

Worship Service ~ February 8, 2026, 9:00

Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

VISION: Be the body of Christ:
welcoming all, inspired by God, and sent out to live our Faith.
MISSION: Led by the Spirit to share God's grace.

Today's Worship Broadcast is sponsored by Brian & Jennifer Tolzmann,
thanks for the work of Faith in our community and beyond.

PRELUDE "The B-I-B-L-E" traditional; Kids of the Kingdom Choir;
Emily Karlsrud, director

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE – 2ND GRADERS RECEIVE BIBLES

SHARING OF THE PEACE

L: The Peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you.

OPENING SONG ELW #715 *CHRIST BE OUR LIGHT* stz 1, 2, 4

INVOCATION

L: In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

CONFESSON AND FORGIVENESS

L: Trusting in God's steadfast love and faithfulness, let us confess our sin.

Silence for Reflection

L: Mighty God, lover of justice,

C: **you call us to life in community, but we have served our own interests at the expense of our neighbors. We have sown deceit where honesty was needed. We say the right words, but our hearts are far from you. Turn us to seek your face. Knit us together and give us the mind of Christ, that we may do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly with you, our God. Amen.**

L: The former things have passed away, and new things God now declares: Like a spring of water that never fails, God covers you in the righteousness of Christ and forgives your sin in + Jesus' name. May the Spirit give you strength to live for others and bless you with the gift of peace. **Amen.**

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: Let us pray.

C: 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.

PRAYER LAB MINUTE

R: A reading from Isaiah.

Isaiah 58:1-5

¹ Shout 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?

R: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION ELW #172 *HALLE, HALLE, HALLELUJAH*

R: A Gospel reading from the 5th chapter of Matthew.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

Matthew 5:13-20

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 underfoot.

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. ¹⁶ 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.

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.

R: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to You, O Christ.**

MESSAGE Pastor John Klawiter

HYMN OF THE DAY ELW #866 *WE ARE MARCHING IN THE LIGHT OF GOD*

MUSICAL OFFERING *“Salt and Light”*

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OFFERTORY ELW #184 *LET THE VINEYARDS*

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

L: Merciful God,

C: **receive our prayer.**

HOLY COMMUNION

L: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

L: Lift up your hearts.

C: **We lift them to the Lord.**

L: Give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: **Let us give our thanks and praise to God!**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

INVITATION TO COMMUNION *You are invited to come forward at the direction of the ushers to receive communion.*

COMMUNION MUSIC *“Come Share this Feast of Love”* by Lloyd Larson; Faith Choir; Alan Ball, piano; Linda Burk, director

Here is my body that's broken for you. Come share his feast of love.
Here is the blood that I shed for you. Come, share this feast of love.
Here is the life that I lived for you. Come, share the feast of love.
Here is the life that I gave for you. Come share this feast of love.

Come in prayer. Bring you pain, bring your care. Come my child and share.

Here is the peace that your soul as sought. Come share the feast of love.
Here is the peace that my dying bought. Come share this feast of love.

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

BLESSING

The LORD bless you and keep you; The LORD's face shine upon you and be gracious unto you, The LORD look upon you with favor,

⊕ and give you peace. **Amen.**

SENDING SONG *GREAT ARE YOU LORD*

DISMISSAL

L: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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Bible Trivia fun! See the bottom of the page for answers:

1) “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 _____.”

- a) trampled under foot
- b) left for the cattle
- c) left for the dogs
- d) washed down to the sea

2) “You are the _____ of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid.”

- a) glory
- b) shining star
- c) light
- d) heavenly flock