



**St. Luke's  
Lutheran Church**



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*Sharing Jesus Christ's love with those around us.*

**Saturday, February 7, 2026 – 6:00 PM**

**Sunday, February 8, 2026 – 8:30 AM**

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**FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY**

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## **WELCOME**

We are glad you are here to worship our Savior with us. Please remember to turn your cell phone to silence. Restrooms are on the west side of the sanctuary. Prayer requests can be submitted to the church office through email, [office@stlukesmanhattan.org](mailto:office@stlukesmanhattan.org), or by calling 785-539-2604. On Communion Sundays, if you need non-gluten wafers at communion, or need to have communion brought to you, please notify the elder who is serving. We hope you will join us again so that you may experience Jesus.

## **AS WE GATHER**

In this Epiphany season, the light of Christ reveals both our deep need for God’s mercy and the gracious righteousness He freely gives. Today’s readings contrast outward religious performance with the true “fast” God desires—a life shaped by His compassion, justice, and love. Jesus calls His people the salt of the earth and the light of the world not because of their own goodness, but because He has fulfilled the Law perfectly for them. Strengthened by His forgiveness in Word and Sacrament, we are sent to reflect His mercy in our daily callings, sharing bread with the hungry, lifting up the oppressed, and shining with the light that Christ first shines into us.

## **IMAGE ON THE COVER**

Isaiah 58:6–9 depicts Christ-centered acts of mercy radiating from the cross—figures freeing captives, sharing bread, and clothing the poor, all illuminated by Epiphany light.

## **✠ PREPARATION ✠**

## 738 LORD OF ALL HOPEFULNESS



1 Lord of all hope - ful - ness, Lord of all joy,  
2 Lord of all ea - ger - ness, Lord of all faith,  
3 Lord of all kind - li - ness, Lord of all grace,  
4 Lord of all gen - tle - ness, Lord of all calm,



Whose trust, ev - er child - like, no cares could de - stroy:  
Whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe:  
Your hands swift to wel - come, Your arms to em - brace:  
Whose voice is con - tent - ment, whose pres - ence is balm:



Be there at our wak - ing, and give us, we pray,  
Be there at our la - bors, and give us, we pray,  
Be there at our hom - ing, and give us, we pray,  
Be there at our sleep - ing, and give us, we pray,



Your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.  
Your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.  
Your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.  
Your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.

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*Stand*

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

## INVOCATION

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

**C** Amen.

## EXHORTATION

LSB 184

**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 for self-examination.*

## CONFESSION

**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.**

## ABSOLUTION

**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.**

✠ **Word** ✠

## INTROIT

*Psalm 119:9-16; antiphon: v. 12*



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

**G** Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther and to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost;

as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men.

**KYRIE**

*LSB 186*

**G** Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -

on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

# GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

LSB 187

**P** Glory be to God on high: **C** and on earth peace, good-will toward

men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor-ship Thee,

we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.

O Lord God, heav'n-ly King, God the Fa-ther Al-mighty.

O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Je-sus Christ;

O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,

that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up-on us.

Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re-ceive our prayer.

Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up-

on us. For Thou only art holy; Thou on-ly art the Lord.



Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Ghost,

art most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

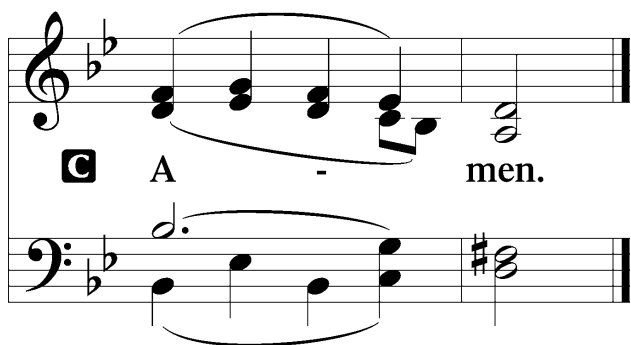
**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And with thy spir - it.

**P** Let us pray.

Gracious Lord, You have called us out of darkness into the marvelous light of Your Son, who has fulfilled all righteousness for us and makes us the salt of the earth and the light of the world. By Your Holy Spirit, shape our hearts with Christ's mercy, that we may delight in Your Word, walk in Your ways, and show forth Your compassion to those in need. As You shine upon us with Your steadfast love, lead us to reflect that light in all we do; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



*Sit*

## OLD TESTAMENT READING

*Isaiah 58:3-9a*

*(The brightness of the Lord's light breaking forth.)*

<sup>3</sup>“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.

<sup>4</sup>Behold, 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.

<sup>5</sup>Is 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?

<sup>6</sup>“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?

<sup>7</sup>Is 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?

<sup>8</sup>Then 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 be your rear guard.

<sup>9</sup>Then you shall call, and the LORD will answer;  
you shall cry, and he will say, ‘Here I am.’”

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

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

## PSALM

*Psalm 112; antiphon: v. 4*

**L** <sup>4</sup>Light dawns in the darkness for the upright;  
**C** **he is gracious, merciful, and righteous.**

**L** <sup>1</sup>Praise the LORD!  
Blessèd is the man who fears the LORD,  
**C** **who greatly delights in his commandments!**

**L** <sup>2</sup>His offspring will be mighty in the land;  
**C** **the generation of the upright will be blessed.**

**L** <sup>3</sup>Wealth and riches are in his house,  
**C** **and his righteousness endures forever.**

**L** <sup>4</sup>Light dawns in the darkness for the upright;  
**C** **he is gracious, merciful, and righteous.**

**L** <sup>5</sup>It is well with the man who deals generously and lends;  
**C** **who conducts his affairs with justice.**

**L** <sup>6</sup>For the righteous will never be moved;  
**C** **he will be remembered forever.**

**L** <sup>7</sup>He is not afraid of bad news;  
**C** **his heart is firm, trusting in the LORD .**

**L** <sup>8</sup>His heart is steady; he will not be afraid,  
**C** **until he looks in triumph on his adversaries.**

**L** <sup>9</sup>He has distributed freely;  
**C** **he has given to the poor;**

**L** his righteousness endures forever;  
**C** **his horn is exalted in honor.**

**C** **Glory be to the Father and to the Son  
and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning,  
is now, and will be forever. Amen**

**L** <sup>4</sup>Light dawns in the darkness for the upright;  
**C** **he is gracious, merciful, and righteous.**

## **EPISTLE**

*1 Corinthians 2:1-16*

*(Paul speaks and writes in and with the Spirit's power.)*

<sup>1</sup>And I, when I came to you, brothers, did not come proclaiming to you the testimony of God with lofty speech or wisdom. <sup>2</sup>For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ and him crucified. <sup>3</sup>And I was with you in weakness and in fear and much trembling, <sup>4</sup>and my speech and my message were not in plausible words of wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power, <sup>5</sup>that your faith might not rest in the wisdom of men but in the power of God.

<sup>6</sup>Yet 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. <sup>7</sup>But we impart a secret and hidden wisdom of God, which God decreed before the ages for our glory. <sup>8</sup>None of the rulers of this age understood this, for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. <sup>9</sup>But, 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 him”—

<sup>10</sup>these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit. For the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. <sup>11</sup>For 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. <sup>12</sup>Now 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. <sup>13</sup>And we impart this in words not taught by human wisdom but taught by the Spirit, interpreting spiritual truths to those who are spiritual.

<sup>14</sup>The 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. <sup>15</sup>The spiritual person judges all things, but is himself to be judged by no one. <sup>16</sup>“For who has understood the mind of the Lord so as to instruct him?” But we have the mind of Christ.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

*Stand*

## ALLELUIA

**C** Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.

The musical score for the Alleluia consists of two staves, treble and bass clef, in a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is written in the treble clef and the accompaniment in the bass clef. The lyrics are: "Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia." The music is in a simple, hymn-like style with a steady rhythm.

## HOLY GOSPEL

*Matthew 5:13-20*

*(Jesus calls His followers to be salt and light in the world.)*

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

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

The musical score for the Holy Gospel consists of two staves, treble and bass clef, in a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is written in the treble clef and the accompaniment in the bass clef. The lyrics are: "Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord." The music is in a simple, hymn-like style with a steady rhythm.

<sup>13</sup>[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.

<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 they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.

<sup>17</sup>“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. <sup>18</sup>For 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. <sup>19</sup>Therefore 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. <sup>20</sup>For 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.

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

## **APOSTLES' CREED**

**P** We confess our faith together, using the words of the 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 † everlasting. Amen.

*Sit*

## **LAMB'S MESSAGE**



## “The Fast God Chooses”

*(Tune: LSB 575, “My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less”)*

1. The fast God chooses is not show,  
Nor deeds performed to make Him know;  
But mercy moved by Christ our Light,  
Whose grace breaks forth like dawn so bright.

**Refrain:** On Christ, the Light, our lives are laid;  
All other trust will only fade.

2. He calls us forth to loose the chain,  
To lift the weak, relieve their pain;  
To share our bread, to clothe the bare,  
To see our neighbor with His care.

**Refrain:** On Christ, the Light, our lives are laid;  
All other trust will only fade.

3. For Christ alone fulfills the fast—  
He bore our yoke, our sin held fast;  
He clothed our shame with righteousness,  
And fed us with His holiness.

**Refrain:** On Christ, the Light, our lives are laid;  
All other trust will only fade.

4. Now send us, Lord, as salt and light,  
To shine Your mercy through the night;  
Freed, fed, and clothed by grace alone,  
To love our neighbor as Your own.

**Refrain:** On Christ, the Light, our lives are laid;  
All other trust will only fade.

## SERMON

## VOTUM

**P** The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

**G** Amen.

## OFFERING

There are several ways to give.

1. Please **send** your offerings to  
St. Luke's Lutheran Church  
4801 Anderson Avenue  
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2. **Electronic Funds Transfer** - Sign up through the church office.

**STEWARDSHIP MESSAGE: Matthew 5:17 – “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.”** We cannot keep the Law of God perfectly. We are sinners. For us to be saved, Jesus had to fulfill the Law in our place so that the threat of the Law is abolished and the Law itself is upheld. Now, in Christ, we do desire to fulfill the Law, to live out a godly Christian life, precisely because we are so full of thanksgiving toward God for His salvation in Christ.

*Stand*

OFFERTORY

LSB 192

Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -

new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -

way from Thy pres - ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it

from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -

tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir-it. A - men.

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

**P** Let us pray for the whole church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

Gracious Father, You have called Your people to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world. By Your Spirit, shape our hearts with the mercy of Christ, that our faith may not rest on human wisdom or outward performance, but on Jesus Christ and Him crucified. Strengthen Your Church to shine with compassion, justice, and love in all she says and does. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** Bless our Synod, our congregations and schools, and all who serve in Your name—pastors, teachers, deaconesses, musicians, and lay leaders. Make their work faithful and fruitful, that the light of Christ may be seen in every place. Guide all preparations for the coming convention, and raise up servants who reflect Your wisdom and truth. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** Lord of every home, bless husbands and wives, parents and children, and all who share life together. Let Your Word dwell richly among us, that our homes may be places of forgiveness, peace, and generous love—where the fast You choose is lived out in daily acts of kindness and care. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** God of all nations, grant wisdom to those in authority, including our president; our governor; and all who serve in public office. Teach them to govern with justice, to defend the weak, and to promote what is good. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** Merciful Lord, look with compassion on the hungry, the homeless, the oppressed, and all who suffer in body or spirit. Loosen the bonds of wickedness, lift up the downtrodden, and bring healing to the sick, relief to the suffering, comfort to the grieving, and peace to the dying, especially [*names may be spoken*]. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** Spirit of wisdom, grant us the mind of Christ, that we may discern all things according to Your Word. Keep us from empty rituals and self-reliance, and lead us instead into lives shaped by Your mercy—lives that shine with the light of Christ in a world of darkness. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C** **Amen.**

## **LORD'S PRAYER**

*LSB 196*

**P** Taught by our Lord and trusting His promises, we are bold 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.

## CLOSING COLLECT

**P** Let us pray.

Gracious Lord, Your Word has shined the light of Christ into our hearts, revealing both our need for mercy and the righteousness You freely give. Shape us by Your Spirit to walk in the fast You choose—lives marked by compassion, justice, and love. As we go forth, make us salt and light in the world, reflecting the grace we have received; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C** A - men.

## BENEDICTION

*LSB 202*

**P** The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.  
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and ✠ give you peace.

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

# GREET ONE ANOTHER

*We greet one another in the name of the Lord, saying, "The Lord be with you," "Peace be with you," or "The peace of the Lord be with you".*

## 578 THY STRONG WORD



1 Thy strong word did cleave the dark - ness; At Thy  
 2 Lo, on those who dwelt in dark - ness, Dark as  
 3 Thy strong Word be - speaks us righ - teous; Bright with  
 4 From the cross Thy wis - dom shin - ing Break - eth



speak - ing it was done. For cre - at - ed  
 night and deep as death, Broke the light of  
 Thine own ho - li - ness, Glo - rious now, we  
 forth in con - qu'ring might; From the cross for -



light we thank Thee, While Thine or - dered sea - sons run.  
 Thy sal - va - tion, Breathed Thine own life - breath - ing breath.  
 press toward glo - ry, And our lives our hopes con - fess.  
 ev - er beam - eth All Thy bright re - deem - ing light.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise to  
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise to  
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise to  
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise to



Thee who light dost send! Al - le - lu - ia,  
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 Thee who light dost send! Al - le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia with - out end!  
 al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia with - out end!  
 al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia with - out end!  
 al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia with - out end!

5 Give us lips to sing Thy glory,  
 Tongues Thy mercy to proclaim,  
 Throats that shout the hope that fills us,  
 Mouths to speak Thy holy name.  
 Alleluia, alleluia!  
 May the light which Thou dost send  
 Fill our songs with alleluias,  
 Alleluias without end!

△6 God the Father, light-creator,  
 To Thee laud and honor be.  
 To Thee, Light of Light begotten,  
 Praise be sung eternally.  
 Holy Spirit, light-revealer,  
 Glory, glory be to Thee.  
 Mortals, angels, now and ever  
 Praise the holy Trinity!

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