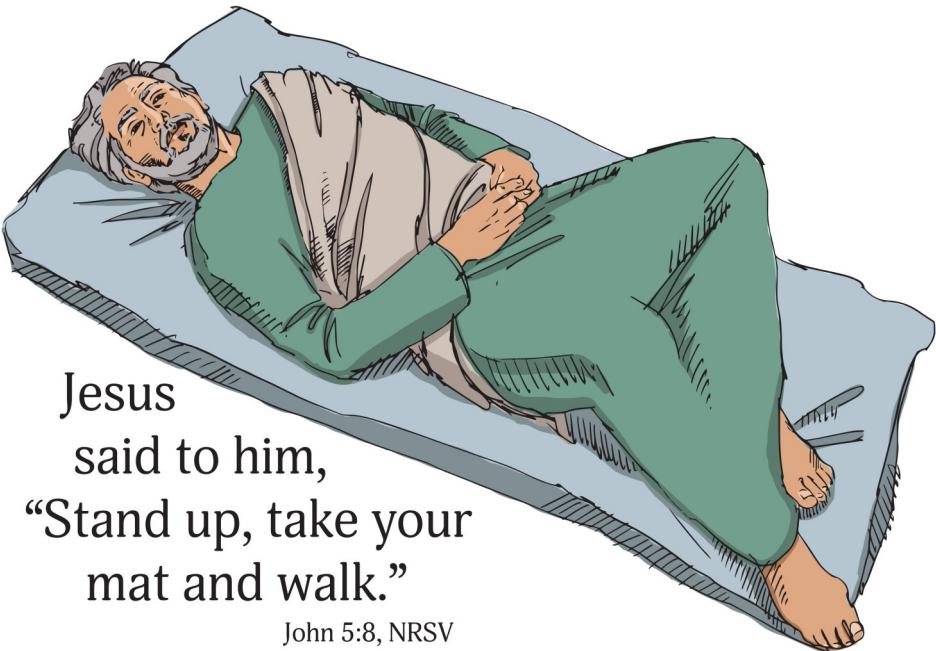




Christ the Servant Lutheran Church

Putting Jesus' Way of Life into Practice by...
**Encountering God, Loving One Another,
& Reaching the World.**

Fifth Sunday after Epiphany
February 8, 2026



Jesus
said to him,
“Stand up, take your
mat and walk.”

John 5:8, NRSV

Welcome to Christ the Servant Lutheran Church

PRELUDE

WELCOME

CONFESION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, the Creator of heaven and earth, the Word who spoke life into being, the Wind stirring the waters. **Amen.**

Let us turn in confession to the one who knows us completely.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Mighty God, lover of justice, **you call us to life in community, but we have served our own interests at the expense of our neighbors. We have sown deceit where honesty was needed. We say the right words, but our hearts are far from you. Turn us to seek your face. Knit us together and give us the mind of Christ, that we may do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly with you, our God. Amen.**

The former things have passed away, and new things God now declares: Like a spring of water that never fails, God covers you in the righteousness of Christ, and forgives your sin in † Jesus' name. May the Spirit give you strength to live for others, and bless you with the gift of peace. **Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN - Here I Am to Worship

*Light of the world You stepped down into darkness
Opened my eyes let me see Beauty that made this heart adore you
Hope of a life spent with You
So here I am to worship Here I am to bow down
Here I am to say that You're my God
And You're altogether lovely Altogether worthy
Altogether wonderful to me*

*King of all days Oh so highly exalted
Glorious in heaven above Humbly You came
To the earth You created All for love's sake became poor
So here I am to worship Here I am to bow down
Here I am to say that You're my God
And You're altogether lovely Altogether worthy
Altogether wonderful to me*

*I'll never know how much it cost
To see my sin upon that cross (X3)*

*So here I am to worship Here I am to bow down
Here I am to say that You're my God
And You're altogether lovely Altogether worthy
Altogether wonderful to me (X2)*

GREETING

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

PRAYER OF THE DAY

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.

READING - Psalm 40:1-5 (Read responsively)

¹ I waited patiently for the LORD;
he inclined to me and heard my cry.

² **He drew me up from the desolate pit, out of the miry bog,
and set my feet upon a rock, making my steps secure.**

³ He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God.
Many will see and fear and put their trust in the LORD.

⁴ **Happy are those who make the LORD their trust, who do not
turn to the proud, to those who go astray after false gods.**

⁵ You have multiplied, O LORD my God, your wondrous deeds and your thoughts toward us; none can compare with you.

**Were I to proclaim and tell of them,
they would be more than can be counted.**

GOSPEL - John 4:46-54; 5:1-18

The holy Gospel according to John, the fourth and fifth chapters.
Glory to you, O Lord.

⁴⁶ Then he came again to Cana in Galilee, where he had changed the water into wine. Now there was a royal official whose son lay ill in Capernaum. ⁴⁷ When he heard that Jesus had come from Judea to Galilee, he went and begged him to come down and heal his son, for he was at the point of death. ⁴⁸ Then Jesus

said to him, "Unless you see signs and wonders you will not believe." ⁴⁹ The official said to him, "Sir, come down before my little boy dies." ⁵⁰ Jesus said to him, "Go; your son will live." The man believed the word that Jesus spoke to him and started on his way. ⁵¹ As he was going down, his slaves met him and told him that his child was alive. ⁵² So he asked them the hour when he began to recover, and they said to him, "Yesterday at one in the afternoon the fever left him." ⁵³ The father realized that this was the hour when Jesus had said to him, "Your son will live." So he himself believed, along with his whole household. ⁵⁴ Now this was the second sign that Jesus did after coming from Judea to Galilee.

¹ After this there was a festival of the Jews, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem.

² Now in Jerusalem by the Sheep Gate there is a pool, called in Hebrew Beth-zatha, which has five porticoes. ³ In these lay many ill, blind, lame, and paralyzed people. ⁴ One man was there who had been ill for thirty-eight years. ⁵ When Jesus saw him lying there and knew that he had been there a long time, he said to him, "Do you want to be made well?" ⁶ The ill man answered him, "Sir, I have no one to put me into the pool when the water is stirred up, and while I am making my way someone else steps down ahead of me." ⁷ Jesus said to him, "Stand up, take your mat and walk." ⁸ At once the man was made well, and he took up his mat and began to walk.

Now that day was a Sabbath. ¹⁰ So the Jews said to the man who had been cured, "It is the Sabbath; it is not lawful for you to carry your mat." ¹¹ But he answered them, "The man who made me well said to me, 'Take up your mat and walk.' " ¹² They asked him, "Who is the man who said to you, 'Take it up and walk'?" ¹³ Now the man who had been healed did not know who it was, for Jesus had disappeared in the crowd that was there. ¹⁴ Later Jesus found him in the temple and said to him, "See, you have been made well! Do not sin any more, so that nothing worse happens to you." ¹⁵ The man went away and told the Jews that it was Jesus who had made him well. ¹⁶ Therefore the Jews started persecuting Jesus, because he was doing such things on the Sabbath. ¹⁷ But Jesus answered them, "My Father is still working, and I also am working." ¹⁸ For this reason the Jews were seeking all the more to kill him, because he was not only breaking the Sabbath but was also calling God his own Father, thereby making himself equal to God.

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON - Pastor Jon

HYMN OF THE DAY - Goodness of God

*I love You Lord Oh Your mercy never fails me
All my days I've been held in Your hands
From the moment that I wake up
Until I lay my head I will sing of the goodness of God
All my life You have been faithful
All my life You have been so, so good
With every breath that I am able
I will sing of the goodness of God*

*I love Your voice You have led me through the fire
In darkest night You are close like no other
I've known You as a father I've known You as a friend
And I have lived in the goodness of God
All my life You have been faithful
All my life You have been so, so good
With every breath that I am able
I will sing of the goodness of God*

*Your goodness is running after It's running after me
Your goodness is running after It's running after me
With my life laid down I'm surrendered now
I give You everything Your goodness is running after
It's running after me
All my life You have been faithful
All my life You have been so, so good
With every breath that I am able
I will sing of the goodness of God*

*All my life You have been faithful
All my life You have been so, so good
With every breath that I am able
I will sing of the goodness of God
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APOSTLES' CREED

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION - RESPONSE: Receive our prayer.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

OUR OFFERINGS

OFFERING HYMN - Open the Eyes of My Heart, Lord

Open the eyes of my heart, Lord.

Open the eyes of my heart.

I want to see you. I want to see you. (x2)

To see you high and lifted up,

shining in the light of your glory.

Pour out your power and love, as we sing holy, holy, holy.

Open the eyes of my heart, Lord.

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I want to see you. I want to see you. (x2)

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Open the eyes of my heart, Lord. Open the eyes of my heart.

I want to see you. I want to see you.

OFFERING PRAYER

God of majesty, no eye has seen, no ear has heard what you have prepared for those who love you, yet in this meal you reveal the wideness of your mercy. Use what we have gathered to feed us with the reign of God come near, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

HOLY COMMUNION

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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**

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

COMMUNION HYMN - I Speak Jesus

*I just wanna speak the name of Jesus
Over every heart and every mind
Cause I know there is peace within your presence I speak Jesus*

*I just wanna speak the name of Jesus
'Til every dark addiction starts to break
Declaring there is hope and there is freedom I speak Jesus*

*Your name is power, your name is healing Your name is life
Break every stronghold, Shine through the shadows
Burn like a fire *(repeat chorus)*

*I just wanna speak the name of Jesus Over fear and all anxiety
To every soul held captive by depression
I speak Jesus (*repeat verse)*

*Your name is power, your name is healing Your name is life
Break every stronghold, Shine through the shadows
Burn like a fire *(repeat chorus)*

Shout Jesus from the mountains Jesus in the streets

*Jesus in the darkness, over every enemy
Jesus for my family, I speak the holy name – Jesus
(repeat bridge)

*Your name is power, your name is healing Your name is life
Break every stronghold, Shine through the shadows
Burn like a fire *(repeat chorus)*

*I just wanna speak the name of Jesus
Over every heart and every mind
Cause I know there is peace within Your presence I speak Jesus*

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

**Radiant God,
we have seen your glory in the face of Jesus Christ.
In the sacrament of his body and blood
you have drawn us to your heart.
Send us from this table with delight,
that our lives may reflect the beauty of your love,
and bear witness to all we have seen and heard,
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.**

COMMUNITY LIFE ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING

SENDING HYMN - The Lord's Prayer

*Father let Your kingdom come Father let Your will be done
On Earth as in Heaven Right here in my heart (x2)
Give us this day our daily bread Forgive us, forgive us
As we forgive the ones
Who sinned against us, forgive them
And lead us not into temptation
But deliver us from the evil one Let Your kingdom come
Father let Your kingdom come Father let Your will be done
On Earth as in Heaven Right here in my heart (x2)*

*Give us this day our daily bread
Forgive us, forgive us As we forgive the ones
Who sinned against us, forgive them
And lead us not into temptation
But deliver us from the evil one Let Your kingdom come*

*It's Yours, it's Yours All Yours, all Yours
The Kingdom, the power The Glory are Yours
It's Yours, it's Yours All Yours, all Yours
Forever and ever The Kingdom is Yours*

*Father let Your kingdom come Father let Your will be done
On Earth as in Heaven Right here in my heart (X2)
On Earth as in Heaven Right here in my heart*

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Do justice. Love mercy.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Announcements

Statistics

The attendance on Sunday, February 1 was 61. 12 attended online. This week's offerings to General Fund: \$3,875 - online: \$1,393

Annual Congregational Meeting

Join us after worship today for the CSLC annual congregational meeting. We will hear reports from leaders in the congregation, spend time envisioning the future of CSLC, elect members to positions of leadership, and approve the 2026 operating budget.

Be part of the 2026 St. Paul Area Synod Assembly

Do you have an interest in learning more about our church leadership at large? Consider being a delegate for CSLC at the St. Paul Area Synod Assembly - May 15 & 16 at St. Andrew's Lutheran Church in Mahtomedi. This year's assembly is particularly important as the SPAS is electing a new bishop. Speak with Pastor Jon if you are interested.

Ash Wednesday Worship

On February 18 we will gather for Ash Wednesday Worship at 7:00 PM as we again hear the familiar words, *"Remember that you are dust."* Our partner congregation, Lakeview Lutheran Church, will hold a mid-day worship service at noon.

UPCOMING DATES:

February 8	Youth Souper Bowl of Caring - after worship
February 8	Annual Congregational Meeting
February 18	Ash Wednesday Worship - 7:00 PM
March 8	<i>Daylight Saving Time Begins</i>

Scan the QR code below to make a secure online donation.



THIS WEEK AT CHRIST THE SERVANT

Today: Sunday, February 8 - Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

8:00 AM - Bible Study
9:00 AM - Worship
10:00 AM - Fellowship
11:30 AM - EFLC Worship
11:40 AM - EFLC Sunday School
1:45 PM - EF Board Meeting (SS Room)

Monday, February 9

9:00 AM - Package Bread and Delivery
12:00 PM - Piecemakers (FH)

Tuesday, February 10

7:00 AM - Bread Preparation (FH)
8:30 AM - Bread Distribution (FH)
6:30 PM - AA (FH)

Wednesday, February 11

10:00 AM - Bible Study
11:30 AM - Senior Hi-Lites
6:00 PM - Youth
7:00 PM - AA Meeting (Class A)

Friday, February 13

5:30 PM - EF Choir Rehearsal (Class A)
6:00 PM - EF Board Meeting

Saturday, February 14

11:00 AM - Revelation Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
12:00 PM - UCG Church (S/K/FH)

Sunday, February 15 - Transfiguration of Our Lord

8:00 AM - Bible Study
9:00 AM - Worship
10:00 AM - Care of Creation Team
10:00 AM - Fellowship
11:30 AM - EFLC Worship
11:40 AM - EFLC Sunday School
1:45 PM - EF Board Meeting (SS Room)

THIS WEEK AT LAKEVIEW

Today: Sunday, February 8 - Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

10:00 AM - Fellowship
10:45 AM - Worship
12:00 - 5:00 PM - Eternity Karen Baptist Church

Monday, February 9

7:00 AM - AA

Sunday, February 15 - Transfiguration of Our Lord

10:00 AM - Fellowship
10:45 AM - Worship
12:00 - 5:00 PM - Eternity Karen Baptist Church

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS TODAY! THANK YOU!

Greeter: Katie Wright
Ushers: Johnson Family
Reader: Sarah Kelvie
Sound Booth: Tim, Tom, Peter, Kim, Jayson, Tony
Communion Assistants: OPEN
Musicians: Revelation
Coffee Servers: Sandy Meyer & Mary Barlau
Bread Pickup: Gary Splitstoesser
Counters: Ron Hawkinson & Glen Johnson

PRAYER REQUESTS...

We pray for those in need of healing and mercy:
The family of Tony L. as they mourn the loss of his mother, Joan., Michelle, (Sister of Linda W.), The family of Bev K. as they mourn her passing, Eileen S., Emily B., Mary-Kay L. who is hospitalized, Pastor Dick M. and caregiver Barb, Laiden S., Karen R., Norma (Mother of Leila H.), Sharon G., Deb C., Brian I., Katie W., Al J., Steve, Paul S., Brian, Tony L., Roger K., Gary C., Sarah K., Carol L., Salomie (sister-in-law of Peter), Patty W. (sister of Mike W.)

(Please call the church office with prayer concerns or updates.)

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