

# Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany

February 8, 2026

## Divine Service Setting One

### Confession and Absolution

#### 904 Blessed Jesus, at Your Word

1. Bless-ed Je-sus, at Your Word We are gath-ered  
2. All our knowl-edge, sense, and sight Lie in deep-est  
3. Gra-cious Sav-ior, good and kind, Light of Light, from  
4. Fa-ther, Son, and Spir-it, Lord, Praise to You and  
all to hear You. Let our hearts and souls be stirred  
dark-ness shroud-ed Till Your Spir-it breaks our night  
God pro-ceed-ing, O-open now our heart and mind;  
ad-o-ra-tion! Grant that we may trust Your Word,  
Now to seek and love and fear You, By Your teach-ings,  
With the beams of truth un-cloud-ed. You a-lone to  
Help us by Your Spir-it's plead-ing. Hear the cry Your  
Con-fi-dent of our sal-va-tion, While we here be-sweet and ho-ly, Drawn from earth to love You sole-ly.  
God can win us; You must work all good with-in us.  
Church now rais-es; Hear and bless our prayers and prais-es.  
low must wan-der, Till we sing Your prais-es yon-der.

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Stand

*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 Amen.

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

Kneel/Stand

*Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.*

P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not**

loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

*Stand*

## Service of the Word

### Introit

*Psalm 119:9–16; antiphon: v. 12*

Blessèd are you, | O LORD;\*  
    teach me your | statutes!  
How can a young man keep his | way pure?\*  
    By guarding it according | to your word.  
With my whole heart I | seek you;\*  
    let me not wander from your com- | mandments!  
I have stored up your word | in my heart,\*  
    that I might not sin a- | gainst you.  
Blessèd are you, | O LORD;\*  
    teach me your | statutes!  
With my lips | I declare\*  
    all the just decrees | of your mouth.  
In the way of your testimonies | I delight\*  
    as much as in all | riches.  
I will meditate on your | precepts\*  
    and fix my eyes | on your ways.  
I will delight in your | statutes;\*  
    I will not for- | get your word.  
**Glory be to the Father and | to the Son\***  
    **and to the Holy | Spirit;**  
**as it was in the be- | ginning,\***  
    **is now, and will be forever. | Amen.**  
Blessèd are you, | O LORD;\*  
    teach me your | statutes!

### Kyrie

*LSB 152*

A In peace let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

A For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

A 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.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

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

C **Lord, have mercy.**

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

C **Amen.**

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

Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God.

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

Power, riches, wisdom, and strength, and honor, blessing, and glory are His.

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

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.

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

For the Lamb who was slain has begun His reign. Alleluia.

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

### Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray.

O Lord, keep Your family the Church continually in the true faith that, relying on the hope of Your heavenly grace, we may ever be defended by Your mighty power; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

*Sit*

### 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?  
<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 him,  
and not to hide yourself from your own flesh?  
<sup>8</sup>Then 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.  
<sup>9</sup>Then you shall call, and the LORD will answer;  
you shall cry, and he will say, ‘Here I am.’”

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

### Gradual

*Psalm 117:1–2a; 96:8*

Praise the LORD, all | nations!\*  
Extol him, all | peoples!  
For great is his steadfast | love toward us,\*  
and the faithfulness of the LORD endures for- | ever.  
Ascribe to the LORD the glory | due his name;\*  
bring an offering, and come in- | to his courts!

### 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.

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

### Stand

C Alleluia.

Lord, to whom shall we go?  
You have the words of eternal life.  
Alleluia, alleluia.

## Holy Gospel

Matthew 5:13–20

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

C Glory to You, 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.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

## Nicene Creed

C I believe in one God,  
the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth  
and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the only-begotten Son of God,  
begotten of His Father before all worlds,  
God of God, Light of Light,  
very God of very God,  
begotten, not made,  
being of one substance with the Father,  
by whom all things were made;  
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven  
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary  
and was made man;  
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.  
He suffered and was buried.

And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures  
and ascended into heaven

and sits at the right hand of the Father.

And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,  
whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord and giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,  
who spoke by the prophets.

And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,

I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,  
and I look for the resurrection of the dead  
and the life <sup>T</sup> of the world to come. Amen.

*Sit*

**580 The Gospel Shows the Father's Grace**

1 The Gos - pel shows the Fa - ther's grace, Who sent His  
 2 It sets the Lamb be - fore our eyes, Who made the  
 3 It brings the Sav - ior's righ - teous - ness To robe our  
 4 It is the pow'r of God to save From sin and  
  
 Son to save our race, Pro - claims how Je - sus  
 ton - ing sac - ri - fice, And calls the souls with  
 souls in roy - al dress; From all the our guilt  
 Sa - tan and the grave; It works the faith which  
  
 lived and died That we might thus be jus - ti - fied.  
 guilt op - pressed To come and find e - ter - nal rest.  
 brings re - lease And gives the trou - bled con - science peace.  
 firm - ly clings To all the trea - sures which it brings.

5 It bears to all the tidings glad  
 And bids their hearts no more be sad;  
 The weary, burdened souls it cheers  
 And banishes their guilty fears.

6 May we in faith its message learn  
 Nor thanklessly its blessings spurn;  
 May we in faith its truth confess  
 And praise the Lord, our righteousness.

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**Sermon All or Nothing Text Matthew 5:13-20**

*Stand*

**Offertory**

C What shall I render to the Lord for all His benefits to me?  
 I will offer the sacrifice of thanksgiving and will call on the name of the Lord.  
 I will take the cup of salvation and will call on the name of the Lord.  
 I will pay my vows to the Lord now in the presence of all His people,  
 in the courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.

*LSB 159*

*Sit*

**Offering**

*Stand*

**Prayer of the Church**

# Service of the Sacrament

## Preface

LSB 160

P The Lord be with you.  
C **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.  
C **We lift them to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
C **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord; for what had been hidden from before the foundation of the world You have made known to the nations in Your Son. In Him, being found in the substance of our mortal nature, You have manifested the fullness of Your glory. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

## Sanctus

LSB 161

C **Holy, holy, holy Lord God of pow'r and might:  
Heaven and earth are full of Your glory.  
Hosanna. Hosanna.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

## Lord's Prayer

LSB 162

P Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:  
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.**

## The Words of Our Lord

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My T body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My T blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

**Pax Domini**

LSB 163

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.  
 C **Amen.**

**Agnus Dei**

LSB 163

C **Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.**  
**Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.**  
**Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.**

*Sit***Distribution***In dismissing the communicants, the following is said:*

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting.  
 Depart in peace.  
 C **Amen.**

**560 Drawn to the Cross, Which Thou Hast Blessed**

1 Drawn to the cross, which Thou hast blessed With healing grace a -  
 2 Thou know - est all my griefs and fears, Thy  
 3 Wash me and take a - way each stain; Let noth - ing  
 4 And then for work to do for Thee, Which shall so

gifts for souls dis - tressed, To find in Thee my  
 bused, my mis - spent years; Yet now to Thee with  
 of my sin re - main. For cleans - ing, though it  
 sweet a ser - vice be That an - gels well might

life, my rest, Christ cru - ci - fied, I come.  
 con - trite tears, Christ cru - ci - fied, I come.  
 be through pain, Christ cru - ci - fied, I come.  
 en - vy me, Christ cru - ci - fied, I come.

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*Stand***Thank the Lord**

LSB 164

C **Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev'ryone what He has done.**  
**Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and proudly bear His name.**  
**He recalls His promises and leads His people forth in joy**  
**with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia, alleluia.**

**Post-Communion Collect**

A Let us pray.  
 We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.  
 C **Amen.**

P The Lord bless you and keep you.  
 The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
 The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.  
 C Amen.

## 583 God Has Spoken by His Prophets

1 God has spo - ken by His proph - ets, Spo - ken His un - chang - ing Word;  
 2 God has spo - ken by Christ Je - sus, Christ, the ev - er - last - ing Son,  
 3 God is speak-ing by His Spir - it, Speak-ing to our hearts a - gain,

Each from age to age pro-claim-ing God, the one, the righ-teous Lord.  
 Bright-ness of the Fa-ther's glo - ry, With the Fa - ther ev - er one;  
 In the age-less Word de - clar - ing His own mes-sage, now as then.

In the world's de - spair and tur-moil, One firm an - chor holds us fast:  
 Spo - ken by the Word In - car-nate, God of God, be - fore time was;  
 Through the rise and fall of na-tions One sure faith yet stand-ing fast;

God is king, His throne e - ter - nal; God the first, and God the last.  
 Light of Light, to earth de-scend-ing, He re - veals our God to us.  
 God a - bides, His Word un-chang-ing; God the first, and God the last.

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