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The Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

February 08, 2026

Liturgical Color: Green

Light shines in the darkness for the upright, the psalmist sings. Isaiah declares that when we loose the bonds of injustice and share our bread with the hungry, the light breaks forth like the dawn. In another passage from the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus, the light of the world, calls his followers to let the light of their good works shine before others. Through baptism we are sent into the world to shine with the light of Christ.

- ◆ * *The assembly will please stand.*
- ◆ P Pastor/Priest
- ◆ C Congregation
- ◆ A Assisting
- ◆ L Lector

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD— The GATHERING

THE HOLY EUCHARIST:

Prelude

Cherie Hockenberger

Welcome & Announcements

Pastor Mick Shriver

“...And now in stillness and holiness let us prepare our hearts and minds to receive the Gift of God’s Holy Spirit.”

Gathering Song/Processional Hymn

“Gather Us In”

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Gather Us In

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1 Here in this place the new light is stream-ing, now is the dark - ness
 2 We are the young, our lives are a mys - t'ry, we are the old who
 3 Here we will take the wine and the wa - ter, here we will take the
 4 Not in the dark of build-ings con - fin - ing, not in some heav - en,



van - ished a - way; see in this space our fears and our dream-ings
 yearn for your face; we have been sung through - out all of his - t'ry,
 bread of new birth, here you shall call your sons and your daugh-ters,
 light years a - way— here in this place the new light is shin - ing,



brought here to you in the light of this day.
 called to be light to the whole hu - man race.
 call us a - new to be salt for the earth.
 now is the king - dom, and now is the day.



Gath-er us in, the lost and for - sak - en, gath-er us in, the
 Gath-er us in, the rich and the haugh-ty, gath-er us in, the
 Give us to drink the wine of com-pas - sion, give us to eat the
 Gath-er us in and hold us for - ev - er, gath-er us in and



blind and the lame; call to us now, and we shall a - wak - en,
 proud and the strong; give us a heart, so meek and so low - ly,
 bread that is you; nour-ish us well, and teach us to fash - ion
 make us your own; gath-er us in, all peo - ples to - geth - er,



we shall a - rise at the sound of our name.
 give us the cour - age to en - ter the song.
 lives that are ho - ly and hearts that are true.
 fire . . of love in our flesh and our bone.

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 Music: Marty Haugen
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****Opening Prayer/Opening Acclamation***

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism,
as the presiding minister begins.*

- P** Blessed be to God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit
C **And Blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**
- P** Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.
C **His mercy endures forever. Amen.**

***Collect for Purity**

- P** Almighty God,
to whom all hearts are open,
all desires known,
and from whom no secrets are hid:
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you
and worthily magnify your holy name,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
- C** **Amen.**



*Hymn of Praise/Gloria



*The Collect of the Day/Prayer of the Day

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray

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.

WORD

First Lesson/Reading

Isaiah 58:1-9a

Shortly after the return of Israel from exile in Babylon, the people were troubled by the ineffectiveness of their fasts. God reminds them that outward observance is no substitute for genuine fasting that results in acts of justice, such as feeding the hungry, sheltering the homeless, and clothing the naked.

- 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?

- ⁶ Is not this the fast that I choose:
to loose the bonds of injustice,
to undo the straps of the yoke,
to let the oppressed go free,
and to break every yoke?
- ⁷ 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 them
and not to hide yourself from your own kin?
- ⁸ Then 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.
- ^{9a} Then you shall call, and the LORD will answer;
you shall cry for help, and he will say, “Here I am.”

L The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Psalm 112:1-9

Pray responsively

- A ¹ Hallelujah! Happy are they who fear the LORD and have great delight in God’s commandments!
- C ² **Their descendants will be mighty in the land; the generation of the upright will be blessed.**
- A ³ Wealth and riches will be in their house, and their righteousness will last forever.
- C ⁴ **Light shines in the darkness for the upright; the righteous are merciful and full of compassion.**
- A ⁵ It is good for them to be generous in lending and to manage their affairs with justice.

- C** ⁶ **For they will never be shaken; the righteous will be kept in everlasting remembrance.**
- A** ⁷ They will not be afraid of any evil rumors; their heart is steadfast, trusting in the LORD.
- C** ⁸ **Their heart is established and will not shrink, until they see their desire upon their enemies.**
- A** ⁹ They have given freely to the poor, and their righteousness stands fast forever; they will hold up their head with honor.

Second Lesson/Reading

1 Corinthians 2:1-12

Though people such as the Corinthians are enamored with human philosophy and wisdom, Paul continuously presents God's hidden wisdom which is Jesus Christ crucified. True spiritual maturity involves judging ourselves and others in light of God's revelation in the cross.

¹ When I came to you, brothers and sisters, I did not come proclaiming the testimony of God to you with superior speech or wisdom. ² For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ and him crucified. ³ And I came to you in weakness and in fear and in much trembling. ⁴ My speech and my proclamation were made not with persuasive words of wisdom but with a demonstration of the Spirit and of power, ⁵ so that your faith might rest not on human wisdom but on the power of God.

⁶ Yet 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 being destroyed. ⁷ But we speak God's wisdom, a hidden mystery, which God decreed before the ages for our glory ⁸ and which none of the rulers of this age understood, for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. ⁹ But, 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”—

¹⁰ God has revealed to us through the Spirit, for the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. ¹¹ For what human 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. ¹² Now 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.

L The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

The assembly stands.

***Gospel Acclamation/Gradual**

ALLELUIA

*Mass of a Joyful Heart
Steve Angrisano*

Refrain: All

Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le -

lu - ia. lu - ia!

***Holy Gospel**

Matthew 5:13-20

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus encourages his followers to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world, doing good works and keeping God's commandments.

[Jesus said:] 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. 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. ¹⁸ For 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. ¹⁹ Therefore, 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. ²⁰ For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.”

At the conclusion of the reading of the Gospel...

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.



***Nicene Creed**

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We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and
glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of
sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the
world to come.
Amen.

***Prayers**

*The faithful offer their petitions and concerns to God.
God hears our prayers.*

- [A] As God's beloved children united in Christ, let us pray for the church, the whole human community, and the well-being of the earth, our home.
- [A] Merciful God,
[C] **receive our prayer.**

Other petitions are given, concluding with...

- [P] Confident that the Holy Spirit receives our prayers and answers us, we commend all for whom we pray to God's loving-kindness made known to us in Christ Jesus our Savior.
- [C] **Amen.**

***Confession and Forgiveness**

- [P] Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and our neighbor.

Silence is kept for reflection.

- [P] Gracious God,
[C] **have mercy on us.
We confess that we have turned from you
and given ourselves into the power of sin.
We are truly sorry and humbly repent.
In your compassion forgive us our sins,
known and unknown,
things we have done
and things we have failed to do.
Turn us again to you,
and uphold us by your Spirit,
so that we may live and serve you in newness of life
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.**

P God, who is rich in mercy,
loved us even when we were dead in sin,
and made us alive together with Christ.
By grace you have been saved.
In the name of + Jesus Christ,
your sins are forgiven.

Almighty God strengthen you
with power through the Holy Spirit,
that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

C Amen.

***Peace**

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C And also with you.

The assembly is seated following the peace.

HOLY COMMUNION/LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Offertory Sentence

P I appeal to you, brethren, by the mercies of God, to present yourselves as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. *Romans 12:1*

***Doxology**

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

The musical score is written for two staves, Treble and Bass clef, in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like. The lyrics are: "Praise God from whom all bless-ings flow; praise him, all crea-tures here be-low; praise him a - bove, ye heaven-ly host: praise Fa - ther, Son and Ho - ly Ghost."

WORDS: *Doxology*, Thomas Ken (1637-1711)
MUSIC: Louis Bourgeois (ca. 1510-1561), Genevan Psalter, 1551

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*Holy, Holy, Holy (Sanctus)

The Holy Eucharist
Holy, holy, holy Lord *Sanctus*

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Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Setting: From *A Community Mass*; Richard Proulx (b. 1937)

*Eucharistic Prayer/Prayer of Consecration

- P Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.
- P He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.


At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or to lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.

- P On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."
- P After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had Given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

***Memorial Acclamation**


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Memorial Acclamation: Prayer A

P *Celebrant*



There - fore we pro - claim the mys - ter - y of faith:

C *Celebrant and People*



Christ has died. Christ is ris - en. Christ will come a - gain.

Setting: Ambrosian chant; adapt. Mason Martens (b. 1933)

- P We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

*Fraction


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The Holy Eucharist

Fraction Anthem: Christ our Passover


This setting is not used in Lent.

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Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.


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Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us;



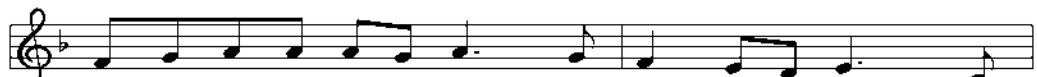
there - fore let us keep the feast.




Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Setting: From *New Plainsong*; David Hurd (b. 1950)

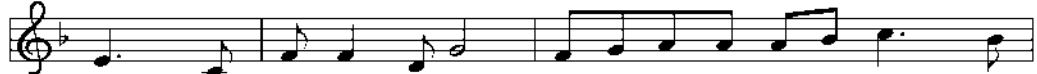
*Lamb of God (Agnus Dei)




Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have



mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the



sin of the world; grant us peace.

****Invitation to Communion***

- P** The Gifts of God for the People of God.
Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.
- P** Lord I am not Worthy to receive you
- C** **But only say the word and my soul shall be healed.**
- P** At this time, God invites his children to receive the Blessed Sacrament.

All are welcome to the Lord's table. Baptized Christians of any age are invited to receive the Sacrament. Those not receiving Communion may cross their arms to indicate they would like to receive a blessing.

Communion Hymns

Cherie Hockenberger

“Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service”

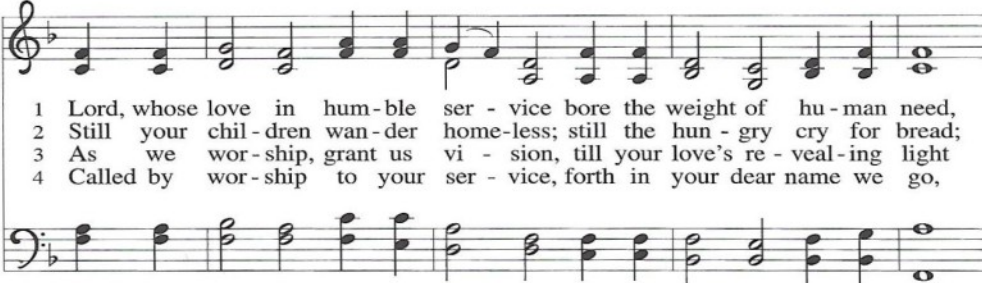
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****Prayer of Spiritual Communion***

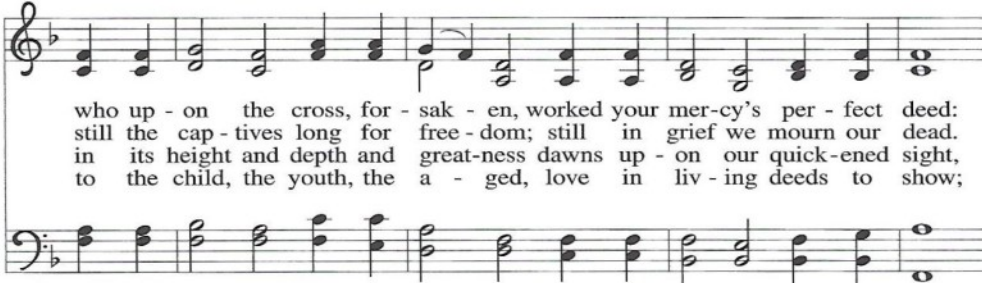
****Post Communion Prayer***

- P** Let us stand and pray together...
- C** **Eternal God, heavenly Father,
you have graciously accepted us as living members
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,
and you have fed us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.
Send us now into the world in peace,
and grant us strength and courage
to love and serve you
with gladness and singleness of heart;
through Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

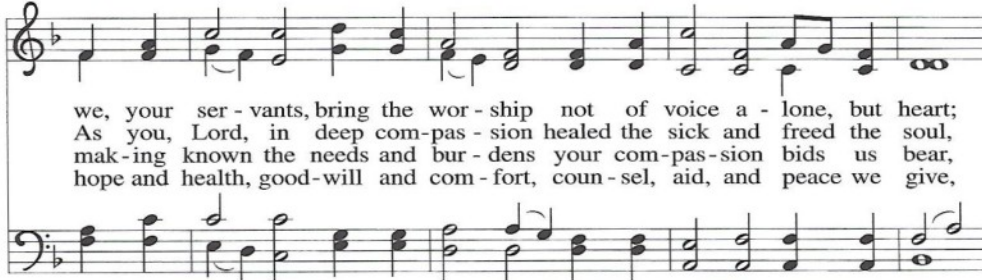
712 Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service



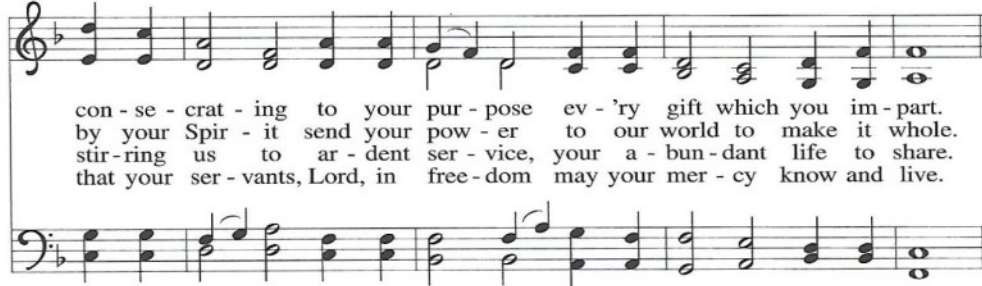
1 Lord, whose love in hum-ble ser - vice bore the weight of hu - man need,
 2 Still your chil - dren wan - der home - less; still the hun - gry cry for bread;
 3 As we wor - ship, grant us vi - sion, till your love's re - veal - ing light
 4 Called by wor - ship to your ser - vice, forth in your dear name we go,



who up - on the cross, for - sak - en, worked your mer - cy's per - fect deed:
 still the cap - tives long for free - dom; still in grief we mourn our dead.
 in its height and depth and great - ness dawns up - on our quick - ened sight,
 to the child, the youth, the a - ged, love in liv - ing deeds to show;



we, your ser - vants, bring the wor - ship not of voice a - lone, but heart;
 As you, Lord, in deep com - pas - sion healed the sick and freed the soul,
 mak - ing known the needs and bur - dens your com - pas - sion bids us bear,
 hope and health, good - will and com - fort, coun - sel, aid, and peace we give,



con - se - crat - ing to your pur - pose ev - 'ry gift which you im - part.
 by your Spir - it send your pow - er to our world to make it whole.
 stir - ring us to ar - dent ser - vice, your a - bun - dant life to share.
 that your ser - vants, Lord, in free - dom may your mer - cy know and live.

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**Blessing*

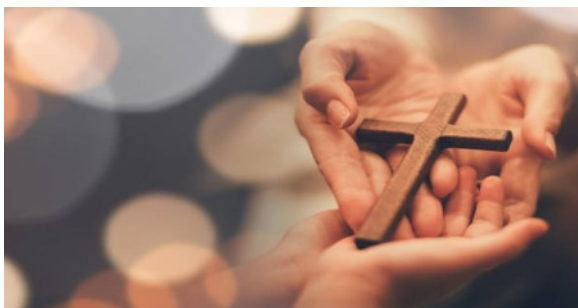
- P** The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be amongst you, and remain with you always.
- C** Amen

**Sending Hymn/Recessional Hymn* *“This Little Light of Mine”*

(see page 22)

**The Sending*

- A** Glory to God in the highest!
- C** Peace to God’s people on earth!
- A** Go in peace. Share the gift of Jesus
- C** Thanks be to God.



This Little Light of Mine

1 This lit - tle light of mine, I'm goin' - a let it shine;
 2 Ev - 'ry - where I go, I'm goin' - a let it shine;
 3 Je - sus gave it to me, I'm goin' - a let it shine;

oh, oh,

this lit - tle light of mine, I'm goin' - a let it shine;
 ev - 'ry - where I go, I'm goin' - a let it shine;
 Je - sus gave it to me, I'm goin' - a let it shine;

oh,

this lit - tle light of mine, I'm goin' - a let it shine,
 ev - 'ry - where I go, I'm goin' - a let it shine,
 Je - sus gave it to me, I'm goin' - a let it shine,

oh,

let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.
 let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.
 let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Pray for our Members: Eleanor Anderson, Jacqueline Carie, Todd Eastway, Patricia Ezdebski, David Hawley, Mary Hoffman, Kaydence Laaksonen, Julie Martz, Jonah Schmidt, Terry Speese, Pattie Tafelski, Carole Vipond.

Pray for our Friends: Margret Hayes, Tim Gillette, Graeleigh Jensen, Ken Kolb, Billy Lauderbach, Ken McClellan, Jason McClellan, Leah Mitchell, Pastor Sarah Samuelson, Becket Northrup, Rev. Bill Huether.

Pray for those in care facilities: Barb Beaver, Ann Bird, Florence Hamiton, Cathy Marrison, Carolyn Malkewitz.

Pray for our Armed Forces: *Army* -Christian Boomgaard, *Reserves* - Tad Reed; *Ezra Swan* -*Army Reserve*

Pray for our Veterans, especially those suffering from the wounds of war.

Pray for our Parish Family: our area churches and our Synod, as well as churches throughout the United States and the world, especially for the people of Faith Lutheran Church in Okemos and Rev. Megan Floyd. We also pray for The Church of Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui, St. Paul's, Flint - Tom Manney, Rector Trinity Church, Grand Ledge - Clifford Knaggs, Senior Warden Church of the Good Shepherd, Allegan - Corwin Stoppet, Priest Associate



The names on the Prayer list will be rotated every 30 days unless we are notified other wise. The Pastor can not assume that people want a personal visit, but is more then happy to do so upon request. Please contact the parish office to make arrangements. (231)843-3686



Worship Assistants

Sunday: Feb. 8, 2026—The Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

Altar Guild:	Mary Hoffman and Shelly Nash
Assisting Minister	Steve Wietrzykowski
Lector	Hjordis Revit
Chalice Bearer	Vicki Dorrell and Becky Ebb-Spees
Acolyte:	Kayleigh Shriver
Ushers	Remos and Julie Lenio
Coffee Hour	Remos and Julie Lenio
Offering Counters	TJaye Brand and Tim Pomorski

Sunday: Feb. 15, 2026—Transfiguration of Our Lord

Altar Guild:	TJaye Brand and Gale Martin
Assisting Minister	Steve Wietrzykowski
Lector	Walt Malkowitz
Chalice Bearer	Vicki Dorrell and Tracey Laaksonen
Acolyte:	Oliver Kolb
Ushers	Remos and Julie Lenio
Coffee Hour	Kris Pomorski
Offering Counters	TJaye Brand and Mary Hoffman

