
❖ FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY ❖

ORDER OF WORSHIP • FEBRUARY 8, 2026 • 9:00 AM

† Indicates the congregation should stand as able.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & WELCOME

*The congregation sits today
for the Gathering Song and Confession*

GATHERING SONG

LORD, YOU ARE WELCOME IN
THIS PLACE

CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

WL: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, the Creator of all that is, the Word who spoke life into being, the Wind stirring the waters.

All: **Amen.**

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

Silence for reflection

WL: Mighty God, lover of justice,

All: **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.**

WL: 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.

All: **Amen!**

Please remain seated as the choir sings

HYMN OF PRAISE
PARISH CHOIR AND
CONGREGATION

NOW THANK WE ALL OUR GOD
Arr. J. S. Bach

Parish Choir sings:

*Now thank we all our God with hearts and hands and voices,
who wondrous things has done, in whom this world rejoices;
who, from our mothers' arms, has blest us on our way
with countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.*

The congregation stands to sing (in harmony, if you are able):

arr. J.S. Bach

All praise and thanks to God The Fa-ther now be
giv - en, The Son, and Spi-rit blest, who reign in high-est
heav - en, The one e-ter-nal God, Whom earth and heav'na -
dore; For thus it was, is now, And shall be ev - er - more.

† PRAYER OF THE DAY

WL: Let us pray.

WL: 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.

All: Amen.

EPISTLE LESSON

TITUS 3:3-8

R: The Epistle on this Fifth Sunday after Epiphany is from the third chapter of Titus.

At one time we too were foolish, disobedient, deceived and enslaved by all kinds of passions and pleasures. We lived in malice and envy, being hated and hating one another. But when the kindness and love of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy. He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, whom he poured out on us generously through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that, having been justified by his grace, we might become heirs having the hope of eternal life. This is a trustworthy saying. And I want you to stress these things, so that those who have trusted in God may be careful to devote themselves to doing what is good. These things are excellent and profitable for everyone.

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

† VERSE

ALLELUIA, LORD TO WHOM SHALL WE GO?

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Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

† HOLY GOSPEL

LUKE 19:1-10

R: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke the 19th chapter.

All: **Glory to your, O Lord!**

Jesus entered Jericho and was passing through. A man was there by the name of Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax collector and was wealthy. He wanted to see who Jesus was, but because he was short he could not see over the crowd. So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore-fig tree to see him, since Jesus was coming that way.

When Jesus reached the spot, he looked up and said to him, "Zacchaeus, come down immediately. I must stay at your house today." So he came down at once and welcomed him gladly.

All the people saw this and began to mutter, "He has gone to be the guest of a sinner."

But Zacchaeus stood up and said to the Lord, "Look, Lord! Here and now I give half of my possessions to the poor, and if I have cheated anybody out of anything, I will pay back four times the amount."

Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, because this man, too, is a son of Abraham. For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost."

R: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All: **Praise to you, O Christ!**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

TODAY'S MESSAGE

"WHO ARE WE AND WHAT ARE

WE DOING HERE?"

REV. GREG FINKE

† MESSAGE HYMN

LEAD ME, LORD, I WILL FOLLOW

All sing each refrain. The cantor will sing the verses.

Lead me, Lord. I will follow.

Lead me, Lord. I will go.

You have called me. I will answer.

Lead me, Lord. I will go.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

*Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.***

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SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

† PREFACE

WL: The Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

WL: Lift up your hearts.

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

WL: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

† THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

† THE LORD'S PRAYER

WL: As Jesus taught His disciples to pray, so we pray today:

All: **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.

† PAX DOMINI

WL: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

All: **Amen.**

DISTRIBUTION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

COMMUNION HYMN

ALL ARE WELCOME

Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safely live,
a place where saints and children tell how hearts learn to forgive.
Built of hopes and dreams and visions, rock of faith and vault of grace;
here the love of Christ shall end divisions:

All are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place.

Let us build a house where prophets speak, and words are strong and true,
where all God's children dare to seek to dream God's reign anew.
Here the cross shall stand as witness and as symbol of God's grace;
here as one we claim the faith of Jesus:

All are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place.

Let us build a house where love is found in water, wine and wheat:
a banquet hall on holy ground where peace and justice meet.
Here the love of God, through Jesus, is revealed in time and space;
as we share in Christ the feast that frees us:

All are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place.

Let us build a house where hands will reach beyond the wood and stone
to heal and strengthen, serve and teach, and live the Word they've known.
Here the outcast and the stranger bear the image of God's face;
let us bring an end to fear and danger:

All are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place.

Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and visions heard
and loved and treasured, taught and claimed as words within the Word.
Built of tears and cries and laughter, prayers of faith and songs of grace,
let this house proclaim from floor to rafter:

All are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place.

† THE DISMISSAL

WL: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve
you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart in peace.

All: Amen.

† CLOSING PRAYER

WL: 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.

All: Amen.

✚ BLESSING

WL: May the love of God uphold you; the light of ✞ Christ guide you; and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit fill you with joy, now and forever.

All: **Amen.**

✚ SENDING HYMN

SENT FORTH BY GOD'S BLESSING

LBW #221

✚ SENDING

WL: Go in peace! Serve the Lord!

All: **Thanks be to God.**



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TO GOD ALONE BE THE GLORY

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