup>8</sup> for at one time you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light <sup>9</sup> (for the fruit of light is found in all that is good and right and true), <sup>10</sup> and try to discern what is pleasing to the Lord. <sup>11</sup> Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. <sup>12</sup> For it is shameful even to speak of the things that they do in secret. <sup>13</sup> But when anything is exposed by the light, it becomes visible, <sup>14</sup> for anything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says, "Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you." <sup>15</sup> Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise but as wise, <sup>16</sup> making the best use of the time, because the days are evil. <sup>17</sup> Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. <sup>18</sup> And do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery, but be filled with the Spirit,

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

## Alleluia *(Sung)*

LSB 190

**C** Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

## Gospel Reading

Matthew 5:13-16

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the fifth chapter.



**C** Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

<sup>13</sup> "You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything except to be thrown out and trampled under people's feet. <sup>14</sup> "You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. <sup>15</sup> Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on

a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. <sup>16</sup> In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that<sup>al</sup> they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.



**C** Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

## Apostles' Creed

**C** I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life  $\times$  everlasting. Amen.

## Children's Message

### Message Song

**"Awake, O Sleeper, Rise from Death" LSB 697**

Awake, O sleeper, rise from death,  
And Christ shall give you light;  
So learn His love, its length and breadth,  
Its fullness, depth, and height.

To us on earth He came to bring  
From sin and fear release,  
To give the Spirit's unity,  
The very bond of peace.

Then walk in love as Christ has loved,  
Who died that He might save;  
With kind and gentle hearts forgive



As God in Christ forgave.  
For us Christ lived, for us He died,  
And conquered in the strife;  
Awake, arise, go forth in faith,  
And Christ shall give you life.

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## Message

## “Light of the World”

## Offering

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LSB 192

## Offering Song - Sung

- C** Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.

## Prayer of the Church

## Lord's Prayer

LSB 196

- P** Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:
- C** 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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

## Blessing

LSB 202

- P** The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.



**C** A-men, a-men, a - men.

## Closing Song

### “Tis Good, Lord, to Be Here” *LSB 414*

'Tis good, Lord, to be here!  
Thy glory fills the night;  
Thy face and garments, like the sun,  
Shine with unborrowed light.

'Tis good, Lord, to be here,  
Thy beauty to behold  
Where Moses and Elijah stand,  
Thy messengers of old.

Fulfiller of the past  
And hope of things to be,  
We hail Thy body glorified  
And our redemption see.

Before we taste of death,  
We see Thy kingdom come;  
We long to hold the vision bright  
And make this hill our home.

'Tis good, Lord, to be here!  
Yet we may not remain;  
But since Thou bidst us leave the mount,  
Come with us to the plain.

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### *Sermon Notes*

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