

Welcome to Worship for  
Fifth Sunday after Epiphany



Sunday, February 8, 2026

*All Saints Lutheran  
Church*

722 Rockbridge Road | Lilburn, GA 30047

Rev. Ashton Roberts, Pastor  
John Womack, Director of Music



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# GATHERING

*The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.*

## PRELUDE

*John Womack*

## WELCOME

*Rev. Ashton Roberts*

## GATHERING HYMN

**ELW 532**

### Gather Us In

1 Here in this place the new light is stream-ing, now is the dark-ness  
2 We are the young, our lives are a mys - t'ry, we are the old who  
3 Here we will take the wine and the wa - ter, here we will take the  
4 Not in the dark of build-ings con - fin - ing, not in some heav - en,

van - ished a - way; see in this space our fears and our dream-ings  
yearn for your face; we have been sung through - out all of his - t'ry,  
bread of new birth, here you shall call your sons and your daugh-ters,  
light years a - way— here in this place the new light is shin - ing,

brought here to you in the light of this day.  
called to be light to the whole hu - man race,  
call us a - new to be salt for the earth.  
now is the king - dom, and now is the day.

Gath-er us in, the lost and for - sak - en, gath-er us in, the  
Gath-er us in, the rich and the haugh-ty, gath-er us in, the  
Give us to drink the wine of com-pas - sion, give us to eat the  
Gath-er us in and hold us for - ev - er, gath-er us in and

blind and the lame; call to us now, and we shall a - wak - en,  
proud and the strong; give us a heart, so meek and so low - ly,  
bread that is you; nour-ish us well, and teach us to fash - ion  
make us your own; gath-er us in, all peo - ples to - geth - er,

we shall a - rise at the sound of our name.  
give us the cour - age to en - ter the song.  
lives that are ho - ly and hearts that are true.  
fire . . . of love in our flesh and our bone.

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## KYRIE AND GLORIA

*Rev. Ashton Roberts*

Holy God, + Holy and Mighty, Holy and Immortal,  
**have mercy on us.**

Holy God, + Holy and Mighty, Holy and Immortal,  
**have mercy on us.**

Holy God, + Holy and Mighty, Holy and Immortal,  
**have mercy on us.**

Glory be to the Father, + and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,  
**both now and ever and unto the ages of ages.**

**Amen.**

## GREETING

*Rev. Ashton Roberts*

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

*Rev. Ashton Roberts*

*Let us pray.*

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.**

*The assembly is seated.*

## Word

*God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.*

## FIRST READING: Isaiah 58:1-9a [9b-12]

*Barb Litke*

<sup>1</sup> 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.

<sup>2</sup> 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.

<sup>3</sup> "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.

<sup>4</sup> 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.

<sup>5</sup> 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?

<sup>6</sup> 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?

<sup>7</sup> 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?

<sup>8</sup> 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.

<sup>9a</sup> Then you shall call, and the LORD will answer;  
you shall cry for help, and he will say, "Here I am."

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<sup>9b</sup> If you remove the yoke from among you,  
the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil,

<sup>10</sup> 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.

<sup>11</sup> 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.

<sup>12</sup> 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.

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM 112:1-9 [10]

John Womack



Psalm 112:4

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<sup>1</sup> Hallelujah! Happy are they who I fear the LORD  
and have great delight in I God's commandments!

<sup>2</sup> **Their descendants will be mighty I in the land;**  
**the generation of the upright I will be blessed.**

<sup>3</sup> Wealth and riches will be I in their house,  
and their righteousness will I last forever.

<sup>4</sup> **Light shines in the darkness I for the upright;**  
**the righteous are merciful and full I of compassion. R**

<sup>5</sup> It is good for them to be gener- I ous in lending  
and to manage their af- I fairs with justice.

<sup>6</sup> **For they will nev- I er be shaken;**  
**the righteous will be kept in everlast- I ing remembrance.**

<sup>7</sup> They will not be afraid of any I evil rumors;  
their heart is steadfast, trusting I in the LORD.

<sup>8</sup> **Their heart is established and I will not shrink,**  
**until they see their desire up- I on their enemies.**

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

[ <sup>10</sup> **The wicked will see it and be angry; they will gnash their teeth**  
**and I pine away;**  
**the desires of the wick- I ed will perish. R**

## SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 2:1-12 [13-16] Barb Litke

<sup>1</sup> When I came to you, brothers and sisters, I did not come proclaiming the testimony of God to you with superior speech or wisdom. <sup>2</sup> For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ and him crucified. <sup>3</sup> And I came to you in weakness and in fear and in much trembling. <sup>4</sup> My speech and my proclamation were made not with persuasive words of wisdom but with a demonstration of the Spirit and of power, <sup>5</sup> so that your faith might rest not on human wisdom but on the power of God.

<sup>6</sup> 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. <sup>7</sup> But we speak God's wisdom, a hidden mystery, which God decreed before the ages for our glory <sup>8</sup> and which none of the rulers of this age understood, for if they had,

they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. <sup>9</sup> 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”—

<sup>10</sup> God has revealed to us through the Spirit, for the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. <sup>11</sup> 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. <sup>12</sup> 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. [<sup>13</sup> 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.]

<sup>14</sup> 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. <sup>15</sup> Those who are spiritual discern all things, and they are themselves subject to no one else’s scrutiny.

<sup>16</sup> “For who has known the mind of the Lord  
so as to instruct him?”  
But we have the mind of Christ.]

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **GOSPEL: Matthew 5:13-20**

*Rev. Ashton Roberts*

The holy gospel according to Matthew.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus said:] <sup>13</sup> “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.

<sup>14</sup> “You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. <sup>15</sup> 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. <sup>16</sup> 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.

<sup>17</sup> “Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. <sup>18</sup> 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. <sup>19</sup> 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. <sup>20</sup> For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.”

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*The assembly is seated.*

**SERMON**

*Rev. Ashton Roberts*

*The assembly stands.*



## Christ, Be Our Light

1. Long-ing for light, we wait in dark-ness. Long-ing for  
 2. Long-ing for peace, our world is trou-bled. Long-ing for  
 3. Long-ing for food, man-y are hun-gry. Long-ing for  
 4. Long-ing for shel-ter, man-y are home-less. Long-ing for  
 5. Man-y the gifts, man-y the peo-ple, man-y the  
 truth, we turn to you. Make us your own, hope, man-y de-spair. Your word a-lone wa-ter, man-y still thirst. Make us your bread, warmth, man-y are cold. Make us your build-ing, hearts that yearn to be-long. Let us be ser-vants  
 your ho-ly peo-ple, light for the world to see. has pow'r to save us. Make us your liv-ing voice. bro-ken for oth-ers, shared un-til all are fed. shel-ter-ing oth-ers, walls made of liv-ing stone. to one an-oth-er, signs of your king-dom come.

*Refrain*

Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the  
 dark-ness. Christ, be our light! Shine in your  
 church gath-ered to-day.

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## APOSTLES' CREED

Rev. Ashton Roberts

**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 INTERCESSION

Barb Litke

*The assembly is seated or kneels for prayer.*

As God's beloved children united in Christ, let us pray for the church, the whole human community, and the well-being of the earth, our home.

*A brief silence.*

Your church does ministry in many and various ways. Keep the baptized true to the mind of Christ, that our works and witness bring hope to a troubled world. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

Your marvelous creation cries out to you. Restore polluted air, soil, and water sources to wholeness. Guard honeybees, elephants, great whales and songbirds from harm, and renew the face of the earth. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

Your people in every nation suffer injustice, poverty, and the threat of violence. Guide those in authority to govern with compassion, and bring peace to war zones. We pray for our enemies. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

Your blessings are poured out for all in need. Help and heal any who experience trauma, discrimination, disease, hunger, abuse, or persecution. Comfort those who are sick or grieving.

We offer to you now the concerns of our hearts, either silently or aloud.

### **Additional Intercessions**

Rev. Ashton Roberts

*A brief silence*

- *We pray for the family and friends of Sue Silver, on her passing.*
- *We pray for the family and friends of Ronald Trittin, on his passing.*
- *We pray for the family and friends of Jim Foree, on his passing.*
- *We pray for Jim; Jeff; Jackie; K Phillip.*
- *We pray for Carter and her family and for Keren and her family.*
- *We pray for Roger and the Boyer family.*
- *We pray for Phillip; Kathryn; Todd; Alex; John.*

*Merciful God,*

**receive our prayer.**

- *We pray for all people of the world impacted by ongoing war, conflict, and uncertainty, especially those caught between Ukraine and Russia; between Israel and Hamas; in South Sudan; in Iran; in Venezuela.*
- *We pray for peace and resolution in Minneapolis, and for safety for all residents.*
- *We pray for pastors, deacons, musicians, and church leadership as they prepare for Lent.*
- *We pray for schools everywhere, that all students and those who care for them may feel safe and free from fear.*
- *We pray for justice around the world and here at home, that God may delight when we are creators of justice and joy, compassion, and peace.*

*Merciful God,*

**receive our prayer.**

Your wisdom guides this congregation and its ministries. Sustain our ordained leaders, staff, lay leaders, and volunteers. Form us to be salt and light for the neighbors we serve, following the example of Christ. Merciful God,

**receive our prayer.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

Your saints rejoice at your heavenly banquet. We give thanks for their lives of faith, trusting that we also will be embraced by your eternal love. Merciful God,

**receive our prayer.**

Confident that the Holy Spirit receives our prayers and answers us, we commend all for whom we pray to God's loving-kindness made known to us in Christ Jesus our Savior.

**Amen.**

*The assembly stands in body or spirit.*

## PEACE

Rev. Ashton Roberts

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

I invite you to share a sign of peace with one another.

*If you are joining us online, reach out by phone, text, email, or social media this week to share the Peace of Christ.*

## MEAL

*God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.*

## OFFERING

Rev. Ashton Roberts

*We have several ways to receive your offering. There is a basket on the table by the sanctuary doors, or you can utilize the QR code on the front of your bulletin to submit your offering online. Mailing your offering to the church is also an option.*

## OFFERING RESPONSE

ELW 182

Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful  
*Offering Song*



Let the vine - yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of  
bless-ing. Gath - er a har-vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be  
fed with the bread of life. Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u -  
nite them with the prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta-ble with your  
pres-ence, and give us a fore-taste of the feast to come.

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## OFFERING PRAYER

Barb Litke

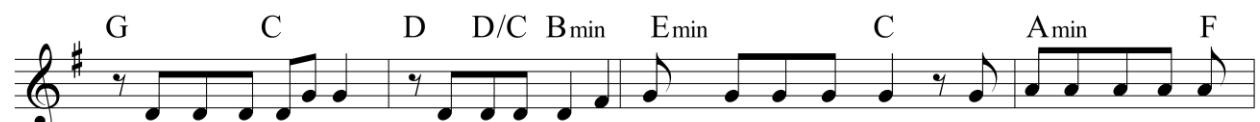
*Let us pray.*

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.**

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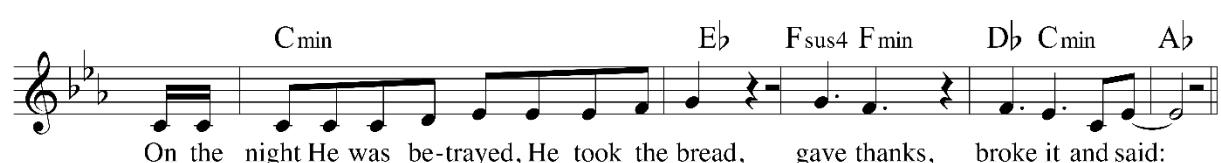
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The Lord be with you! And al-so with you! Lift up your hearts! We lift them to the Lord!



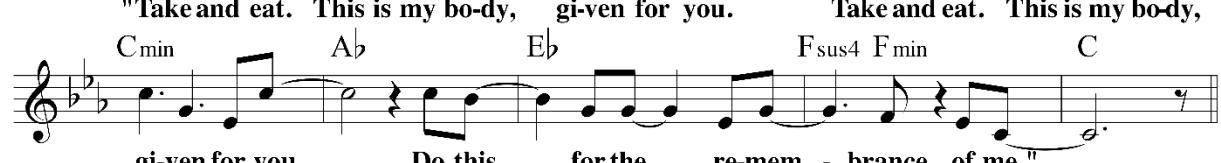
Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God! It is right to give our thanks and praise.



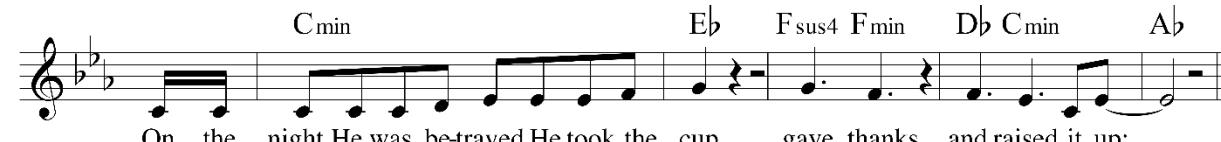
On the night He was be-trayed, He took the bread, gave thanks, broke it and said:



"Take and eat. This is my bo-dy, gi-ven for you. Take and eat. This is my bo-dy,



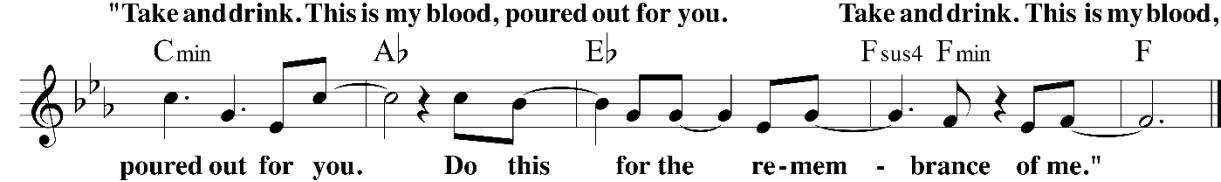
gi-ven for you Do this for the re-mem-brance of me."



On the night He was be-trayed He took the cup gave thanks, and raised it up:



"Take and drink. This is my blood, poured out for you. Take and drink. This is my blood,



poured out for you. Do this for the re-mem-brance of me."

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

Music notation for The Lord's Prayer. The lyrics are written below the notes, with chords indicated above the staff. The chords are: B<sub>b</sub>sus4 B<sub>b</sub>, E<sub>b</sub>, Fsus4 F, B<sub>b</sub>, Our Father, who art in heaven, hal-lo-wed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our dai-ly bread, and for - give us as we for-giveour debt-ors; and lead us not in-to temp - ta - tion, but de - li-ver us from e - vil; for Thine is the king-dom and the po - wer and the glo - ry, for - e - ver. A - men.

Chords: B<sub>b</sub>sus4 B<sub>b</sub>, E<sub>b</sub>, Fsus4 F, B<sub>b</sub>, C, B<sub>b</sub>/D E<sub>b</sub>, Fsus4 F, B<sub>b</sub>, B<sub>b</sub>/A, Gmin, C7, Cmin, F, B<sub>b</sub>, day our dai-ly bread, and for - give us as we for-giveour debt-ors; and C, Dmin, E<sub>b</sub>, B<sub>b</sub>, F, lead us not in-to temp - ta - tion, but de - li-ver us from e - vil; for F/G Gmin, F/E<sub>b</sub>, D7, D/F<sup>#</sup>, Gmin Gmin/F, E<sub>b</sub>, F, B<sub>b</sub>, Thine is the king-dom and the po - wer and the glo - ry, for - e - ver. A - men.

## COMMUNION SONG

Music notation for the Communion Song. The lyrics are written below the notes, with chords indicated above the staff. The chords are: B<sub>b</sub>, B<sub>b</sub>/D, E<sub>b</sub>, Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin F, B<sub>b</sub>, B<sub>b</sub>/D, E<sub>b</sub>, F7sus4, of the world. Have mer - cy on us. B<sub>b</sub>, B<sub>b</sub>/D, E<sub>b</sub>, F7sus4, B<sub>b</sub>, Grant us peace. Grant us peace. Grant us peace, Lamb of God.

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## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!  
Come to the table; taste and see.

*The assembly is seated.*

## MUSIC FOR COMMUNION

*The assembly stands in body or spirit.*

### POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

*Rev. Ashton Roberts*

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

**Amen.**

### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

*Barb Litke*

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.**

### SENDING

*God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.*

### BLESSING

*Rev. Ashton Roberts*

*The assembly stands in body or spirit.*

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  give you peace.

**Amen.**



**SENDING HYMN****ELW 677****This Little Light of Mine**

1 This lit - tle light of mine, I'm goin' - a let it shine;  
2 Ev - 'ry - where I go, I'm goin' - a let it shine;  
3 Je - sus gave it to me, I'm goin' - a let it shine;

this lit - tle light of mine, I'm goin' - a let it shine;  
ev - 'ry - where I go, I'm goin' - a let it shine;  
Je - sus gave it to me, I'm goin' - a let it shine;

this lit - tle light of mine, I'm goin' - a let it shine,  
ev - 'ry - where I go, I'm goin' - a let it shine,  
Je - sus gave it to me, I'm goin' - a let it shine,

let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.  
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.  
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Text: African American spiritual

Music: THIS JOY, African American spiritual

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Go in peace. Do justice. Love mercy.

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