



FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH AND SCHOOL

Let your light shine
in people's presence, so that
they may see your good
works and glorify your
Father who is in heaven.

MATTHEW 5:16

Fifth Sunday after Epiphany
February 8, 2026



Welcome



Worship Series: Identity Revealed

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“Epiphany” comes from a Greek word that means “reveal.” It is the season when you see Jesus begin his public ministry, revealing the reason the Son of God came to earth. During Epiphany, you will come to understand that when the true identity of Jesus is revealed, you realize your own true identity as well.

Today’s Focus: Jesus Calls You Salt and Light

In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus teaches us that form and function are closely connected. That means that who we are influences what we do. When God called us to faith, he declared that we were something new: light, salt, his children. Jesus encourages us to be what God says we are as a way of blessing the world through us.

SERVING IN GOD’S HOUSE TODAY

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Setting Two from Christian Worship

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Opening Hymn

854 Church of God, Elect and Glorious



1 Church of God, e - lect and glo - rious, ho - ly
 2 God has called you out of dark - ness in - to
 3 Once you were an al - ien peo - ple, stran - gers
 4 Church of God, e - lect and ho - ly, be the



na - tion, cho - sen race, called as God's own
 his most mar - v'lous light, brought his truth to
 to God's heart of love, but he brought you
 peo - ple he in - tends, strong in faith and



spe - cial peo - ple, roy - al priests and heirs of grace;
 life with - in you, turned your blind - ness in - to sight.
 home in mer - cy, cit - i - zens of heav'n a - bove.
 swift to an - swer each com - mand your mas - ter sends.



know the pur - pose of your call - ing, show to
 Let your light so shine a - round you that God's
 Let his love flow out to oth - ers, let them
 Roy - al priests, ful - fill your call - ing through your



all his might - y deeds, tell of love that
 name is glo - ri - fied and all find fresh
 feel a Fa - ther's care, that they too may
 sac - ri - fice and prayer; give your lives in



knows no lim - its, grace that meets all hu - man needs.
 hope and pur - pose in Christ Je - sus cru - ci - fied.
 know his wel - come and his count - less bless - ings share.
 joy - ful ser - vice, sing his praise, his love de - clare.

In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Confession

If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.
If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

Holy God, gracious Father, I am sinful by nature and have sinned against you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have not loved you with my whole heart; I have not loved others as I should. I deserve your punishment both now and forever. But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my sins with his innocent suffering and death. Trusting in him, I pray: God, have mercy on me, a sinner.

Silence for meditation and reflection

Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, who gave his life as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Lord, Have Mercy

In peace let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

Amen.

Glory to God in the Highest





peace to his peo - ple on earth.



Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther,



Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



world; have mer - cy on us. You are seat - ed at the



right hand of the Fa - ther; re - ceive our prayer.



Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to his



peo - ple on earth. For you a -



lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,



you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ,

with the Ho - ly Spir - it in the glo - ry of
 God the Fa - ther. A - men. A - men.
 Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to his
 peo - ple on earth.

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The Word

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

Almighty God, you sent your one and only Son as the Word of life for our eyes to see and our ears to hear. Help us believe what the Scriptures proclaim about him and do the things that are pleasing in your sight; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

First Reading

Exodus 19:1–8a

God made something special out of Israel, a nation of slaves.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm of the Day

Psalm 18



1 I love you, O LORD, you a - lone, my
2 The dan - gers of death gath - ered round, the
3 The earth and the el - e - ments shake with
4 My hope is the prom - ise he gives, my



ref - uge on whom I de - pend, my mak - er, my
waves of de - struc - tion came near, but in my de -
thun - der and light - ning and hail; the cliffs and the
life is se - cure in his hand; I shall not be



Sav - ior, my own, my hope and my trust with - out end.
spair - ing I found the LORD who re - leased me from fear.
moun - tain - tops break and mor - tals are fee - ble and pale.
lost, for he lives! He comes to my aid— I shall stand!



The LORD is my strength and my song, de -
I called for his help in my pain, to
His jus - tice is full and com - plete, his
LORD God, you are pow'r - ful to save, your



fend - er and guide of my ways; my mas - ter to
God my sal - va - tion I cried; he brought me his
mer - cy to us has no end; the clouds are a
Spir - it will spur me to pray; your Son has de -



whom I be - long, my God who shall have all my praise.
com - fort a - gain, I live by the strength he sup - plied.
path for his feet, he comes on the wings of the wind.
feat - ed the grave: I trust and I praise you to - day!

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Second Reading

1 Peter 2:9–12

St. Peter encourages us to be what God has declared us to be.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Matthew 5:16



Refrain

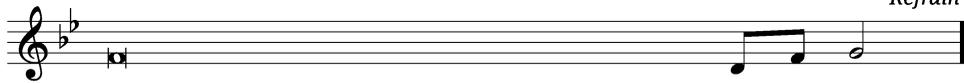


Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Tone



Let your light shine before oth - ers,



that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heav - en.

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Gospel

Matthew 5:13–20

Jesus explains that his disciples are blessings to this dark, decaying world.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

Hymn of the Day

630 Thy Strong Word | V. 1, 2, 4, 5



1 Thy strong word did cleave the dark - ness; at thy
2 Lo, on those who dwelt in dark - ness, dark as
4 From the cross thy wis - dom shin - ing break - eth
5 Give us lips to sing thy glo - ry, tongues thy



speaking it was done. For created light we
 night and deep as death, broke the light of thy sal-
 forth in conquering might; from the cross for ever
 mercy to proclaim, throats to shout the hope that



thank thee while thine ordered seasons run.
 vation, breathed thine own life-giving breath.
 beam-eth all thy bright redeeming light.
 fills us, mouths to speak thy holy name.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise to
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise to
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise to
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! May the



thee who light dost send! Al - le - lu - ia,
 thee who light dost send! Al - le - lu - ia,
 thee who light dost send! Al - le - lu - ia,
 light which thou dost send fill our songs with



al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia with - out end!
 al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia with - out end!
 al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia with - out end!
 al - le - lu - ias, al - le - lu - ias with - out end!

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Sermon

Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary, and became truly human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate. He suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayer of the Church

Offering

Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the
 Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho -
 san - na in the high - est!

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Prayer of Thanksgiving

Lord God, you are worthy to receive thanks and praise from all people. You created the world and all who live in it, and in your mercy you saved us. We give thanks to you for the grace of your Son, Jesus Christ.

Though in very nature God, he took the nature of a servant and became obedient to death, even death on a cross. He offered himself as a sacrifice for sin and redeemed us from its curse and penalty. He rescued us from the terrors of death and restored eternal life with you. He conquered our enemies and gained for us the kingdom of grace and glory.

Bless us as we receive your Son's body and blood, and lead us to remember his suffering, death, and resurrection. Forgive our sins and fill us with the hope of new life in heaven. Hear our praise and receive our thanks as we worship you—the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Lord's Prayer

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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

Words of Institution

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my + body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my + blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

Amen.

Jesus, Lamb of God

Je - sus, Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.

The image shows three staves of musical notation in a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The first staff contains the melody for the first line of the hymn. The second staff contains the melody for the second line, with the lyrics 'Je - sus, Lamb of God, you take a - way the' written below it. The third staff contains the melody for the third line, with the lyrics 'sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.' written below it. The music is written in a simple, accessible style suitable for congregational singing.

Je - sus, Lamb of God, you take a - way the
 sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.
 Je - sus, Lamb of God, you take a - way the
 sin of the world; grant us your peace.

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Distribution Hymn

735 Before You I Kneel

1 Be - fore you I kneel, my Mas - ter and Mak - er, to of - fer the
 2 Be - fore you I kneel and ask for your good - ness to cov - er the
 3 Be - fore you we kneel, our Mas - ter and Mak - er; es - tab - lish the
 work of my hands. For this is the day you've giv - en your
 work of my hands, for pa - tience and peace to shape all my
 work of our hands, and or - der our steps to seek first your

ser - vant; I will re - jice and be glad
 la - bor; your grace for thorns in my path.
 king - dom in ev - 'ry small and great task.

for the strength I have to live and breathe, for each
 Flow with - in me like a liv - ing stream; wear a -
 May we live the gos - pel of your grace, serve your

skill your grace has giv - en me, for the needs and op - por -
 way the stones of pride and greed, till your ways are dwell - ing
 pur - pose in our fleet - ing days, then our lives will bring e -

tu - ni - ties that will glo - ri - fy your great name.
 deep in me and a har - vest of life is grown.
 ter - nal praise and all glo - ry to your great name.

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Distribution Hymn 660 Here, O My Lord, I See You Face to Face



1 Here, O my Lord, I see you face to face;
 2 This is the hour of banquet and of song;
 3 I have no help but yours nor do I need
 4 Mine is the sin but yours the right - eous - ness;



here would I touch and han - dle things un - seen,
 this is the heav'n - ly ta - ble spread a - new.
 an - oth - er arm but yours to lean up - on.
 mine is the guilt but yours the cleans - ing blood.



here grasp with firm - er hand e - ter - nal grace,
 Here let me feast and, feast - ing, still pro - long
 It is e - nough, O Lord, e - nough in - deed;
 Here is my robe, my ref - uge, and my peace:



and all my wea - ri - ness up - on you lean.
 the brief bright hour of fel - low - ship with you.
 my strength is in your might, your might a - lone.
 your blood, your right - eous - ness, O Lord, my God.

- 5 Too soon we rise; the vessels disappear;
 the feast, though not the love, is past and gone.
 The bread and wine remove, but you are here,
 nearer than ever, still my shield and sun.
- 6 Feast after feast thus comes and passes by,
 yet, passing, points to that glad feast above,
 giving sweet foretaste of the festal joy,
 the Lamb's great marriage feast of bliss and love.

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
his mercy endures forever.

Whenever we eat this bread and drink this cup,
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

We give you thanks, O Lord, for the foretaste of the heavenly banquet you have given us in this Sacrament. Through this gift you have fed our faith, nourished our hope, and strengthened our love. By your Spirit, help us to live as your holy people until that day when you will receive us as your guests at the wedding supper of the Lamb, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Blessing

The Lord bless you and keep you.

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

The Lord look on you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

Amen.

Closing Hymn

770 God of Grace and God of Glory | V. 1, 2, 4



1 God of grace and God of glo - ry, on your peo - ple
 2 Lo, the hosts of e - vil round us scorn the Christ, as -
 4 Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion to the e - vils



pour your pow'r; crown your an - cient Church's sto - ry,
 sail his ways. From the fears that long have bound us
 we de - plore; let the gift of your sal - va - tion



bring its bud to glo - rious flow'r. Grant us wis - dom,
 free our hearts to faith and praise. Grant us wis - dom,
 be our glo - ry ev - er - more. Grant us wis - dom,



grant us cour - age for the fac - ing of this
 grant us cour - age for the liv - ing of these
 grant us cour - age, serv - ing you whom we a -



hour, for the fac - ing of this hour.
 days, for the liv - ing of these days.
 dore, serv - ing you whom we a - dore.

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