

5th of Epiphany — February 8, 2026

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Confession and Absolution

Pg 94-95

L Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.
C Amen.

L 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.

L Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another. Most merciful God,

All: We confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

L In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God Forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

Children's Sermon

Opening Hymn I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light ELW 815

Apostolic Greeting ELW Pg. 147

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

Glory to God ELW Pg. 148

L: Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth.

People: Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Prayer of the Day

L The Lord be with you

C **And also with you**

L 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.

C **Amen**

First Reading: Isaiah 58:1-12

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.” ^{9b} If you remove the yoke from among you, the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil, ¹⁰ if you offer your food to the hungry and satisfy the needs of the afflicted, then your light shall rise in the darkness and your gloom be like the noonday. ¹¹ The LORD will guide you continually and satisfy your needs in parched places and make your bones strong, and you shall be like a watered garden, like a spring of water whose waters never fail. ¹² Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt; you shall raise up the foundations of many generations; you shall be called the repairer of the breach, the restorer of streets to live in. Holy Wisdom, Holy Word.

C **Thanks be to God!**

Psalm 112: 1-10 *chanted*

¹ Hallelujah! Happy are they who ¹ fear the LORD
and have great delight in ¹ God’s commandments!

² **Their descendants will be mighty ¹ in the land;
the generation of the upright ¹ will be blessed.**

³ Wealth and riches will be ¹ in their house,
and their righteousness will ¹ last forever.

⁴ **Light shines in the darkness ¹ for the upright;
the righteous are merciful and full ¹ of compassion.**

⁵ It is good for them to be gener- ¹ ous in lending
and to manage their af- ¹ fairs with justice.

⁶ **For they will nev- ¹ er be shaken;
the righteous will be kept in everlast- ¹ ing remembrance.**

⁷ They will not be afraid of any ¹ evil rumors;
their heart is steadfast, trusting ¹ in the LORD.

⁸ **Their heart is established and ¹ will not shrink,
until they see their desire up- ¹ on their enemies.**

⁹ They have given freely to the poor, and their righteousness stands ¹ fast forever;
they will hold up their ¹ head with honor.

¹⁰ **The wicked will see it and be angry; they will gnash their teeth and ¹ pine away;
the desires of the wick- ¹ ed will perish.**

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 2:1-16

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. [¹³ And we speak of these things in words not taught by human wisdom but taught by the Spirit, interpreting spiritual things to those who are spiritual. ¹⁴ Those who are unspiritual do not receive the gifts of God's Spirit, for they are foolishness to them, and they are unable to understand them because they are spiritually discerned. ¹⁵ Those who are spiritual discern all things, and they are themselves subject to no one else's scrutiny. ¹⁶ "For who has known the mind of the Lord so as to instruct him?" But we have the mind of Christ. Holy wisdom, holy word.

C Thanks be to God

Please stand for the Gospel Acclamation

ELW Pg. 151

Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.

Holy Gospel according to Matthew in the 5th Chapter. C Glory to you, O Lord.

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.”

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Hymn of the Day

Light Dawns in a Dreary World

ELW 726

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

L: Let us pray to be the church God has called us to be. Lord in your mercy,
People: Hear our prayer.

AM: That we may shine with love like a lamp in a dark room, Lord in your mercy,
People: Hear our prayer.

AM: That we, like salt, may preserve what is holy in the world, Lord in your mercy,
People: Hear our prayer.

AM: That we may embody God's love to fulfill the whole Law, Lord in your mercy,
People: Hear our prayer.

AM: That we may break the bonds of injustice, share our bread with the hungry, house the homeless poor, and cover the naked, Lord in your mercy, **People: Hear our prayer.**

AM: That we might be peacemakers in a world that loves violence, Lord in your mercy,
People: Hear our prayer.

AM: And that we may love one another, for love covers a multitude of sins, Lord in your mercy, **People: Hear our prayer.**

L: For all these, and all else we need, Lord in your mercy, **People: Hear our prayer.**

Peace

A prayer attributed to Francis of Assisi

Lord, make us instruments of your peace. Where there is hatred, let us sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is discord, union; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy. Grant that we may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love. For it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned; and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. **Amen.**

P The peace of Christ be with you always.

C And also with you.

Please share a sign of God's peace.

The offering is received

Anthem: Dropkick Me Jesus

Dropkick me, Jesus, through the goal posts of life; end over end, neither left nor to right. Straight through the heart of them righteous uprights dropkick me, Jesus, through the goal posts of life. Make me, oh Lord, make me, Lord, more than I am. Make me a piece of your master game plan. Free from the earthly tempestions below, I've got the will, lord, if you got the toe. Dropkick me, Jesus, through the goal posts of life; end over end, neither left nor to right. Straight through the heart of them righteous uprights drop kick me Jesus, through the goal posts of life. Bring on the brothers who've gone on before; And all of the sisters who've knocked on your door; All the departed, dear, loved ones of mine, stick them up front in the offensive line. Dropkick me, Jesus, through the goal posts of life; end over end, neither left nor to right. Straight through the heart of them righteous uprights dropkick me, Jesus, through the goal posts of life. A lowly bench warmer I'm contented to be until the time when you have need of me. A flash on the big scoreboard that shines from on high, a big super bowl way up in the sky. Dropkick me, Jesus, through the goal posts of life; end over end, neither left nor to right. Straight through the heart of them righteous uprights dropkick me, Jesus, through the goal posts of life. Dropkick me, Jesus, through the goal posts of life; end over end, neither left nor to right. Straight through the heart of them righteous uprights dropkick me, Jesus, through the goal posts of life. Dropkick me, Jesus, through the goal posts of life.

Offertory Hymn

ELW 184

Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of blessing. Gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life. Gather the hopes and dreams of all; unite them with the prayers we offer. Grace our table with your presence, and give us a foretaste of the feast to come.

Offertory Prayer



Benediction

L The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and grant you peace C Amen.

Closing Hymn

This Little Light of Mine

ELW 677

Dismissal

AM Go now in peace, to love and serve the Lord and your neighbors.
C Thanks be to God

Postlude

*Thank you for coming.
May God's peace be yours today.*



IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

The following is a listing of those who need your prayers. Our hope is that you will take this listing home with you and in your daily prayers remember those listed below.

Ben, Sheryl & Nik Ahrens
Connie Aparo
Phil Bascetta
Charlie Blakeslee
Kathleen Bowler

Cherie Brown
Sharon Cable
Kathy Ann Campbell
Angelo & Nicole Capasso

Carol Cianciolo
Ann Combs
Leif Dallaire
Emily Decker
Linda Dellano

Carla Derrickson
Winifried Diorio
Irene Douglas
J.J. Eby
Judy Elliott

Diane Engle
Walt Esker
Jan Eucalitto
Jennifer Ezzo
Weston Faith

Bruce & Liz Falls
Tommy Fitzpatrick
Bob Frantz
Ashley Friday
John Fox

Joan Gerard
Danise Hall
Jack & Barbara Heintz
Brayden Herzberg
Renate Higgins

Charles Hilton
Kathleen Hilton
Shannon Hilton
Jake Hoadley
Sven Holmgren

Erma Horn
Eunice Jones
Rusty Judd
Colin Keeley
Marilyn Killingbeck

Jason Lashbrook
Gail Lavoie
Edwin Leifert
John Lewis
David Little

Rebecca Little
Amy & Dave Louen
Kari Machowski
Mary Ellen Mackinnon
Jerry MacManus

Irene Madore
Audrey Marquard
Abigail Marine
Richard Marine
Janis Martin

Gil & Marilyn Martin
Gladys Medina
Michael Meyers
Kate Meroow
Colin Moore

Brigitte Mueller
Bob Murphy
Barbara Nalette
Karen Ness
Tom O'Brien

Lea Orriola & family
Karen Pagano
Russell Palmer
Maria Payne
Lisa & Dennis Polzun

Caroline Quintal
Ed & Susan Regner
Gordon Richard
Jonathan Richard

Louise Roche
Baerbel Roehl
Patricia & Richard
Sawitzke
Holly Schaff
Rosemary & Otto Schibi

Denae Seelye
Sara Seelye
Matt Simpson
Lori Sola
Sigrid Smitley
Paul Smith
John Sproat

Jennifer Stella
Deb & Jon Sterling

Tom Sterling Sr.
RuthAnn Stone
Patricia Switzer
Gloria Thibault
Andy Thomas

Julia Thompson Carroll
Susan Tycienski
Lucille Videtto
Carol Vrlik
Eveyn Walters

Steve Warner
Sue Watkins
Kim Weissman
Bruce Yauney
Clayton Young

Clarence & Priscilla
Ed
Jen O.
Jaiden
Steve

Lou W.
Steve
Todd
Robert K.
Terry

Joe
Carol G.
Kristen & Jared
Vinny
Hagbard

Carolina
Robert P.
Peanut
Colleen
Ken

Kathy
Gail
F.C.H.
Stephan

Jason R
Diane L.
Holly L.
Al & Mary
Isaac

The Nardine Family and Friends of Jaxon Chambers

Our Nursing Home Members

Dee Gammon
Midge Rosenbeck
Judy Schaller
Ernest Marquard
Mae Fay
Francine Ahrens
Betty Hilton
Walter Joray

Our Military Friends

Lord Jesus, Savior of the World and King of Peace, watch over our sons and daughters in the service of their Country. Protect them from the physical and moral dangers. Keep them close to you and help them live the commandments. Lord, Jesus give them courage to serve their country with honor and dignity. Be with them when they are in danger; strengthen them when they face hardship. Above all Lord, grant that when their service is finished that they may return to us, sound in mind, body and soul. Amen.

Tyler Quinn
Eric Beyus
Major Zachary Fulton
Brandan Holbrook
Jonathan Connell
Tom Gregg, Jr.
Eric Bremer
Peter Hutchinson
SPC Dominic Boscarino
PVT Noah Braatz
PVT 2 Christian Braatz
Aiden Avenia USCG
2nd Lt. Ben Speaker
Pvt. Noah Roy

Around the Church

Event	Date	Time
Council	2/9	7 pm
TAFA Prom	2/13	6 pm
Breakfast	2/18	8:30 am
Individual Ashes	2/18	7 to 8 am 12 to 1 pm
Ash Wednesday Service	2/18	7 pm
WELCA meeting	2/23	7pm

Bible Study

Tuesday via Zoom 6:00 pm

In person Bible Study Wednesdays

10:00 am

Wednesdays

Tai Chi 11:00 am

Quilting Group 1:00 pm

Guest preachers

**The Rev. Mark Lingle, the Synod
Staff person for this area will preach
Feb 22, the Bishop will preach on
Palm Sunday**

Offerings Summary:

Needed Weekly	\$6,290
{For January	\$25,160}
Received January	\$6741
Shortfall	(\$18,419)
YTD shortfall	(\$18,419)

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Creed

Installation of Council Members

Prayers of the People

Peace

A Capella Choir Anthem

The Offering is received

Offertory Hymn ELW 184

Offertory Prayer

Great Thanksgiving

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Lord's Prayer

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Communion is Distributed

Post-communion prayer

Benediction

Closing Hymn

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Postlude

In other news...

CT Yankee Chorale will begin rehearsals for their spring concert Tues, Feb 24 7pm

Thursday mid Lent pot luck and devotions begin Feb 26 at 6pm in the double classrooms

Please fill out commitment sheets if you have not done so already.

If you can share food for those in need, we would be grateful. The food will be distributed between the social service agencies in our area.

Sunday helper rotation for 2026- Anyone who would like to do any of the roles - Asst Min, Comm Asst, usher, slides, healer - should contact Pastor via email, text, or sign-up sheet in the Narthex.

Those interested in becoming official members please fill out a form found in the Narthex. We will find a convenient date early next year to welcome you during worship.

Our new website is up. Please check it out. It should help you stay informed. If you have suggestions for any improvements, please let us know. We are working on adding a calendar with all the meeting dates of committees, groups and other events that are happening. www.stpaulstorrington.com

Bulletins - The full text bulletin is intended for those who have trouble following the service with only the monitors. The abbreviated bulletin is sufficient for most members. Also, there is a milk crate under the table near the right choir loft stairs. Please recycle bulletins there, unless you are taking it to someone who would like it. The prayer list, for example, is on both the full and abbreviated bulletin.

If using a special envelope, please print name so counters can read it and give you credit for your donation.

Don't forget Name Tags are in the Narthex!

