

# Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

February 8, 2026

Salem Lutheran Church 4700 West 72<sup>nd</sup> Street, Indianapolis, IN 46268

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We welcome you into the worship of Salem Lutheran Church where the Rev. Jeffrey Iacobazzi presides over this service of scripture, prayer, music and Holy Communion.

Holy Communion is served at the rail. (You may kneel or stand). Let Pastor Jeff know if you require a gluten-free wafer. The tray includes wine (the dark color) or white grape juice (the amber color).

There is a basket for your tithes and offerings. You may also give through our web site or by using the U. S. mail (addresses listed at the top of this page). [Click here for the link to the online page.](#)



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**P Presiding Minister**

**A Worship Assistant**

**All Congregation**



## **GATHERING**

*The bell rings to announce the start of the service.  
We light the candles.*

### **Prelude**

*Jesus, the Light of the World*

**Lee Ara Watson and Pastor James M. Capers**

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This Far by Faith 59

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707-1788; addl. text "J.V.C."; adapt. George Elderkin

Music: traditional; arr. George Elderkin

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**The Welcome**

Denise Chisveto

# Confession and Forgiveness

**P** 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.

**All Amen**

**P** Let us turn in confession to the one who knows us completely.

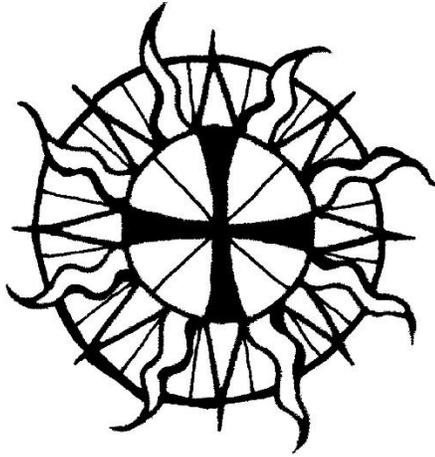
*(Silence for Reflection)*

**P** 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.  
Amen.**

**P** 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.**



## OPENING HYMN

# *God, Whose Almighty Word*

ELW 673



1 God, whose al - might - y word cha - os and dark - ness heard  
2 Christ, who once came to bring, on your re - deem - ing wing,  
3 Spir - it of truth and love, life - giv - ing, ho - ly dove,  
4 Ho - ly and bless - ed three, glo - ri - ous Trin - i - ty,



and took their flight: hear us, we hum - bly pray, and where the  
heal - ing and sight; health to the trou - bled mind, sight where il -  
speed forth your flight; move on the wa - ter's face bear - ing the  
Wis - dom, Love, Might: bound - less as o - cean's tide, roll - ing in



gos - pel day sheds not its glo - rious ray, let there be light.  
lu - sions blind; oh, now to hu - man-kind let there be light.  
lamp of grace, and in earth's dark - est place let there be light.  
full - est pride, through the earth, far and wide, let there be light.

Text : John Marriott, 1780-1825, alt.

Music: Felice de Giardini, 1716-1796

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# Greeting

**P** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**All** And also with you.

# Kyrie



**A** Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son: **C** Lord, have mer - cy.



**A** Chri - ste e - le - i - son: **C** Christ, have mer - cy.



**A** Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son: **C** Lord, have mer - cy.

With One Voice, Setting 5 *Bread of Life*

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# Hymn of Praise



**C** Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;



glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

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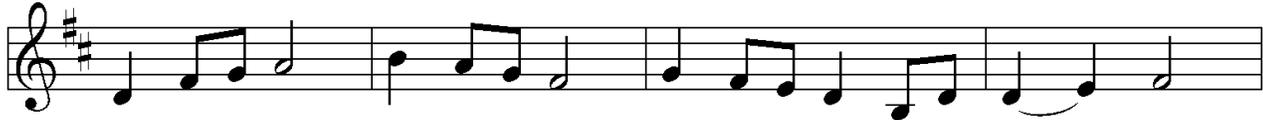
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**I** Lord God, heav-en - ly king, al-might-y God and Fa-ther, we



wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.



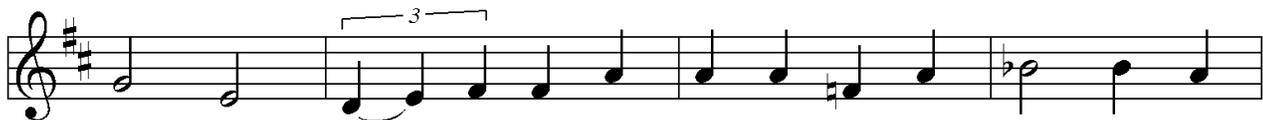
**G** Glo-ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;



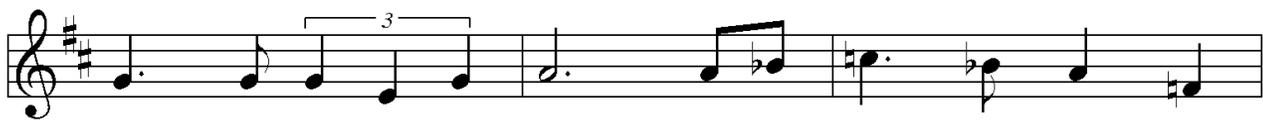
glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



**II** Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther,



Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



world: have mer - cy on us; you are seat - ed at the



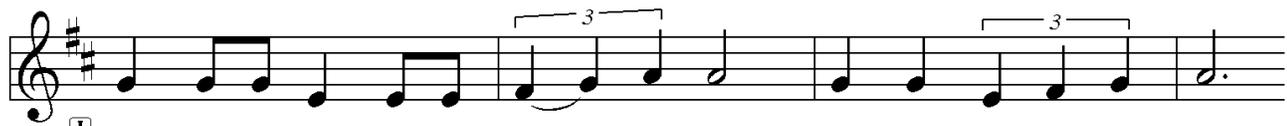
right hand of the Fa - ther: re-ceive our prayer.



**G** Glo-ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;



glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



I  
II For you a-lone are the Ho - ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,



you a-lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly



Spir - it, in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther, A - men.



III Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;



glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth,



and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

**P** The Lord be with you.

**All** And also with you.

**P** Let us pray.

Holy 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.

# WORD

## **First Reading**    Isaiah 58:1-12

**A**    The word of the Lord.

**All**   **Thanks be to God.**

## **PSALM 112:1-9**

**A**    <sup>1</sup> Hallelujah! Happy are they who fear the Lord  
and have great delight in God's commandments!

**All**   <sup>2</sup> **Their descendants will be mighty in the land;  
the generation of the upright will be blessed**

**A**    <sup>3</sup> Wealth and riches will be in their house,  
and their righteousness will last forever.

**All**   <sup>4</sup> **Light shines in the darkness for the upright;  
the righteous are merciful and full of compassion.**

**A**    <sup>5</sup> It is good for them to be generous in lending  
and to manage their affairs with justice.

**All**   <sup>6</sup> **For they will never be shaken;  
the righteous will be kept in everlasting remembrance.**

**A**    <sup>7</sup> They will not be afraid of any evil rumors;  
their heart is steadfast, trusting in the Lord.

**All**   <sup>8</sup> **Their heart is established and will not shrink,  
until they see their desire upon their enemies.**

**A**    <sup>9</sup> They have given freely to the poor,  
and their righteousness stands fast forever;  
they will hold up their head with honor.

## Second Reading 1 Corinthians 2:1-12

**A** The word of the Lord.

**All Thanks be to God.**

## The Gospel Acclamation



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**P** The holy gospel according to Matthew, the fifth chapter.

**All Glory to you, O Lord.**

## The Gospel Matthew 5:13-20

**P** The gospel of the Lord.

**All Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Sermon Pastor Jeff Iacobazzi**

# Christ, Be Our Light

ELW 715



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



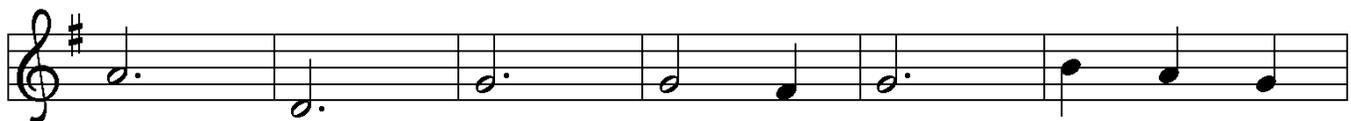
truth, we turn to you. Make us your own,  
hope, man - y de - spair. Your word a - lone  
wa - ter, man - y still thirst. Make us your bread,  
warmth, man - y are cold. Make us your build - ing,  
hearts that yearn to be - long. Let us be ser - vants



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.

## **THE APOSTLE'S CREED**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.**

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

**He descended into hell.**

**On the third day he rose again.**

**He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## **Prayers of Intercession**

**P** As God's beloved children united in Christ, let us pray for the church, the whole human community, and the well-being of the earth, our home.

*Responses after each petition:*

**A** Hear us, O God;

**All your mercy is great.**

**P** Confident that the Holy Spirit receives our prayers and answers us, we commend all for whom we pray to God's loving-kindness made known to us in Christ Jesus our Savior.

**All Amen.**

# MEAL

## Sharing of the Peace

**P** The Peace of Lord be with you always.

**All** And also with you.

## Offertory Song



Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of



bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were



sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life.



Gath-er the hopes and dreams of all; u - nite them with the prayers we



of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your pres - ence,



Lord, and give us a fore-taste of the feast to come.

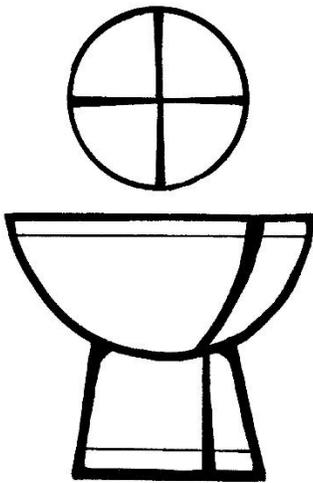
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**A** Let us pray.

God of majesty,  
no eye has seen, no ear has heard  
what you have prepared for those who love you,  
yet in this meal you reveal the wideness of your mercy.  
Use what we have gathered  
to feed us with the reign of God come near,  
Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**All Amen.**



## **Great Thanksgiving**

**P** The Lord be with you.

**All And also with you.**

**P** Lift up your hearts.

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

**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**All It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

**P** It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, through Christ our Lord; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**H**o - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and  
 might, heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry.  
 Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who  
 comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the  
 high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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**P** Blessed are you, O holy God:  
 you are the Life and Light of all.  
 By your powerful word you created all things.  
 Through the prophets you called your people to be a light to the nations.  
 Blessed are you for Jesus, your Son.  
 He is your Light, shining in our darkness  
 and revealing to us your mercy and might.

In the night in which he was betrayed,  
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;  
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,  
and gave it for all to drink, saying:  
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,  
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore,  
his preaching and healing,  
his dying and rising,  
and his promise to come again,  
we await that day when all the universe  
will rejoice in your holy and life-giving light.  
By your Spirit bless us and this meal,  
that, refreshed with this heavenly food,  
we may be light for the world,  
revealing the brilliance of your Son.  
Through him all glory and honor is yours,  
Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit,  
in your holy Church, both now and forever.

**All Amen.**

# **The Lord's Prayer**

**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.

# **The Communion Invitation**

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

All are welcome.

**♩** 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, grant us peace.

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## The Communion

*Come to the rail, as directed by the usher, and stand or kneel. Let Pastor Jeff know if you require a gluten-free wafer. The tray includes wine (the dark color) or white grape juice (the amber color).*

## Communion Blessing

**P** The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

## Post-Communion Canticle



Thank-ful hearts and voic - es raise; tell ev - 'ry - one what God has



done. Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and bear Christ's ho - ly name.



Send us with your prom - is - es, O God, and lead us forth in



joy with shouts of thanks-giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia.

Music: *Bread of Life*, Jeremy Young

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**A** Let us pray.

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.**

## Announcements

# Congregational Meeting



**SUNDAY, February 22 at 1:00 p.m.**

Let the church office know if you would like to join by Zoom. You can also participate from the Salem Conference Room.

## SENDING

### Benediction

**P** The triune God,  
glorious Mystery,  
holy Incarnate One,  
abiding Comforter,  
✚ bless you with endless grace, peace, and joy.

**All Amen.**



# CLOSING HYMN

## *We Are Marching in the Light*

**ELW 866**



We are march - ing in the light of God, we are march - ing in the



light of God. We are march - ing in the light of God,



we are march - ing in the light of God.



We are march - ing (march - ing, we are march - ing) OO



we are march - ing in the light of God.



We are march - ing (march - ing, we are march - ing) OO



we are march - ing in the light of God.

## ***Second time in Swahili:***

Twatembea, nuruni mwake, twatembea nuruni mwake  
Twatembea, nuruni mwake, twatembea nuruni mwake

Twatembea twantembea  
twatembea nuruni mwake  
Twatembea twantembea  
twatembea nuruni mwake

## ***Third, fourth, fifth and sixth time:***

We are dancing . . .

We are praying . . .

We are singing . . .

We are marching . . .

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## **Dismissal**

**A** Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**All Thanks be to God.**

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**Rosemary Rader, Music Director**

**Denise Chisveto, Worship Assistant**

**Divine and Racheal Adolphe, Acolytes**

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**Devoe Slisher, Media Director**