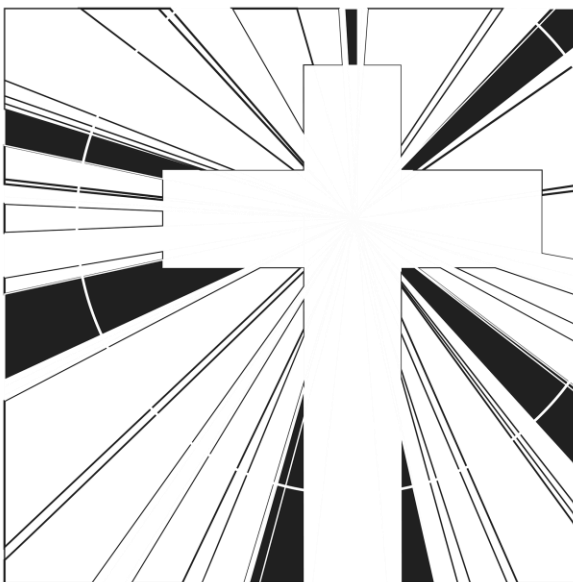


**Our mission
is to teach,
love,
and connect...
teach all ages
about Jesus,
love one another
as God loves us,
and connect
with others
in a hurting world.**

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

11:00 AM, SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2026



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We warmly welcome you in the name of Jesus!

We are always glad to have you worship with us.

*If you do not have a regular church home,
we invite you to make our church home yours.*

- † Our worship services are on Sunday mornings at 8:30 and 11:00 AM. We also invite and encourage you to join us in Sunday School and Bible Study at 9:45 AM.
- † Assisted hearing devices, children's bulletins, and large print service folders are available; please ask an usher for one.
- † While we encourage children to be present in worship, the upstairs cry room opposite the elevator is available for you.
- † Our worship services can now be viewed on the church's Facebook page (live or after the service), as well as on our YouTube channel. *The Lutheran Hour* can be heard on Sundays at 9:00 AM at KAWZ (102.7FM).

Prayer before worship:

O Lord, my creator, redeemer, and comforter, as I come to worship You in spirit and in truth, I humbly pray that You would open my heart to the preaching of Your Word so that I may repent of my sins, believe in Jesus Christ as my only Savior, and grow in grace and holiness. Hear me for the sake of His name. Amen.

AS WE GATHER In the stewardship hymn "Forgive Us, Lord, for Shallow Thankfulness," author William Watkins Reid Sr. includes the thoughtful line "Forgive us, Lord, for feast that knows not fast" (LSB 788:5). The text, written in 1965, reflected a growing understanding of the need for service in Jesus' name by all who had received His blessing. In the concluding stanza of the hymn, he also writes, "May thankfulness be days in service spent, reflection of Christ's life and love and light." In this Epiphany season, when we celebrate the radiantly expanding light of Christ, we are directed to find new ways to reflect that light into all the areas of our life. Paul says it simply and directly: "So then, as we have opportunity, let us do good to everyone" (Galatians 6:10). Those opportunities are just waiting for us!

PRESERVICE MUSIC

RINGING OF BELL

OPENING SONG **"Children of Light"** by J. Ingram, J. Reeves, J. P. Barrett, K. Stanfill

**It's a new day. Everything changed
when Your love came into the darkness.
You sent the light of the Son.
You sent the light of the Son.**

Chorus **Wake up! Open your eyes.**
No longer dead, we are alive.
Rise up, children of light.
Open the doors; Go, let it shine. Woah! Woah! Woah! Woah!

There is freedom in Your Kingdom.
For You, Jesus, we will be singing.
Forever Your joy is our song.
Forever Your joy is our song. *Chorus*

Bridge **Song for the broken, let it shine.**
Into the shadows, let it shine.
Hope for the whole world, let it shine, let it shine. *Repeat.*

Chorus

It's a new day. Everything changed
when Your love came into the darkness.
You sent the light of the Son.
You sent the light of the Son.

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WELCOME

Please stand.

INVOCATION AND OPENING SENTENCES

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.**

Pastor: Shout for joy to God, all the earth;

People: **sing the glory of His name; give to Him glorious praise!**

Pastor: Say to God, "How awesome are Your deeds!

People: **All the earth worships You and sings praises to You; they sing praises to Your name."**

Pastor: Bless our God, O peoples; let the sound of His praise be heard.

People: **You have multiplied, O Lord my God, Your wondrous deeds and Your thoughts toward us; none can compare with You!**

Pastor: Full of splendor and majesty is His work,

People: **and His righteousness endures forever.**

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS OF SINS

Pastor: Humble yourselves, then, before God; confess your sins to Him and implore His forgiveness.

People: O almighty God, most merciful Father, I, a repentant sinner, confess to You all my sins and iniquities with which I have offended You. By nature, I am a sinful creature. In thought, word, and deed, I have continually transgressed Your Law. Too often I have sought the easy road of ignoring the needs of others and considered only myself and my wants. For this I justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of the sufferings and death of Your Son, Jesus Christ, be gracious and merciful to me, a penitent and contrite being. Forgive me all my sins and grant me the power of Your Holy Spirit that I may amend my sinful life and bear fruit in keeping with true repentance.

Pastor: God be gracious to you and strengthen your faith.

People: Amen.

Pastor: As you believe, so let it be. As an ordained servant of Christ and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

Remain standing for the Song of Praise.

SONG OF PRAISE

“Shout to the Lord”

by D. Zschech

Chorus: Shout to the Lord all the earth, let us sing
Power and majesty, praise to the King;
Mountains bow down and the seas will roar
At the sound of Your name.
I sing for joy at the work of Your hands,
Forever I'll love You, forever I'll stand;
Nothing compares to the promise I have in You.

My Jesus, my Savior,
Lord, there is none like You,
All of my days I want to praise
the wonders of Your mighty love;
My Comfort, my Shelter,
Tower of refuge and strength;
Let ev'ry breath, all that I am,
never cease to worship You. *Chorus*

Nothing compares to the promise I have in You.

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Please be seated.

COME AND HEAR THE GOOD NEWS!

OLD TESTAMENT READING *The brightness of the Lord's light breaking forth.* **Isaiah 58:3–9a**

Reader: "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.

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.

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?

"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?

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?

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.

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

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE READING *Paul speaks and writes in and with the Spirit's power.* **1 Corinthians 2:1–16**

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

rest in the wisdom of men but in the power of God.

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. But we impart a secret and hidden wisdom of God, which God decreed before the ages for our glory. None of the rulers of this age understood this, for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. 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”—

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

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

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Please stand in reverence to the Gospel.

HOLY GOSPEL

Jesus calls His followers to be salt and light in the world. Matthew 5:13–20

Pastor: Hear now the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the fifth chapter.

People: Glory to You, O Lord!

Pastor: [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.

“You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. 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. 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.

“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. 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.

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. For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven."

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ!

CONFESSION OF FAITH

Apostles' Creed

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.

Please be seated.

SONG

"We Are" by C. Butler, E. Cash, H. McBride, J. Tealy

**Every secret, every shame, every fear, every pain,
Live inside the dark, but that's not who we are.
We are children of the day.**

**So, wake up sleeper, lift your head.
We were meant for more than this.
Fight the shadows, conquer death,
Make the most of the time we have left.**

**Chorus 1: We are the light of the world.
We are the city on a hill.
We are the light of the world.
And we gotta, we gotta, we gotta let the light shine. *Repeat*
Let the light shine, let the light shine.**

**We are called to the spread the news,
To tell the world the simple truth;
Jesus came to save. There's freedom in His Name.
So let His love break through.**

**Chorus 2: We are the light of the world.
We are the city on a hill.
We are the light of the world.**

And we gotta, we gotta, we gotta let the light shine. *Repeat*

**Bridge: We are the light. We are the light. We are the light.
So let your light shine brighter.
We are the light. We are the light. We are the light.
Jesus, You are the light, You are the light, You are the light.
We will lift You high and shine, shine, shine.**

Repeat Chorus 2

Praise Team: Let the light shine, let the light shine. Let the light shine, let the light shine.

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SERMON

“This Little Gospel Light”

Isaiah 58:8-9a

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD.

WE PRAISE THE LORD WITH OUR OFFERINGS *Tithes and offerings are collected by the ushers. We encourage you to sign and pass the Friendship Book at this time. All communicants are invited to read and prayerfully consider the following.*

We believe that...

- † *Holy Communion is a Sacrament since it was instituted by Christ Himself.*
- † *We are truly worthy and well prepared to partake of Holy Communion when we repent of our sins and have faith in these words, “Given and shed for you for the remission of sins.”*
- † *We receive the bread and wine and the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ when, as repentant, true believers we partake of Holy Communion.*

Our Savior Lutheran Church practices close communion.

What does this mean?

Confirmed members of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod are welcome to commune with us. If you are not a confirmed member of our church or one of our sister congregations, we encourage you to speak to the pastor about preparing to participate in communion at Our Savior.

- † *Children and those not communing are welcome to come forward for a blessing (indicated by folded hands), or to remain seated for individual prayer. When the wine is offered, communicants have the choice of an individual cup or the common cup. Individual cups containing DARK WINE are alcohol-free for those with medical need only, please.*

OFFERTORY

Please stand.

PRAYERS OF GOD'S PEOPLE

After each petition:

Pastor: Lord, in Your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer.

The prayers conclude:

Pastor: We trust, O Lord, in Your great mercy to hear and answer us; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: Amen.

Service of the Sacrament

PREFACE

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

PROPER PREFACE AND SANCTUS

Pastor: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, Lord our God, for You have graciously blessed us through the Word Incarnate, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who came in the flesh and for our sake died on the cross and rose from the dead to put an end to death. Rejoicing in our Baptism, which creates faith in our hearts and daily renews us, we fulfill the noble work of praising You and magnifying Your holy name. With joy, we join in the unending adoration of the angels and archangels and all the company of heaven.

People: "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of His glory!"

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Blessed are You, O Lord our God, King of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and have showed Your gracious power to us through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord. We give You thanks that in His most Holy Supper You nourish us, that we may join in the noble work of praising You as, year by year, we grow in grace. Grant that we receive the blessings of forgiveness, life, and salvation that come to us in His body and blood as we gather at His command.

Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

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.

WORDS OF CONSECRATION

Pastor: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ☩ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

Pastor: In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ☩ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

PEACE and AGNUS DEI

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

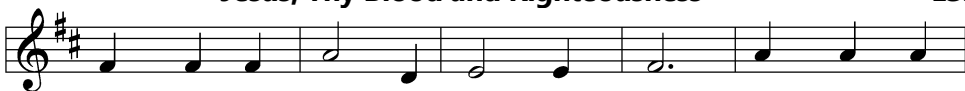
People: Amen. "Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!"

DISTRIBUTION *Please be seated. If you are communing, please follow the directions of the ushers.*

SONG

Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness

LSB 563



1 Je - sus, Thy blood and righ - teous - ness My beau - ty
2 Bold shall I stand in that great day, Cleansed and re -
3 Lord, I be - lieve Thy pre - cious blood, Which at the
4 Lord, I be - lieve, were sin - ners more Than sands up -



are, my glo - rious dress; Midst flam - ing worlds, in
deemed, no debt to pay; Ful - ly ab - solved through
mer - cy seat of God Pleads for the cap - tives'
on the o - cean shore, Thou hast for all a



these ar - rayed, With joy shall I lift up my head.
these I am From sin and fear, from guilt and shame.
lib - er - ty, Was al - so shed in love for me.
ran - som paid, For all a full a - tone - ment made.

**5 When from the dust of death I rise
To claim my mansion in the skies,
This then shall be my only plea:
Jesus hath lived and died for me.**

**6 Jesus, be endless praise to Thee,
Whose boundless mercy hath for me,
For me, and all Thy hands have made,
An everlasting ransom paid.**

Text: Nicolaus Ludwig von Zinzendorf, 1700–60; tr. John B. Wesley, 1703–91, alt.
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Please stand.

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

Pastor: Let us pray.

Pastor: Faithful God, whose blessings are new to us every morning, we humbly pray that You would look upon us in mercy and renew us by Your Holy Spirit. As You have welcomed us at Your Table, so preserve us in Your righteousness and grant us a portion in that eternal life that is in Christ Jesus, through whom be glory and praise to You and the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

People: Amen.

BENEDICAMUS

Pastor: Let us bless the Lord.

[Psalm 103:1]

People: Thanks be to God.

BENEDICTION

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord lift up his countenance on you and ☩ give you peace.

People: Amen.

CLOSING SONG

“Christ Is Mine Forevermore” by J. Robinson & R. Thompson

**Mine are days that God has numbered;
I was made to walk with Him.
Yet, I look for worldly treasure
And forsake the King of kings.**

**Chorus 1 But mine is hope in my Redeemer;
Though I fall, His love is sure.
For Christ has paid for every failing;
I am His forevermore.**

**Mine are tears in times of sorrow,
Darkness not yet understood.**

Through the valley I must travel
Where I see no earthly good.

Chorus 2 But mine is peace that flows from heaven,
And the strength in times of need.
I know my pain will not be wasted;
Christ completes His work in me.

Mine are days here as a stranger,
Pilgrim on a narrow way.
One with Christ I will encounter
Harm and hatred for His name.

Chorus 3 But mine is armour for this battle,
Strong enough to last the war.
And He has said He will deliver
Safely to the golden shore.

Chorus 4 And mine are keys to Zion city
Where beside the King I walk.
For there my heart has found its treasure;
Christ is mine forevermore.

Bridge Come rejoice now, O my soul,
For His love is my reward.
Fear is gone and hope is sure;
Christ is mine forevermore.

Repeat Bridge

Repeat Chorus 4

Christ is mine forevermore.
Christ is mine forevermore.

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Readings for next Sunday, 2/08:

Exodus 24:8–18, Psalm 2:6–12, 2 Peter 1:16–21, Matthew 17:1–9
