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# FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

## FEBRUARY 8, 2026

WELCOME TO PEACE! If you are a guest, please fill out the Visitor side of one of the attendance cards found in the pew rack. Let us know if you would like us to contact you. We are happy to have you worshipping with us today!

NEWS AND NOTES for this week can be found on the Commons Counter. Please take one home to stay informed about upcoming events at Peace Lutheran Church.

**P** = Pastor

\* = Stand

△ = Stand for Trinitarian stanza

**C** = Congregation

## THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

### Opening Voluntary

### \*Opening Hymn

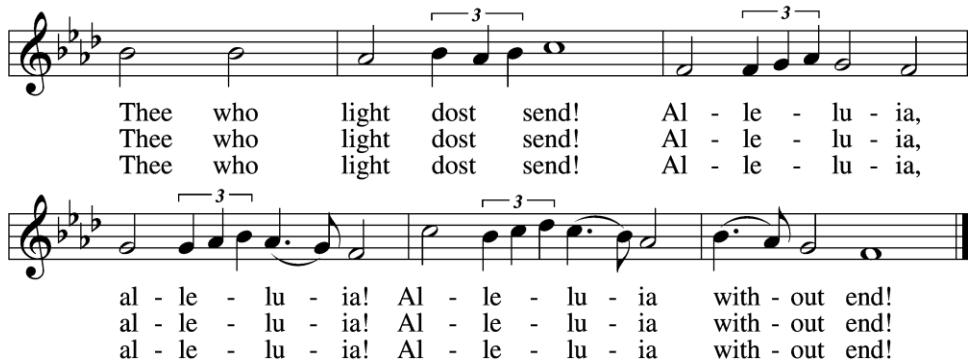
### LSB 578 Thy Strong Word

1 Thy strong word did cleave the dark - ness; At Thy  
2 Lo, on those who dwelt in dark - ness, Dark as  
3 Thy strong Word be - speaks us righ - teous; Bright with

1 speak - ing it was done. For cre - at - ed  
2 night and deep as death, Broke the light of  
3 Thine own ho - li - ness, Glo - rious now, we

1 light we thank Thee, While Thine or - dered sea - sons run.  
2 Thy sal - va - tion, Breathed Thine own life - breath-ing breath.  
3 press toward glo - ry, And our lives our hopes con - fess.

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

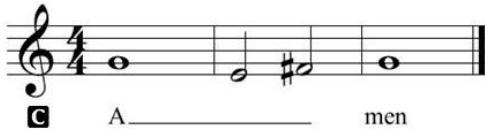


Thee who light dost send! Al - le - lu - ia,  
 Thee who light dost send! Al - le - lu - ia,  
 Thee who light dost send! Al - le - lu - ia,  
 al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia with - out end!  
 al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia with - out end!  
 al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia with - out end!

### \*Invocation

*The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism*

**P** In the name of the Father and of the  Son and of the Holy Spirit.



**C** A \_\_\_\_\_ men

### \*Opening Sentences

*Psalm 66:1-5*

**P** Shout for joy to God, all the Earth;

**C** Sing the glory of His name; give to Him glorious praise!

**P** Say to God, "How awesome are Your deeds!"

**C** All the Earth worships You and sings praises to You; they sing praises to Your name."

### \*Confession

**P** O almighty God, merciful Father,

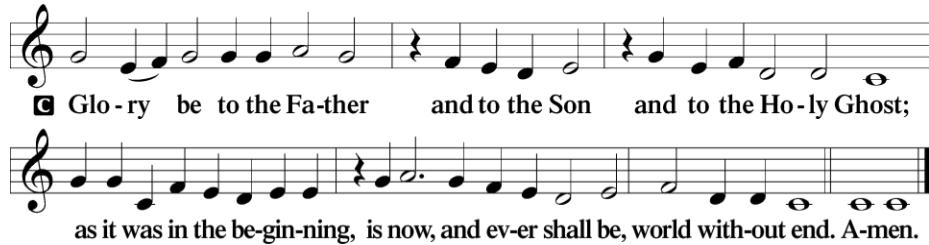
**C** I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

### \*Absolution



**C** A \_\_\_\_\_ men.

### \*Gloria Patri



Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

### \*Kyrie



Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us.  
Lord, have mercy upon us.

### \*Hymn of Praise

LSB 578 Thy Strong Word

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Thee who light dost send! Al - le - lu - ia,  
 Fill our songs with glo - ry Thou dost send Mor - tals, an - gels,  
 al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia with - out end!  
 al - le - lu - ias, Al - le - lu - ias with - out end!  
 now and ev - er Praise the ho - ly Trin - i - ty!

### \*Salutation and Collect of the Day

**P** The Lord be with you.

And with thy spir - it.

**P** Let us pray...

A - men.

### Old Testament Reading

*Isaiah 58:3-9a*

<sup>3</sup>“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.

<sup>4</sup>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.

<sup>5</sup>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?

<sup>6</sup>“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?  
7Is 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?  
8Then 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.  
9Then you shall call, and the LORD will answer;  
you shall cry, and he will say, ‘Here I am.’”

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.  
**C** **Thanks be to God.**

## Epistle

*1 Corinthians 2:1-16*

<sup>1</sup>And I, when I came to you, brothers, did not come proclaiming to you the testimony of God with lofty speech or wisdom. <sup>2</sup>For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ and him crucified. <sup>3</sup>And I was with you in weakness and in fear and much trembling, <sup>4</sup>and my speech and my message were not in plausible words of wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power, <sup>5</sup>that your faith might not rest in the wisdom of men but in the power of God.

<sup>6</sup>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. <sup>7</sup>But we impart a secret and hidden wisdom of God, which God decreed before the ages for our glory. <sup>8</sup>None of the rulers of this age understood this, for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory.

<sup>9</sup>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”—

<sup>10</sup>these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit. For the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. <sup>11</sup>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. <sup>12</sup>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. <sup>13</sup>And we impart this in words not taught by human wisdom but taught by the Spirit, interpreting spiritual truths to those who are spiritual.

<sup>14</sup>The natural person does not accept the things of the Spirit of God, for they are folly to him, and he is not able to understand them because they are spiritually discerned. <sup>15</sup>The spiritual person judges all things, but is himself to be judged by no one. <sup>16</sup>“For who has understood the mind of the Lord so as to instruct him?” But we have the mind of Christ.

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

\*Alleluia



Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.

\*Holy Gospel

Matthew 5:13-20

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the fifth chapter.



Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

<sup>13</sup>[Jesus said:] “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.

<sup>14</sup>“You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. <sup>15</sup>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.

<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 who is in heaven.

<sup>17</sup>“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. <sup>18</sup>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. <sup>19</sup>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. <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.”

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.



Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

\*Apostles' Creed

**C** I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And 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.

### Children's Message

Christina Stackle, Director of Christian Education

### Hymn of the Day

### LSB 698 May We Thy Precepts, Lord, Fulfill



1 May we Thy pre - cepts, Lord, ful - fill And do on -  
2 So may we join Thy name to bless, Thy grace a -  
3 Spir - it of life, of love and peace, U - nite our

earth our Fa - ther's will As an - gels do a - bove;  
dore, Thy pow'r con - fess, From sin and strife to flee.  
hearts, our joy in - crease, Thy gra-cious help sup - ply.

Still walk in Christ, the liv - ing way, With all Thy  
One is our call - ing, one our name, The end of  
To each of us the bless - ing give In Chris - tian

chil-dren and o - bey The law of Chris - tian love.  
all our hopes the same, A crown of life with Thee.  
fel - low - ship to live, In joy - ful hope to die.

### Sermon

“Why are You Here?”

(1 Corinthians 2:1-16)

### Sermon Notes:

**Gathering of the Offering** Please fill out an attendance card and place in the offering plate

### \*Offertory



Music notation for the Offertory hymn. The music is in G major, common time, with a basso continuo line. The lyrics are:

C Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -  
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -  
way from Thy pres-ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it  
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -  
tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir-it. A - men.

### \*Prayer of the Church

#### \*Lord's Prayer

**C** 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.

#### \*Benediction

**P** The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and  $\ddagger$  give you peace.



**C** A-men, a-men, a - men.

## \*Hymn to Depart

## LSB 782 Gracious God, You Send Great Blessings

1 Gra - cious God, You send great bless - ings  
3 In His earth - ly life, our Sav - ior  
△ 4 Heav'n - ly Fa - ther, may our car - ing

New each morn - ing all our days. For Your mer - cies  
Knew the care of faith - ful friends; May our deeds of  
Bear the im - print of Your grace; With the Son and

nev - er end - ing, For Your love we of - fer praise.  
ded - i - ca - tion Of - fer love that nev - er ends.  
Ho - ly Spir - it, Praise be Yours in ev - 'ry place!

*Refrain*

Lord, we pray that we, Your peo-ple Who Your gifts un - num - bered claim,  
Through the shar-ing of Your bless-ings May bring glo - ry to Your name.

## \*Silent Prayer

## Closing Voluntary

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Preacher: Pastor Robert Brown

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Organist: 5:00 & 8:00: Michelle Sliger; 9:20 & 10:30: Kendra Ruesler

KFUO AM 850 Announcer/Audio Engineer/Video Engineer: Alan Hopfer/T. Hutton/Alex Hopfer

Elders: 5:00: Rich Behnke, Steve Kienstra; 8:00: Jeff Akers, Ralph Wolters;

9:20: Mark Dowell, Ken Werkmeister; 10:30: Jonathan Gathman, Rick Goodman

Ushers: 5:00: Team #16 – Don Hopkins, Captain; 8:00: Team #1 – Joe Sneed, Captain;

9:20: Team #11 – John Roesch, Captain; 10:30: Team #8 – Mike Murphy, Captain

Acolytes: 8:00: Ashton DeWitt, Corbin Kurtz; 10:30: Brynn Blanc, Raegan Orf



