

welcome to worship
FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY
February 8, 2026



PRELUDE

This Little Light of Mine

Hassell

WELCOME

Pastor Katie

The assembly remains seated.

CONFESSION AND 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.**

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.**

The assembly remains seated.

GATHERING HYMN

Set the Sun Dancing

Choir: Set the sun dancing! New life has begun! | Star, you must fade, for your journey is done,
New Year rides onward now, Christmas is gone, | Carry the light with us as we move on.

Refrain (all sing):

♪ **And the light that is shining is our light to hold,
Facing, embracing the darkness and cold,
Light that's not hidden where Good News is told:
The hope that is born with Christ Jesus!**

Choir: Wise men with riches of knowledge and thought
Found great treasure than ever they brought,
Rose from their knees and were clothed in this light —
New understanding of power and right. *Refrain*

We are the company, foolish and wise, | Rich in a faith that all reason defies,
Crossing the borders of culture and race, | Leading by lifestyle, forgiveness and grace. *Refrain*

Peace is not born at the end of a gun, | Peace is a family gathered as one,
Here is Epiphany, wrapped in a shawl, | Christ, who is Light, who is wiser than all. *Refrain*

PRAYER OF THE DAY

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

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.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Miss Lauryn

READING *Psalm 112:1-9 (The Message)*

112 ¹⁻¹⁰ Hallelujah! Blessed man, blessed woman, who fear God,
Who cherish and relish God's commandments,
Their children robust on the earth, and the homes of the upright—how blessed!
Their houses brim with wealth and a generosity that never runs dry.
Sunrise breaks through the darkness for good people—God's grace and mercy and justice!
The good person is generous and lends lavishly;
No shuffling or stumbling around for this one, but a sterling and solid and lasting reputation.
Unfazed by rumor and gossip, heart ready, trusting in God, Spirit firm, unperturbed,
Ever blessed, relaxed among enemies, they lavish gifts on the poor—
A generosity that goes on, and on, and on.

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

The assembly stands to welcome the gospel.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *Jesus the Light of the World*



4 Hail the heav'n-born Prince of peace! Je-sus, the Light of the world;



Hail the Sun of righ-teous-ness! Je-sus, the Light of the world.

Refrain



We'll walk in the light, beau-ti-ful light, come where the dew-drops of mer-cy are bright.



Shine all a-round us by day and by night, Je-sus, the Light of the world.

HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 5:13-20 (The Message)

In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus encourages his followers to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world, doing good works and keeping God's commandments.

The holy gospel according to Matthew. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

¹³ “Let me tell you why you are here. You are the salt of the earth, salt-seasoning that brings out the God-flavors of this earth. If you lose your saltiness, how will people taste godliness? You’ve lost your usefulness and will end up in the garbage.

¹⁴⁻¹⁶ “Here’s another way to put it: You are the light of the world, bringing out the God-colors in the world. God is not a secret to be kept. We’re going public with this, as public as a city on a hill. If I make you light-bearers, you don’t think I’m going to hide you under a basket, do you? I’m putting you on a light stand. Now that I’ve put you there on a hilltop, on a light stand—shine! Keep open house; be generous with your lives. By opening up to others, you’ll prompt people to open up with God, this generous Father in heaven.

¹⁷⁻¹⁸ “Don’t suppose for a minute that I have come to demolish the Scriptures—either God’s Law or the Prophets. I’m not here to demolish but to complete. I am going to put it all together, pull it all together in a vast panorama. God’s Law is more real and lasting than the stars in the sky and the ground at your feet. Long after stars burn out and earth wears out, God’s Law will be alive and working.

¹⁹⁻²⁰ “Trivialize even the smallest item in God’s Law and you will only have trivialized yourself. But take it seriously, show the way for others, and you will find honor in the kingdom. Unless you do far better than the Pharisees in the matters of right living, you won’t know the first thing about entering the kingdom.

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

The assembly stands.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

**We believe in one God, the Almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth, Source of all life and all love.**

**We believe in Jesus Christ, God’s only Son,
Fully God, fully human,
Savior of the world, the risen King of kings.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,
The very breath and power of God,
Sustainer of our life in Christ.**

**We believe in the church, Christ’s body,
Called to be Love and Light,
To pursue justice and show mercy,
To proclaim the Good News of Christ,
To work for the common good of humanity.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

*Each petition concludes ... Merciful God, **receive our prayer.***

*The prayers conclude ... made known to us in Christ Jesus our Savior. **Amen.***

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

The assembly is seated.

OFFERING

If you brought an offering or your pledge card today, please place it in an offering plate that ushers will pass at this time. Thank you for your generous gifts! Did you know you can give using a credit card? Scan the QR code to the right.



OFFERTORY

*This Little Light of Mine
Children's Choir*

HOLY COMMUNION

Following the Words of Institution...

Life's greatest feast before us, we excitedly proclaim:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Dear God, you bring light to all peoples, light to the nations, light into our hearts, light on your Way.

For all honor and glory are yours, O God, through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit in your glorious creation both now and forever. **Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

Let us pray as Jesus taught us:

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed by 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, the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

INVITATION

Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! Come to the table; taste and see.

The assembly is seated.

DISTRIBUTION

Everyone is welcome to receive Holy Communion at Atonement. Follow the directions of the ushers to receive bread and a pre-filled cup of wine or grape juice (in purple cups) from the communion assistants. Deposit your empty cup in the basket at the end of the front pew and return to your seat by the side aisles. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request. Children are welcome to receive communion with their parents' permission.

Please take a moment to sign and pass the attendance pads found in the pews, check in to Atonement on your favorite social media platform, share a photo with your digital community, and say something gentle in the spirit of Jesus!

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION *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.

COMMUNION HYMNS

ELW 715

Christ, Be Our Light

ELW 688

Lord of Light

The assembly remains seated.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

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.**

BLESSING

May the triune God, who has put a new song in your mouth and tuned your heart for praise
✠ bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN 540

Go, Make Disciples

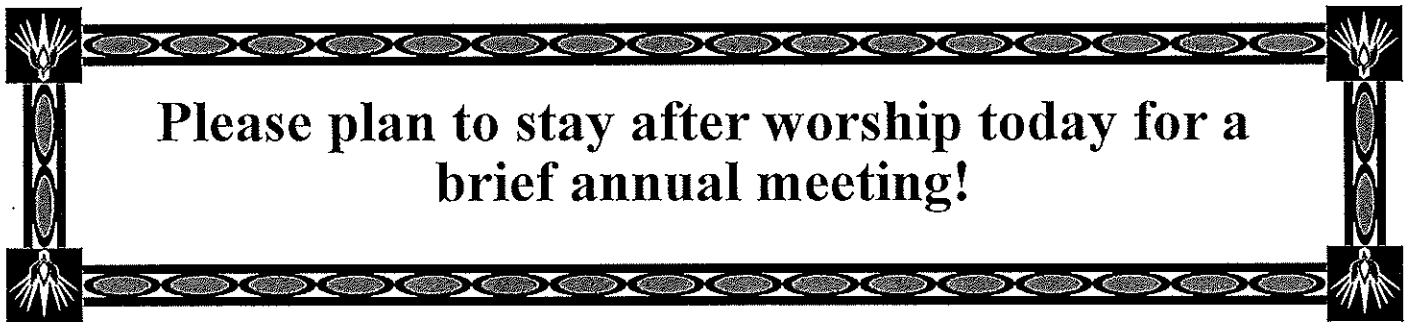
DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Do justice. Love mercy. **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright

Sedio



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WARMEST WELCOME to this congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America! We are a Lutheran church, but we're not just for Lutherans—we belong to our community! Together we are on the journey of discipleship with Jesus, who guides us from worship to formation, from formation to fellowship, and from fellowship to Christ-like servanthood.

CHILDREN are very welcome at Atonement! Activity bags and children's bulletins are available at the entrance to the worship space. Children from 3 years of age to 2nd grade are invited to experience worship geared just for them—follow the CHILDREN'S CHAPEL leader to the privacy room after the Children's Message. Children will return to their families for communion.

THE NURSERY is available for children preschool age and younger in Room F 126.

HEARING DEVICES are available for those who have trouble hearing the service—ask an usher on your way into the worship space.

RESTROOMS are located in the hall next to the worship space. A FAMILY RESTROOM with a changing table is also located in the Privacy Room at the back of the worship space.

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS are Monday—Thursday, 10:30am—2:30pm or by appointment. In the event of inclement weather, check our website or call the office before venturing out.

ATONEMENT VOLUNTEERS SERVE AT OPPORTUNITY HOUSE the third Saturday of every month. Contact Bob Eisenbrown at 484-332-8788 if you would like to join the team.

DONATING TO THE COMMUNITY AID THRIFT SHOP can benefit Common Ground. Use the code **50244** when you make a donation.

FOOD DONATIONS of canned goods, cereal, and other non-perishable, non-expired items for Lutheran Pantry are always accepted in the grocery cart in the narthex.

DONATIONS FOR COMMON GROUND are being collected in the large bin next to the coatroom in the narthex. You can also donate using our Amazon wish list, available by going to atonementwyo.org and selecting Common Ground from the top menu of the home page.

PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION for the 2026-27 school year is open for church families! Contact jdauber@atonementwyo.org for more information.

FAITH FORMATION FOR ADULTS & CHILDREN meets Sunday mornings, 8:45-9:45. Adults meet in room F122, children meet in the choir room.

ZENTANGLE ART CLASSES will be held at Atonement Tuesdays, February 17 and April 14, 5:30-7:30. Email mindful.masterpieces.czt@gmail.com with questions or to register.

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Christ, Be Our Light

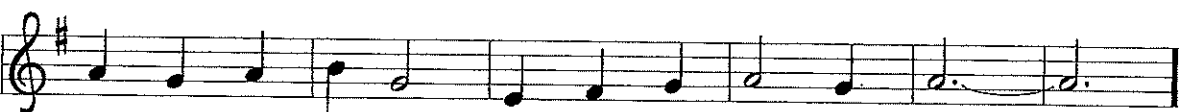
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1 Long-ing for light, we wait in dark-ness. Long-ing for
 2 Long-ing for peace, our world is trou-bled. Long-ing for
 3 Long-ing for food, man-y are hun-gry. Long-ing for
 4 Long-ing for shel-ter, man-y are home-less. Long-ing for
 5 Man-y the gifts, man-y the peo-ple, man-y the



truth, we turn to you. Make us your own,
 hope, man-y de-spair. Your word a-lone
 wa-ter, man-y still thirst. Make us your bread,
 warmth, man-y are cold. Make us your build-ing,
 hearts that yearn to be-long. Let us be ser-vants



your ho-ly peo-ple, light for the world to see.
 has pow'r to save us. Make us your liv-ing voice.
 bro-ken for oth-ers, shared un-til all are fed.
 shel-ter-ing oth-ers, walls made of liv-ing stone.
 to one an-oth-er, signs of your king-dom come.



Refrain
 Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the



dark-ness. Christ, be our light! Shine in your



church gath-ered to-day.

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Lord of Light



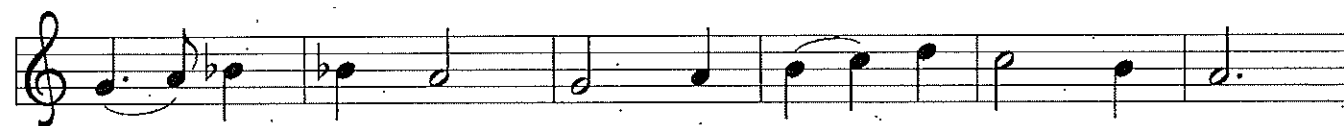
1 Lord of light, your name out - shin - ing all the stars and
 2 By the toil of faith - ful work - ers in some far out -
 3 Grant that knowl - edge, still in - creas - ing, at your feet may
 4 By the prayers of faith - ful watch - ers, nev - er si - lent



suns of space, use our tal - ents in your king - dom
 ly - ing field, by the cour - age where the ra - diance
 low - ly kneel; with your grace our tri - umphs hal - low,
 day or night; by the cross of Je - sus, bring - ing



as the ser - vants of your grace; use us to ful -
 of the cross is still re - vealed, by the vic - to -
 with your char - i - ty our zeal; lift the na - tions
 peace to all and heal - ing light; by the love that



fill your pur - pose in the gift of Christ your Son.
 ries of meek - ness, through re - proach and suf - f'ring won:
 from the shad - ows to the glad - ness of the sun:
 pass - es knowl - edge, mak - ing all your chil - dren one:

Refrain

Fa - ther, as in high - est heav - en, so on earth your will be done.

Text: Howell E. Lewis, 1860-1953, alt.

Music: ABBOT'S LEIGH, Cyril V. Taylor, 1907-1991

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Go, Make Disciples



"Go, make dis - ci - ples, bap - tiz - ing them, teach - ing them.



Go, make dis - ci - ples, for I am with you till the end of time.



Go, be the salt of the earth. Go, be the light for the world.



Go, be a cit - y on a hill, so all can see that you're



serv - ing me. Go, make dis - ci - ples."

Text: Handt Hanson, b. 1950

Music: GO, MAKE DISCIPLES, Handt Hanson

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