



**Let your light shine  
before others**

Matt 5:14-16

**Welcome to Mt. Olive Lutheran Church**

# MT. OLIVE LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Sunday Worship 10:00am

Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany

Sunday, February 8<sup>th</sup>, 2026

## As We Gather

*We consider today Jesus' words "You are the light of the world." Jesus tells His followers that their light should not be hidden, but rather it should help others to see. As we go about our daily lives, by God's grace we walk in the light of Jesus. Warmed by His light, we share that light He has given us with others in how we act, in what we say, and especially in spreading the good news about Jesus' forgiveness.*

## Welcome and Introduction

### Opening Song: **Come as You Are**

### Invocation

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

**People: Amen.**

### Opening Sentences

Pastor: Blessed are those who fear the Lord,

**People: who greatly delight in His commandments.**

Pastor: Light dawns in the darkness for the upright.

**People: God is gracious, merciful, and righteous.**

Pastor: You are the light of the world,

**People: a city on a hill that cannot be hidden.**

Pastor: Let your light shine that others may see and give glory to God.



## Confession and Absolution

Pastor: Jesus does indeed call us the light of the world and tells us to let our light shine, but there have been times when we have hidden our light. There have been times when we could have shared our light with others, but we refused to do so for fear of rejection. Though we are the light of the world, we sometimes choose darkness instead of light. But we come before our heavenly Father to ask for His forgiveness.

*[Silence for Reflection]*

Pastor: Heavenly Father,

**People:** **we confess that we have not always walked in Your light. We have hidden Your light from others. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive our sins and our weakness. Illumine and energize us once again to shine Your light to the ends of the earth.**

Pastor: Even though we fail to act as the light of the world, Jesus never failed to shine His light. For our sins, Jesus, the light of the world was extinguished on the cross, yet He is risen from the dead never to die again. Because of His death and resurrection, darkness flees and sins are forgiven. As a called and 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. We are the light of the world. We are forgiven in Christ.**

## Song of Forgiveness: *Agnus Dei*

### Prayer of the Day

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**People:** **And also with you.**

Pastor: Let us pray.

O Lord, keep Your family the Church continually in the true faith that, relying on the hope of Your heavenly grace, we may ever be defended by Your mighty power; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**People:** **Amen.**

## Old Testament Reading

*Isaiah 58:3-9a*

<sup>3</sup>'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.

<sup>4</sup>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.

<sup>5</sup>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?

<sup>6</sup>“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?

<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 him,  
and not to hide yourself from your own flesh?

<sup>8</sup>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.  
<sup>9</sup>Then you shall call, and the LORD will answer;  
you shall cry, and he will say, ‘Here I am.’

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

## Epistle

*1 Corinthians 2:1-12*

<sup>1</sup>And I, when I came to you, brothers, did not come proclaiming to you the testimony of God with lofty 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 was with you in weakness and in fear and much trembling, <sup>4</sup>and my speech and my message were not in plausible words of wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power, <sup>5</sup>that your faith might not rest in the wisdom of men but in the power of God.

<sup>6</sup>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. <sup>7</sup>But we impart a secret and hidden wisdom of God, which God decreed before the ages for our glory. <sup>8</sup>None of the rulers of this age understood this, 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 heart of man imagined,  
what God has prepared for those who love him"—

<sup>10</sup>these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit. For the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. <sup>11</sup>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. <sup>12</sup>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.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

## Holy Gospel

*Matthew 5:13–20*

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

**People: Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>13</sup>[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.

<sup>14</sup>"You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. <sup>15</sup>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. <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 who is in heaven.

<sup>17</sup>"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. <sup>18</sup>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. <sup>19</sup>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. <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.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**People: Praise to You, O Christ.**

## **Sermon Song: *In Christ Alone***

### **Sermon**

#### **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.**

### **Offering**

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### **Offering Prayer**

**Pastor:** Let us pray

**People:** Merciful Father, we offer with joy and thanksgiving what You have first given us:  
ourselves, our time, our possessions, signs of Your gracious love. Receive them  
for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## Prayer of the Church

Pastor: Lord, in Your mercy,

**People: Hear our Prayer**

## 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.**

## Benediction

*Numbers 6:24–26*

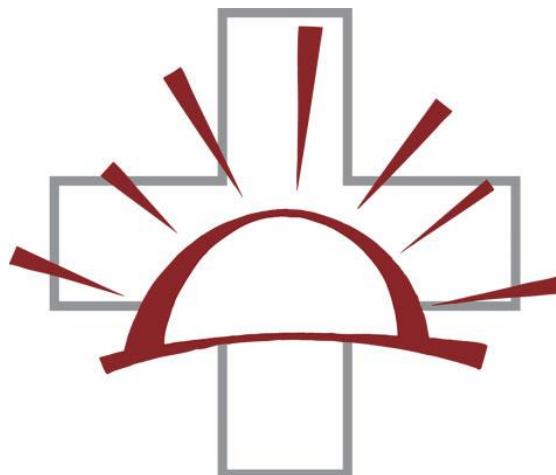
Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ✕ give you peace.

**People: Amen.**

## Closing Song: *Forever*



## **Announcements**

Pastor: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

Acolyte: Ellie Gray

The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God by Todd and Lori Randall.

**Last Sunday: 52**

### **February Offering**

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