

February 08, 2026 + Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

We are called to let our light shine as instruments of the Holy Spirit so all may know God's love.

Confession & Forgiveness

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.

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 us in the righteousness of Christ, and forgives our sin in ✙ Jesus' name. May the Spirit give us strength to live for others, and bless us with the gift of peace. **Thanks be to God. Amen.**

Opening Hymn "God Whose Almighty Word"

1. God, whose almighty word chaos and darkness heard and took their flight: hear us we humbly pray, and where the gospel day sheds not its glorious ray, let there be light.
2. Christ, who once came to bring, on your redeeming wing, healing and sight; health to the troubled mind, sight where illusions blind; oh, now to humankind let there be light.
3. Spirit of truth and love, life-giving, holy dove, speed forth your flight; move on the water's face bearing the lamp of grace, and in earth's darkest place let there be light.
4. Holy and blessed three, glorious Trinity, Wisdom, Love, Might: boundless as ocean's tide, rolling in fullest pride, through the earth, far and wide, let there be light.

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.**

First Reading – Isaiah 58:1-9a *The fast God chooses*

Response: Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God**

Psalms 112:4-9

Light shines in the darkness for the upright

Light shines in the darkness for the upright; the righteous are merciful and full of compassion.
It is good for them to be generous in lending and to manage their affairs with justice.

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

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

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

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

Gospel: Matthew 5:13-20

The teaching of Christ: salt and light

Before: The holy Gospel according to . . . **Glory to you, O Lord.**

After: The Gospel of our Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Children's Message

Message

Pastor Liz Rossing

Hymn of the Day "Christ, Be Our Light"

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

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He 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, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again 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 People

Merciful God, receive our prayer.

Offering & Giving Prayer

Gracious God, giver of every good and perfect gift, teach us to give to you all that we have and all that we are, that we may praise you not with our words only, but with our whole lives. Amen.

Words of Institution & Lord's Prayer

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

Announcements

Blessing

May the triune God, who has put a new song in our mouths and tuned our hearts for praise ✝ bless us now and forever.

Amen.

Closing Hymn "This Little Light of Mine"

1. This little light of mine, I'm goin' a let it shine;
this little light of mine, I'm goin' a let it shine;
this little light of mine, I'm goin' a let it shine,
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

2. Ev'ry where I go, I'm goin' a let it shine;
ev'ry where I go, I'm goin' a let it shine;
ev'ry where I go, I'm goin' a let it shine,
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

3. Jesus gave it to me, I'm goin' a let it shine;
Jesus gave it to me, I'm goin' a let it shine;
Jesus gave it to me, I'm goin' a let it shine,
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Dismissal

Go in peace. Do justice. Love mercy.

Thanks be to God.

