



THE FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY
FEBRUARY 8, 2026 | 8:00 AND 10:30 AM
ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH; CONCORDIA, MO

ABOUT TODAY'S WORSHIP

The Epiphany season begins and ends with two festivals that announce who Jesus is: the Baptism of Our Lord and the Transfiguration of Our Lord. At both of these events, God the Father's voice is heard, announcing that Jesus is God's beloved Son. During the weeks of Epiphany, as we see who Jesus is, we see the kind of people Jesus makes us to be. *This is Part 3 of a year-long series, "A Year in Matthew."*

P Pastor **C** Congregation/All

✙ All may make the sign of the cross to remember their baptism.



Led by the Holy Spirit, we gather for worship.
We are prepared for worship through Confession and Absolution.

PRELUDE & WELCOME

OPENING HYMN 914 *"Light of Light, O Sole-Begotten"*

CONFESSION OF SINS & FORGIVENESS *Psalm 124:8; 32:5*

P In the name of the Father and of the ✙ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

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.**

P O almighty God, merciful Father,

C **I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✙ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

INTROIT | Entrance *Psalm 119:9–16; antiphon: v. 12*

- P** Blessèd are you, O LORD;
C **teach me your statutes!**
P How can a young man keep his way pure?
C **By guarding it according to your word.**
P With my whole heart I seek you;
C **let me not wander from your commandments!**
P I have stored up your word in my heart,
C **that I might not sin against you.**
P Blessèd are you, O LORD;
C **teach me your statutes!**
P With my lips I declare
C **all the just decrees of your mouth.**
P In the way of your testimonies I delight
C **as much as in all riches.**
P I will meditate on your precepts
C **and fix my eyes on your ways.**
P I will delight in your statutes;
C **I will not forget your word.**

GLORIA PATRI | Glory to the Father *For text and tune, see page 186.*

- C** (sung) **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.

KYRIE | Lord, Have Mercy *Mark 10:47*

For text and tune, see page 186.

- C** (sung) **Lord, have mercy upon us**
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS | Glory to God in the Highest *Luke 2:14; John 1:29*

For text and tune, see pages 187–189.

- P** (sung) **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.

SALUTATION & COLLECT OF THE DAY

For text and tune, see page 189.

P (sung) The Lord be with you.

C And with thy spirit.

P O Lord, keep Your family the Church continually in the true faith that, relying on the hope of Your heavenly grace, we may ever be defended by Your mighty power; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

VERSE OF THE MONTH *Luke 1:46–47s*

C My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior.



We hear God's Word read and proclaimed,
and we respond with our prayers and praise, tithes and offerings.

ANTHEM *"You Are My All in All/Fairest Lord Jesus" setting by Larry Schakley (Joyful Sounds Choir)*

OLD TESTAMENT READING *Isaiah 58:3–9a*

The Lord tells the people their religious rituals have been empty shows without real remorse and change. The true religious ritual God desires is acts of justice and moral integrity.

³“Why have we fasted, and you see it not? Why have we humbled ourselves, and you take no knowledge of it?” Behold, in the day of your fast you seek your own pleasure, and oppress all your workers. ⁴Behold, you fast only to quarrel and to fight and to hit with a wicked fist. Fasting like yours this day will not make your voice to be heard on high. ⁵Is such the fast that I choose, a day for a person to humble himself? Is it to bow down his head like a reed, and to spread

sackcloth and ashes under him? Will you call this a fast, and a day acceptable to the LORD? ⁶“Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of wickedness, to undo the straps 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 him, and not to hide yourself from your own flesh? ⁸Then shall your light break forth like

the dawn, and your healing shall spring up speedily; your righteousness shall go before you; the glory of the LORD shall

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE *1 Corinthians 2:1–16*

The apostle Paul says he did not proclaim God's Word to the Corinthians with high-minded speech and human wisdom. The wisdom Paul proclaims is Christ crucified. By the power of the Holy Spirit, we have the mind of Christ.

¹And I, when I came to you, brothers, did not come proclaiming to you the testimony of God with lofty speech or wisdom. ²For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ and him crucified. ³And I was with you in weakness and in fear and much trembling, ⁴and my speech and my message were not in plausible words of wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power, ⁵that your faith might not rest in the wisdom of men but in the power of God. ⁶Yet among the mature we do impart wisdom, although it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to pass away. ⁷But we impart a secret and hidden wisdom of God, 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 heart of man imagined, what God has prepared for those who love

be your rear guard. ⁹Then you shall call, and the LORD will answer; you shall cry, and he will say, 'Here I am.'"

him"—¹⁰these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit. For the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. ¹¹For who knows a person's thoughts except the spirit of that person, which is in him? So also no one comprehends the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God. ¹²Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, that we might understand the things freely given us by God. ¹³And we impart this in words not taught by human wisdom but taught by the Spirit, interpreting spiritual truths to those who are spiritual. ¹⁴The natural person does not accept the things of the Spirit of God, for they are folly to him, and he is not able to understand them because they are spiritually discerned. ¹⁵The spiritual person judges all things, but is himself to be judged by no one. ¹⁶"For who has understood the mind of the Lord so as to instruct him?" But we have the mind of Christ.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA AND VERSE *For text with music, see page 190.*

C (sung) Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

HOLY GOSPEL *Matthew 5:13–20*

Jesus says His followers are the salt of the earth and the light of the world to do good works and keep God's commandments. Jesus did not come to abolish God's Law and Old Testament prophecies but to fulfill them.

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



G Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

¹³[Jesus said:] “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.

¹⁴“You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. ¹⁵Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, 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 who is in heaven.

¹⁷“Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have

not come to abolish them but to fulfill them. ¹⁸For truly, I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not an iota, not a dot, will pass from the Law until all is accomplished. ¹⁹Therefore whoever relaxes 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.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



G Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

CREED *See the inside back cover of the hymnal.*

SERMON HYMN 563 “*Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness*” (at 8am, choir: v. 4)

SERMON *Who We Are: “Salt and Light”*

OFFERTORY *Psalm 51:10–12; for text and tune, see page 192.*

G 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.

GATHERING OUR TITHES & OFFERINGS

All may sign the friendship register found in each pew.

Music during the offering:

VOLUNTARY “I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light” arr. by Cathy Moglebust
(Handbells, 8:00 am)

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

After each petition:

P Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

*The 8:00 am service concludes with the Lord’s Prayer, Benediction,
and Closing Hymn 411, “I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light.”*



We receive God’s gifts of forgiveness, life, and salvation
as we share the Sacrament of the Altar.

The 10:30 am service continues with the Preface on page 194 in the hymnal.

We believe that in the Lord’s Supper our Lord gives to us His true body and blood with the bread and the wine for the forgiveness of our sins. We recognize the charge that St. Paul offers in 1 Corinthians 11:27–28 that those who come to receive the Lord’s Supper ought to examine themselves so that they do not eat and drink in an unworthy manner. Therefore, out of concern for those who have not been instructed in the faith or who hold to a different confession, we ask that only members of Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod congregations receive the Sacrament. If you would like to learn more about what our congregation teaches, to inquire about becoming a member or have questions about our practice, please speak to one of the pastors. Adults and children who have not yet been baptized or instructed in the Christian faith are invited to come forward and receive a spoken blessing at the altar rail; please indicate this by crossing your arms across your chest.

For those who require it, diluted wine is found in the purple glasses in the center of the tray of individual cups; gluten free wafers are available upon request.

Music during distribution:

HYMN 398 “Hail to the Lord’s Anointed”

HYMN 580 “The Gospel Shows the Father’s Grace”

HYMN 627 “Jesus Christ, Our Blessed Savior”



Even as this time of worship ends, we go out of the church into the worship of our everyday lives, ready to be God's witnesses and do His will.

The service concludes with the Nunc Dimittis, Thanksgiving, Salutation and Bendicamus, and Benediction on pages 199–202.

CLOSING HYMN 411 “I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light”

ANNOUNCEMENTS, SENDING & POSTLUDE

P Go in peace; serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God!

This week’s takeaway: Salt and Light. Christians spend lots of time thinking over how to be salt and light, but Jesus says that we ARE salt and light. It is just who we are in Him. The task is not to “become” those things but to recognize what that identity means and then confidently live in that reality. We are salt and light, Jesus says so. The question is, how does that look in your family, workplace, and friend group?

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SERVING IN THIS SERVICE

Rev. Michael Pottschmidt, *Liturgist*; Rev. Andrew Lehenbauer, *Preacher*

Katie Drefs, *Organist*; Lexi Burrow, *Trumpet*

Louisa Lehenbauer, *Violin (8:00 am)*

Liam Clayton, Gracie Brackman, *Acolytes (8:00 am)*

Ethan Boehmer, Emma Cooper, *Acolytes (10:30 am)*

Harland & Phyllis Mieser, *Greeters (8:00 am)*

Ann Wolters, *Greeter (10:30 am)*

John Beerman, Mark Schelp, Andrew Jones, *Elders on Duty*

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Please contact the church office to keep our prayer list up-to-date.

Our pastor “on call” number in case of emergency is (660) 580-5483.

New: Paul Brackman, Wilmer Bredehoeft, Raymond Becker, Nicole Maxwell, Richard Cordes, Tom Burrow, Melba Poese, Bridget Kageman, Addison Wehrle, Alan Luebbert, Diane Stumpfenhaus, Lisa Arnett, Ricky Flandermeyer, Ron Roepe, Joyce Kroll, Rev. Dr. Lee Hagan, Rev. Dr. Les Mitkos, Susan Reeves, Les Bruns
Ongoing: Chad Nuelle, Barbie Cowherd, Baby Felix, Gene Virus, Harry Rehkop, Nolan Kirby, Jon Spells, Hudson Kloos, Joe Connell, Roger Kammeyer, Ledrue Brandt, Alyssa Pfannkuch, Alice Hildebrand, Donnie Fiene, Rev. Perry Copus, Darla Wolters, Vickie Greene, Amy Gerds, Tim Bergman, Amy Backus, David Rehmsmeyer, Dannie Griffit, Lari Huntze, Johnny Cowherd, Kelly Meyer, Shirley Kimball

Nation and World: the people of Singapore

Partners in Mission: St. Paul Lutheran Church; Farmington, MO; Lutheran Hour Ministries

Birthdays: (2/8) Amber Evans, Isabella Murray; (2/9) Michael Cross, Adrian Damrongchai, James Foster, Dallas Strobel, Shelby Wulser; (2/10) Addilyn Batye, Lola Biffle, Rachelle Cross, Lori Vandine; (2/11) Stettler Larsen, Peggy Pregge, Tianna Wilson; (2/12) Tim Close, Mitchell Dittmer, Jean Frerking, Robert Nuelle; (2/13) Lindsay Estes, Janice Lindeman, Corey McGinnis, Mary Vogt; (2/14) Katie Finley, Samuel Otero, Nicholas Virus, Kenneth Wodrich

Anniversaries: (2/8) Tim & Karen Bauer; (2/14) Rick & Susan Flandermeyer

PREPARING FOR NEXT WEEK'S WORSHIP

Exodus 24:8–18; 2 Peter 1:16–21; Matthew 17:1–9

Hymns (*Lutheran Service Book*): 402, 413, 414, 537 (*My First Hymnal* 82), 523, 417



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