

A scenic view of a snow-capped mountain range with a dense forest in the foreground.

**Fifth Sunday after Epiphany**

February 8, 2026

10am worship

Facebook live

**Welcome**

*Thanks for joining us*

# Welcome to worship at **tierrasantalutheranchurch**

We're excited that you have chosen to worship with us. We encourage you to fill out the green visitor sheet located in the pew pocket and place it in the offering basket. Children's bulletins are available from an usher. A Nursery for children 3 and under is at the west end of the hallway.

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Light shines in the darkness for the upright, the psalmist sings. Isaiah declares that when we loose the bonds of injustice and share our bread with the hungry, the light breaks forth like the dawn. In another passage from the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus, the light of the world, calls his followers to let the light of their good works shine before others. Through baptism we are sent into the world to shine with the light of Christ.

## **WELCOME TO WORSHIP BY PASTOR BOHDAN VADIS**

### **GATHERING SONG “God Of Wonders”**

#### *Verse 1*

Lord of all creation  
Of water earth and sky  
The heavens are Your tabernacle Glory to the Lord on high

#### *Chorus*

God of wonders beyond our galaxy  
You are holy, holy  
The universe declares Your majesty  
You are holy, holy  
Lord of heaven and earth  
Lord of heaven and earth

#### *Verse 2*

Early in the morning  
I will celebrate the light  
When I stumble in the darkness I will call Your name by night

#### *Chorus*

God of wonders beyond our galaxy  
You are holy, holy  
The universe declares Your majesty  
You are holy, holy  
Lord of heaven and earth  
Lord of heaven and earth

*Bridge*

Hallelujah (to the Lord of heaven and earth)

Hallelujah (to the Lord of heaven and earth)

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## GATHERING PRAYER

### SONG “Open The Eyes Of My Heart”

*Chorus*

Open the eyes of my heart Lord

Open the eyes of my heart

I want to see You

I want to see You

*repeat*

*Verse*

To see You high and lifted up

Shining in the light of Your glory

Pour out Your power and love

As we sing holy, holy, holy

*Bridge*

Holy, holy, holy

Holy, holy, holy

Holy, holy, holy

I want to see You

*Chorus*

Open the eyes of my heart Lord

Open the eyes of my heart

I want to see You

I want to see You

Paul Baloche

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### “Your Love Never Fails”

*Verse 1*

Nothing can separate

Even if I ran away

Your love never fails  
I know I still make mistakes, but  
You have new mercies for me ev'ryday  
Your love never fails

*Chorus*

And You stay the same through the ages  
Your love never changes  
There may be pain in the night  
But joy comes in the morning  
And when the oceans rage  
I don't have to be afraid  
Because I know that You love me  
Your love never fails

*Verse 2*

The wind is strong and the water's deep  
But I'm not alone here in these open seas  
Your love never fails  
The chasm is far too wide  
I never thought I'd reach the other side  
Your love never fails

*Bridge*

You make all things  
Work together for my good You make all things  
Work together for my good

*Chorus*

And You stay the same through the ages  
Your love never changes  
There may be pain in the night  
But joy comes in the morning  
And when the oceans rage  
I don't have to be afraid  
Because I know that You love me  
Your love never fails

*Anthony Skinner / Chris McClarney*

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## THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

C: 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.

## THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE SACRAMENT

All Christians are invited by our Lord to receive His Body and Blood in the Eucharist. Children who have not yet received First Communion instructions are invited to come forward to receive a blessing, but are requested to wait with Communing until they have been properly instructed. If you would like to receive a blessing, please cross your arms across your chest. *Wine is in the gold chalice and grape juice is in the pottery chalice.*

### SONG “Because He Lives”

#### Verse 1

God sent His Son they called Him Jesus  
He came to love heal and forgive  
He bled and died to buy my pardon  
An empty grave is there to prove  
My Savior lives

#### Chorus

Because He lives I can face tomorrow  
Because He lives all fear is gone  
Because I know He holds the future  
And life is worth the living  
Just because He lives

#### Verse 2

How sweet to hold our newborn baby  
And feel the pride and joy he gives  
But greater still the calm assurance  
This child can face uncertain days  
Because Christ lives

#### Chorus

Because He lives I can face tomorrow  
Because He lives all fear is gone  
Because I know He holds the future

And life is worth the living  
Just because He lives

*Verse 3*

And then one day I'll cross that river  
I'll fight life's final war with pain  
And then as death gives way to vict'ry  
I'll see the lights of glory and I'll know He reigns

*Chorus*

Because He lives I can face tomorrow  
Because He lives all fear is gone  
Because I know He holds the future  
And life is worth the living just because He lives

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**SONG “Only By Grace”**

*Chorus*

Only by grace can we enter  
Only by grace can we stand  
Not by our human endeavor  
But by the blood of the Lamb  
Into Your presence You call us  
You call us to come  
Into Your presence You draw us  
And now by Your grace we come  
Now by Your grace we come

*Bridge*

Lord if You mark our transgressions  
Who would stand  
Thanks to Your grace we are cleansed  
By the blood of the Lamb

*Chorus*

Only by grace can we enter  
Only by grace can we stand  
Not by our human endeavor  
But by the blood of the Lamb

Into Your presence You call us  
You call us to come  
Into Your presence You draw us  
And now by Your grace we come  
Now by Your grace we come

*Ending*

Now by Your grace we come  
Now by Your grace we come

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## **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

P: 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.

C: Amen.

**CHILDREN'S OFFERING - God's Global Barnyard** *We can donate money through the ELCA to purchase farm animals and related resources (like tools, seeds, training) to help hungry families globally achieve long-term food security and self-sufficiency, turning gifts into food, income, and fertilizer.*

## **CHILDREN'S TIME**

## **CHILDREN DISMISSED TO GODLY PLAY**

**FIRST READING** *Shortly after the return of Israel from exile in Babylon, the people were troubled by the ineffectiveness of their fasts. God reminds them that outward observance is no substitute for genuine fasting that results in acts of justice, such as feeding the hungry, sheltering the homeless, and clothing the naked.*

### **Isaiah 58:1-12**

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. 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 delight to draw near to God. "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. Look, 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. 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? Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of injustice, to undo the thongs 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 them, and not to hide yourself from your own kin? 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. 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, 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. 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. 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.

**SECOND READING** *Though people such as the Corinthians are enamored with human philosophy and wisdom, Paul continuously presents God's hidden wisdom which is Jesus Christ crucified. True spiritual maturity involves judging ourselves and others in light of God's revelation in the cross.*

### **1 Corinthians 2:1-16**

When I came to you, brothers and sisters, I did not come proclaiming the mystery of God to you in lofty words or wisdom. For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ, and him crucified. And I came to you in weakness and in fear and in much trembling. My speech and my proclamation were not with plausible words of wisdom, but with a demonstration of the Spirit and of power, so that your faith might rest not on human wisdom but on the power of God. 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 doomed to perish. But we speak God's wisdom, secret and hidden, 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 human heart conceived, 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 what human being 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. 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. [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. 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. Those who are spiritual discern all things, and they are themselves subject to no one else's scrutiny. "For who has known the mind of the Lord so as to instruct him?" But we have the mind of Christ.

**GOSPEL** *In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus encourages his followers to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world, doing good works and keeping God's commandments.*

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

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. You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. 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. Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. 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. 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. For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.

#### **MESSAGE BY PASTOR BOHDAN VADIS**

##### **SONG "Forgiven"**

###### *Verse 1*

I'm the one who held the nail  
It was cold between my fingertips  
I've hidden in the garden  
I've denied You with my very lips  
God I fall down to my knees with a hammer in my hand  
You look at me arms open

### *Chorus 1*

Forgiven forgiven  
Child there is freedom from all of it  
Say goodbye to ev'ry sin  
You are forgiven

### *Verse 2*

I've done things I wish I hadn't done  
I've seen things I wish I hadn't seen  
Just the thought of Your amazing grace  
And I cry Jesus forgive me  
God I fall down to my knees with a hammer in my hand  
You look at me arms open

### *Bridge*

I could've been six feet under  
I could've been lost forever  
Yeah I should be in that fire  
But now there's fire inside of me  
Here I am a dead man walking  
No grave gonna hold God's people  
All the weight of all our evil  
Lifted away forever free  
Who could believe who could believe

### *Chorus 2*

Forgiven forgiven  
You love me even when I don't deserve it  
Forgiven I'm forgiven  
Jesus Your blood makes me innocent  
So I will say goodbye to ev'ry sin  
I am forgiven, I am forgiven

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## **COMMUNITY PRAYERS**

This week, please keep in your prayers: *Reid Bixler, Barbara Berg, James Vadis, Marianne d'Arnaud, Ellen Mize, Frank Fogg, Mike George, Diane Raines, Barbara Vann, Anastasia Balmaceda, Christine Durnell, Mary Peters, and Ray Gerdig*. Lord, please guide and protect our military personnel

serving in harm's way. Bring an end to social injustice and inequities of every kind, so that all people may have abundant life.

## **BOY SCOUT SUNDAY RECOGNITION**

### **Pack 22 and Troop 2**

## **COLLECTION OF THE OFFERING**

### **SONG “Lead Me To The Cross”**

#### *Verse 1*

Saviour I come quiet my soul  
Remember redemption's hill  
Where Your blood was spilled  
For my ransom

#### *Chorus*

Ev'rything I once held dear  
I count it all as loss  
Lead me to the cross where  
Your love poured out  
Bring me to my knees, Lord I lay me down  
Rid me of myself, I belong to You  
Oh, lead me, lead me to the cross

#### *Verse 2*

You were as I tempted and  
tried human The word became flesh  
Bore my sin in death Now  
You're risen

#### *Chorus*

#### *Bridge*

To Your heart  
To Your heart  
Lead me to Your heart  
Lead me to Your heart  
Lead me to the cross

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## OFFERING PRAYER

P: 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.

C: Amen.

## THE BENEDICTION

P: May the triune God, who has put a new song in your mouth and tuned your heart for praise + bless you now and forever.

C: Amen.

## SONG “Come Home Running”

### *Verse 1*

Oh heart of mine  
Why must you stray  
From One so fair  
You run away  
And one more time  
You have to pay the heaviness  
Of needless shame

### *Verse 2*

Oh heart of mine  
Come back home  
You've been too long  
Out on your own  
And He's been there all along  
Watching for you down the road

### *Chorus*

So come home running  
His arms are open wide  
His name is Jesus  
And He understands  
He is the answer  
You are looking for  
So come home running  
Just as you are