



# Trinity Lutheran Church

5th Sunday of Epiphany Lord  
February 8, 2026



## Welcome

### Invocation:

P: Let us worship together in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

### \*Confession of Sin and Forgiveness:

P: The reality of God with us, Jesus' presence in our world and in our lives, was not and is not always welcomed. We know that where light shines darkness is exposed. The Light of Christ exposes the darkness of sin and evil in our world.

C: **We acknowledge our sinful human nature and our foolishness and willfulness in so often choosing darkness through our thoughts, words and deeds.**

P: Our world is filled with the darkness of graceless religions and self-help guru's. Voices are loud and persistent to draw us away from the Voice of our Creator, Redeemer and Sanctifier whose Voice is heard in scripture alone.

*(silence for self-examination)*

P: Let us make our confession to the Lord,

C: **Most holy and loving Father, I confess that I often wrestle with the darkness of pride, of apathy, of self-righteousness and self-reliance. I am impatient with Your timing and want what I want when I want it, rather than patiently seeking Your will for my life. It is so easy to block out the needs of others, and to hoard the gracious gifts You have given me to use for Your kingdom. I am sorry Lord.**

P: Gracious Father, trusting in Your grace we pray that You would for Christ's sake,

C: **"Create in us a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within us." Amen.**

P: Dear friends, Epiphany is good news! Jesus Christ is the Light to the nations long promised by God. His light comes not to sear and destroy us but to cleanse and save us. Christ Jesus came into this world to save sinners, and it is my joy as a called and ordained servant in His holy Church to declare to you by Christ's authority that your sins are forgiven in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

### Hymn:

"I the Lord of Sea and Sky"

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### Children's Story

Children will go down to Sunday School

### God's Word: Isaiah 58:1-11

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 delight to draw near to God.

<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>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. <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 thongs 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>9</sup>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, <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.

### **God's Word: 1 Corinthians 2:1-5, 12-16**

When I came to you, brothers and sisters, I did not come proclaiming the mystery of God to you in lofty words or wisdom. <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 not with plausible 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>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.

**Hymn:**

"Arise Your Light has Come"

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### **Holy Gospel: 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. <sup>14</sup>"You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. <sup>15</sup>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. <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.

**Message**

**Offertory:**

Offering will be received at this time

**Reception of New Members**

**Apostle's Creed**

**Prayers of the People:**

**Lord's Prayer:**

**Benediction:**

**Sending Hymn:** "I Love to Tell the Story" LBW 390

**Dismissal**

**P:** Go in the peace of Christ, you are loved and sent.

**C:** **Thanks be to God. Amen.**

\*written by Pastor Maggie Theiss 2026

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