

February 8, 2026

10:00AM

5th Sunday after Epiphany

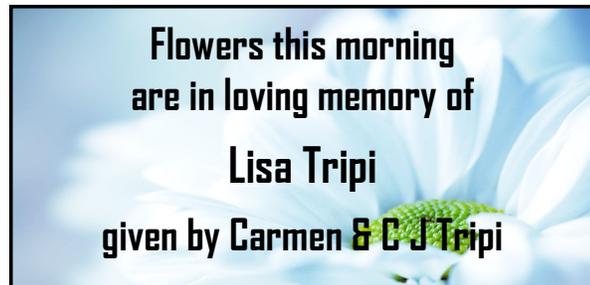


Moment of Quiet Reflection

Welcome and Greeting

Prayer for Peace

Lord, lead us from death to life, from lies to truth.
Lead us from despair to hope, from fear to trust.
Lead us from hatred to love, from war to peace.
Let peace fill our heart, our world, our universe,
Peace, Peace. Peace. Amen.



Prelude

Call to Worship

People of God, praise the Lord!

Praise the Lord! Happy are those who fear the Lord, those who greatly delight in his commandments.

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

Wealth and riches are in their houses, and their righteousness endures forever.

We who gather are broken yet holy; sinners at heart, yet fully redeemed.
We are God's very own, called together here this day.

Let us sing. Let us pray. Let us join together in worship. Praise the Lord!

Prayer of the Day

•Music

Longing for Light, We Wait in Darkness

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AWARE OF GOD'S PRESENCE

•Call to Confession

The more we know God's holiness, the more we can sense our distance from our creator. The more we seek justice and faithful living, the more we understand our complicity in systems that oppress. With humble hearts, let us confess our brokenness, our selfishness and our sin.

•Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, we confess that it is harder to do than we expected, this life of faith. You call us to be salt of the earth and to live lives of justice and righteousness and love. But our lives become busy. Following what others do is just easier. And sometimes the cost for doing what is right seems too high. One day, perhaps, we will commit more fully, but the status quo works better for us right now.

Forgive us, we pray. Startle our senses and disrupt our routines. Renew in us the passion for doing what is right in your eyes, and inspire us to be sources of your light in the world. May we, like the prophets and the saints, act by faith no matter how high the cost.

A Time of Silence

•Declaration of Forgiveness

"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?"

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.'"

We are blessed to know that very light which breaks forth. We know God's love and grace through Jesus Christ.

Through Christ, our sins are forgiven, and we know new life. Thanks be to God! Amen.

•Giving Glory to God

**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, Amen.**

Passing of the Peace

Children's Time

LISTENING IN GOD'S PRESENCE

Prayer of Illumination

Gracious God, the words we read are ancient and true. On this day, may we hear them anew. Grant us hearts to discern your Spirit within them, and grant us courage to follow them in our lives this day. Amen.

Scripture *Matthew 5:13-20*

Music

Scripture *Isaiah 58:1-12*

Sermon *Repairer of the Breach*

•Affirmation of Faith

from The Confession of 1967

We believe: The life, death, resurrection, and promised coming of Jesus Christ has set the pattern for the church's mission. His human life involves the church in the common life of all people. His service to men and women commits the church to work for every form of human well-being. His suffering makes the church sensitive to all human suffering so that it sees the face of Christ in the faces of persons in every kind of need. His crucifixion discloses to the church God's judgment on the inhumanity that marks human relations, and the awful consequences of the church's own complicity in injustice. In the power of the risen Christ and the hope of his coming, the church sees the promise of God's renewal of human life in society and of God's victory over all wrong.

The church follows this pattern in the form of its life and in the method of its action. So to live and serve is to confess Christ as Lord. Amen.

Prayers of the People and the Lord’s Prayer

Let us pray.

Gracious God, in this season, we come to you with joy. Joy, for the blessings of friends, and family, and loved ones near and far. Joy, for the relationships in all corners of our lives. Joy, for the blessing of shelter and food and safety.

We lift up to you those who are ill in body, mind, or spirit. May healing and wholeness find them. May peace and comfort find those who need them as well.

We come with joy for the communities of faith we call home, and the many gifts that faith grants us. We lift those who are burdened by brokenness of relationships and estrangement from those they love.

We come with joy for those who do your work — those we know who are near us, and those we will never meet. We lift up those who suffer injustice: From unjust rulers to unjust systems to unjust communities.

We come with joy for the promise of resurrection and the ways that light and love work wonders in our world. We lift up those affected by violence and war; those who flee as refugees, and those who seek new lands as immigrants.

We lift up all those other joys and concerns which are on our heart this day.

These things we pray in the name of Jesus, who was the one who first taught us true joy, true love, and the prayer:

“Our Father...”

Invitation to the Offering

All that we know, and all that we have, comes from God. In gratitude for all that God has given us, let us give back to God what was God’s to begin with in the form of our tithes and offerings.

Offertory

•Doxology

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•Prayer of Thanksgiving

Accept these, our gifts, almighty God, as a statement of our faith. May our offering bring goodness and light wherever it is needed. May our communities of faith be bearers of your light. And may we be sources of that same light to the world in all we say and do. Amen.

Music

Make Me a Channel of Your Peace

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Charge and Benediction

Go, dear friends, to love and serve the Lord. Go shine light into darkness. Go be salt of the earth. Go enjoy the wonders of our world, which God has made. Go stand beside those on the margins. Go form faith. Go have your faith formed. And go to share God’s love, knowing that you are uniquely beloved. Amen.

Postlude

•PLEASE STAND IF YOU ARE ABLE





LAY READER THIS MORNING
Jean Westmoore



ONLINE PRAYER SERVICE
12:00PM
Monday thru Friday

Happy Birthday

February 10 - Carmen Tripi
Deedee Wilson

February 11 - Milo Ralph

February 14 - Christine Stevenson *Happy 50th!*



Session Meeting
6:00PM Wednesday, February 11th

Riverside Workers Business Meeting
10:00AM Tuesday, February 10th



TGIF COFFEE HOUR
9:30AM Friday, February 13th
Join us THEN for coffee & conversation!

LUNCH BUNCH
IS GOING TO...
Tuesday, January 20th
at 12:00PM
All invited to the Grand Island location!

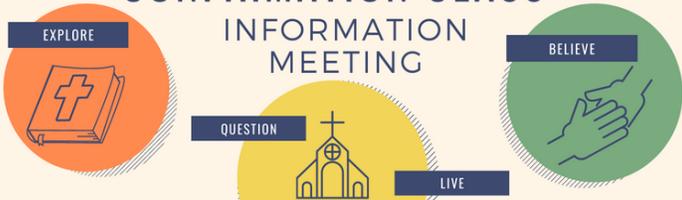


BAKERS for NEXT Sunday,
February 15th
Team #5
Fran Bailey, Deedee Wilson



Thank You!

NEXT SUNDAY, February 15th
CONFIRMATION CLASS
INFORMATION MEETING



11:30AM Meeting AND Pizza (ages 13 & up)

NEXT SUNDAY
February 15th at 6:30PM

MOVIE POPCORN PAJAMAS



Featuring: Disney's TROLLS
NO school tomorrow for Presidents' Day



Recent Deaths:

Our Shut-Ins: Jean Aureli, Mary Bauer, Wade Bowen, Shirley Brocius, Sylvia Davis, Jodi Masters, Jane Siever, Dorothy Swick, Kay Vance

Prayer List: Mike Emmick, John (family of Kristi Murawski), Corinne Kernin, Cindy Ransom, Dawn Ralph, Anita, Tim & Jeremy Heary, George (friend of Lynn Emmick), Barb Vollick, Linda Johnson, Sue Fallon, Fiona (friend of Rev. Laura), Sally (Kristi Murawski's mom), Paul Westmoore, Matt Bernat (friend of Grozios), Lesa Richmond's Mom & Uncle, Shirley Jones, Chris & Paul Soos, Pat Walck (Sue Fallon's Sister)

PLEASE REMEMBER TO UPDATE THE OFFICE and/or REV. LAURA ON YOUR PRAYER REQUESTS