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Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany

February 8, 2026

Service of Prayer and Preaching

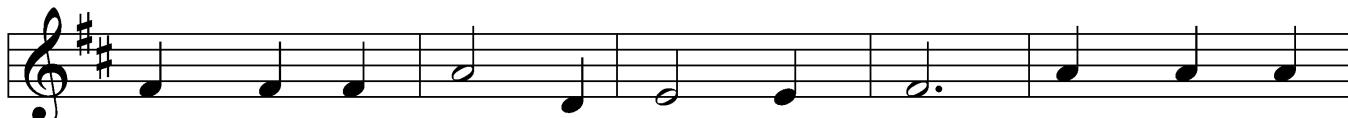
Prayer Before Worship

O Lord, my creator, redeemer, and comforter, as I come to worship You in spirit and in truth, I humbly pray that You would open my heart to the preaching of Your Word so that I may repent of my sins, believe in Jesus Christ as my only Savior, and grow in grace and holiness. Hear me for the sake of His name. Amen.

Opening Hymn

“Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness”

LSB 563



1 Je - sus, Thy blood and righ - teous - ness My beau - ty
2 Bold shall I stand in that great day, Cleansed and re -
3 Lord, I be - lieve Thy pre - cious blood, Which at the
4 Lord, I be - lieve, were sin - ners more Than sands up -



are, my glo - rious dress; Midst flam - ing worlds, in
deemed, no debt to pay; Ful - ly ab - solved through
mer - cy seat of God Pleads for the cap - tives'
on the o - cean shore, Thou hast for all a



these ar - rayed, With joy shall I lift up my head.
these I am From sin and fear, from guilt and shame.
lib - er - ty, Was al - so shed in love for me.
ran - som paid, For all a full a - tone - ment made.

5 When from the dust of death I rise

To claim my mansion in the skies,

This then shall be my only plea:

Jesus hath lived and died for me.

6 Jesus, be endless praise to Thee,

Whose boundless mercy hath for me,

For me, and all Thy hands have made,

An everlasting ransom paid.

Text: Nicolaus Ludwig von Zinzendorf, 1700–60; tr. John B. Wesley, 1703–91, alt.

Tune: George J. Elvey, 1816–93

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L This is the day which the Lord has made;
C let us rejoice and be glad in it.

L From the rising of the sun to its setting,
C the name of the Lord is to be praised.

L Better is one day in Your courts than a thousand elsewhere;
C I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of the wicked.
L Make me to know Your ways, O Lord.
C Teach me Your paths.
L Sanctify us in Your truth.
C Your Word is truth.

L From the rising of the sun to its setting,
C the name of the Lord is to be praised.

C Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Refrain



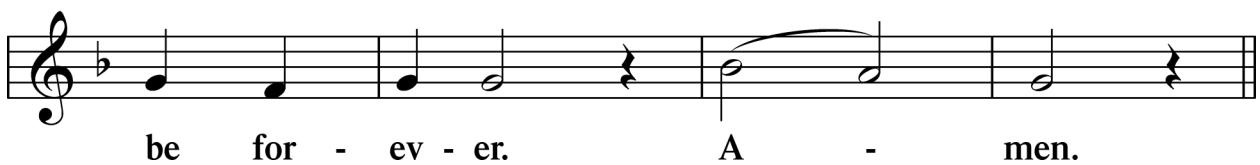
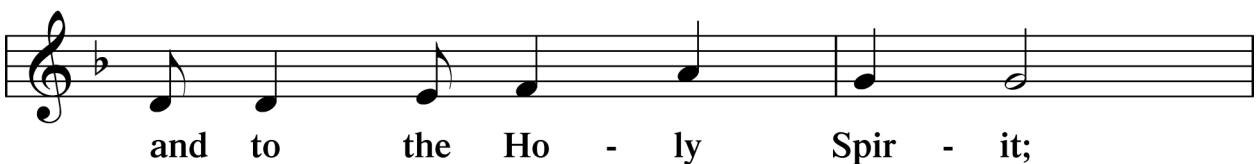
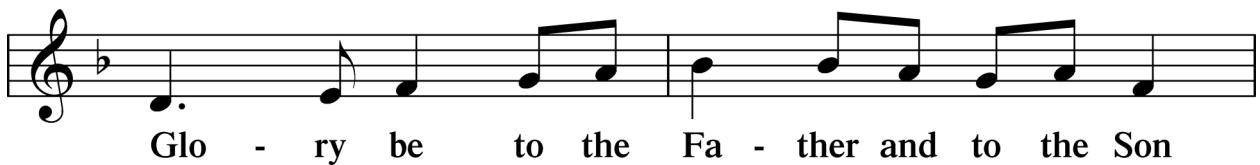
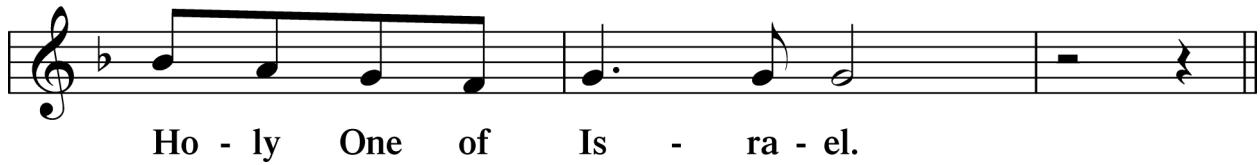
C The Lord God is my strength and my song, and
He has be - come my sal - va - tion.
With joy will you draw wa - ter from the

wells of sal - va - tion. And you will say in that
 day: "Give thanks to the Lord, call up - on His name,
 make known His deeds a - mong the peo - ples, pro -
 claim that His name is ex - alt - ed."

Refrain

The Lord God is my strength and my song, and
 He has be - come my sal - va - - tion.

Sing prais - es to the Lord, for He has done
 glo - rious-ly; let this be made known in all the
 earth. Shout, and sing for joy, O in -
 hab - i - tants of Zi - on, for great in your midst is the



Introit

Psalm 119:9-16; antiphon: v. 12

Blessèd are you, | O LORD;*
 teach me your | statutes!
How can a young man keep his | way pure?*
 By guarding it according | to your word.
With my whole heart I | seek you;*
 let me not wander from your com- | mandments!
I have stored up your word | in my heart,*
 that I might not sin a- | gainst you.
Blessèd are you, | O LORD;*
 teach me your | statutes!
With my lips | I declare*
 all the just decrees | of your mouth.
In the way of your testimonies | I delight*
 as much as in all | riches.
I will meditate on your | precepts*
 and fix my eyes | on your ways.
I will delight in your | statutes;*
 I will not for- | get your word.
Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*
 and to the Holy | Spirit;
as it was in the be- | ginning,*
 is now, and will be forever. | Amen.
Blessèd are you, | O LORD;*
 teach me your | statutes!

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 58:3-9a

L A reading from Isaiah, the fifty-eighth chapter.

³““Why have we fasted, and you see it not?
 Why have we humbled ourselves, and you take no knowledge of it?’
Behold, in the day of your fast you seek your own pleasure,
 and oppress all your workers.
⁴Behold, you fast only to quarrel and to fight
 and to hit with a wicked fist.
Fasting like yours this day
 will not make your voice to be heard on high.
⁵Is such the fast that I choose,
 a day for a person to humble himself?
Is it to bow down his head like a reed,

and to spread sackcloth and ashes under him?
Will you call this a fast,
and a day acceptable to the LORD?
⁶“Is not this the fast that I choose:
to loose the bonds of wickedness,
to undo the straps of the yoke,
to let the oppressed go free,
and to break every yoke?
⁷Is it not to share your bread with the hungry
and bring the homeless poor into your house;
when you see the naked, to cover him,
and not to hide yourself from your own flesh?
⁸Then shall your light break forth like the dawn,
and your healing shall spring up speedily;
your righteousness shall go before you;
the glory of the LORD shall be your rear guard.
⁹Then you shall call, and the LORD will answer;
you shall cry, and he will say, ‘Here I am.’”

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle Reading

1 Corinthians 2:1-12

L A reading from 1 Corinthians, chapter 2.

¹And I, when I came to you, brothers, did not come proclaiming to you the testimony of God with lofty speech or wisdom. ²For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ and him crucified. ³And I was with you in weakness and in fear and much trembling, ⁴and my speech and my message were not in plausible words of wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power, ⁵that your faith might not rest in the wisdom of men but in the power of God.

⁶Yet among the mature we do impart wisdom, although it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to pass away. ⁷But we impart a secret and hidden wisdom of God, which God decreed before the ages for our glory. ⁸None of the rulers of this age understood this, for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. ⁹But, as it is written,

“What no eye has seen, nor ear heard,
nor the heart of man imagined,
what God has prepared for those who love him”—

¹⁰these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit. For the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. ¹¹For who knows a person’s thoughts except the spirit of that person, which is in him? So also no one comprehends the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God. ¹²Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, that we might understand the things freely given us by God.

L O Lord, have mercy on us.

C Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading

Matthew 5:13-20

L A reading from Matthew, chapter 5.

¹³[Jesus said:] “You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything except to be thrown out and trampled under people’s feet.

¹⁴“You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. ¹⁵Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. ¹⁶In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.

¹⁷“Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them. ¹⁸For truly, I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not an iota, not a dot, will pass from the Law until all is accomplished. ¹⁹Therefore whoever relaxes one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. ²⁰For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.”

L O Lord, have mercy on us.

C Thanks be to God.

Common Responsory

LSB 263

L Forever, O Lord, Your Word is firmly set in the heavens.

C Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.

L Blessed are those who hear the Word of God and keep it.

C Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.

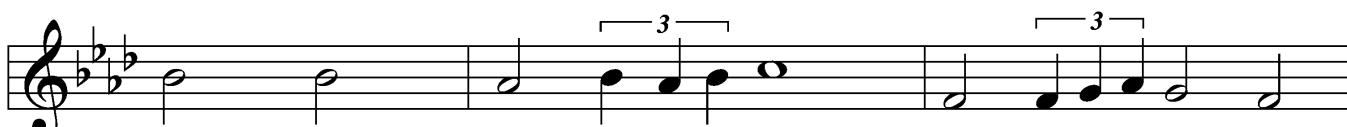
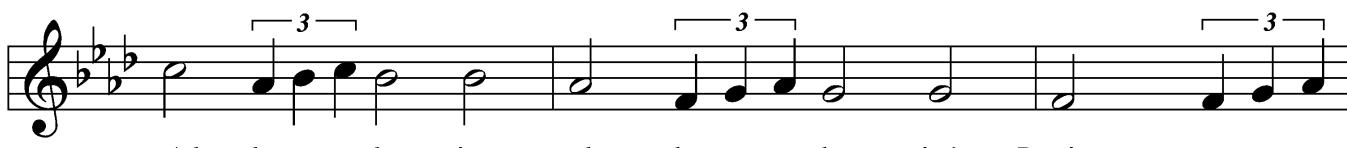
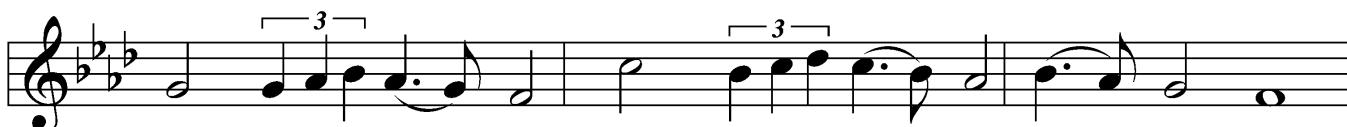
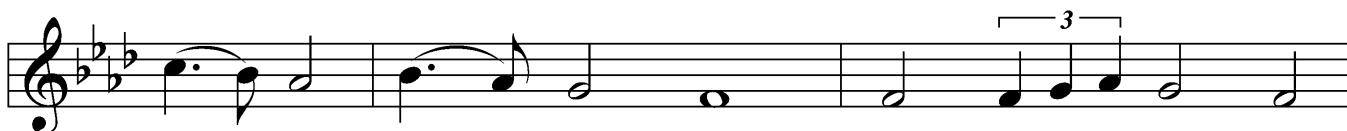
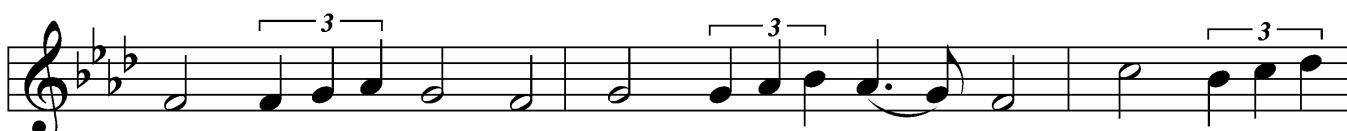
L Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

C Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.

Hymn of the Day

“Thy Strong Word”

LSB 578



5 Give us lips to sing Thy glory,
Tongues Thy mercy to proclaim,
Throats that shout the hope that fills us,
Mouths to speak Thy holy name.
Alleluia, alleluia!
May the light which Thou dost send
Fill our songs with alleluias,
Alleluias without end!

△6 God the Father, light-creator,
To Thee laud and honor be.
To Thee, Light of Light begotten,
Praise be sung eternally.
Holy Spirit, light-revealer,
Glory, glory be to Thee.
Mortals, angels, now and ever
Praise the holy Trinity!

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Ten Commandments

LSB 264

C You shall have no other gods.
You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God.
Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy.
Honor your father and your mother.
You shall not murder.
You shall not commit adultery.
You shall not steal.
You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.
You shall not covet your neighbor's house.
You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his manservant or maid-servant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

C I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

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

C 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.

Sanctification

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

What does this mean?

I believe that I cannot by my own reason or strength believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to Him; but the Holy Spirit has called me by the Gospel, enlightened me with His gifts, sanctified and kept me in the true faith.

In the same way He calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian Church on earth, and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith.

In this Christian Church He daily and richly forgives all my sins and the sins of all believers.

On the Last Day He will raise me and all the dead, and give eternal life to me and all believers in Christ.

This is most certainly true.

Sermon

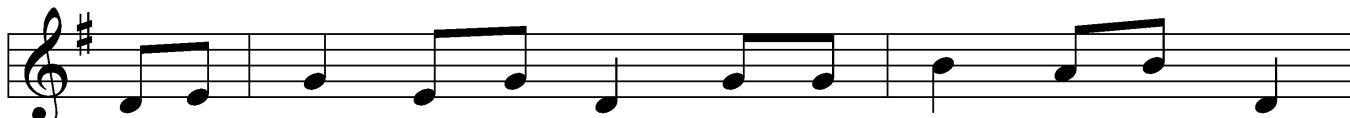
“Salted with Light”

Matthew 5:13-20

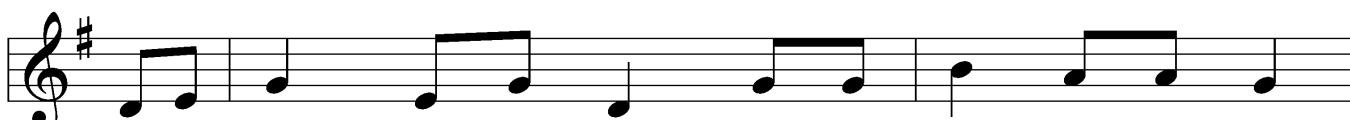
Sermon Hymn

“How Firm a Foundation”

LSB 728



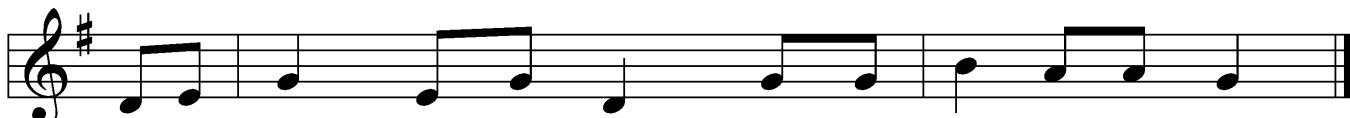
1 How firm a foun - da - tion, O saints of the Lord,
2 “Fear not! I am with you, O be not dis - mayed,
3 “The soul that on Je - sus has leaned for re - pose
4 “When through fi - ery tri - als your path - way will lie,
5 “Through - out all their life - time My peo - ple will prove



Is laid for your faith in His ex - cel - lent Word!
For I am your God and will still give you aid;
I will not, I will not, de - sert to his foes;
My grace, all - suf - fi - cient, will be your sup - ply.
My sov - 'reign, e - ter - nal, un - change - a - ble love;



What more can He say than to you He has said
I'll strength - en you, help you, and cause you to stand,
That soul, though all hell should en - deav - or to shake,
The flames will not hurt you; I on - ly de - sign
And then, when gray hairs will their tem - ples a - dorn,



Who un - to the Sav - ior for ref - uge have fled?
Up - held by My righ - teous, om - nip - o - tent hand.
I'll nev - er, no nev - er, no nev - er, for - sake!
Your dross to con - sume and your gold to re - fine.
Like lambs they will still in My bos - om be borne.”

Text: A Selection of Hymns, 1787, London, alt.

Tune: Genuine Church Music, 1832, Winchester

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Offering and Prayer

Prayer of the Church

P Let us pray to the Lord:
C Lord, have mercy.

Collect of the Day

L . . . one God, now and forever.
C Amen.

Collect for the Word

L Blessed Lord . . . who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
C Amen.

Morning Prayer

LSB 266

C I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.

New Testament Canticle

LSB 266



Refrain

Christ has been raised from the dead! Al - le - lu - ia.

Christ our Pass - o - ver Lamb has been sac - ri - ficed.

Raised from the dead, He will nev - er die a - gain.

Death has no more do - min - ion o - ver Him.

Refrain

Christ has been raised from the dead! Al - le -
lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

Dy - ing, Christ dies to sin, once for all. Liv - ing, He
lives to God. Count your - selves as dead to sin and a - live to God in Christ Je - sus, our Lord.

Refrain

C Christ has been raised from the dead! Al - le -
lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

L Let us bless the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

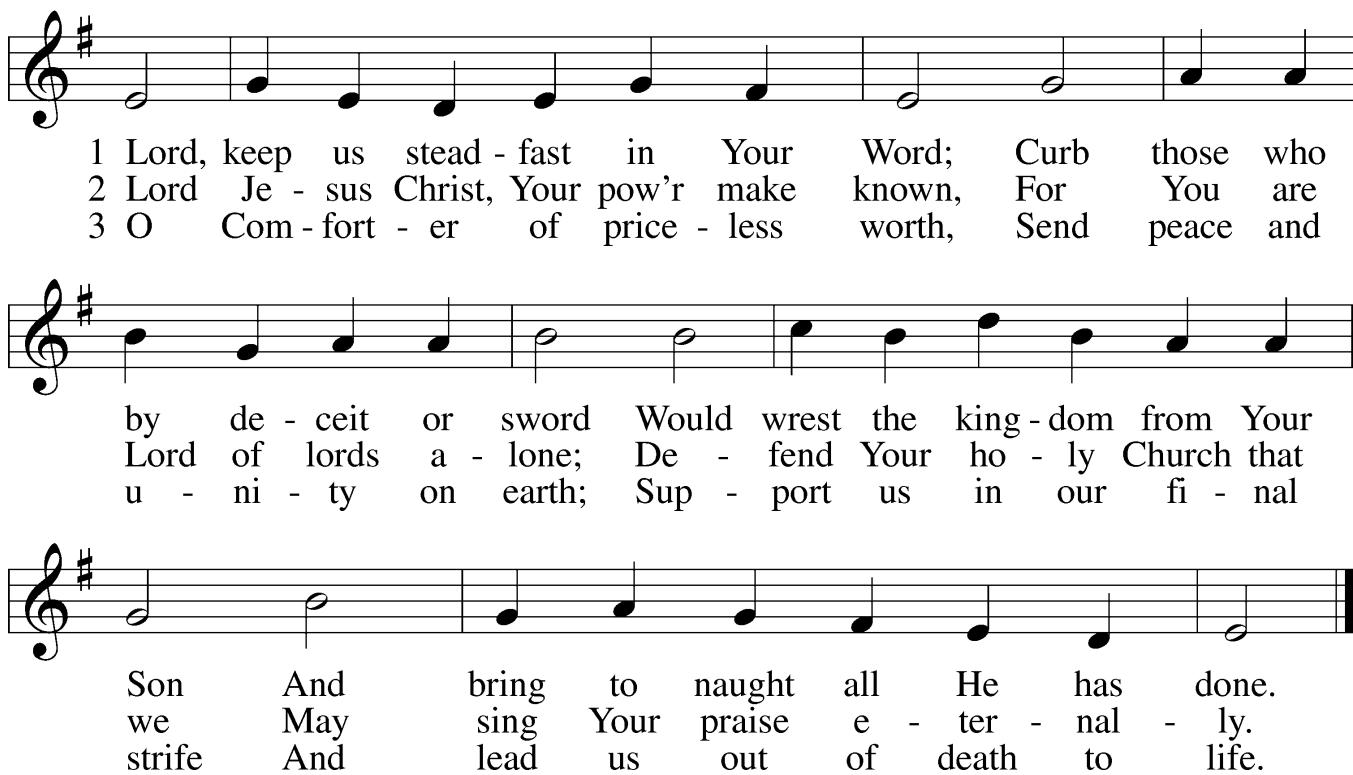
L The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the  Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve us.

C Amen.

Closing Hymn

“Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word”

LSB 655



1 Lord, keep us steadfast in Your Word; Curb those who
 2 Lord Je - sus Christ, Your pow'r make known, For You are
 3 O Com - fort - er of price - less worth, Send peace and

by de - ceit or sword Would wrest the king - dom from Your
 Lord of lords a - lone; De - fend Your ho - ly Church that
 u - ni - ty on earth; Sup - port us in our fi - nal

Son And bring to naught all He has done.
 we May sing Your praise e - ter - nal - ly.
 strife And lead us out of death to life.

Text: Martin Luther, 1483–1546; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–78, alt.

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EVENTS THIS WEEK

Today: Worship at OSLC, 9am; Christian Education, 10:15am
Today: Worship at Good Shepherd, 11:30am
Monday: Comforters, 1pm
Tuesday: Pastors Winkel, Calvary, Watseka, 9am
Tuesday: Elders, 7pm
Wednesday: Bible Class, 10am; *Bulletin Deadline, 10am*
Wednesday: Confirmation, 3:15pm
Thursday: Gilman Nursing Home Service, 10:45am
Saturday: Men's Bible Breakfast, 8am
Saturday: Worship at Immanuel, 6pm

Those Serving at OSLC

	2/8/26	2/15/26
Elder	Jim Winder	Rich Rieches
Organist	Linda Kellerhals	Linda Kellerhals
Radio Monitors	Patrick and Dawn Teig	Benny and Sarah Verswijver
Sound Board	Jake Harms	Dean Lingley
Greeters	Josh and Natalie Harms	Justin and Jan Lavicka
Acolyte	Jaylin Lavicka	Sophia Billingsley
Head Usher	Elders	Elders
Altar Guild	Marilyn Reeves Chris Schroeder	Marilyn Reeves Chris Schroeder

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ANNUAL MEETING: If you were unable to attend the Annual Meeting in January and would like to listen and/or view the information, please reach out to Dave L. His email is dave@oursaviormilford.com.

UPDATED CHURCH DIRECTORIES are in your mailboxes. If you see any typos (they are bound to be there) please let Renee know. If you need another copy throughout the year, talk to Renee.

MEN'S BIBLE BREAKFAST will meet Saturday, February 14 at 8am. We will continue studying Lutheran history through the video study *Martin Luther*. Doug B will be our host. This month, we look at Luther's time as a monk and priest.

A DOLLAR FOR MISSIONS IS ONLINE: New this year, you can now support Dollars for Mission through online giving. Many people no longer carry cash, or forget to bring it to church, but still want to support the Central Illinois District's mission work. One-time and recurring donations are now available using the QR code or online at <https://www.aplos.com/aws/give/LCMSCentralIllinoisDistrict/D4M>



THANK YOU to Pastor and Renee Minton for sponsoring the Radio Broadcast this morning in celebration of the Baptismal Anniversaries in their family. "Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death? We were buried therefore with Him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life." (Romans 6:3-4)

DOG KENNEL AVAILABLE: Do you need a large dog kennel and/or dog bed? Pastor has two available that were used for Mahlah. Please let Pastor or Renee know if you can use it by February 15th, or it will be donated to a local animal shelter.

PALM BRANCHES: Please return your Palm Branches from last year to church by February 15th to be burned for this year's ashes.

ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN SCHOOL of Woodworth is hosting PK & K Round-Up and an Open House on Thursday, February 26th. All teachers will be available during the open house from 6-7 pm to answer questions and tell you what they teach. There will be grade specific meetings for parents interested in PK & K; PK3 at 6:00 pm, PK4 at 7:00 pm and K at 6:30 pm. This is a no obligation opportunity to see the school and learn what they offer for PK3 through 8th grades. Contact St. Paul's at 815-889-4209 or office@stpaulspk8.org for more information.

SERVICE OF LESSONS AND PRAYERS: All congregations are invited to Christ Lutheran Church in Normal, IL for a Service of Lessons and Prayer for the Central Illinois District on Thursday, February 12th, at 6 PM.

LOOKING FORWARD:

February 18th – Ash Wednesday service, 7pm

February 25th – Lent meals and services begin

LUTHERANS FOR LIFE QUOTE “God loves you in your vulnerability so much that He subjected Himself to conform to a vulnerable human body. So today ... remember that Jesus, in whom all things hold together, loves you, individually. He is fully present with you just as He was in His mother’s arms. God’s peace be with you this day, this night.” *Andrea Delwiche – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*

PRAYER LIST

Those celebrating a birthday:

Chris Rieches	Friday
Kiaria Wright	Friday
John Lee	Saturday

Those celebrating an anniversary:

Those suffering from cancer:

Linda Buhrmester
Ethel Lucht
Nancy Tobeck
Joey, radio listener
Dale Colvin, cousin of Jim Winder
Janet Doyle, friend of Patty Bruens
Tim Evans, brother in law of Bob Storm
Lisa High, friend of Becky Hiles
Kris Hines, daughter in law of Bonita Hines
Jeff Howard, friend of Charlene Rieches
Kendra Howard, niece of Doug Benner
Pamela Howard, sister of Doug Benner
Joe Judd, brother in law of Dennis Selk
Sue Schreier, friend of Renee Minton
Fred Wright, brother of Marvin Wright

Those requesting your prayers:

Maryanne Anderson, health issues
Larry Tobeck, health issues

Homebound Members

Dianne Estes
Delmer Henrichs
Mary Kamin
Joann Sloan

Those serving in our Armed Forces and our local Law Enforcement, especially those connected to the OSLC family:

Armed Forces

Karl Gibbs - serving as a chaplain in the U.S. Navy

Corey Moore - OSLC Member and son of Kevin and Kasey Moore, serving in the U.S. Marine Reserves

Timothy Raddatz - nephew of Phil and Cindy Raddatz, serving in the U.S. Coast Guard

Law Enforcement

Wyatt Alt - Iroquois County Sheriff Department

Central Illinois District Congregations: Mt. Zion in Mt. Zion and Robert Bruer her pastor.

Iroquois Circuit Congregations: Immanuel in Loda and St. Peter in Thawville and Earl Kinnee as he preaches for them.

Those studying at the Seminary:

Seminarian Simon Niemtschk, Concordia Seminary, St Louis, MO.

Vicar Jacob Bergstedt, Redeemer Lutheran, Gresham, OR.

Those serving in the Mission Field:

Rev. Jordan Andreasen, his wife Alison, and children, Abigail, Bethany, Benjamin, Aaron, and Ethan, our international missionary, currently serving in Romania. Rev. Andreasen works with the Confessional Lutheran Church in Romania and in the surrounding Balkan-Mediterranean subregion.



