



# Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

February 8, 2026 | 9:00 am

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**Annunciation of Our Lady Episcopal Church**  
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# Welcome to Annunciation

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## Before Worship

We ask that conversations and greetings before the worship service happen in the Narthex. We try to keep the Nave as a space for quiet prayer and contemplation as we enter into worship.

## What's Happening

The bulletin is your guide to everything happening in our parish. It contains everything you need to fully participate in the service. Some of the music we will sing can be found here in the bulletin or the Red or Blue hymnal in your pew.

## Receiving Communion

- *You're Invited: This is Jesus' table; he made no restrictions, and neither do we.*
- *Host: Our communion is by bread or wafer. The priest or deacon will place the sacrament in your hand.*
- *Wine: You are invited to receive the wine by the common cup, either by sipping (please guide the chalice with your hand) or by intinction (dipping the wafer in the wine).*
- *If you would like to receive in the single-serving cups, a Eucharistic Minister will have a tray of cups by the right ambulatory.*
- *Gluten-free wafers are available. Ask the priest for one when you come up.*
- *Healing Prayer: If you would like someone to pray for you for healing of mind, body, or spirit, you're invited to go to the side chapel at any time during Communion.*

## Hospitality

After the service, please enjoy good food, coffee, and conversation in the Parish Hall.

## Let's Get Connected!

We want to get to know you better and tell you more about our community. Please fill in a Newcomer Card, available at the Communications Center near the main entrance.

## Children

We welcome children to participate fully, and we do not expect them to be perfectly quiet. If your child

needs a break, feel free to bring them to the Narthex (lobby) or make use of our Nursery: take a left as you exit the worship space, down the hall.

## Restrooms

The main restrooms are off the Parish Hall, to your right as you exit the worship space. A gender-neutral restroom is located to your left as you exit the worship space, down the hall.

## Wheelchair Accommodations

There are wheelchair-friendly spaces in the pews, on the outside aisles. Accessible restroom stalls are in the main restrooms off the Parish Hall, to your right as you exit the worship space.

## Hearing Assistance

Hearing devices are located on the table near the main entrance. Please ask an usher for assistance.

## Online Worship

We record and broadcast our services via Zoom. You can find the link to the Zoom on our electronic Parish News.

Additionally, if you are not comfortable or do not consent to your image being shown on our broadcast, we encourage you to be aware of the camera and ask you to consider taking a seat behind the camera on the left side of the Nave.

## Streaming to Facebook Live

If you aren't able to join us for our in person service, the video will be available at:

<https://www.facebook.com/annunciationurnee/live>

You do not have to have a Facebook account to view the video.

## In-person, indoor worship

- If you are not feeling well, please stay home.
- Masks are optional inside. Please gauge your own continuum of safety.

*Please ask an usher or worship leader for assistance with anything you need.*

# The Liturgy of the Word

## Prelude

### Opening Hymn

*Please stand, as able, to sing.*

#488, *The Hymnal 1982*

*Be thou my vision*

### Opening Acclamation

*Celebrant:* In the beginning God created the light.

*People:* ***Morning broke open on the first day.***

*Celebrant:* This God of ours sent the light.

*People:* ***Jesus the Christ came to the world's people.***

*Celebrant:* Morning light opens for us.

*People:* ***God's Light illumines our lives; and opens us to worship this day.***

### Collect for Purity

*Celebrant and People, say together*

***Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.***

## Gloria

#S-280, *The Hymnal 1982*

### Collect of the Day

*Celebrant:* The Lord be with you.

*People:* ***And also with you.***

*Celebrant:* Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, you govern all things both in heaven and on earth: Mercifully hear the supplications of your people, and in our time grant us your peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

*People:* ***Amen.***

*Please be seated.*

### The First Lesson

*Isaiah 58:1-9a*

*Reader:* A reading from the Prophet Isaiah.

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. 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.

“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. 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.

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?

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?

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?

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.

Then you shall call, and the Lord will answer; you shall cry for help, and he will say, Here I am.

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord.  
*People:* ***Thanks be to God.***

## The Psalm

*Psalm 112:1-9*

*Leader:* Let us read the psalm by half-verse:

Hallelujah!  
Happy are they who fear the Lord \*  
***and have great delight in his commandments!***

Their descendants will be mighty in the land; \*  
***the generation of the upright will be blessed.***

Wealth and riches will be in their house, \*  
***and their righteousness will last for ever.***

Light shines in the darkness for the upright; \*

***the righteous are merciful and full of compassion.***

It is good for them to be generous in lending \*  
***and to manage their affairs with justice.***

For they will never be shaken; \*  
***the righteous will be kept in everlasting remembrance.***

They will not be afraid of any evil rumors; \*  
***their heart is right;  
they put their trust in the Lord.***

Their heart is established and will not shrink, \*  
*until they see their desire upon their enemies.*

They have given freely to the poor, \*  
*and their righteousness stands fast for ever;*  
*they will hold up their head with honor.*

## The Second Lesson

1 Corinthians 2:1-12

*Reader:* A reading from Paul's first letter to the Corinthians.

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

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 doomed to perish. But we speak God's wisdom, secret and hidden, which God decreed before the ages for our glory. None of the rulers of this age understood this; for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. 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”—

these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit; for the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. For what human being 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. 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.

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord.

*People:* ***Thanks be to God.***

## Gospel Acclamation

Celtic Alleluia

*Please sing twice*



## The Gospel

Matthew 5:13-20

*Deacon:* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

*People:* ***Glory to you, Lord Christ.***

*Deacon:* Jesus said, “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.

“You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. 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. 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.

“Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. 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. 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. For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.”

*Deacon:* The Gospel of the Lord.  
*People:* Praise to you, Lord Christ.

## The Sermon

### The 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:  
by the power of the Holy Spirit  
he became incarnate  
from the Virgin Mary,  
and was made man.  
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.  
With the Father and the Son he is  
worshiped and glorified.  
He has spoken through the Prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic  
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.*

### The Prayers of the People

*Leader:* Let us pray for all people, for all nations, and for the church, offering silent prayer as we are bidden.

*Leader:* I ask your prayers for God's church, for Sarah, the Archbishop of Canterbury, Sean, the Presiding Bishop, and Paula, our bishop and all who serve it, for this assembly, and for all God's people everywhere. Pray for the church.

*Leader:* I ask your prayers for the good earth, that all people may respect its resources, preserve its future, and enjoy its fruits in their season. Pray for the soil and the sea.

*Leader:* I ask your prayers for the leaders of the nations, that they may act deliberately and dispassionately, and for the good of all.

*Leader:* I ask your prayers for peace, that the peoples of the world may live in safety and without fear. Pray for peace.

*Leader:* I ask your prayers for the wealthy, the free, and the healthy, that they may use their possessions to aid those in need. Pray for compassion among people.

*Leader:* I ask your prayers for the sick, the sorrowing, and those who are alone especially: **Ilay and family, Havers and Peterson families, Tony, David and Claire and their family, Jackie, Jane and John, Alexander, Sophie, Linda, Eric and family, Karen and Jon, Darlene, Tina, David, Robbie, Dorothy, Noah, Dan and Becca, Matthew, Kate, Mark, Kaye, Matt, Dan, Walter, Frank, Linda, Jerry; Brent, Tom.** Pray for those in any need or trouble.

*Leader:* O God, our times are in your hand: look with favor, we pray, on your servant **Maria** Westphal (2/8) as she begins another year. Grant that she may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen her trust in you all the days of her life.

*Leader:* We hold before God those who serve in the armed forces: including **Zoë Babowice, Moshe McClain, Liam Mellen, Christopher Pavy, Nick Unda, Karl Mohrmann, Trish Hull, Clay Anderson, and Quinton Hocking.**

*Leader:* For Fort Dauphin in the Diocese of Toliara, the Diocese of Renk, the Diocese of Southeastern Mexico, and Holy Catholic Church of China.

*Leader:* For the poor and the helpless, the hungry and the oppressed. This morning we pray for the people served by Sunrise Assisted Living, PADS and the Community Meal program, for our friends in Madagascar: **Bishop Samy, Bishop Victor, Canon Donne, Fernandez, Harisoa, Vanessa, Mendrika, Bein.**

*Leader:* I ask your prayers for the faithful departed, that God give them eternal rest. Pray for those who have died.

*Celebrant:* God of all the living, hear the prayers of your faithful people, and grant our requests. Strengthen us for the tasks you give us, and bring us at last to praise you forever with your saints, through Christ our Lord.

*People:* **Amen.**

## The Peace

*Celebrant:* My dear friends in Christ, the Peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People:* **And also with you.**

*After you have greeted others, please have a seat.*

## Offertory

*Celebrant:* Ascribe to the Lord the honor due God's name; bring offerings and come into God's courts with praise and thanksgiving.

*All are invited to make an offering to Annunciation as an expression of gratitude for God's generosity. You can place your gift in the alms basin (offering plate), or you can make an online donation through Zelle by using the QR code or through your bank (use the email: [treasurer@annunciationgurnee.org](mailto:treasurer@annunciationgurnee.org)). Thank you for your generosity!*



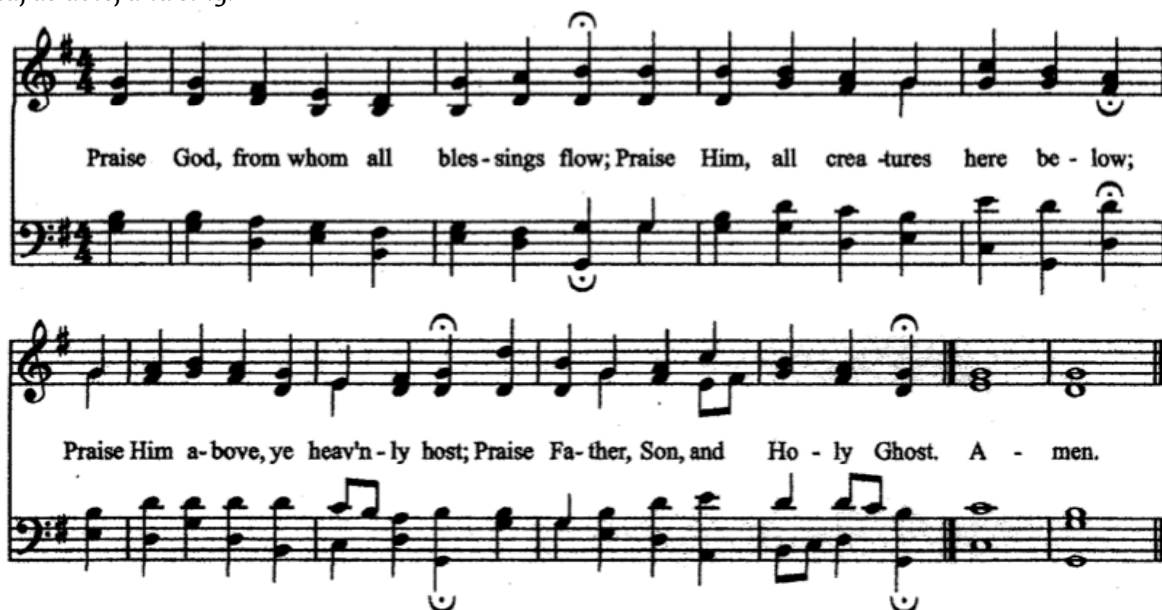
## Offertory Hymn

#505, *The Hymnal 1982*  
*O Spirit of Life, O Spirit of God*

## Presentation Hymn

*Representatives of the congregation bring the people's offerings to the altar.*

*Please stand, as able, and sing:*



# The Holy Communion

*Please stand as you are able.*

## Sending Forth of Lay Eucharistic Visitors

*Celebrant:* Hear us, O heavenly Father, and with your Word and Holy Spirit bless and sanctify this bread and wine that it, also, may be the Sacrament of the precious Body and Blood of your



Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who took bread and the cup and said, "This is my Body, this is my Blood."

*People: Amen.*

*Deacon:* You have been entrusted with the sacraments of the church. Go and share these signs of our community with those who are unable to be a part of our gathering, and assure them that they are in our prayers. May you bring peace to these places that welcome you.

## **The Great Thanksgiving**

*Prayer C, BCP*

*Celebrant:* The Lord be with you.

*People:* ***And also with you.***

*Celebrant:* Lift up your hearts.

*People:* ***We lift them to the Lord.***

*Celebrant:* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People:* ***It is right to give God thanks and praise.***

*Celebrant:* God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

*People:* ***Glory to you for ever and ever.***

*Celebrant:* At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

*People:* ***By your will they were created and have their being.***

*Celebrant:* From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

*People:* ***Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.***

*Celebrant:* Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

*People:* ***By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.***

*Celebrant:* And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

*All sing:*

*S-128, The Hymnal 1982*

*Celebrant:* And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord. On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." After supper, he took the cup of wine, gave thanks, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me." Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

*Celebrant and People:* ***We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.***

*Celebrant:* Lord God of our ancestors: God of Abraham and Sarah; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

*People:* ***Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.***

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation.

*People:* ***AMEN!***

### **The Lord's Prayer**

*Celebrant:* And now as our savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say:

*People:* ***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, for ever and ever. Amen.***

### **The Breaking of the Bread**

*Celebrant:* Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

*People:* ***Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.***

### **Invitation to Communion**

*Celebrant:* These are the gifts of God and we are the people of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you and feed on him in your hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

*Healing prayers will be offered in the chapel during the distribution of Holy Communion. Please make your way to the prayer station after receiving communion, if you desire personal prayers with a prayer minister.*

### **Communion Hymn**

#335, *The Hymnal 1982*

*I am the bread of life*

### **Post-Communion Prayer**

*Celebrant:* Let us pray.

*Celebrant and People, say together:*

***Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.***

### **The Blessing**

*Celebrant:* May Christ, the Son of God, be manifest in you, that your lives may be a light to

the world; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always.

*People:*       ***Amen.***

## **Welcome & Announcements**

## **Closing Hymn**

*#453, The Hymnal 1982  
As Jacob with travel was weary*

## **The Dismissal**

*Deacon:*       Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia!

*People:*       ***Thanks be to God. Alleluia!***

## **Postlude**

## Worship Ministers

*Crucifer/Acolyte* Charles O'Morchoe  
*1st Reader & Psalm* Carol Anderson  
*2nd Reader* Steve Kulbis  
*Prayers* Deb Modde  
*Euch. Minister* Bill Hagan and Charles O'Morchoe  
*Healing Minister* Carol Anderson

*Ushers*  
*Sunrise Minister*  
  
*Digital Verger*  
*Altar Guild*  
*Musicians*

Davey and Kim Fulton  
Elizabeth Danos, Jay Stripling,  
and Steve Kulbis  
Beth Hagan  
Pam Myers  
Elaine and Ron O'Neil

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## Annunciation of Our Lady

*Annunciation is a place...*

*To be included*

*To be honest*

*To be challenged*

*To be empowered*

*To find hope*