

The Fifth Sunday After Epiphany

Worship Service



Parable of the Sower (Pieter Bruegel, 1557)

Emmanuel Evangelical Lutheran Church

10:15 AM, Sanctuary

February 8, 2026

Visitors & Saints of Emmanuel:

Welcome! You'll find announcements, contact information, and more on the back of this bulletin. If you'd like to speak with Pastor Justin and/or request prayer, fill out a Contact Card and place it in the offering.

The liturgy (our worship service) comes from Scripture. The whole service is ordered and designed to use God's Word to bring praise and thanks and glory to God. The earliest Christian churches gathered to pray, to hear teaching, and to partake in the bread and the wine of Holy Communion.

All who are baptized in the name of the Triune God, believe in the real presence of Jesus in the bread and the wine of Holy Communion, and are repentant of their sins are welcome at the Lord's Table.

A Message on this Fifth Sunday After Epiphany

A Sower goes out to sow.

If we do not understand this parable, we will understand none of the parables (Mark 4).

This parable describes the work of our Lord Jesus—Jesus is the Sower. From the beginning of his ministry, right at his Baptism, he begins the work of proclaiming the Word – the kingdom of God. Accompanying his preaching are signs, signs that reveal that Jesus is from God and that what Jesus preaches is true.

Any farmer or gardener would begrudge the work of this sower because of his indiscriminate scattering of the seed. He seemingly carelessly throws seed here and there, not making the effort to make sure it makes it to good soil.

Once we realize what this careless scattering is really about – the gospel preached – we see that this is not careless, but careful, gracious, lavish proclamation of the Kingdom of God. If only all would heed Christ's gracious word!

Holy God, keep us steadfast in your Word. Give us the faith that endures unto life everlasting. In the Name of Jesus we pray, Amen.

✝ Pastor Justin Baker



Prelude

Air on the G String

WOODWIND TRIO & ORGAN

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

Invocation & Order of Confession

P In the Name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen

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

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence follows for confession.

P Most merciful God,

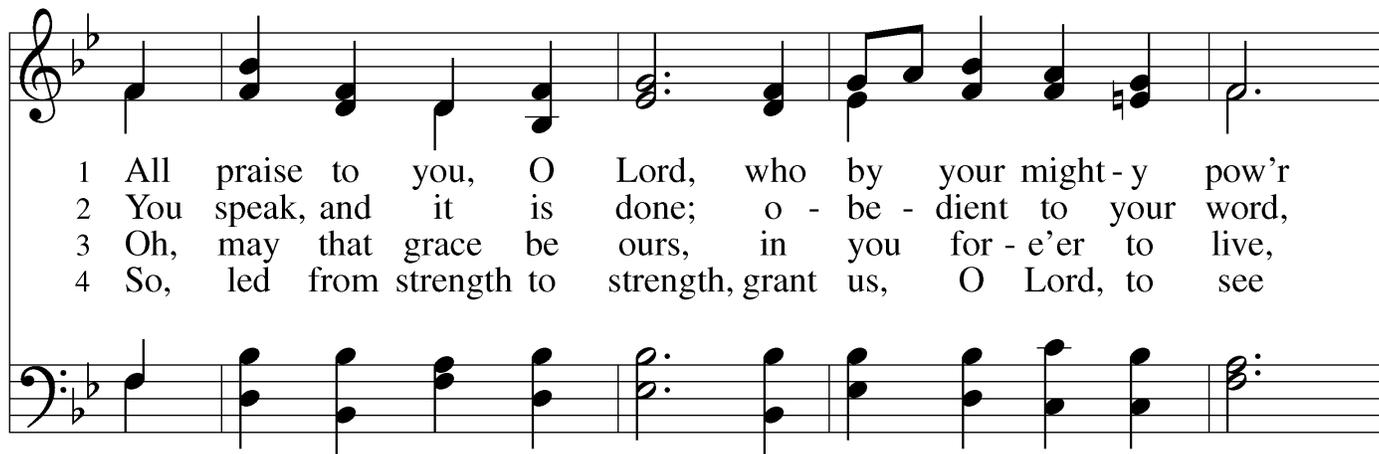
C **We confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus 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**

P Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, 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.

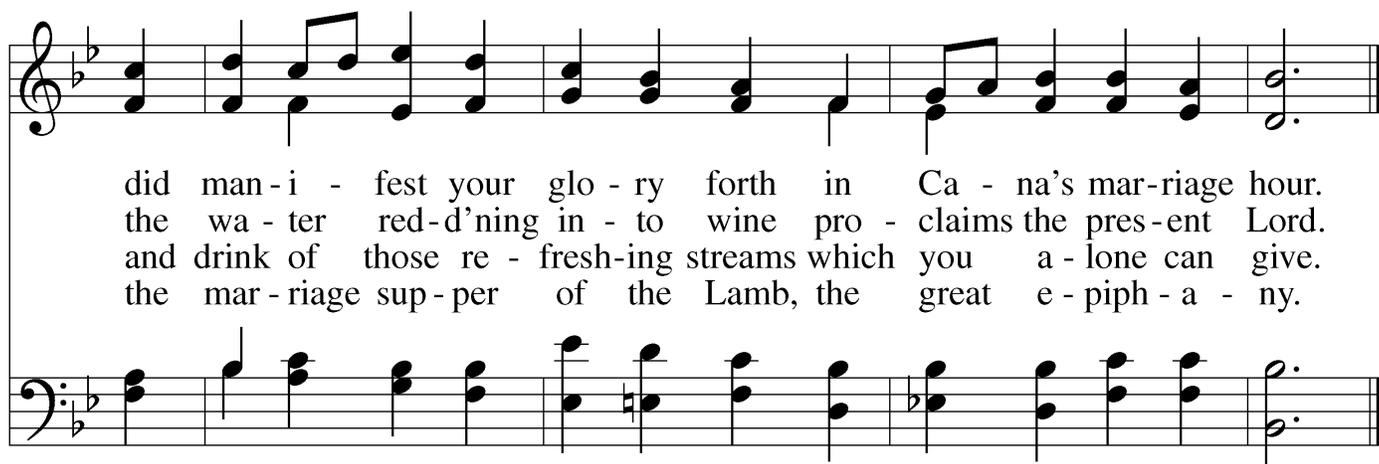
C Amen

Opening Hymn | All Praise to You, O Lord

HFW 45



1 All praise to you, O Lord, who by your might-y pow'r
2 You speak, and it is done; o - be - dient to your word,
3 Oh, may that grace be ours, in you for - e'er to live,
4 So, led from strength to strength, grant us, O Lord, to see



did man-i - fest your glo - ry forth in Ca - na's mar-riage hour.
the wa - ter red-d'ning in - to wine pro - claims the pres-ent Lord.
and drink of those re - fresh-ing streams which you a - lone can give.
the mar - riage sup - per of the Lamb, the great e - piph - a - ny.

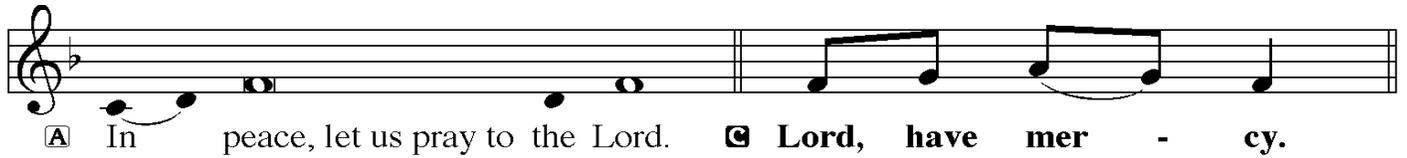
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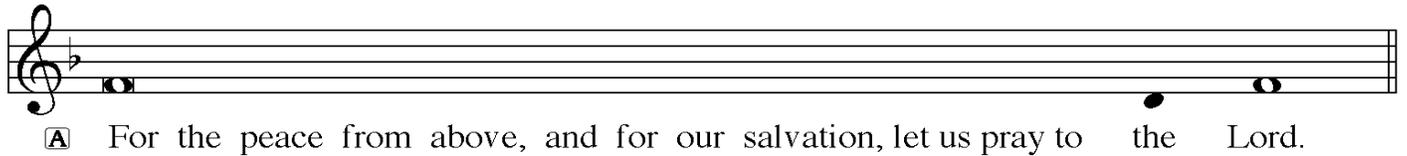
Apostolic Greeting & Kyrie

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

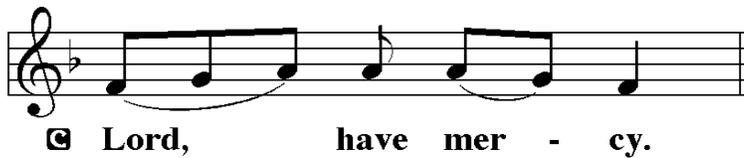
C And also with you.



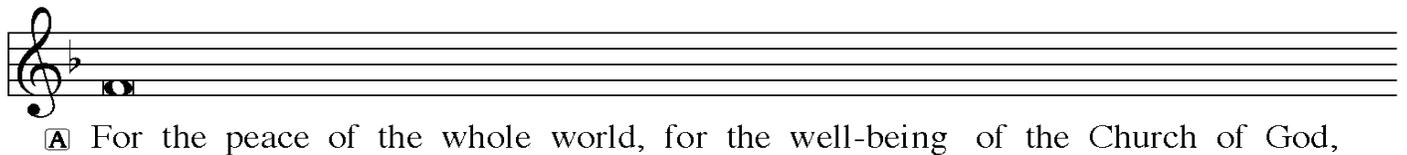
A In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **C** Lord, have mer - cy.



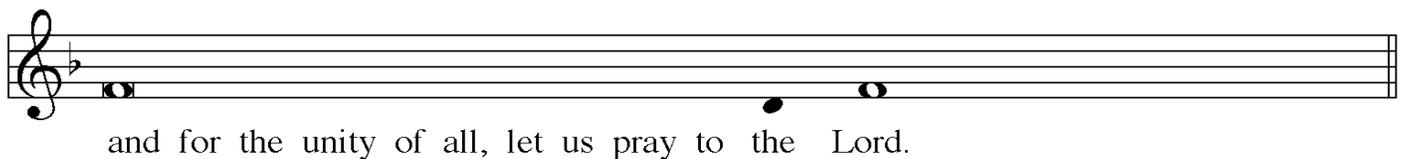
A For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



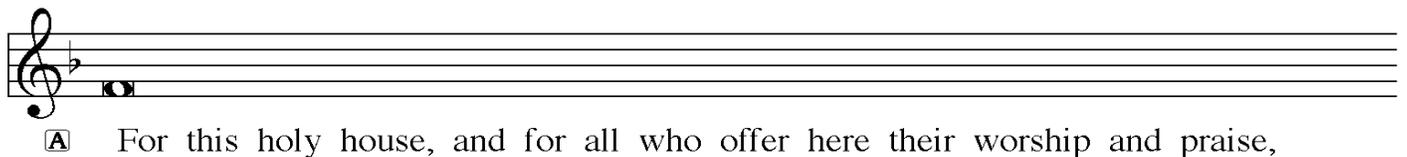
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



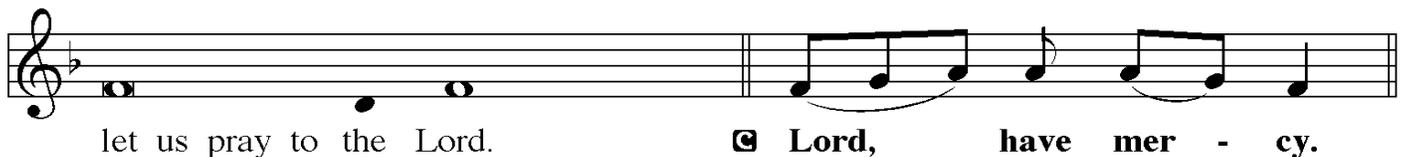
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



A For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. **C** Lord, have mer - cy.

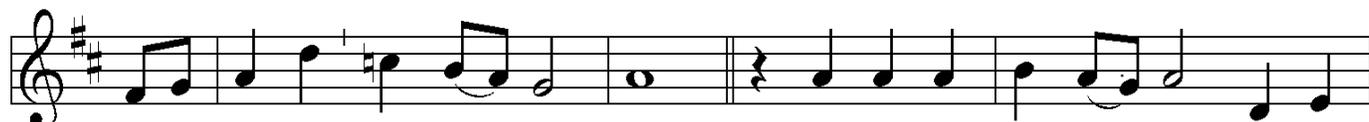


A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. **C** A - men

Hymn of Praise | This is the Feast



♩ This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God. Al - le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Ⅰ Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was



slain, whose blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.



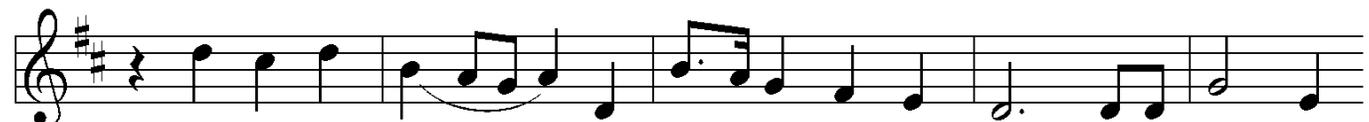
♩ This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God. Al - le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Ⅱ Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and



strength, and hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.



♩ This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God. Al - le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Ⅰ Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and



join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and



might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.



☐ This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God. Al - le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. ☐ For the Lamb who was



slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.



☐ This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.



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

Salutation & Prayer of the Day

☐ The Lord be with you.

☑ And also with you.

☐ Let us pray,

☑ O Lord God, who sees that we put not our trust in anything that we do: Mercifully grant that by thy power we may be defended against all adversity; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

The First Lesson

Isaiah 55:10-13

A reading from Isaiah, beginning with the fifty-fifth chapter.

¹⁰ “For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven
and do not return there but water the earth,
making it bring forth and sprout,

giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater,
¹¹ so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth;
it shall not return to me empty,
but it shall accomplish that which I purpose,
and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it.

¹² “For you shall go out in joy
and be led forth in peace;
the mountains and the hills before you
shall break forth into singing,
and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.

¹³ Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress;
instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle;
and it shall make a name for the LORD,
an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.”

A The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Psalm 84 (read responsively)

¹ How lovely is your dwelling place,
O LORD of hosts!

² **My soul longs, yes, faints
for the courts of the LORD;
my heart and flesh sing for joy
to the living God.**

³ Even the sparrow finds a home,
and the swallow a nest for herself,
where she may lay her young,
at your altars, O LORD of hosts,
my King and my God.

⁴ **Blessed are those who dwell in your house,
ever singing your praise! *Selah***

⁵ Blessed are those whose strength is in you,
in whose heart are the highways to Zion.

⁶ **As they go through the Valley of Baca
they make it a place of springs;
the early rain also covers it with pools.**

⁷ They go from strength to strength;
each one appears before God in Zion.

⁸ **O LORD God of hosts, hear my prayer;
give ear, O God of Jacob! *Selah***

⁹ Behold our shield, O God;
look on the face of your anointed!

¹⁰ **For a day in your courts is better
than a thousand elsewhere.**

**I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God
than dwell in the tents of wickedness.**

¹¹ For the LORD God is a sun and shield;
the LORD bestows favor and honor.

No good thing does he withhold
from those who walk uprightly.

¹² **O LORD of hosts,
blessed is the one who trusts in you!**

The Second Lesson

2 Corinthians 11:19-12:9

A reading from Second Corinthians, beginning with the eleventh chapter.

¹⁹ For you gladly bear with fools, being wise yourselves! ²⁰ For you bear it if someone makes slaves of you, or devours you, or takes advantage of you, or puts on airs, or strikes you in the face. ²¹ To my shame, I must say, we were too weak for that!

But whatever anyone else dares to boast of—I am speaking as a fool—I also dare to boast of that. ²² Are they Hebrews? So am I. Are they Israelites? So am I. Are they offspring of Abraham? So am I. ²³ Are they servants of Christ? I am a better one—I am talking like a madman—with far greater labors, far more imprisonments, with countless beatings, and often near death. ²⁴ Five times I received at the hands of the Jews the forty lashes less one. ²⁵ Three times I was beaten with rods. Once I was stoned. Three times I was shipwrecked; a night and a day I was adrift at sea; ²⁶ on frequent journeys, in danger from rivers, danger from robbers, danger from my own people, danger from Gentiles, danger in the city, danger in the wilderness, danger at sea, danger from false brothers; ²⁷ in toil and hardship, through many a sleepless night, in hunger and thirst, often without food, in cold and exposure. ²⁸ And, apart from other things, there is the daily pressure on me of my anxiety for all the churches. ²⁹ Who is weak, and I am not weak? Who is made to fall, and I am not indignant?

³⁰ If I must boast, I will boast of the things that show my weakness. ³¹ The God and Father of the Lord Jesus, he who is blessed forever, knows that I am not lying. ³² At Damascus, the governor under King Aretas was guarding the city of Damascus in order to seize me, ³³ but I was let down in a basket through a window in the wall and escaped his hands.

¹ I must go on boasting. Though there is nothing to be gained by it, I will go on to visions and revelations of the Lord. ² I know a man in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows. ³ And I know that this man was caught up into paradise—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows— ⁴ and he heard things that cannot be told, which

man may not utter. ⁵ On behalf of this man I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except of my weaknesses — ⁶ though if I should wish to boast, I would not be a fool, for I would be speaking the truth; but I refrain from it, so that no one may think more of me than he sees in me or hears from me. ⁷ So to keep me from becoming conceited because of the surpassing greatness of the revelations, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to harass me, to keep me from becoming conceited. ⁸ Three times I pleaded with the Lord about this, that it should leave me. ⁹ But he said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.” Therefore I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest upon me.

A The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Children’s Sermon

P Matthew records this about the greatest in the kingdom of heaven:

18 At that time the disciples came to Jesus, saying, “Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?” ² And calling to him a child, he put him in the midst of them ³ and said, “Truly, I say to you, unless you turn and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. ⁴ Whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven.

All little ones – and any others – are invited forward for a message and for prayer.

When the children’s sermon is concluded, the people stand for the hymn and remain standing for the Holy Gospel.

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

The Holy Gospel

Luke 8:4-15

P The Holy Gospel according to Saint Luke, the 8th chapter.

G Glory to you, O Lord.

⁴ And when a great crowd was gathering and people from town after town came to him, he said in a parable, ⁵ “A sower went out to sow his seed. And as he sowed, some fell along the path and was trampled underfoot, and the birds of the air devoured it. ⁶ And some fell on the rock, and as it grew up, it withered away, because it had no moisture. ⁷ And some fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up with it and choked it. ⁸ And some fell into good soil and grew and yielded a hundredfold.” As he said these things, he called out, “He who has ears to hear, let him hear.”

⁹ And when his disciples asked him what this parable meant, ¹⁰ he said, “To you it has been given to know the secrets of the kingdom of God, but for others they are in parables, so that ‘seeing they may not see, and hearing they may not understand.’ ¹¹ Now the parable is this: The seed is the word of God. ¹² The ones along the path are those who have heard; then the devil comes and takes away the word from their hearts, so that they may not believe and be saved. ¹³ And the ones on the rock are those who, when they hear the word, receive it with joy. But these have no root; they believe for a while, and in time of testing fall away. ¹⁴ And as for what fell among the thorns, they are those who hear, but as they go on their way they are choked by the cares and riches and pleasures of life, and their fruit does not

Hymn of the Day | If You But Trust in God

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1 If you but trust in God to guide you and place your
 2 What gain is there in fu - tile weep - ing, in help - less
 3 In pa - tient trust a - wait his lei - sure in cheer - ful
 4 Sing, pray, and keep his ways un - swerv - ing, of - fer your



con - fi - dence in him, you'll find him al - ways there be -
 an - ger and dis - tress? If you are in his care and
 hope, with heart con - tent to take what - e'er your Fa - ther's
 ser - vice faith - ful - ly, and trust his word; though un - de -



side you, to give you hope and strength with - in. For those who
 keep - ing, in sor - row will he love you less? For he who
 plea - sure and all - dis - cern - ing love have sent; doubt not your
 serv - ing, you'll find his prom - ise true to be. God nev - er



trust God's change - less love build on the rock that will not move.
 took for you a cross will bring you safe through ev - 'ry loss.
 in - most wants are known to him who chose you for his own.
 will for - sake in need the soul that trusts in him in - deed.

Text: Georg Neumark, 1621–1681; tr. composite, alt.
 Music: WER NUR DEN LIEBEN GOTT, Georg Neumark, 1621–1681

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The Nicene Creed

P People of God, in whom do we believe?

C 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;
By the power of the Holy Spirit
He became incarnate of the virgin Mary, and was made man.

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.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He 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

The Prayers

- P** Let us pray for the Church, the world, and for all people according to their need.

A brief silence is kept.

- A** *“My soul longs, yes, faints for the courts of the Lord; my heart and flesh sing for joy to the living God.”*

Lord God, we give you thanks and praise for strengthening our faith, and for these ways you have answered our prayers:

A sufficient pause is kept that thanksgiving for answered prayers may be offered.

Lord, in your mercy,

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

- A** Bless those who guide this Church body with faith, wisdom, endurance, and direction, especially: *Bishop Dan Selbo, General Secretary Amy Little, Area Assistant Bill White, Seminary President Jukka Kääriäinen, Mission Region Dean Jim Neal, and Mission District Dean Chip Frontz.* Pour out your favor upon this congregation, fellow area congregations, for St. Stephen Lutheran Church of Pittsburgh, and Reverend Chip Frontz. Make us all fruitful laborers in your vineyard. Lord, in your mercy,

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

- A** Heavenly Father, let us be those whose seed of faith is nourished and well-established. Let us be those whose faith triumphs over cares and riches and all that would keep us from You. Bless us with this faith in your Son. Lord, in your mercy,

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

- A** Bless the seminarians at the North American Lutheran Seminary. Give them friendship, wisdom, discernment, clarity, and direction. Prepare congregations to be ready to receive those who are called as ministers of the gospel. Lord, in your mercy,

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

A We pray for our earthly rulers, especially President Donald Trump and Governor Josh Shapiro: Conform their minds, hearts, and actions to your holy will. Where there is discord and strife, bring peace. Lord, in your mercy,

G **hear our prayer.**

A Banish all that troubles Your people in body, mind, heart, or soul. We lift before You especially:

Danette Hunter, Linda Casper, May Hill, Jim Troxell, David Weihe, Vince Berardinelli, Gayle Wertz, June Ugen, Terry, Sandy, Cassandra, Nojia, John, Kevin, Jim, Julie and family, Trudy, Frances and family, Brylee, Sandra, Zachary, Kevin, David, Kathy, Asa, Jerry, Jack, Al & family, Beth, Colleen, Rachael, Leila, Darin, Les & Cathy, Tony, Sarah, and Harry

We also lift up the names of those for whom we now pray, silently or aloud. *A pause is kept that other names and supplications may be offered.*

Pour out your Spirit upon them, that they may be granted the faith to endure. Lord, in your mercy,

G **hear our prayer.**

A Come quickly, Lord of Life. Give courage, comfort, and faith to those who mourn. We ask especially that you watch over *the family of Frances* and *the family of Linda*. Lord, in your mercy,

G **hear our prayer.**

P Fill this congregation with the faith that endures unto life eternal. Make us one people united in prayer. Send families, children, widows & widowers, the elderly, and any others into our midst, that they also may be filled with faith, encourage this congregation, and bring honor and glory and praise to your name. Lord, in your mercy,

G **hear our prayer.**

P Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **G Amen**

THE CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

P *Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. (Matt. 5:3, 5–6)*

The Peace & Offertory

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C And also with you.

WOODWIND TRIO & ORGAN

Blessed Jesus at Thy Word

Setting Charles Callahan (1951-2023)

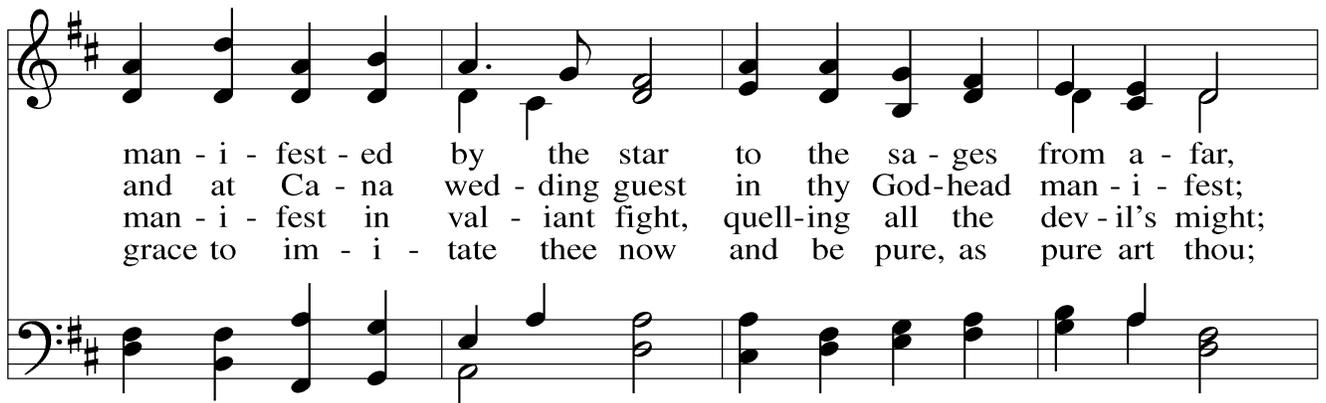
Prayer for the Laying on of Hands

Anyone who desires healing for the sick through the anointing of oil may request this from Pastor Justin.

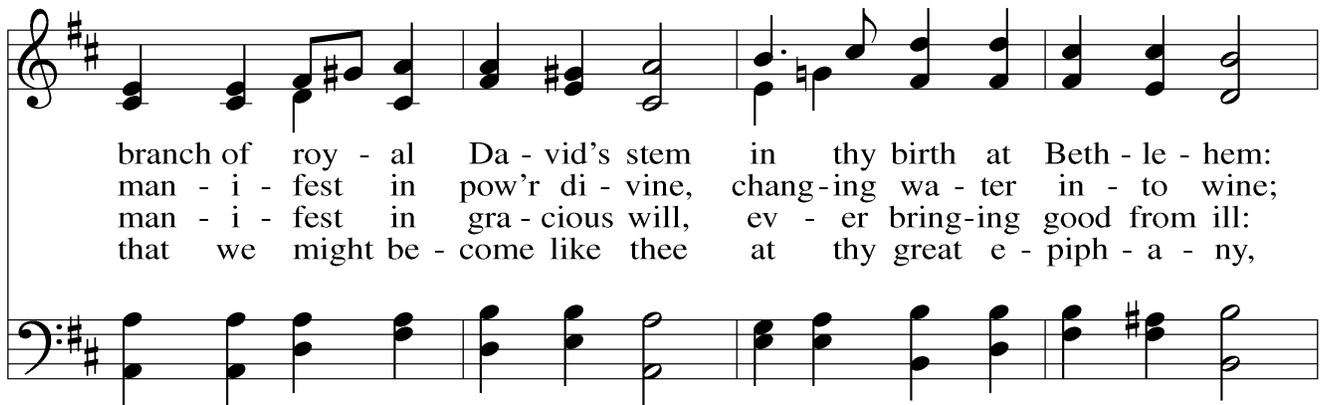
Offering | Songs of Thankfulness and Praise Verses 1, 2 LBW 90



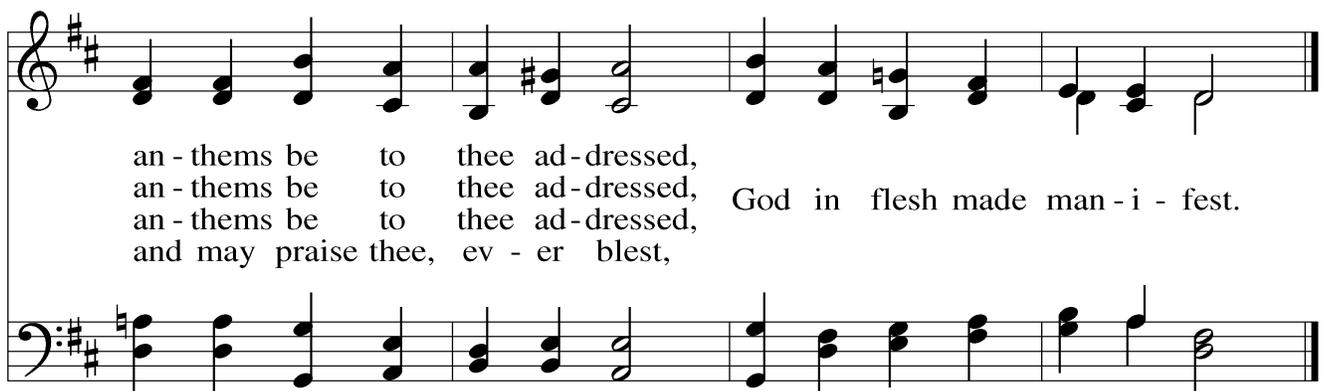
1 Songs of thank-ful - ness and praise, Je - sus, Lord, to thee we raise;
 2 Man - i - fest at Jor - dan's stream, Proph-et, Priest, and King su - preme;
 3 Man - i - fest in mak - ing whole pal - sied limbs and faint-ing soul;
 4 Grant us grace to see thee, Lord, pres - ent in thy ho - ly word;



man - i - fest - ed by the star to the sa - ges from a - far,
 and at Ca - na wed - ding guest in thy God-head man - i - fest;
 man - i - fest in val - iant fight, quell-ing all the dev - il's might;
 grace to im - i - tate thee now and be pure, as pure art thou;



branch of roy - al Da - vid's stem in thy birth at Beth - le - hem:
 man - i - fest in pow'r di - vine, chang-ing wa - ter in - to wine;
 man - i - fest in gra - cious will, ev - er bring-ing good from ill:
 that we might be - come like thee at thy great e - piph - a - ny,



an - thems be to thee ad - dressed,
 an - thems be to thee ad - dressed, God in flesh made man - i - fest.
 an - thems be to thee ad - dressed,
 and may praise thee, ev - er blest,

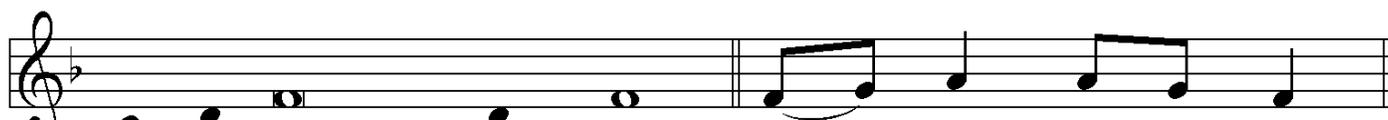
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Offertory Prayer

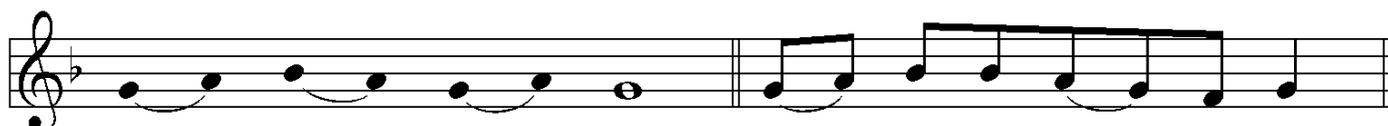
A Let us pray. Merciful Father,

C We offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us—ourselves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

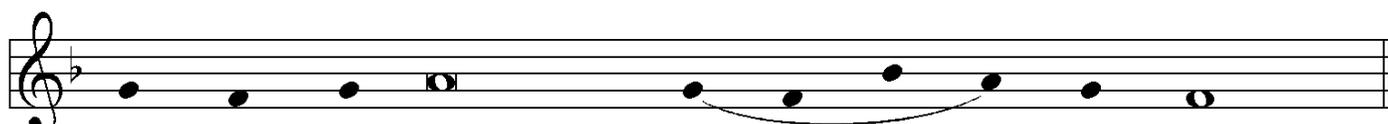
The Great Thanksgiving



P The Lord be with you. **C** And al - so with you.



P Lift up your hearts. **C** We lift them to the Lord.



P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



C It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Preface for Sundays in Epiphany

☐ All honor and praise be yours always and everywhere, mighty Creator, ever-living God, through Jesus Christ your only Son our Lord: for at this time we celebrate your glory made present in our midst.

In the coming of the magi, the King of all the world was revealed to the nations. In the waters of baptism Jesus was revealed as the Christ, the Savior sent to redeem us. In the water made wine the new creation was revealed at the wedding feast.

Poverty was turned to riches, sorrow into joy. Sharing our life, he lived among us to reveal your glory and love, that our darkness should give way to his own brilliant light.

And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

The Sanctus



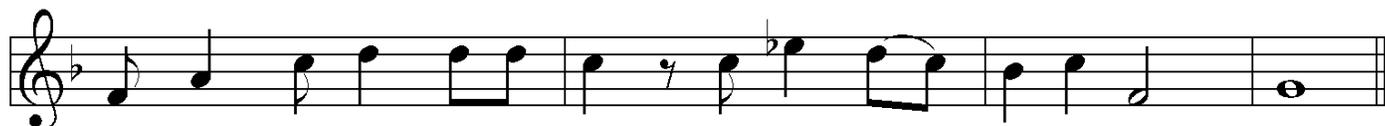
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:



Heav-en and earth are full of your glo- ry. Ho - san - na. Ho - san - na.



Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who



comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Eucharistic Canon

P Holy God, mighty Lord, gracious Father:

Endless is your mercy and eternal your reign. You have filled all creation with light and life; heaven and earth are full of your glory. Through Abraham you promised to bless all nations. You rescued Israel, your chosen people.

Through the prophets you renewed your promise; and, at this end of all the ages, you sent your Son, who in words and deeds proclaimed your kingdom and was obedient to your will, even to giving his life.

In the night in which He was betrayed Our Lord Jesus took bread and gave thanks, broke it, and gave it to His disciples, saying:

Take and eat; this is my Body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, He took the cup, gave thanks; and gave it for all to drink, saying:

This cup is the new covenant in my Blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

C **Christ has died.**

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

P Therefore, gracious Father, with this bread and cup we remember the life our Lord offered for us. And, believing the witness of his resurrection, we await his coming in power to share with us the great and promised feast.

C **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

P Send now, we pray, your Holy Spirit, the spirit of our Lord and of his resurrection, that we who receive the Lord's body and blood may live to the praise of your glory and receive our inheritance with all your saints in light.

C **Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.**

P Join our prayers with those of your servants of every time and every place, and unite them with the ceaseless petitions of our great high priest until he comes as victorious Lord of all.

C **Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory is yours, almighty Father, now and forever. Amen**

P Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us 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**

The Breaking of the Bread

P The Gifts of God for the People of God.

C **Thanks be to 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.

Our Practice of Holy Communion

St. Paul writes: “Whoever, therefore, eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty concerning the body and blood of the Lord. Let a person examine himself, then, and so eat of the bread and drink of the cup.” (1 Corinthians 11:27–28, ESV)

Not one of us is worthy *on our own merit* to receive our Lord Jesus.

Nevertheless, he bids us to come to him all the same (Matthew 11:28-30).

And so, trusting his great mercy, anyone may come to him in faith, having examined oneself according to this confession:

All who are baptized in the name of the Triune God, believe in the real presence of Jesus in the bread and the wine of Holy Communion, and are repentant of their sins are welcome at the Lord’s Table.

All others may come forward for a blessing, signaling this by crossing your arms over your chest.

Communion Hymn | Spirit of God, Descend

ELW 800

1 Spir - it of God, de - scend up - on my heart;
 2 I ask no dream, no proph - et ec - sta - sies,
 3 Have you not bid me love you, God and King;
 4 Teach me to love you as your an - gels love,

wean it from earth, through all its puls - es move;
 no sud - den rend - ing of the veil of clay,
 all, all your own, soul, heart, and strength, and mind?
 one ho - ly pas - sion fill - ing all my frame:

stoop to my weak - ness, strength to me im - part,
 no an - gel vis - i - tant, no op - 'ning skies;
 I see your cross; there teach my heart to cling.
 the bap - tism of the heav'n - de - scend - ed dove,

and make me love you as I ought to love.
 but take the dim - ness of my soul a - way.
 Oh, let me seek you and, oh, let me find!
 my heart an al - tar, and your love the flame.

Communion Hymn | Beautiful Savior

ELW 838

1 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, King of cre - a - tion,
 2 Fair are the mead - ows, fair are the wood - lands,
 3 Fair is the sun - shine, fair is the moon - light,
 4 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, Lord of the na - tions,

Son of God and Son of Man!
 robed in the flow'rs of bloom - ing spring;
 bright the spar - kling stars on high;
 Son of God and Son of Man!

Tru - ly I'd love thee, tru - ly I'd serve thee,
 Je - sus is fair - er, Je - sus is pur - er,
 Je - sus shines bright - er, Je - sus shines pur - er
 Glo - ry and hon - or, praise, ad - o - ra - tion,

light of my soul, my joy, my crown.
 he makes our sor - rowing spir - it sing.
 than all the an - gels in the sky.
 now and for - ev - er - more be thine!

Text: *Gesangbuch*, Münster, 1677; tr. Joseph A. Seiss, 1823–1904
 Music: SCHONSTER HERR JESU, Silesian folk tune, 19th cent.

Post-Communion Blessing & Hymn

P May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in His grace.

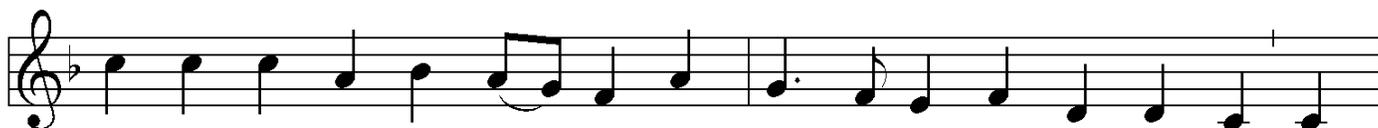
C Amen



C Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell ev-'ry-one what he has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - jice and proud-ly bear his name.



He re - calls his prom - is - es and leads his peo - ple forth in joy with



shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

Post-Communion Prayer and Benediction

A Let us pray. Almighty God, you gave your Son both as a sacrifice for sin and a model of the godly life. Enable us to receive him always with thanksgiving, and to conform our lives to his; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen

P The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and † give you peace, in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen

Closing Hymn | The Spirit Send Us Forth to Serve

ELW 551

1 The Spir - it sends us forth to serve; we go in
 2 We go to com - fort those who mourn and set the
 3 We go to be the hands of Christ, to scat - ter
 4 Then let us go to serve in peace, the gos - pel

Je - sus' name to bring glad tid - ings
 bur - dened free; where hope is dim, to
 joy like seed and, all our days, to
 to pro - claim. God's Spir - it has em -

to the poor, God's fa - vor to pro - claim.
 share a dream and help the blind to see.
 cher - ish life, to do the lov - ing deed.
 pow - ered us; we go in Je - sus' name.

Dismissal

☐ Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

☑ Amen

Postlude

God of Grace and Glory

TRUMPET & ORGAN

Setting Paul Manz (1919-2009)



The Altar Flowers are given

To the Glory of God

~Lisa Baker

*Thank you to the Emmanuel Woodwinds for the special
music today!*

Ilana Aronovich: Violin

Elsa Bandli: Flute

Ethan Grindle: Clarinet

Homer Adams: Organ Accompaniment

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| LITURGICAL DAY | The Fifth Sunday After Epiphany | The Transfiguration of Our Lord | Ash Wednesday |
| DATE | 2/8/2026 10:15 AM | 2/15/2026 10:15 AM | 2/18/2026 7:00 PM |
| ORGANIST | Homer Adams | Homer Adams | Homer Adams |
| PASTOR | Pastor Justin Baker | Pastor Justin Baker | Pastor Justin Baker |
| ASSISTING MINISTERS | Kathy Gustafson | Kathy Gustafson | Lou Hiener |
| COUNTER TEAM | Ed Datasch and Stan Casper | Ed Datasch and Stan Casper | None |
| GREETERS | Dan & Danette Hunter | Dana & Diana Hillman | Debbie Weigold |
| USHERS | Tim Ford and Dana Visnic | Matthew Yothers and Stan Casper | Debbie Weigold and Steve Cehovin |
| ACOLYTE | Scott Wilson | Kaleb Wee | Debbie Weigold |
| ALTAR GUILD | MaryAnn Sinwell and Bob Jordan | Donna Berardinelli and Danette Hunter | Donna Berardinelli and Carol McDowell |
| ALTAR FLOWERS | Lisa Baker | <i>Volunteer Needed</i> | <i>Volunteer Needed</i> |
| COMMUNION BREAD BAKERS | Bob Jordan | Bob Jordan | Bob Jordan |
| LIVESTREAM | Dan Hunter | Dan Hunter | Dan Hunter |

This Week at Emmanuel

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| Sunday, Feb 8 | 9:00 AM | Sunday School: Gospel Heresies | Luther Hall |
| | 10:15 AM | Worship on The Fifth Sunday After Epiphany | Sanctuary |
| Monday, Feb 9 | 11:00 AM | Fellowship/Evangelism Committee | Luther Hall |
| | 1:00 PM | Daniel Bible Study | Luther Hall |
| | 2:00 PM | Quilting | Heritage Hall |
| | 6:30 PM | Daniel Bible Study | Music Room |
| Tuesday, Feb 10 | 6:30 PM | AA Start The Week | Luther Hall |
| | 9:00 AM | Bell Choir | Sanctuary |
| | 10:00 AM | Bell Choir Subset | Sanctuary |
| | 5:30 PM | Champion Cheerleading | Heritage Hall |
| | 7:00 PM | Worship Meeting | Music Room |
| Wednesday, Feb 11 | All Day | Secretary Out of Office | |
| | 11:00 AM | Prayer Group | Zoom |
| | 2:00 PM | Stewardship Committee | Music Room |
| Thursday, Feb 12 | 6:00 PM | AA Steps and Stories | Luther Hall |
| | All Day | Secretary Out of Office | |
| | 7:00 PM | Boy Scouts | Luther Hall |
| | 7:30 PM | Al-Anon | Heritage Hall |
| Friday, Feb 13 | 6:00 PM | Girl Scouts (2 troops) | Luther and Heritage |
| Saturday, Feb 14 | | | |
| Sunday, Feb 15 | 9:00 AM | Sunday School | Luther Hall |
| | 10:15 AM | Worship on Transfiguration Sunday | Sanctuary |

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