

# THE FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

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

## † Preparation †

### Welcome and Connection Cards

*Stand*

### Cross Processional

*At the beginning of the hymn, the congregation stands, turns and faces the Cross, turning to follow as it moves to the place of prominence at the front of the sanctuary.*

### Processional Hymn - Blue 18 - Draw Me Close

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

### Invocation

¶ In the Name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

¶ Amen.

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

¶ **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.*

¶ Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

¶ 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.

¶ 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.

¶ Amen.

## † SERVICE OF THE WORD †

### Introit

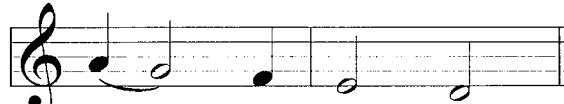
Exalt the LORD our God, and worship at his holy mountain;  
for the LORD our God is holy!  
The LORD reigns; let the peoples tremble!  
He sits enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth quake!

The LORD is great in Zion;  
 he is exalted over all the peoples.  
 Let them praise your great and awesome Name!  
 Holy is he!  
 The King in his might loves justice.  
 You have established equity; you have executed  
 justice and righteousness in Jacob.  
 Exalt the LORD our God; worship at his footstool!  
 Holy is he!  
**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.**  
 Exalt the LORD our God, and worship at his holy  
 mountain;  
 for the LORD our God is holy!

## Kyrie



**A** In peace let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



**A** For the peace from a-bove and for our sal-va-tion let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



**A** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



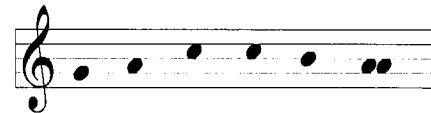
and for the uni-ty of all let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



**A** For this holy house and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise



let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.

**A** Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.  
**C** A - men.

### Gloria in Excelsis

LSB 170

**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 God, in the glorious transfiguration of Your beloved Son You confirmed the mysteries of the faith by the testimony of Moses and Elijah. In the voice that came from the bright cloud You wonderfully foreshowed our adoption by grace. Mercifully make us co-heirs with the King in His glory and bring us to the fullness of our inheritance in heaven; through the same Jesus Christ, our LORD, who lives and reigns

with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

*Sit*

### Old Testament Reading

*Exodus 24: 8- 18*

*After the reading:*

**L** This is the Word of the LORD.

**C** Thanks be to God.

### Psalm

*Psalm 2: 6 – 12; antiphon: v. 6*

### Epistle Reading

*2 Peter 1: 16 - 21*

*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 17: 1 - 9*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the seventeenth chapter.

**C** Glo - ry 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 - Lord I Lift Your Name on High

**Sermon** "Eyewitnesses" 2 Peter 1: 16 - 21

### MEMORY VERSE:

*LSB 173*

"For we did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we were eyewitnesses of his majesty"

*Stand*

### Nicene Creed

**All:** I believe in one God,  
the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth  
and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one LORD Jesus Christ,  
the only-begotten Son of God,  
begotten of His Father before all worlds,  
God of God, Light of Light,  
very God of very God,  
begotten, not made,  
being of one substance with the Father,  
by whom all things were made;  
who for us men and for our salvation came

down from heaven

and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the  
virgin Mary  
and was made man;  
and was crucified also for us under Pontius  
Pilate.

He suffered and was buried.

And the third day He rose again according to  
the Scriptures

and ascended into heaven

and sits at the right hand of the Father.

And He will come again with glory to judge both  
the living and  
the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the LORD and giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son together is  
worshiped and  
glorified, who spoke by the prophets.

And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic  
Church,

I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of  
sins,

and I look for the resurrection of the dead  
and the life  of the world to come. 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

 The peace of the LORD be with you always.  
 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.

## Benediction

**P** The LORD bless you and keep you.  
The LORD make His face shine on you and be  
gracious to you.  
The LORD look upon you with favor and  $\ddagger$  give  
you peace.

**C** Amen.

.

*Sit*

## Announcements

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

*Stand*

## Closing Hymn - Give Thanks