

# Our Saviour's Lutheran Church

## Sunday Worship

February 8, 2026

### Fifth Sunday after Epiphany



#### WELCOME



ELCA

Your presence builds up the body of Christ. We welcome and affirm God's diversity, including all ethnicities, cultures, races, sexual orientations, gender identities and expressions, abilities, ages, and life experiences. You are invited to full participation in



RECONCILING IN CHRIST

our congregation because of who you are. We lament and confess how the Christian Church has withheld Christ's love by misusing the power of institution. We commit to advocating for God's justice and mercy for all of creation, including humans. We commit to anti-racism and other ways of ending systems that cause harm. Christ is our peace and breaks down the walls that divide us. Our communion table is Christ's table. You and all people are welcome without exception.

**Newcomers and Visitors** + Newcomers and Visitors + We're glad you're here. Please fill out the green slip in the pew rack and place it in the offering plate. You're welcome to share in Holy Communion. Families - we have a small play area up front.

**Nametags** + Nametags help us get to know and remember each other. Please let the ushers know if you need one made for you.

**Expansive Language** + As Lutherans, we teach that "God calls all creation into being and gives people language as a way of responding to God and forming community" (Principles for Worship, Principle L-1). In worship at Our Saviour's, we seek to use expansive language for God and people, sometimes changing or offering alternatives to the printed text.

**Current Liturgy Music** + liturgy is the flow of our worship service - working together as people to praise God. Our current liturgy is from All Creation Sings, Setting 12, and Sundays and Seasons.

**Prayer Requests:** Our Saviour's Community: Mary Wildner-Bassett (daughter's health diagnosis); Paul Stum (at-home care); Corky Ronstadt (at-home care), Mary Neff (memory care), Schatzi Taylor (care facility), and all at home and in care facilities.

Our Extended Friends & Family: Family and Friends of David Hendrickson (friend of Pat Alvord and former Our Saviour's member); Sarah and family (great niece of Donna Lounsbury); Shawn (friend of David Lester); Becky (Daughter of Mary Wildner-Bassett) Frenchie (Friend of Judy and John Indermark); Lia (granddaughter of Angie Grandison), Beverly (Mother of Hildi Williams), David (Son of Geoff and Suzy Swann); Jeanne (Cousin of Alan Bales); Barbara (sister-in-law of Kenith Ijams); Peggy (sister of Bonnie Phelps); Josh, Melissa, Mary Ann, and Libby (friends of Chris and Theda Doak); Megan (niece of Chris and Theda Doak); Sandy and Doug, Sally, Ashley, and Kamri (friends of Kathy DeVinney); Grant and Shirley (brother and sister-in-law of Theda Doak; John (son of Martha Neff Stum and Paul Stum); Sam; Eleanor (mother-in-law of Kris Sanchez; Daniel (neighbor's son of Gloria Schmidt); Rich (cousin-in-law of Jennifer Strand) Misty (friend of Schatzi Taylor) Will (nephew of Chris and Theda Doak); Leaticia, Azogan, Meivis, Sidibe, Bintou, Zinsou, and Mabel (friends of Rachel Starner); Pat (friend of Suzanne Hesh).

Names will generally remain on the list for three weeks, unless requested for renewal. Please contact the church office for corrections, updates, and additions.

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**OVERVIEW OF TODAY'S SCRIPTURE:**

The readings for this fifth Sunday in Epiphany speak in various ways about how God is to be followed. To a people who sought God to be on "our" side, Isaiah summons action on the side of neighbors in need. The psalm anchors well-being with lives that are gracious, merciful, and righteous. To the church at Corinth, Paul ties his witness not to self but Christ and the Cross. In Matthew, Jesus' sermon calls us to be as salt and light in the world as we keep covenant with God in righteous ways.



**Today's Sunday Forum: Annual Congregational Meeting** - directly following the service in the Activity Building.

**UPCOMING**

**Sat. Feb. 14** Our Saviour's Get-Togethers - Valentine's Day Brunch at Cafe a la C'Art at the Tucson Museum, 11 am - 12:30 pm. Open to all. Sign up at coffee hour.

**Mon. Feb. 23** Lutheran Day at the Legislature, Arizona Capitol, Wesley Bolin Plaza, sign up to carpool. You must register to attend the day.

**ICS** is in need of canned, packaged, and in-date non-perishable items, including pasta, peanut butter, canned meats, rice, beans, and cereal. Please place donations in the shopping cart.

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\*An asterisk indicates the congregation should stand in body and/or spirit.  
Congregation's speaking and singing parts are in bold font.

**WELCOME**

**PRELUDE** *We Are One in the Spirit* arr. by Peter Sholtes

**\*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

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.**

Let us turn in confession to the one who knows us completely.  
*Silence is kept for reflection.*

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 - Glory to You, God**



1 Glo - ry to you, God, for yours is the earth;  
2 Glo - ry to you, God, for yours is the earth;  
3 Glo - ry to you, God, for yours is the earth;



yours is the prom - ise, the bless - ing, the birth.  
yours the ho - san - nas, the dy - ing, re - birth.  
yours the a - noint - ing, the ra - di - ant worth.



Ours the re - joic - ing for Word giv - en frame;  
Ours the re - joic - ing for na - ture re - claimed;  
Ours the re - joic - ing for spir - its a - flame;



ours the thanks - giv - ing to your ho - ly name.



Ours be the tell - ing of deeds great - ly done;



yours be the glo - ry, O God, yours a - lone.

## \*GREETING

The grace of Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.  
**And also with you.**

## \*PRAYER OF THE DAY

### FIRST READING

*Our Old Testament reading is from the book of Isaiah.*

*Isaiah's final chapters are set in the time after the Jewish exiles have returned to Jerusalem. Our reading begins with God commissioning the prophet to speak truth to hypocrisy. The people seek God to take their side even as they act contrary to God's purposes. When the people complain that their faith practice of fasting has no effect, God replies with a challenging word about the fast God truly seeks. It is a fast bound up in the treatment of neighbor.*

### Isaiah 58:1-12

<sup>1</sup> 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 want God on their side.

<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> 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 straps 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>9a</sup> Then you shall call, and the Lord will answer;  
you shall cry for help, and he will say, "Here I  
am."

<sup>9b</sup> 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.

<sup>12</sup> 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.

## PSALM 112:1-10

<sup>1</sup> Hallelujah! Happy are they who fear the Lord and have great delight in God's commandments!

<sup>2</sup> **Their descendants will be mighty in the land; the generation of the upright will be blessed.**

<sup>3</sup> Wealth and riches will be in their house, and their righteousness will last forever.

<sup>4</sup> **Light shines in the darkness for the upright; the righteous are merciful and full of compassion.**

<sup>5</sup> It is good for them to be generous in lending and to manage their affairs with justice.

<sup>6</sup> **For they will never be shaken; the righteous will be kept in everlasting remembrance.**

<sup>7</sup> They will not be afraid of any evil rumors; their heart is steadfast, trusting in the Lord.

<sup>8</sup> **Their heart is established and will not shrink, until they see their desire upon their enemies.**

<sup>9</sup> They have given freely to the poor, and their righteousness stands fast forever; they will hold up their head with honor.

<sup>10</sup> **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

*Our New Testament reading is from Paul's first letter to the church at Corinth.*

*Paul's words last week on the wisdom and foolishness of God now shape Paul's explanation of his practice of ministry when he was in Corinth. It was common in Greek and Roman culture for orators to enter public spaces and expound on their brand of wisdom. Paul admits here his public witness in Corinth was not to wow them with his wisdom. Paul's focus was not on himself, but Christ and the cross. Paul came not with wisdom and eloquence, but in fear and trembling relied on God's Spirit.*

## 1 Corinthians 2:1-12

<sup>1</sup> When I came to you, brothers and sisters, I did not come proclaiming the testimony of God to you with superior 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 came to you in weakness and in fear and in much trembling. <sup>4</sup> My speech and my proclamation were made not with persuasive 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>6</sup> 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. <sup>7</sup> But we speak God's wisdom, a hidden mystery, which God decreed before the ages for our glory <sup>8</sup> and which none of the rulers of this age understood, for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory.

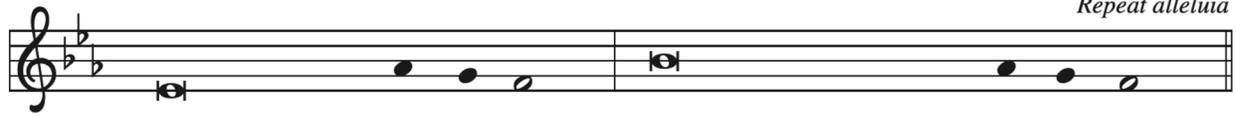
<sup>9</sup> But, as it is written, "What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the human heart conceived, what God has prepared for those who love him"—

<sup>10</sup> God has revealed to us through the Spirit, for the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. <sup>11</sup> 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. <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.

**\*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**



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



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

**\*GOSPEL**

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

**Matthew 5:13-20**

[Jesus said:] <sup>13</sup> "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> 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. <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."

The Gospel of Jesus Christ. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

**SERMON**

**\*HYMN OF THE DAY ELW #677** This Little Light of Mine

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**\*PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

...God of grace, receive our prayer.

...Confident that the Holy Spirit receives our prayers and answers us, we commend all for whom we pray to God's loving-kindness made known to us in Christ Jesus our Savior.

**Amen.**

**\*EXCHANGE OF PEACE**

**OFFERING** *Every Valley* by John Ness Beck, transcribed by Craig Courtney

Chancel Choir

**\*OFFERING PRAYER**

## \*THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

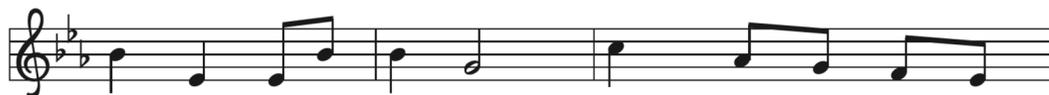
**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy... ..we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

## \*HOLY HOLY HOLY



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and



God of might, heav - en and earth are full of your



glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.



Bless - ed is the one who comes in the name of the



Lord. Ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.



Ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

## \*THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

### \*THE 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.**

*This congregation tends to use the traditional form of the Lord's Prayer. You are welcome to pray using other versions, words, or languages that may be more familiar to you. You are also encouraged to address God in a way that most opens your heart to relationship with God (Creator, Father and Mother, Abba, Our Only Home are a few options). Jesus taught this form of prayer to the disciples to encourage sincere and meaningful conversation with God.*

## COMMUNION

Come to this Table of mercy. Become what you receive.

*This is Christ's table. You and all are welcome, without exception. If you prefer a blessing only, cross your arms over your heart. Gluten-free wafers available by request. The wine is red; the grape juice is clear. Please let an usher know if you would like communion brought to your pew.*

## COMMUNION HYMNS 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; grant us peace, grant us peace.

ELW #717 Let Justice Flow Like Streams

ELW #637 Holy God, Holy and Glorious

## SENDING PRAYER

## SENDING ANNOUNCEMENTS

### \*BLESSING

**\*SENDING HYMN** ELW #536 God Be with You Till We Meet Again

*Turn to follow the cross as it passes and leads us to love and service in the world.*

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### \*DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Christ is with you.

**Thanks be to God!**



## Lent with Our Saviour's and Lutheran Campus Ministry

*Daytime services are led by Our Saviour's; Evening services led by LCM. All are invited to attend either or both.*

**Ash Wednesday, February 18 - 12:00 PM & 6:15 PM – Service in Koch Chapel**

**Wednesdays, February 25 – March 25 - 12:00 PM - Service**

**Wednesdays, February 25 – March 25 - 6:15 PM – Service followed by dinner**

# 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;

oh, oh,

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;  
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oh,

let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.  
 let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.  
 let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Text: African American spiritual  
 Music: THIS JOY, African American spiritual; arr. Horace Clarence Boyer, b. 1935  
 Arr. © Horace Clarence Boyer, admin. Augsburg Fortress.

## God Be with You Till We Meet Again

1 God be with you till we meet a - gain; by good coun-sels guide, up - hold you,  
 2 God be with you till we meet a - gain; ho - ly wings se - cure - ly hide you,  
 3 God be with you till we meet a - gain; when life's per - ils thick con-found you,

with a shep-herd's care en - fold you;  
 dai - ly man - na still pro - vide you; God be with you till we meet a - gain.  
 put un-fail - ing arms a - round you;

*Refrain*

Till we meet, till we meet, till we  
 till we meet, till we meet a - gain,

meet at Je - sus' feet; till we meet, till we  
 till we meet, till we meet, till we

meet, God be with you till we meet a - gain.  
 meet a - gain,

## THOSE SERVING TODAY

2/8/2026

<b>Presiding Minister</b>	Rev. Amalia Vagts
<b>Assisting Minister</b>	Bill DeVinney
<b>Communion Assistants</b>	Mary Pflibsen, Patty Sirls, Deacon Wendi Van Beek
<b>Acolyte</b>	Mary Pflibsen
<b>Keyboard</b>	Betsy Dunlap
<b>Cantor</b>	Joy Bulawa
<b>Music</b>	Chancel Choir
<b>Usher</b>	Ann DeVinney, Angie Grandison
<b>Greeter</b>	Donna Lounsbury, Daphne Myers
<b>Cross Bearer</b>	
<b>Coffee Host</b>	David Lester
<b>Treats</b>	Mary Havenhill
<b>Tech Team</b>	Pflibsen/Bustamante
<b>Scripture Background</b>	John Indermark

## THOSE SERVING SUNDAY

2/15/2026

<b>Presiding Minister</b>	John Indermark (UCC Minister with Standing)
<b>Assisting Minister</b>	Scott Koenig
<b>Communion Assistants</b>	Bonnie Phelps, Kathy Devinney, Deacon Wendi Van Beek
<b>Acolyte</b>	Scott Koenig
<b>Keyboard</b>	Betsy Dunlap
<b>Cantor</b>	Nilu Dorschner
<b>Usher</b>	Jennifer Strand, Patty Sirls
<b>Greeter</b>	Diane Siefkes
<b>Cross Bearer</b>	Jennifer Strand
<b>Coffee Host</b>	Kris Sanchez
<b>Treats</b>	Adrian/Saphir Family
<b>Tech Team</b>	Pflibsen/Bustamante
<b>Scripture Background</b>	John Indermark

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## Sunday Worship Times

9:00 - Sanctuary

Coffee following

## Office Hours

**Monday - Thursday**

8:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

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## Online Offering

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