

# ✠ Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany ✠

February 7–8, 2026

✠ The Office of Vespers: 5:00 pm ✠

✠ The Office of Matins: 8:00, 9:30, and 11:00 am ✠

*Lutheran Service Book (LSB), p. 219*

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## Silent Prayer Before Worship

Almighty God, You called us out of darkness into light so that we will show forth Your praise in all the world: shine in our hearts; through Jesus Christ, Your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

## Prelude

## Announcements

## Opening Hymn

“Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies” *LSB* 873

*The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.*

## (9:30) Sacrament of Holy Baptism

*See page 10*

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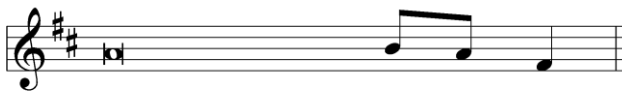
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## Versicles

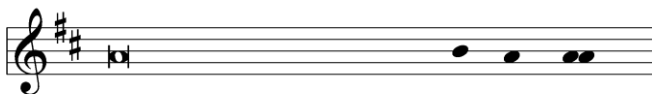
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**L** O Lord, o - pen my lips,



**C** and my mouth will de - clare Your praise.



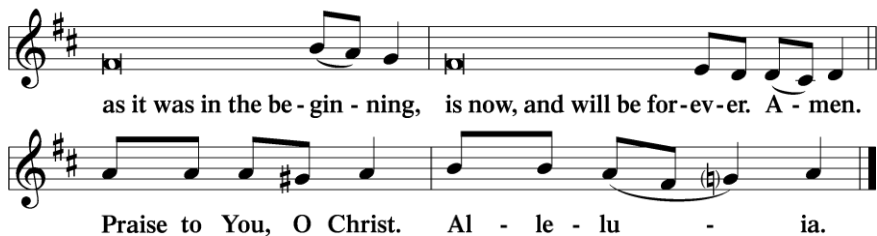
**L** Make haste, O God, to de - liv - er me;



**C** make haste to help me, O Lord.



**C** Glo-ry be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spir - it;



as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and will be for-ev-er. A - men.

Praise to You, O Christ. Al - le - lu - ia.

## Psalmody

### Antiphon

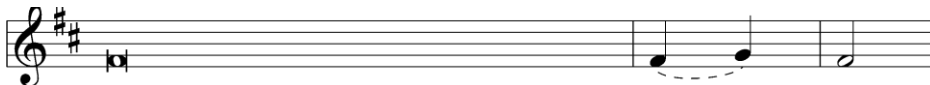


**L** The Christ has ap - peared to us.



**C** O come, let us wor - ship Him.

### Venite

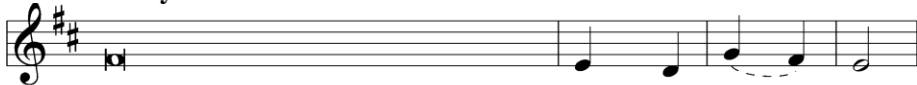


**C** 1 O come, let us sing . . . . . to the Lord,

2 For the Lord is a . . . . . great God

3 The sea is His, for He . . . . . made it,

5 Glory be to the Father and . . . . . to the Son

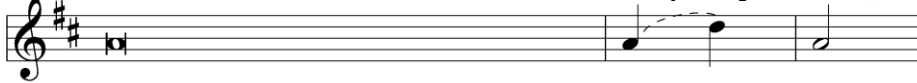


1 let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our sal - va - tion.

2 and a great . . . . . king a - bove all gods.

3 and His hand . . . . . formed the dry land.

5 and to the . . . . . Ho - ly Spir - it;



1 Let us come into His presence with thanks - giv - ing,

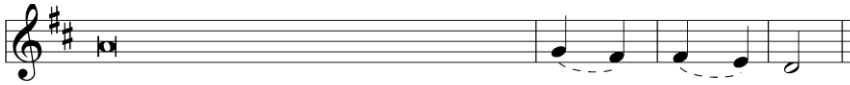
2 The deep places of the earth are . . . . . in His hand;

3 O come, let us worship and . . . . . bow down,

4 For He . . . . . is our God,

5 as it was in the be - gin - ning,

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- 1 let us make a joyful noise to . . . . . Him with songs of praise.  
2 the strength of the hills is . . . . . His al - so.  
3 let us kneel before the . . . . . Lord, our mak - er.  
4 and we are the people of His pasture and the sheep of His hand.  
5 is now, and will be for - ev - er. A - men.

### Antiphon



**L** The Christ has ap - peared to us.



**C** O come, let us wor - ship Him.

### (5:00, 9:30) Responsive Psalm

*Psalm 112:1-9*

- P** Praise the LORD! Blessèd is the man who fears the LORD,  
**C** who greatly delights in His commandments!
- P** His offspring will be mighty in the land;  
**C** the generation of the upright will be blessed.
- P** Wealth and riches are in his house,  
**C** and his righteousness endures forever.
- P** Light dawns in the darkness for the upright;  
**C** he is gracious, merciful, and righteous.
- P** It is well with the man who deals generously and lends;  
**C** who conducts his affairs with justice.
- P** For the righteous will never be moved;  
**C** he will be remembered forever.
- P** He is not afraid of bad news;  
**C** his heart is firm, trusting in the LORD.
- P** His heart is steady; he will not be afraid,  
**C** until he looks in triumph on his adversaries.
- P** He has distributed freely; He has given to the poor; His righteousness endures forever;  
**C** His horn is exalted in honor.
- C** Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

## Readings

### Old Testament Reading

*Isaiah 58:3–9a*

“‘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. 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. 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? ‘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? 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? 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. Then you shall call, and the LORD will answer; you shall cry, and He will say, ‘Here I am.’”

**P** O Lord, have mercy on us.

**C** Thanks be to God.

### Epistle Reading

*1 Corinthians 2:1–12*

And I, when I came to you, brothers, did not come proclaiming to you the testimony of God with lofty speech or wisdom. For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ and Him crucified. And I was with you in weakness and in fear and much trembling, and my speech and my message were not in plausible words of wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power, that your faith might not rest in the wisdom of men but in the power of God.

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. But we impart a secret and hidden wisdom of God, which God decreed before the ages for our glory. None of the rulers of this age understood this, for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. 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”—

these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit. For the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. 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. 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.

**P** O Lord, have mercy on us.

**C** Thanks be to God.

*Matthew 5:13–20*

**C** Glory to You, O Lord.

“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. 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. 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. For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.”

**C** Praise to You, O Christ.

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*Refrain*



The musical notation for the Refrain is written on a single staff in treble clef with a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#). The melody consists of two measures. The first measure starts with a whole rest, followed by a quarter note G4, an eighth note A4, and a quarter note B4. The second measure starts with a whole rest, followed by a quarter note G4, an eighth note A4, and a quarter note B4. The piece ends with a double bar line.

## “Thy Strong Word” *LSB* 578

## “Salt and Light” *Matthew 5:13–20*

**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  $\text{✠}$  everlasting. Amen.

## Offering

(8:00, 11:00) Offering Anthem

“Thou Wilt Keep Him in Perfect Peace”

*Samuel Sebastian Wesley*

Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on Thee.

*Isaiah 26:3*

The darkness is no darkness with Thee, but the light is as clear as the day. The darkness and the light to Thee are both alike.

*Psalms 139:11*

God is light, and in Him is no darkness at all.

*1 John 1:5*

O let my soul live, and it shall praise Thee.

*Psalms 119:75*

For Thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory forevermore.

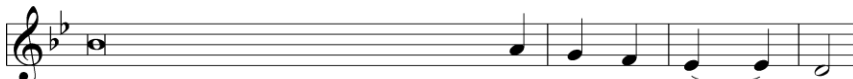
*The Lord's Prayer*

## Canticle

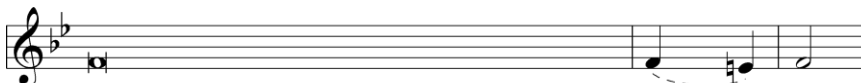
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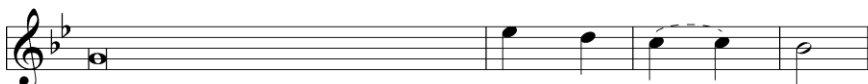
- C** 1 We praise You, O God; we acknowledge You to be the Lord.  
 2 Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of . . . . . Sab - a - oth;  
 3 The noble army of martyrs . . . . . praise — You.



- 1 All the earth now worships You, the Fa-ther ev - er - last - ing.  
 2 heaven and earth are full of the majes - ty of Your glo - ry.  
 3 The holy Church throughout all the world does ac - knowl-edge You:



- 1 To You all angels cry aloud, the heavens and all the pow'rs there-in.  
 2 The glorious company of the apostles . . . . . praise — You.  
 3 The Father of an infinite majesty; Your adorable, true, and on - ly Son;  
 4 You are the king of glory, . . . . . O — Christ;



- 1 To You cherubim and seraphim con - tin - ual - ly do cry:  
 2 The goodly fellowship of the . . . . . proph-ets praise — You.  
 3 also the Holy . . . . . Ghost, the Com-fort - er.  
 4 You are the everlasting Son . . . . . of the Fa - ther.



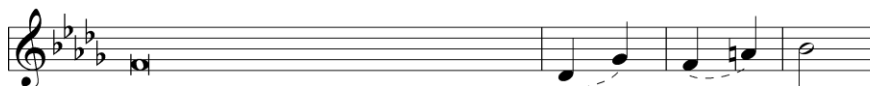
5 When You took upon Yourself to de - liv - er man,  
6 You sit at the right . . . . . hand of God



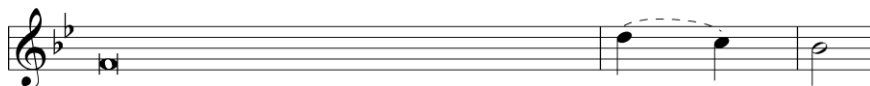
5 You humbled Yourself to be born of a vir - gin.  
6 in the glory . . . . . of the Fa - ther.



5 When You had overcome the . . . . . sharpness of death,  
6 We believe that . . . . . You will come



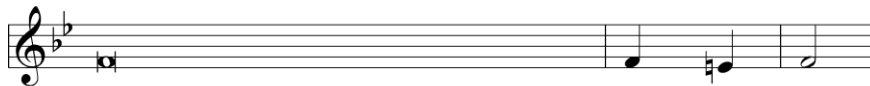
5 You opened the kingdom of heaven to all be - liev - ers.  
6 to . . . . . be our judge.



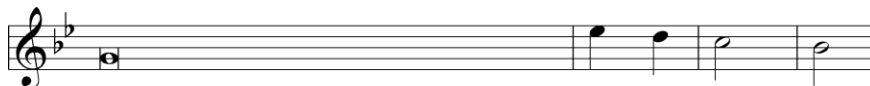
7 We therefore pray You to help Your . . . . . ser - vants,  
8 O Lord, save Your people and bless Your . . . her - i - tage.  
9 Grant, O Lord, to keep us this day with - out sin.



7 whom You have redeem - ed with Your pre - cious blood.  
8 Govern them and lift . . . . . them up for - ev - er.  
9 O Lord, have mercy upon us, have mercy up - on us.



7 Make them to be numbered . . . . . with Your saints  
8 Day by day we . . . . . magni - fy You.  
9 O Lord, let Your mercy be upon us, as our trust is in You.



7 in glory . . . . . ev - er - last - ing.  
8 And we worship Your name for - ever and ev - er.  
9 O Lord, in You have I trusted; let me never be con - found - ed.

## Prayer

### Kyrie



**C** Lord, have mer-cy; Christ, have mer-cy; Lord, have mer-cy.

### Lord's Prayer

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**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.

### Collect of the Day

**P** 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.

**C** Amen.

### Prayer of the Church

- † Thanksgiving for the 55<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary of Mike & Laural McGraw (Feb. 5).
- † Celebration of the ordination of Rev. Nathan Sieveking, son of Rev. Paul & Sue Sieveking.
- † Karen Eatherton who is hospitalized, mother of Sam Eatherton.
- † All you mourn the death of Mary Riesmeyer, mother-in-law of Kathy Riesmeyer.

### Concluding Collect

**P** Merciful God, we humbly implore You to cast the bright beams of Your light upon Your Church that we, being instructed by the doctrine of the blessed apostles, may walk in the light of Your truth and finally attain to the light of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

*(11:00)* Office Hymn

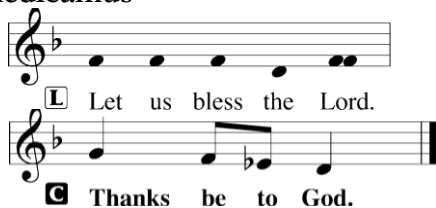
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(11:00) Sermon

**“Salt and Light”** *Matthew 5:13–20*

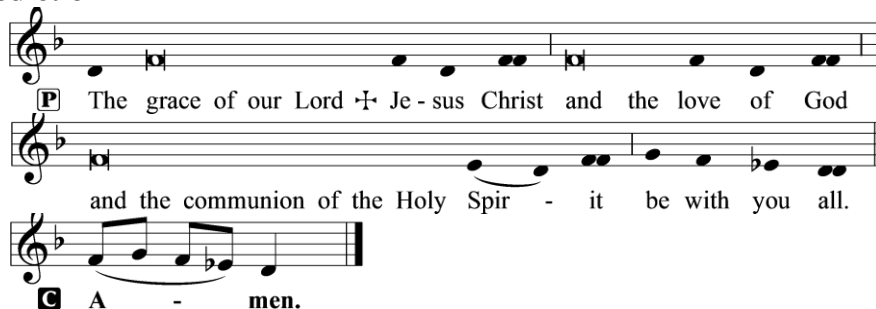
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**Benediction**

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**Closing Hymn**

**“Rise, Shine, You People”** *LSB* 825

**Silent Prayer**

**Postlude**

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**Preacher**

**Liturgist**

**Assisting Seminarians**

**Pastor Thompson**

(8:00, 11:00) **Pastor Wade**

(5:00) **Micah Cumming**

(8:00) **Jacob Diercks**

(9:30) **Paul Blessing**

(11:00) **Jordan Fasnacht**

**St. Paul’s Choir**

**Choir**

**Instrumentalist**

**Organist**

**Rachel Gerhardt, violin**

**Kantor Gerhardt**

# The Service of Holy Baptism

The Invocation

The Scripture and Holy Gospel

The Lord's Prayer

The Address to Parents and Sponsors

The Renunciation of Sin and Profession of Faith



- P** Do you renounce the devil and all his works and all his ways?  
**C** **I do renounce them.**  
**P** Do you believe in God, the Father Almighty?  
**C** **Yes, I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.**  
**P** Do you believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son?  
**C** **Yes, I believe 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.**  
**P** Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?  
**C** **Yes, 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.**

The Baptism

The Gift of the Candle

*The candle given to the child is a visible reminder that Christians are to be the “light of the world.” Even newborn Christians are reminded that they are to grow up to let their “light shine before men that they may glorify our Father in heaven.”*

The Prayer

The Welcome

- C** **We welcome you into the Lord's family. We receive you as a fellow member of the Body of Christ, a child of the same heavenly Father and an heir with us of the Kingdom of God.**

The Blessing

- C** **Amen.**