

Sunday, February 8, 2026
Immanuel Lutheran Church, Pepin, WI
Fifth Sunday after Epiphany
*As you enter, you are invited into a time
to silently reflect and center for worship*



PRELUDE

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING

GATHERING HYMN

ELW 843 “*Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness*”

GREETING

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

R/ **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.

WORD

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. 9 Then you shall call, and the **Lord** will answer; you shall cry for help, and he will say, “Here I am.” 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.

L/Word of God, Word of Life R/Thanks Be to God

PSALM

Psalm 112:1-9

- 1** Hallelujah! Happy are they who fear the **LORD** and have great delight in God's commandments!
- 2** **Their descendants will be mighty in the land; the generation of the upright | will be blessed.**
- 3** Wealth and riches will be in their house, and their righteousness will last forever.
- 4** **Light shines in the darkness for the upright; the righteous are merciful and full of compassion.**
- 5** It is good for them to be generous in lending and to manage their affairs with justice.
- 6** **For they will never be shaken; the righteous will be kept in everlasting remembrance.**
- 7** They will not be afraid of any evil rumors; their heart is steadfast, trusting in the **LORD**.
- 8** **Their heart is established and will not shrink, until they see their desire up-on their enemies.**
- 9** They have given freely to the poor, and their righteousness stands fast forever; they will hold up their head with honor.

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 2:1-12

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.

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION ELW pg. 205 (*Sung*)

Al - le - lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav-ing word.

Let it burn like fire with - in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.

Al - le - lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

GOSPEL

Matthew 5:13-20

P/ The Holy Gospel according to Matthew the fifth chapter. **R/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." P/ The Gospel of the Lord R/ Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

ELW 715 “Christ, Be Our Light”

APOSTLE'S 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

P/ Lord, in your mercy

R/ Hear our prayer.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

MEAL

OFFERING

OFFERING HYMN: **ELW 793 "Be Thou My Vision"**

OFFERING PRAYER:

God of healing and hope, you bless those who are hungry, promising to fill them with good things. Fulfill that promise through us and these your gifts. **Nourish us with the abundance of your feast and unite us into the blessed body of Jesus Christ our Savior, now and forever.**

Amen.

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.

PREFACE & HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

P/..... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,
heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. 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, ho - san - na in the high - est.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

LAMB OF GOD

ELW pg. 208 (Sung)



1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a-way;
2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a-way;
3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a-way;
you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.
e-ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

ELW 483 "Here is Bread"

ELW 461 "All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly"

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER :

Lord God, you have called your servants to ventures of which we cannot see the ending, by paths as yet untrodden, through perils unknown. Give us faith to go out with good courage, not knowing where we go, but only that your hand is leading us, and your love supporting us, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SENDING

BENEDICTION

SENDING HYMN

ELW 726 "Light Dawns On a Weary World"

DISMISSAL

P/ Go in peace. Share the harvest R/Thanks be to God.

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