

Fifth Sunday after Epiphany
February 8, 2026

Prelude/ Bell/ Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship

L: God said, "Let there be light."

C: And there was light.

L: Jesus said, "I am the light of the world."

C: And the light shone in the darkness.

L: Jesus said, "You are the light of the world." **All: And the light shall not be quenched.**

Gathering Hymn

Word of God, Come Down on Earth

ELW # 510

Confession and Forgiveness

L: 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. **C: Amen.**

L: Let us turn in confession to the one who knows us completely.

Silence is kept for reflection.

L: Mighty God, lover of justice,

C: 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.

L: 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. **C: Amen.**

Greeting: L: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit is with you all. **C: And also with you.**

Prayer of the Day

L: Lord God, **C: 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.**

Reading

Isaiah 58:1-12

Pew Bible Pg. 1152

Responsive Psalm 112:1-10

L: Hallelujah! Happy are they who fear the Lord and have great delight in God's commandments!

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

L: Wealth and riches will be in their house, and their righteousness will last forever.

C: Light shines in the darkness for the upright; the righteous are merciful and full of compassion.

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

C: For they will never be shaken; the righteous will be kept in everlasting remembrance.

L: They will not be afraid of any evil rumors; their heart is steadfast, trusting in the Lord.

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

L: They have given freely to the poor, and their righteousness stands fast forever;
they will hold up their head with honor.

**C: The wicked will see it and be angry; they will gnash their teeth and pine away;
the desires of the wicked will perish.**

Gospel Acclamation

Celtic Alleluia

ELW # 174

Gospel Reading

Matthew 5:13-20

Pew Bible pg. 1501

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

L: The Gospel of the Lord. **C: Praise to you, O Christ**

Children's Welcome Song *"Jesus loves the little children. All the children of the world. You are loved and you are light. You are precious in God's sight. Jesus loves the little children of the world."*

Children's Message & Sermon

Rev. Mindy Czycalla

Hymn of the Day *Christ, Be Our Light*

ELW # 715

Offering / Offertory *Fragrant Offering*

Screens

Apostles Creed

ELW Pg. 105 / Screens

Prayers of The People, response: L: Merciful God, **C: receive our prayer.**

Sharing of the Peace L: The peace of Christ be with you always. **C: And also with you.**

The Great Thanksgiving

L: The Lord be with you **C: And also with you.**

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

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

Words of Institution

The Lord's Prayer *Sung*

Communion Welcome: All who are hungry for God's love and mercy are welcome to this table of forgiveness.

Holy Communion Distribution

Post Communion Prayer

Blessing One Another

L: Your triune God, who has put a new song in your mouth and tuned your heart for praise
✠ bless you now and forever. **C: Amen! Amen! Amen!**

Closing Hymn *To Be Your Presence*

ELW # 546

Dismissal

L: Go in peace. Do justice. Love mercy. **C: We will. Thanks be to God.**

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We Thank

Ushers; Tech Desk

Organist/ Pianist: RaNae Martinson

Reader & Communion Server: Mike or Ruth McDonnell

Nordland's Week

Today	9:30 / 10:30	Education & Fellowship / Worship
Wed.	9:00 am	NLCW & Gather Bible Study
6 / 6:30 pm	Wed.	Meal / Confirmation & Education
Thur.	6:30 pm	Church Council
Sun.	9:30 / 10:30	Education & Fellowship / Worship

For weather related church cancelation notices please check KLWM Radio, Operation Snow Desk or Nordland's Facebook page.

Nordland Mission Fest is June 27, 2026, The Fest is an important fundraiser as we commit to send \$5,000 to ELCA Missions each year. We need a committee, contact Becky Thompson or Diane Christle. – NLCW

The Atwater Area Help for Seniors is hosting coffee & rolls on Mon. Feb. 16, 9:30 – 11 am at the Atwater Community Center. Free will donations will go to support our mission to assist seniors to stay in their homes and community as long as sagely possible.