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Saturday Evening Worship - 5:30 p.m.
Sunday Morning Worship - 10:00 a.m.
February 7 & 8, 2026

Fifth Sunday After Epiphany

A Warm Welcome to all as we gather as God's people to worship our Lord. We pray our worship together would strengthen your faith and desire to know and serve the One who loves us with an everlasting love as made known to us in Jesus Christ.

*Visitors, if you are worshipping with us today, we are glad to have you with us.
Please join us again soon!*

(In preparation for our worship together, you are invited to take a moment of silence to offer your own prayers of worship and praise.)

KEY: ELW and any page number = Worship hymnal (cranberry),
OSB = Other Song Book (red), W&P = Worship & Praise (purple).

* Indicates please stand if able. Congregational responses are printed in **BOLD** type.

Prelude Music

**“Something Beautiful”
“Sing a New Song”**

**OSB #185
W&P #125**

Welcome and Announcements

Installation of 2026 Council Members (Sun)

†WE PREPARE OUR HEARTS†

***Welcome Song:**

“Gather Us In”

**ELW #532
v.1, 3, 4**

**1. Here in this place the new light is streaming,
now is the darkness vanished away;
see in this space our fears and our dreamings
brought here to you in the light of this day.
Gather us in, the lost and forsaken,
gather us in, the blind and the lame;
call to us now, and we shall awaken,
we shall arise at the sound of our name.**

**3. Here we will take the wine and the water,
here we will take the bread of new birth,
here you shall call your sons and your daughters,
call us anew to be salt for the earth.
Give us to drink the wine of compassion,
give us to eat the bread that is you;
nourish us well, and teach us to fashion
lives that are holy and hearts that are true.**

**4. Not in the dark of buildings confining,
not in some heaven, light years away—
but here in this place the new light is shining,
now is the kingdom, and now is the day.
Gather us in and hold us forever,
gather us in and make us your own;
gather us in, all peoples together,
fire of love in our flesh and our bone.**

***Confession of Sins and Assurance of God's Forgiveness**

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as we begin..

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, the Creator of heaven and earth, the Word who spoke life into being, the Wind stirring the waters. **Amen.**

Let us turn in confession to the one who knows us completely.

(Time for reflection and self-examination)

Mighty God, lover of justice, 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.

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.**

Chorus

**Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet
And a light unto my path.
Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet
And a light unto my path.**

**1. When I feel afraid,
And I think I've lost my way,
Still You're there right beside me,
Nothing will I fear
As long as You are near.
Please be near me to the end.**

Chorus

**Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet
And a light unto my path.
Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet
And a light unto my path.**

***Greeting**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
And also with you.

***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.**

‡GOD'S WORD SPEAKS TO US‡

First Reading: Isaiah 58:1-9

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. ²Yet 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 delight to draw near to God.

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. ⁴Look, 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. ⁵Is 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? ⁶Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of injustice, to undo the thongs of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke? ⁷Is 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? ⁸Then 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. ⁹Then you shall call, and the LORD will answer; you shall cry for help, and he will say, Here I am.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Psalm 112:1-9

Read Responsively

¹Hallelujah! 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.**

³Wealth 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.**

⁵It 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.**

⁷They 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.**

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

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 2:1-12

¹When I came to you, brothers and sisters, I did not come proclaiming the mystery of God to you in lofty words 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 not with plausible 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 doomed to perish. ⁷But we speak God's wisdom, secret and hidden, which God decreed before the ages for our glory. ⁸None of the rulers of this age understood this; 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" —

¹⁰these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit; for the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. ¹¹For what human being 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.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

***Gospel Acclamation**

"Emmanuel"
(Sung Twice)

W&P #36

**Emmanuel, Emmanuel,
His name is called Emmanuel;
God with us, revealed in us;
His name is called Emmanuel.**

***Gospel: Matthew 5:13-20**

Response after the announcement of the gospel:
Glory to you, O Lord.

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.

¹⁵No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but 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.

Response after the gospel reading:
Praise to you, O Christ.

Children's Sermon:

Christine Howlett

Sermon:

Pastor Kathy

(Silence for reflection and meditation)

✠WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD✠

***Song of the Day:**

"Shine Jesus Shine"

ELW #671

***Chorus:* Shine, Jesus, shine, fill this land with the Father's glory.
Blaze, Spirit, blaze; set our hearts on fire.
Flow, river, flow, flood the nations with grace and mercy.
Send forth your Word, Lord, and let there be light.**

**Lord, the light of your love is shining,
In the midst of the darkness shining;
Jesus, Light of the world, shine upon us,
Set us free by the truth you now bring us;
Shine on me, Shine on me.**

***Chorus:* Shine, Jesus, shine, fill this land with the Father's glory.
Blaze, Spirit, blaze; set our hearts on fire.
Flow, river, flow, flood the nations with grace and mercy.
Send forth your Word, Lord, and let there be light.**

**As we gaze on your kingly brightness,
So our faces display your likeness,
Ever changing from glory to glory,
Mirrored here, may our lives tell your story,
Shine on me, Shine on me.**

**Chorus: Shine, Jesus, shine, fill this land with the Father's glory.
Blaze, Spirit, blaze; set our hearts on fire.
Flow, river, flow, flood the nations with grace and mercy.
Send forth your Word, Lord, and let there be light.**

***Profession of Faith: The Apostles Creed**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

***Prayers of the Church (Sat):**

Each petition ends with:

Merciful God....receive our prayer.

The prayers conclude with:

**...we commend all for whom we pray to God's loving-kindness made known to us in
Christ Jesus our Savior. Amen.**

***Prayers of the Church (Sun): “Cares Chorus”**
(Sung Prayer Response)

W&P #27

Chorus
I cast all my cares upon You;
I lay all of my burdens
Down at Your feet.
And anytime that I don't know
What to do,
I will cast all my cares upon You.

***Sharing of the Peace**

The peace of the Lord be with you always.
And also with you.

(You are invited to share the peace of Christ with one another)

Offering

“My Lighthouse”

Choir

***Offertory Prayer**

God of majesty, no eye has seen, no ear has heard what you have prepared for those who love you, yet in this meal you reveal the wideness of your mercy. Use what we have gathered to feed us with the reign of God come near, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

†HOLY COMMUNION†

Here our Lord gives to us His own Body and Blood for the forgiveness of all our sins.

***The Great Thanksgiving**

ELW Page 144

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

***Words of Institution**

We give you thanks, Father, ... in your Holy church, both now and forever. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

**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.**

Invitation to Communion

These are the gifts of God for the people of God. All is ready and all are welcome.

Distribution of Communion:

Christ is truly present in the Lord's Supper with gifts of forgiveness, life, and salvation.

All are welcome and invited to receive Holy Communion.

(Communion is served continuously at two stations at the front of the church. APPLE JUICE and GLUTEN FREE WAFERS are available. Just ask the server.

Children and others who are not yet communicants are invited to come forward for a blessing.)

Distribution Music

"One Bread, One Body"

ELW #496

Refrain:

**One bread, one body,
one Lord of all.**

One cup of blessings which we bless.

**And we, though many,
throughout the earth,
we are one body in this one Lord.**

**1. Gentile or Jew, servant or free,
woman or man, no more. *Refrain***

**2. Many the gifts, many the works,
one in the Lord, of all. *Refrain***

**3. Grain for the fields, scattered and grown,
gathered to one, for all. *Refrain***

***Post-Communion Blessing**

And now, may the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ † strengthen you and keep you in his grace this day and always. **Amen.**

***Post-Communion Prayer**

Radiant God, we have seen your glory in the face of Jesus Christ. In the sacrament of his body and blood you have drawn us to your heart. Send us from this table with delight, that our lives may reflect the beauty of your love, and bear witness to all we have seen and heard, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

†WE DEPART TO SERVE†

***Benediction**

May the triune God, who has put a new song in your mouth and tuned your heart for praise † bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

***Sending Song:**

“Christ, Be Our Light”

ELW #715

- 1. Longing for light, we wait in darkness.
Longing for truth, we turn to you.
Make us your own, your holy people,
light for the world to see.**

Refrain

**Christ, be our light!
Shine in our hearts.
Shine through the darkness.
Christ, be our light!
Shine in your church gathered today.**

- 2. Longing for peace, our world is troubled.
Longing for hope, many despair.
Your word alone has pow'r to save us.
Make us your living voice. *Refrain***

**3. Longing for food, many are hungry.
Longing for water, many still thirst.
Make us your bread, broken for others,
shared until all are fed. *Refrain***

**4. Longing for shelter, many are homeless.
Longing for warmth, many are cold.
Make us your building, sheltering others,
walls made of living stone. *Refrain***

**5. Many the gifts, many the people,
many the hearts that yearn to belong.
Let us be servants to one another,
signs of your kingdom come. *Refrain***

***Dismissal**

Go now in peace and love. Do justice. Love mercy.
Thanks be to God.

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Amy Hauschild, 2/8; Kyndal Burgner 2/9
D J Buckley, 2/12; Jim Miller 2/13; Don Stahla, 2/13

If we have missed your birthday, please let the office know. Thanks.

✝In Our Thoughts and Prayers✝

Prayers for healing: **Larry Loeks** (father of Maunette Loeks), **Sandie** (niece of Marlene Downer), **Roger Jensen** (healing), **Phil** (cancer - Pastor Kathy's cousin), **Joann and David Ott** (hospice – aunt and uncle of Pastor Kathy), **Catherine** (continued healing - Val Rahr's mother), **Karen Stevens** (stroke recovery - sister of Gail Bruflat), **Marcy Cochrane** (health issues - acquaintance of Nannie Walsh), **Daryl Crom** (healing - friend of Shirlye Schuldies), **Ann Datal** (healing – friend of Shirlye Schuldies), **Bob Hergenreder** (healing - husband of Jeannie Hergenreder), **James** (healing and comfort - nephew of Andi Dorn), **Charlie** (chemotherapy - uncle of Tracy Steele), **Tracy Steele** (resolution to health issues), **Helen Conklin** (friend of Shirlye Schuldies), **Tammie** (healing - daughter of Cynthia Townsdin), **Chris and family** (comfort and strength - son and grandsons of Pastor Kathy), **Christine Howlett** (healing)

Prayers of comfort and peace: For the family and friends of **Mary Jane Buschelman**, for the family and friends of **Barbara Dalgarn**, for the family and friends of **Traci Vandenberg**



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FEBRUARY FOOD DONATIONS REQUESTED

FOOD PANTRY: Canned meats

BACKPACKS: Granola bars

Containers are located in the hallway by the garden doors.

Thank you for your generosity.



Sarah Circle Bible Study, February 17th

The ladies will meet **February 17th @ 11:30 a.m.**
Come join the ladies every 3rd Tuesday for Bible Study.
Bring your lunch and come join us!



JAM on Wednesdays from 5:30-7:00 p.m.

Our Wednesday evening youth group is for kids in kindergarten through 6th grade. We begin with dinner (chicken sandwiches, fries, brownies) at 5:30 p.m. followed by storytelling, music, crafts, games, and lots of fun until 7 p.m. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact Christine at the church.

SUNDAY, FEB. 8 (Following Worship)

A Fundraiser for the Laundry Love Program & EPIC Youth Group

If you are interested in bringing a crock pot of soup or a dessert, please talk to Christine or sign up outside the office. And don't forget to stay after worship on the 8th for some delicious homemade soups and desserts!



Donations collected will be used for local ministries, 50% to Laundry Love and 50% to our EPIC youth for their 2027 Youth Gathering trip.

OUR LENTEN JOURNEY

Ash Wednesday

FEBRUARY 18

Ashes To Go Drive Thru at Noon to 1 p.m.

Meal: 5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

Worship: 7 p.m.

Meal: Pizza Casserole

(Provided by the Calvary Choir)



WEDNESDAY NIGHT LENTEN SERVICES

February 25 — March 25

Lenten Meal: 5:30 p.m. - 6:15 p.m.

Lenten Worship Service: 6:30 p.m.

Choir practice will follow after worship.



WORSHIP LEADERS

Pastor Kathy

This Sunday – February 8

USHERS: Cory & Gretchen Foster

LAY READER: Angie Hinze

HEAD COMMUNION ASST: Vicki Howell

COMMUNION ASSTS: Marlene Downer
and Chris Thomas

POWERPOINT: Mary Jo Huelle

ACOLYTE: Jack Judy

MEDIA: Chris Jensen

AUDIO: Jim Dorn

ALTAR GUILD: Deb Brown, Tracy
Steele, Vicki Howell, Shari Copsey

PIANIST: Tahnee Hutchinson

COFFEE & FELLOWSHIP: Volunteers
needed! Please contact Lynn Margheim!

Next Sunday – February 15

USHERS: Deb Brown and Vicki Howell

LAY READER: Cory Foster

HEAD COMMUNION ASST: Shari
Copsey

COMMUNION ASSTS: Gretchen Foster
and Angie Hinze

POWERPOINT: Cynthia Townsdin

ACOLYTE: Mattea Weitzel

MEDIA: Maunette Loeks

AUDIO: William Townsdin

ALTAR GUILD: Andi Dorn, Shelly
Koehler, Allisha Weitzel

ORGANIST: Tahnee Hutchinson

COFFEE & FELLOWSHIP: Volunteers
needed! Please contact Lynn Margheim!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, February 8

10 a.m. – Worship with Installation of
New Council Members

11 a.m. – Souper Bowl of Caring

12:30 p.m. – Vitality Initiative

Monday, February 9

5 p.m. – Parish Education

6 p.m. – Stewards

Tuesday, February 10

1 p.m. – Quilting

Wednesday, February 11

5:30 p.m. – JAM

6 p.m. Confirmation

7 p.m. – Choir Practice

Saturday, February 14

NO Worship

Sunday, February 15

10 a.m. – Worship

11 a.m. – Coffee & Fellowship

FEBRUARY 8, 2026
FIFTH SUNDAY
AFTER EPIPHANY



The power of knowing Christ crucified.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

These passages are related to the Lectionary texts for this Sunday.

Sunday	Matthew 5:13-20	Salt and light
Monday	Isaiah 58:1-12	False and true worship
Tuesday	1 Corinthians 2:1-16	True wisdom of God
Wednesday	Galatians 2:15-21	Everyone is saved by faith
Thursday	1 Peter 2:18-25	Example of Christ's suffering
Friday	1 Corinthians 1:18-31	Christ is God's power and wisdom
Saturday	Psalms 112:1-10	Blessings of the righteous
Sunday	Matthew 17:1-9	Transfiguration of Jesus

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

When I came to you, brothers and sisters, I did not come proclaiming the mystery of God to you in lofty words or wisdom. For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ, and him crucified.
1 Corinthians 2:1-2 (NRSV)

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Week:

Eternal God, help us to see that through the cross of Christ we are made your people and to be the salt of the earth to share your saving work with others. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer:

Dear God, may the gift of this food remind us of your generosity and your desire for us to provide food for the needy. Amen. (Isaiah 58:7)

A Blessing to Give:

May the Lord bless you with trust in God.



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FEBRUARY 8, 2026
HYMN OF THE WEEK
*Let Us Ever Walk with
Jesus*



WEEKLY MILESTONES

Take a moment to tell or think about a recent mountain high and/or valley low in your life.

CARING CONVERSATIONS

Discuss in your home, small group, or use for personal reflections:

- When have you helped someone go through a sad time?
- Being forgiven can look like weakness. How is Jesus' death on the cross a powerful gift to the life of the church?

DEVOTIONS

Read: 1 Corinthians 2:1-16.

Paul contrasts the strength and wisdom of the world with the strength and wisdom of God. What is most important is knowing "Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles" because it is "the power of God and the wisdom of God" (1 Corinthians 1:23-24). The Corinthians are flustered on their spiritual gifts and special wisdom, but that only divides the community. Paul wants to unite the community as the body of Christ in the world. Spiritual gifts are all based on the work of God, not on people's own spiritual powers. Therefore, Christians are not to get caught up on who has the "better" spiritual gifts. What does matter is to know that the uniqueness of the spiritual life is to see everything through the death and resurrection of Christ, which is the true wisdom and strength that gives faith, hope, and love to a world in need.

Discuss: How does seeing the world through the cross of Christ help you as a follower of Jesus? Pray: God of wisdom and might, give us faith to see in the cross of Christ your healing and redeeming work in the world. Amen.

SERVICE

Jesus calls us to serve our neighbor in love. Based on the Daily Bible Readings and theme for this week, what can you do to show love and hope to those who are hungry or homeless?

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

Jesus calls his followers the "salt of the earth and the light of the world" (Matthew 5:13-14). When gathered with friends and family in your home, give a candle to each person. As a candle lighting ritual, light one another's candles in turn either by using a lighter or passing a flame from candle to candle. As each candle is lit, say, "Let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven." (Matthew 5:16)



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