

# THE FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

Feb. 8th Anno Domini (The Year of Our LORD)  
2026

## † Preparation †

### Welcome and Connection Cards

*Stand*

### Opening Hymn - Come, Now is the Time to Worship

*The sign of the cross † may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.*

### Invocation

**P** In the Name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

**P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

**C** **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

*Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.*

**P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

**C** **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have**

**sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy Name. Amen.**

**P** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the Name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

## † SERVICE OF THE WORD †

### ‡ BETH\*

\* 'Beth' (bāyth) is the second letter of the Hebrew alphabet. The letter is shaped like a shelter, hence a house, as in Bethlehem, "House of Bread", Bethlehem, situated in the grain-growing and pasture lands. Psalm 119 is an acrostic poem where each line of each stanza begins with the same letter, and each stanza (letter) praises God for His law (Torah) and His word. The Psalm for today is the "B" section.

### Introit

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 commandments!  
 I have stored up your word in my heart,  
 that I might not sin against you.  
 Blessed 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 forget your word.  
**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.**  
 Blessed are you, O LORD;  
 teach me your statutes!

### Kyrie

- P** In peace let us pray to the LORD.
- C** **LORD, have mercy.**
- P** For the peace from above and for our salvation  
 let us pray to the LORD.
- C** **LORD, have mercy.**
- P** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the LORD.
- C** **LORD, have mercy.**

- P** For this holy house and for all who offer here  
 their worship and praise let us pray to the  
 LORD.
- C** **LORD, have mercy.**
- P** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious  
 LORD.
- C** **Amen.**

### Gloria in Excelsis

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A Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to His peo-ple on earth.  
 C 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. 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. 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.

### Salutation and Collect of the Day

**P** The LORD be with you.  
**C** And also with you.  
**P** Let us pray.

O LORD, keep Your family the Church continually in the true faith that, relying on the hope of Your heavenly grace, we may ever be defended by Your mighty power; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our LORD, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

*Sit*

### Old Testament Reading

*Isaiah 58: 3 – 9a*

*After the reading:*

**L** This is the Word of the LORD.  
**C** Thanks be to God.

**Psalm**

*Psalm 112: 1 – 9, antiphon: v. 4*

### Epistle Reading

*1 Corinthians 2: 1 - 16*

*After the reading:*

**L** This is the Word of the LORD.  
**C** Thanks be to God.

*Stand*

### Alleluia and Verse

**C** Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

## Holy Gospel

*Matthew 5: 13 - 20*

**A** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the fifth chapter.  
**C** **Glory to You, O LORD.**

*After the reading:*

**P** This is the Gospel of the LORD.  
**C** **Praise to You, O Christ.**

*Sit*

## Hymn of the Day - Thy Strong Words

**Sermon**      "Law Fulfilled"      *Matthew 5: 13 - 20*

**MEMORY VERSE:**      *Matthew 5: 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!"*

*Stand*

## Apostles' Creed

**All: 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  $\dagger$  everlasting. Amen.**

## Prayer of the Church

*The congregation now greets one another in the Name of the LORD, saying, "Peace be with you," as a sign of reconciliation and of the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace (Matt. 5:22-24; Eph. 4:1-3).*

## Pax Domini

**P** The peace of the LORD be with you always.  
**C** Amen.

*Sit*

## Offering and Offertory



**C** What shall I ren - der to the Lord for all His ben - e-fits to



me? I will of - fer the sac - ri - fice of thanks - giv - ing and will

call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of sal-  
 va-tion and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my  
 vows to the Lord now in the pres- ence of all His peo - ple, in the  
 courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Je-ru - sa - lem.

## Closing Hymn - Trees of the Field

### BenEDICTION

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**P** The almighty and merciful LORD, the Father,  
 the **†** Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and  
 preserve you.

**C** Amen.

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### Announcements

*Children are invited to come forward and assist in leading the  
 Closing Song with percussion instruments*

*Stand*