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5th Sunday after Epiphany Scout Sunday

February 8, 2026

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+ Those who are able please stand.

(Congregation responses are printed in bold type)

LBW = Green book

WOV = Blue book

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

+ GATHERING

+ CONFESSiON & FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, the Creator of heaven and earth, the Word who spoke life into being, the Wind stirring the waters.

Amen.

Mighty God, lover of justice,

you call us to life in community, but we have served our own interests at the expense of our neighbors. We have sown deceit where honesty was needed. We say the right words, but our hearts are far from you. Turn us to seek your face. Knit us together and give us the mind of Christ, that we may do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly with you, our God. Amen.

The former things have passed away, and new things God now declares: Like a spring of water that never fails, God covers you in the righteousness of Christ, and forgives your sin in + Jesus' name. May the Spirit give you strength to live for others, and bless you with the gift of peace.

Amen.

+ GATHERING HYMN

“We Thank You, God, for Values”



1. We thank you, God, for val - ues that guide us day by day-
2. For Scouts earn trust from oth - ers; they're loy - al to the end.
3. We thank you, God, for val - ues that send our youth out - doors.
4. We thank you, God, for val - ues that make our coun - try great.



that help us learn to fol - low your faith - ful, lov - ing way.
They're help - ful, friend - ly, cour - teous to stran - ger and to friend.
for hi - king and ca - noe - ing, for cook - outs and for S'mores.
for love that dares to wel - come, for love that con - quers hate.

+ GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

+ CANTICLE OF PRAISE

Refrain

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. 3 Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation: Blessing, honor, glory, and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.

Refrain

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. 4 For the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia.

Final refrain

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

+ SALUTATION

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

+ PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray together ...

Lord God, with endless mercy you receive the prayers of all who call upon you. By your Spirit show us the things we ought to do, and give us the grace and power to do them, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

+ BOY SCOUT OPENING: Pledge of Allegiance, Scout Law, Scout Oath

CHILDREN'S SERMON

RECOGNITION: Grace Lutheran Church 60 Years of Scouting, Charter Members, Eagle Scouts

FIRST READING: Isaiah 58:1-12

Cooper Miller

¹ 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.
² 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 want God on their side.
³ “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.
⁴ 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.
⁵ 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?
⁶ Is not this the fast that I choose:
to loose the bonds of injustice, 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 them and not to hide yourself from your own kin?
⁸ 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.
^{9a} Then you shall call, and the LORD will answer;
you shall cry for help, and he will say, “Here I am.”

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 112:1-10

Garon Wolfe

¹ Hallelujah! Happy are they who fear the LORD and have great delight in God's commandments!
² **Their descendants will be mighty in the land; the generation of the upright will be blessed.**
³ Wealth and riches will be in their house, and their righteousness will last forever.
⁴ **Light shines in the darkness for the upright; the righteous are merciful and full of compassion.**
⁵ It is good for them to be generous in lending and to manage their affairs with justice.
⁶ **For they will never be shaken; the righteous will be kept in everlasting remembrance.**
⁷ They will not be afraid of any evil rumors; their heart is steadfast, trusting in the LORD.
⁸ **Their heart is established and will not shrink, until they see their desire upon their enemies.**
⁹ They have given freely to the poor, and their righteousness stands fast forever; they will hold up their head with honor.
¹⁰ **The wicked will see it and be angry; they will gnash their teeth and pine away; the desires of the wicked will perish.**

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 2:1-12**Hudson Sechler**

¹ When I came to you, brothers and sisters, I did not come proclaiming the testimony of God to you with superior speech or wisdom. ² For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ and him crucified. ³ And I came to you in weakness and in fear and in much trembling. ⁴ My speech and my proclamation were made not with persuasive words of wisdom but with a demonstration of the Spirit and of power, ⁵ so that your faith might rest not on human wisdom but on the power of God.

⁶ 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 being destroyed. ⁷ But we speak God's wisdom, a hidden mystery, which God decreed before the ages for our glory ⁸ and which none of the rulers of this age understood, 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 human heart conceived, what God has prepared for those who love him"—

¹⁰ God has revealed to us through the Spirit, for the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. ¹¹ For what human 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. ¹² 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.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

+ GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

+ GOSPEL: Matthew 5:13-20

Jamey Basinger

The holy gospel according to St. Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus said: ¹³ "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.

¹⁴ "You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. ¹⁵ People do not light a lamp and put it under the bushel basket; rather, they put it on the lampstand, 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 in heaven.

¹⁷ "Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. ¹⁸ 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. ¹⁹ 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. ²⁰ For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven."

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON**Jamey Basinger****+ HYMN OF THE DAY****“This Little Light of Mine”**

1 This lit - tle light of mine, I'm goin' - a let it shine;
2 Ev - 'ry - where I go, I'm goin' - a let it shine;
3 Je - sus gave it to me, I'm goin' - a let it shine;

this lit - tle light of mine, I'm goin' - a let it shine;
ev - 'ry - where I go, I'm goin' - a let it shine;
Je - sus gave it to me, I'm goin' - a let it shine, shine, shine;

let it shine, let it shine.

+ APOSTLES CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

+ PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Creating God, you have made us in your image that we might reflect your glory.

Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

All we ask, we ask through our Lord and intercessor, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns eternally.

Amen.

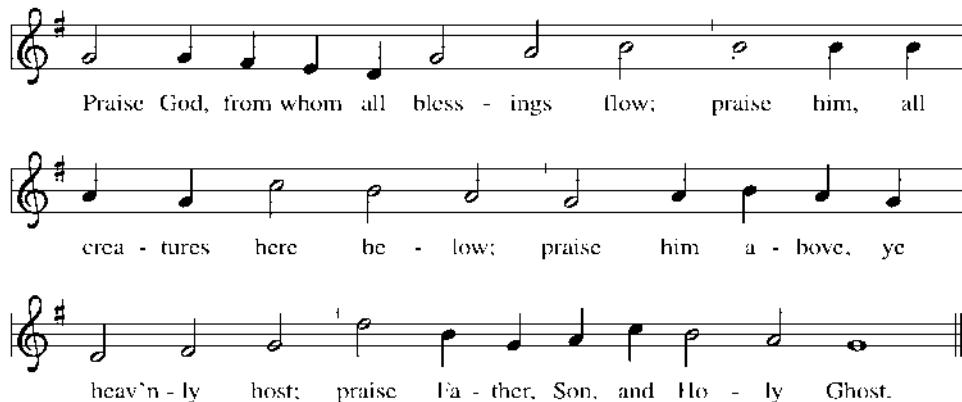
+ SHARING THE PEACE

The Peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

OFFERING

+ OFFERTORY SONG “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow” LBW#564



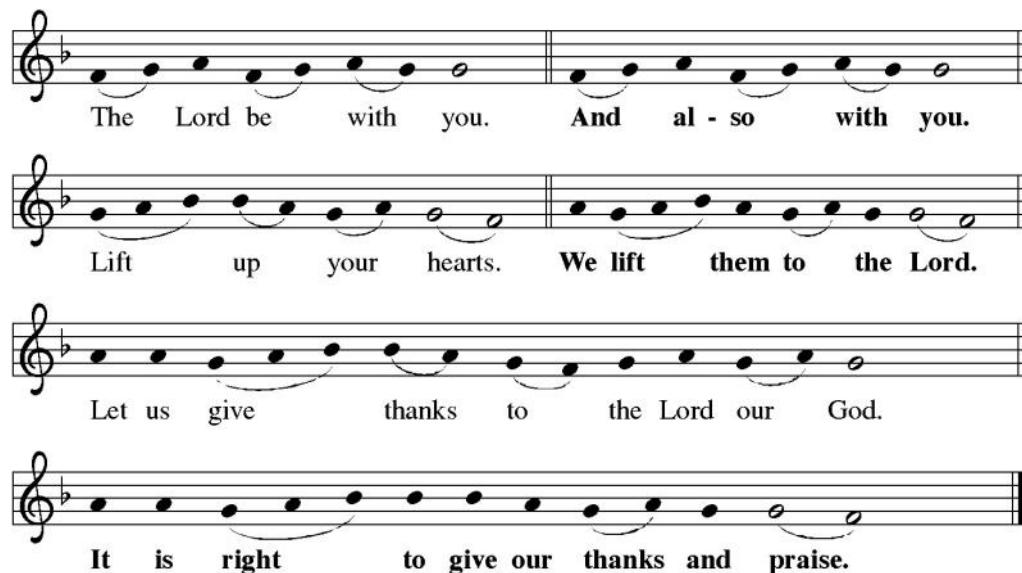
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heav'n-ly host; praise Fa-ther, Son, and Ho-ly Ghost.

+ OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray together ...

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. Amen.

+ GREAT THANKSGIVING



The Lord be with you. And also with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

+ PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. By the leading of a star he was shown forth to all nations; in the waters of the Jordan you proclaimed him your beloved Son; and in the miracle of water turned to wine he revealed your glory. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
 heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -
 san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who
 comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

+ WORDS OF INSTITUTION

+ LORD'S PRAYER

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.

+ INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Taste and see that the Lord is good!

Thanks be to God.

+ LAMB OF GOD

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

DISTRIBUTION – All of God's children are welcome at the table for communion. Come forward in two lines to receive the bread from the pastor/communion assistant and wine/grape juice from a communion assistant.

+ TABLE BLESSING

The body and blood of our LORD and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you always in his grace.

Amen.

+ PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray together....

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. Amen.

+ BENEDICTION

The Lord bless you and keep you.

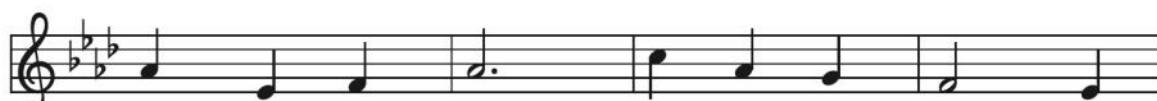
The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.

The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.

Amen.

+SENDING HYMN

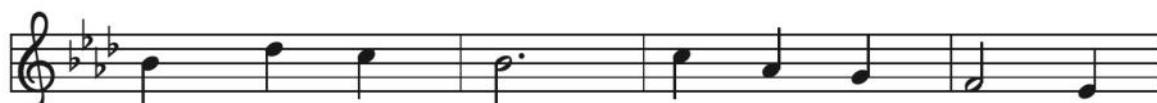
“God’s Work, Our Hands”



1 God's work, our hands: work - ing to - geth - er,
2 God's work, our feet: trav - 'ling to - geth - er,
3 God's work, our voice: sing - ing to - geth - er,
4 God is at work in and a - round us:



build - ing a fu - ture, re - pair - ing the world,
fol - low - ing Je - sus to plac - es un - known,
prais - ing, pro - claim - ing to all who will hear,
seed - lings are sprout - ing and bread's on the rise!



rais - ing up homes, plant - ing new gar - dens,
walk - ing as friends, march - ing for free - dom,
pray - ing for peace, shout - ing for jus - tice,
Washed and set free, hum - bled and hon - ored,



feed - ing the hun - gry and shelt - 'ring the cold.
run - ning the race with God's fu - ture the goal.
claim - ing God's love for the lost and the least.
gift - ed by grace, we re - spond in God's love.

Bless, God, our hands as we work in your name,
 Bless, God, our feet as we fol - low your way,
 Bless, God, our voice as we speak in your name,
 Bless, God, our lives as we an - swer your call,

shar - ing the good news of your gos - - pel.
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+ DISMISSAL

Go in peace, serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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Serving 2/8/2026	
Organist	Teresa Yost
Children's Sermon	Luke Bame
Lectors	Cooper Miller, Garon Wolfe, Hudson Sechler
Communion Assistants	Luke Bame, Finn Basinger, Keaton Sloop
Acolyte	Cruz Beers
Crucifer	Brody Linker
Torchbearers	Hudson Sechler, Cooper Miller
Security Team	Monty Brown & Travis Nolan
Sound System	Kurt Weddington
Teller Team	Greg Hartsell, David Linker & Dan Roseman
Ushers	Sawyer Wells, Jake Basinger, Parker Overcash, Oliver Overcash

Serving 2/15/2026	
Organist	Becky Lippard
Children's Sermon	Sheila Basinger
Lector	Earlene Rivers
Communion Assistant	Marcus Reynolds & Randy Basinger
Acolyte	Charley Storey
Security Team	David Diggs & Chad Rivers
Sound System	Jamey Basinger
Teller Team	Greg Hartsell, David Linker & Dan Roseman
Ushers	Gary Elmore, Lindsay Elmore, Tony & Patty Heilig

THE FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR TODAY are given to the glory of God and in memory of Harold Reynolds and in honor of Grace Reynolds by their children and grandchildren.

FISH FRY RECIPIENT NOMINATION FORMS are in the Narthex. They need to be submitted to the church by February 15.

SAVE THE DATE for June 13 for the Myles Davis Pope Memorial 5K to help fund swim lessons. We are looking for volunteers and sponsors. Please see Morgan or Sonny Pope if you can help and for more details.

SOUPER BOWL OF CARING will be next Sunday. Monetary donations only please.

SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER will be on February 17 from 5-7pm in the FLC.

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE will be on February 18 at 7:00pm in the sanctuary.