

WELCOME

**FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY
SAT. FEBRUARY 7/SUN. FEBRUARY 8, 2026**



“THE NOBLEST WORK”

AS WE GATHER

One of the most gifted translators, whose work brought into English many historical and doctrinally powerful German hymns, was an Englishwoman named Catherine Winkworth. The contributors' index in *Lutheran Service Book* (p. 1002) lists forty-six hymns included in the hymnal that she translated from the original German. Her chosen words have both beauty and depth of meaning. As we gather for worship and bring our praises in adoration to our gracious God, we are fulfilling our purpose as the crown of His creation.

WELCOME

✠ PREPARATION ✠

OPENING HYMN “Oh, That I Had a Thousand Voices”

LSB 811

HYPERLINK

<https://youtu.be/RdVaP1UdcxA?si=39IDbZmSVyGTp1np&t=37>

1 Oh, that I had a thousand voices

To praise my God with thousand tongues!
My heart, which in the Lord rejoices,
Would then proclaim in grateful songs
To all, wherever I might be,
What great things God has done for me.

2 O all you pow'rs that He implanted,
Arise, keep silence now no more;
Put forth the strength that God has granted!
Your noblest work is to adore.
O soul and body, join to raise
With heartfelt joy our Maker's praise.

3 You forest leaves so green and tender
That dance for joy in summer air,
You meadow grasses, bright and slender,
You flow'rs so fragrant and so fair,
You live to show God's praise alone.
Join me to make His glory known.

4 All creatures that have breath and motion,
That throng the earth, the sea, the sky,
Come, share with me my heart's devotion,
Help me to sing God's praises high.
My utmost pow'rs can never quite
Declare the wonders of His might.

5 Creator, humbly I implore You
To listen to my earthly song
Until that day when I adore You,
Together with the angel throng
And learn with choirs of heav'n to sing
Eternal anthems to my King.

INVOCATION

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

People: Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES *Psalm 66:1–3a, 4, 8; 40:5a; 111:3*

Pastor: Shout for joy to God, all the earth;

People: sing the glory of His name; give to Him glorious praise!

Pastor: Say to God, “How awesome are Your deeds!

People: All the earth worships You and sings praises to You; they sing praises to Your name.”

Pastor: Bless our God, O peoples; let the sound of His praise be heard.

People: You have multiplied, O LORD my God, Your wondrous deeds and Your thoughts toward us; none can compare with You!

Pastor: Full of splendor and majesty is His work,

People: and His righteousness endures forever.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

People: But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence for reflection on God’s Word and for self-examination.

Pastor: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

People: Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

Pastor: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. 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.

Pastor: May the Lord, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

People: Amen.

✠ WORD ✠

Kyrie



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

HYMN OF PRAISE

“Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven”

(LSB 793, Sts. 1 & 4)

**Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven
To His feet your tribute bring;
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,
Evermore His praises sing:
Alleluia, alleluia!
Praise the everlasting King.**

**Angels, help us to adore Him;
You behold Him face to face;
Sun and moon, bow down before Him,
All who dwell in time and space,
Alleluia, alleluia!
Praise with us the God of grace.**

SALUTATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

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* (The brightness of the Lord's light breaking forth.)

³ ‘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.
⁴ 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.
⁵ 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?
⁶ “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?
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 him,
and not to hide yourself from your own flesh?
⁸ 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.
⁹ Then you shall call, and the LORD will answer;
you shall cry, and he will say, ‘Here I am.’
If you take away the yoke from your midst,
the pointing of the finger, and speaking wickedness,

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE 1 Corinthians 2:1–12 (13-16) (Paul speaks and writes in and with the Spirit’s power.)

2 And I, when I came to you, brothers, did not come proclaiming to you the testimony of God with lofty speech or wisdom. **2** For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ and him crucified. **3** And I was with you in weakness and in fear and much trembling, **4** and my speech and my message were not in plausible words of wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power, **5** so that your faith might not rest in the wisdom of men but in the power of God. **6** 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. **7** But we impart a secret and hidden wisdom of God, which God decreed before the ages for our glory. **8** None of the rulers of this age understood this, 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 heart of man imagined, what God has prepared for those who love him”—**10** these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit. For the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. **11** 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. **12** 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.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA AND VERSE

(LSB p. 205)

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

**These things are written that you may believe
that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God.**

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

HOLY GOSPEL *Matthew 5:13–20* (Jesus calls His followers to be salt and light in the world.)

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

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

¹³ “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. ¹⁴ “You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. ¹⁵ 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. 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 who is in heaven. ¹⁷ “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. ¹⁸ 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. ¹⁹ 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. ²⁰ 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.

HYMN OF THE DAY “The Law of God Is Good and Wise”
LSB 579

HYPERLINK

[https://youtu.be/GxvA3f53YXQ?si= Q0ZMewl5Vc2sSsl](https://youtu.be/GxvA3f53YXQ?si=Q0ZMewl5Vc2sSsl)

**1 The Law of God is good and wise
And sets His will before our eyes,
Shows us the way of righteousness,
And dooms to death when we transgress.**

**2 Its light of holiness imparts
The knowledge of our sinful hearts
That we may see our lost estate
And turn from sin before too late.**

**3 To those who help in Christ have found
And would in works of love abound
It shows what deeds are His delight
And should be done as good and right.**

**4 But those who scornfully disdain
God’s Law shall then in sin remain;
Its terror in their ear resounds
And keeps their wickedness in bounds.**

**5 The Law is good; but since the fall
Its holiness condemns us all;**

**It dooms us for our sin to die
And has no pow'r to justify.**

**6 To Jesus we for refuge flee,
Who from the curse has set us free,
And humbly worship at His throne,
Saved by His grace through faith alone.**

SERMON

Rev. Dr. Timothy Oswald

THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

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.

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.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

OFFERING

✠ SACRAMENT ✠

PREFACE *2 Timothy 4:22*

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

PROPER PREFACE

Pastor: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, Lord our God, for You have graciously blessed us through the Word Incarnate, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who came in the flesh and for our sake died on the cross and rose from the dead to put an end to death. Rejoicing in our Baptism, which creates faith in our hearts and daily renews us, we fulfill the noble work of praising You and magnifying Your holy name. With joy, we join in the unending adoration of the angels and archangels and all the company of heaven.

SANCTUS “Holy, Holy, Holy” (*LSB 507, St. 1 & 4*)

**Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee;
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!**

**Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All Thy works shall praise Thy name in earth and sky and sea;
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!**

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD *Matthew 26:26–28; Mark 14:22–24; Luke 22:19–20; 1 Corinthians 11:23–25*

Pastor: Our Lord Jesus Christ, the same night in which He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He brake it and gave it to His disciples saying, “*Take, eat; this is My body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me.*”

After the same manner also He took the cup when He had supped, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying, “*Drink ye all of it; this cup is the new testament in My blood, which is shed for you for the remission of sins. This do, as oft as ye drink it, in remembrance of Me.*”

PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST *1 Corinthians 11:26; Revelation 22:20*

Pastor: As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord’s death until He comes.

People: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

THE LORD’S PRAYER

Pastor: Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

**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.**

PAX DOMINI

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: Amen.

AGNUS DEI “Lamb of God” (*LSB page 163*)

**Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world;
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world;
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world;
grant us peace.**

+DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION+

By communing, a person says publicly that they -

- are baptized and confirmed*
- believe Christ's words*
- repent of their sins*
- fully agree with all that the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod teaches.*

How to receive –

- anyone may come to the altar but keep hands folded if not receiving Communion*
- the center of the tray has a cup with just a drop of wine for those who must minimize alcohol*
- smile, exude your joy, but keep a reverent demeanor as others commune*

DISTRIBUTION HYMN “Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine”

**1 Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!
Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,
born of His Spirit, washed in His blood.**

Refrain:

**This is my story, this is my song,
praising my Savior all the day long.
This is my story, this is my song,
praising my Savior all the day long.**

**2 Perfect communion, perfect delight,
visions of rapture now burst on my sight.
Angels descending bring from above
echoes of mercy, whispers of love. [Refrain]**

**3 Perfect submission, all is at rest.
I in my Savior am happy and bless'd,
watching and waiting, looking above,
filled with His goodness, lost in His love. [Refrain]**

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**POST-COMMUNION HYMN “Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart”
(LSB 806)**

**Give thanks with a grateful heart,
Give thanks to the Holy One,
Give thanks because He’s given Jesus Christ His Son,
Give thanks with a grateful heart,
Give thanks to the Holy One,
Give thanks because He’s given Jesus Christ His Son.
And now let the weak say “I am strong,”
Let the poor say “I am rich,”**

**Because of what the Lord has done for us.
And now let the weak say “I am strong,”
Let the poor say “I am rich,”
Because of what the Lord has done for us.
Give thanks, give thanks.**

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Let us pray.
Faithful God, whose blessings are new to us every morning, we humbly pray that You would look upon us in mercy and renew us by Your Holy Spirit. As You have welcomed us at Your Table, so preserve us in Your righteousness and grant us a portion in that eternal life that is in Christ Jesus, through whom be glory and praise to You and the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

People: Amen.

BENEDICTION

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 HYMN “Rise, Shine You People” LSB 825

HYPERLINKS

https://youtu.be/UCh2NN2qIn8?si=0BgVBd50__cifPsG

**1 Rise, shine, you people!
Christ the Lord has entered
Our human story; God in Him is centered.
He comes to us, by death and sin surrounded,
With grace unbounded.**

**2 See how He sends the pow'rs of evil reeling;
He brings us freedom, light and life and
healing.
All men and women, who by guilt are driven,
Now are forgiven.**

**3 Come, celebrate, your banners high
unfurling,
Your songs and prayers against the darkness
hurling.
To all the world go out and tell the story
Of Jesus' glory.**

**4 Tell how the Father sent His Son to save us.
Tell of the Son, who life and freedom gave us.
Tell how the Spirit calls from ev'ry nation
His new creation.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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**HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH MISSION STATEMENT:
“Dedicated to knowing Christ and making Christ
know to others”**

- **Preacher:** Rev. Dr. Timothy Oswald
- **Liturgist (Sun.):** Rev. Maurice Lind, Pastor Emeritus
- **Sat. Organist:** Lina Schaal
- **Sun. Organist:** George Kelm
- **Choir Director:** Gail Feick
- **A/V Team:** Brian & Amanda Larie,
Stan & Cheryl Grey, Dawn Oswald
- **Please call (757-831-6948) or e-mail Pastor Oswald (oswald1@charter.net) with your prayer requests.**
- **Kindly turn off your cellphone prior to Divine Worship.**
- **PASTOR'S NOTE ON COMMUNION:** Just a loving reminder that taking Holy Communion together, is among other things, a public declaration of common faith.
(I Cor 10¹⁷ Because there is one bread, we who are many are one body, for we all partake of the one bread. ¹⁸ Consider the people of Israel: are not those who eat the sacrifices participants in the altar? Acts 2⁴² And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers . . . ⁴⁴ And all who believed were together . . .)
 So the expectation is that communicants have been taught what Lutherans believe, especially about this sacrament, that they believe it themselves, and that their intent is eventually to be in full fellowship by joining The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod. If you have questions or discussion, please ask pastor.
- **HOPE APPAREL** We will be placing an order for Hope apparel in late February. Please see Peter Voigt for more details if you'd like to order items with Hope's logo on them.

- **LENTEN SUPPERS** will begin on Ash Wednesday, Feb. 18th at 6 pm and be every Wednesday through March 25th. If you would like to host all or part of a supper, there are sign up sheets on the table in the narthex.
- **MONTHLY MITES** collection will be on February 7/8. A large Mite box will be on our table in the narthex for your donations. Thank you!
- **LADIES LUNCHEON** at Local Folks in Slades Corner on Tuesday February 10 at 11:30 am. All Ladies at Hope and friends are welcome. We enjoy our monthly lunches! We have drivers willing to pick you up if you need a ride.
- **SPIRITUAL CONVERSATION WORKSHOP**, March 15 after Voters Assembly Meeting - Jesus called His disciples to go as witnesses throughout the world. But how do we do that when we are reluctant to even talk about our faith in everyday life? This workshop will help you assess your own readiness for witness and make a spiritual growth plan.

We expect that we will spend at least 90 minutes in spiritual reflection during this video-based workshop. Food will be provided.
- **HOPE'S TWIN LAKES FOOD PANTRY DONATION LOCATION**-The donation location is moving from under the coat rack to the wire baskets at the top of the stairway to the lower level. Signs on the baskets identify which baskets are for Twin Lakes Food Pantry and which are for the Sharing Center. Thank you for your support of these ministries.

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS TODAY

Reader: Peter Voight
Communion: Paul Trettin
Ushers: John & Peggy Tueting
Fellowship: Phyllis Klen
Altar Guild: Phyllis Klen

NEXT WEEK

Reader: Nadine Kelm
Communion: Paul Trettin
Ushers: Gary Estes & Dave Peschke
Fellowship: Mary Beth Fragassi
Altar Guild: Phyllis Klen

BIRTHDAYS

2/9 Viktoriia Burtnyk
2/11 Shirley Lichte
2/12 Carolyn Engelking

ANNIVERSARY

2/10 Bob & Kathleen Blume

Calendar of Events This Week

2/09/26 – 02/15/26

Monday: 6:00pm Council

Tuesday: 7:00pm Twin Lakes Sportsmans Club
11:30pm Ladies Luncheon at Local
Folks in Slades Corners

Thursday:	6:00pm	AA Meeting
Saturday:	9:30am	Worship Service
Sunday:	8:15am	Choir Rehearsal
	9:00am	Worship Service
	10:20am	Bible Study &
		Children's Sunday School
	7:00pm	AA Meeting