

PRINCE OF PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH
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FEBRUARY 8, 2026
8:30 AM



PRINCE OF PEACE CHURCH STAFF:

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HOLY COMMUNION:

All baptized Christians are invited to share in Holy Communion. In this sacrament by the power of God's Word and the Holy Spirit, we receive the body and blood of Jesus Christ, along with the bread and wine. Those individuals who do not wish to receive wine may receive grape juice. Wine is poured into the empty glasses. The prefilled glasses have grape juice. If mobility is a problem, please inform the usher and communion will be brought to you. Please advise the Pastor if you would like Gluten Free Wafers for communion.

BOOKMARK:

Everyone is asked to fill out the bookmark found in today's bulletin and place it in the offering plate located at the front of the church. We want to keep in touch!

**FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY
FEBRUARY 8, 2026**

P: Presiding Minister
ELW: Red Hymnal

A: Assisting Minister

C: CONGREGATION
*Stand if you are able

Prelude John Stanley (1713 – 1786) *Voluntary I: part 2 Andante*, Op. 6

Welcome

+++SERVICE OF PREPARATION+++

* **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.

C **Amen.**

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

Silence is kept for reflection.

Mighty God, lover of justice,

C **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.

C **Amen.**

Opening Hymn

Word of God, Come Down on Earth

ELW 510

+++LITURGY OF THE WORD+++

* **Apostolic Greeting**

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

C **And also with you.**

* Hymn of Praise

Assisting minister

Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

All

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.

* Prayer of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray,

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.

C Amen.

First Reading

Isaiah 58:1-9a

Shortly after the return of Israel from exile in Babylon, the people were troubled by the ineffectiveness of their fasts. God reminds them that outward observance is no substitute for genuine fasting that results in acts of justice, such as feeding the hungry, sheltering the homeless, and clothing the naked.

¹ Shout out; do not hold back!

Lift up your voice like a trumpet!

Announce to my people their rebellion,
to the house of Jacob their sins.

² Yet day after day they seek me

and delight to know my ways,
as if they were a nation that practiced righteousness
and did not forsake the ordinance of their God;
they ask of me righteous judgments;
they want God on their side.

³ "Why do we fast, but you do not see?

Why humble ourselves, but you do not notice?"

Look, you serve your own interest on your fast day
and oppress all your workers.

⁴ You fast only to quarrel and to fight
and to strike with a wicked fist.

Such fasting as you do today
will not make your voice heard on high.

⁵ Is such the fast that I choose,

a day to humble oneself?
Is it to bow down the head like a bulrush
and to lie in sackcloth and ashes?
Will you call this a fast,
a day acceptable to the LORD?
⁶ Is not this the fast that I choose:
to loose the bonds of injustice,
to undo the straps of the yoke,
to let the oppressed go free,
and to break every yoke?
⁷ Is it not to share your bread with the hungry
and bring the homeless poor into your house;
when you see the naked, to cover them
and not to hide yourself from your own kin?
⁸ Then your light shall break forth like the dawn,
and your healing shall spring up quickly;
your vindicator shall go before you;
the glory of the LORD shall be your rear guard.
^{9a} Then you shall call, and the LORD will answer;
you shall cry for help, and he will say, "Here I am."

Word of God, word of Life.

C Thanks be to God.

Psalm 112:1-9
(WE READ RESPONSIVELY)

¹ Hallelujah! Happy are they who fear the LORD
and have great delight in God's commandments!
² **Their descendants will be mighty in the land;**
the generation of the upright will be blessed.
³ Wealth and riches will be in their house,
and their righteousness will last forever.
⁴ **Light shines in the darkness for the upright;**
the righteous are merciful and full of compassion.

⁵ It is good for them to be generous in lending
and to manage their affairs with justice.

⁶ **For they will never be shaken;**
the righteous will be kept in everlasting remembrance.

⁷ They will not be afraid of any evil rumors;
their heart is steadfast, trusting in the LORD.

⁸ **Their heart is established and will not shrink,**
until they see their desire upon their enemies.

⁹ 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

Though people such as the Corinthians are enamored with human philosophy and wisdom, Paul continuously presents God's hidden wisdom which is Jesus Christ crucified. True spiritual maturity involves judging ourselves and others in light of God's revelation in the cross.

¹ When I came to you, brothers and sisters, I did not come proclaiming the testimony of God to you with superior speech or wisdom. ² For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ and him crucified. ³ And I came to you in weakness and in fear and in much trembling. ⁴ My speech and my proclamation were made not with persuasive words of wisdom but with a demonstration of the Spirit and of power, ⁵ so that your faith might rest not on human wisdom but on the power of God.

⁶ Yet among the mature we do speak wisdom, though it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are being destroyed. ⁷ But we speak God's wisdom, a hidden mystery, which God decreed before the ages for our glory ⁸ and which none of the rulers of this age understood, for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. ⁹ But, as it is written,

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

¹⁰ God has revealed to us through the Spirit, for the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. ¹¹ For what human knows what is truly human except the human spirit that is within? So also no one comprehends what is truly God's except the Spirit of God.

¹² Now we have received not the spirit of the world but the Spirit that is from God, so that we may understand the gifts bestowed on us by God.

Word of God, word of life,

C **Thanks be to God**

Please stand, as you are able, for the reading of The Gospel

* Alleluia Verse



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



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

P The Gospel according to Mathew the 5th Chapter



Glory to you, O Lord.

* Holy Gospel

Matthew 5:13-20

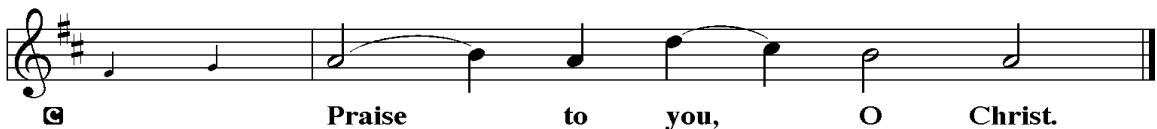
In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus encourages his followers to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world, doing good works and keeping God's commandments.

[Jesus said:] ¹³ "You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything but is thrown out and trampled under foot.

¹⁴ "You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. ¹⁵ People do not light a lamp and put it under the bushel basket; rather, they put it on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. ¹⁶ In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

¹⁷ “Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. ¹⁸ For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. ¹⁹ Therefore, whoever breaks 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. ²⁰ For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.”

P The Gospel of the Lord.



Sermon

The Rev. Joseph Lettrich

* Hymn of the Day

Christ, Be Our Light

ELW 715 (Vs. 1-3)

* Apostles' Creed

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.

On the third day He rose again;

He ascended into heaven,

He is seated at the right hand of the Father,

and He will come 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 the Church

A 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.

A brief silence

Each petition will end with "Merciful God."

C The congregation will respond with, "**receive our prayer.**"

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.

C **Amen.**

*** Sharing of the Peace**

P The peace of Christ be with you always.

C **And also with you.**

+++ LITURGY OF THE MEAL +++

**Offering Reminder / The Offering is collected by the ushers at 10:00am
(Did you fill out your bookmark?)**

*** Offertory**

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

ELW 885

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

*** Offertory Prayer**

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.

C **Amen.**

*** The Great Thanksgiving**

The Lord be with you. And also with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

* Preface for Epiphany

It is indeed right, our du - ty and our joy,

that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you,

al - mighty and merciful God, through our Sav - ior Je - sus Christ.

By the leading of a star he was shown forth to all na - tions;

in the waters of the Jordan you proclaimed him your be-lov - ed Son,

and in the miracle of water turned to wine he re - vealed your glo - ry.

And so, with all the choirs of an - gels,

with the church on earth and the hosts of heav - en,

we praise your name and join their un - end - ing hymn:

*** Sanctus**

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,
heav'n 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.

*** Eucharistic Prayer**

P Holy One, the beginning and the end, the giver of life:
Blessed are you for the birth of creation.
Blessed are you in the darkness and in the light.
Blessed are you for your promise to your people.
Blessed are you in the prophets' hopes and dreams.
Blessed are you for Mary's openness to your will.
Blessed are you for your Son Jesus,
the Word made flesh.

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.

Holy God, we long for your Spirit. Come among us. Bless this meal.
May your Word take flesh in us. Awaken your people. Fill us with your light.
Bring the gift of peace on earth.

C **Come, Holy Spirit.**

All praise and glory are yours, Holy One of Israel, Word of God incarnate, Power of the Most High, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

*** The Lord's Prayer**

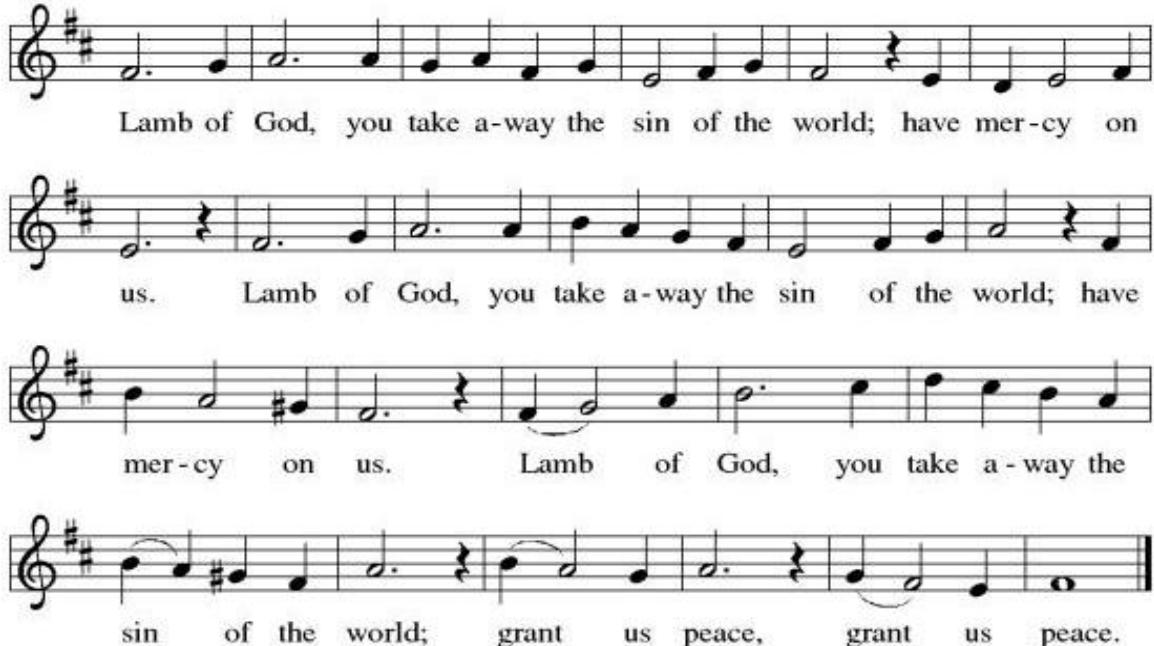
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

Invitation to Communion

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

+++ COMMUNION +++

*** Agnus Dei (Lamb of God)**



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.

*** Post-Communion Blessing**

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

C **Amen.**

*** Post-Communion Prayer**

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.

C **Amen.**

Preparation for Ministry-Parish Announcements*** Blessing**

P May the triune God,
who has put a new song in your mouth
and tuned your heart for praise
☩ bless you now and forever.

C **Amen.**

*** Closing Hymn***We Are Marching in the Light*

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*** Dismissal**

A Go in peace. Do justice. Love mercy.

C Thanks be to God.

Postlude: John Stanley (1713 – 1786) *Voluntary VIII: part 2, Op. 5 **

*** Postlude:**

ASSISTING IN TODAY'S SERVICE:

Assisting Ministers:

8:30 AM Bernie Bigham

10:00 AM Sue Hester

Lectors:

8:30 AM Cindy Alt

10:00 AM Dee Joyce

Communion Assistants:

8:30 AM Cindy Alt & Linda Bayliss

10:00 AM Michele Jecelin & Beth Kirtland

Ushers:

10:00 AM Melissa Arentz & Joe Wiegand

Altar Guild:

8:30 AM Cindy Alt & Linda Bayliss

10:00 AM Michele Jecelin & Paulette Molz

Counters: Kathy Gunkel & Jim Ward

ASSISTING NEXT WEEK:

Assisting Ministers:

ONE SERVICE 9AM

Michele Jecelin

Lector:

ONE SERVICE 9AM

John Chrzanowski

Communion Assistants:

ONE SERVICE 9AM

Beth Kirtland & Skip Kordula

Ushers:

ONE SERVICE 9AM

Beth Doerflein & Lill Tomecek

Ruth Recchia & Diana Passapae

Bridget Heeter & Alyssa Heeter

Prayerful Community

Throughout Scripture, we are invited to pray to God in all kinds of circumstances for all kinds of reasons. We ask God to guide us in our prayers for the church and for those in need. Join in and pray for those groups and friends listed below so that together we may ask for God's help and guidance for those in need.

Friends & Family of Rip Almes, Mary Clark, Kim & John Cornelius, Friends & Family of Marge Deily, Wayne Doerflein, Jerry Duncan, Phyllis Gray, Greg, Jane, Janet Madison, Keith Madison, Steven Madison, Stewart Majerowicz, Barbra Makin, Doris Marshall, Molly, Mike Richard, Cindy Rife, Jeremy Rife, June Romeo, Kelly Romeo, Roseann, Gary Rowles, Karen Rowles, Charlotte Russo, Ted Ryan, The Nebraska Scheufele's, Sharon, Eileen Wagner, Jim & Ellen Jane Ward, Bunky Weichert, Paula Wheatley & Family, Karen Wilhelm, Darrelynne Wunder, John Wunder.

Thank you for praying for those listed during the week.

WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS:

Those serving in the Military in all theaters and their families:

Anthony J. Aguilar, Tristan Armiger, Ryan Bailey, Timothy Buhrman-Hall, Eric Dillion, Andrew Evans, Brent Gooding, Lucas Gooding, Nicholas Gugliuzza, Nathan Jecelin, Madison Johnson, Mike Maharjan, Greg Majerowicz, Austin Machin, Robert Marotti, Brandon Oldham, Keith Richards, Robert Ritter, Louis Peter Romeo IV, Cayden Samuels, Wesley Schools, Howard Stephens, Giovanni Valdez, Michael Violanti, Kendra Violanti, Eric Warthen, Jr., Amanda Williams, Chad Workman, James "Paul" Worth, Frank Worsham, Jr.

Prayer for our troops: Lord, please hold our troops in your loving hands.

Protect them as they protect us. Bless them and their families for the selfless acts they perform for us in our time of need. Amen.

UPCOMING EVENTS

In-person worship services are 8:30 & 10 AM.

The 8:30 AM service is in the Traditional style.

**The 10 AM service is in the Contemporary style the first three Sundays of the month,
and in the Traditional style the fourth
(and if there is a fifth) Sunday of the month.**

**Additionally, a midweek in-person service at 7pm is held the first and third
Wednesday night of the month.**

The service is casual and lasts about 30 minutes.

The parish office is open 8:30 AM - 1:30 PM Monday - Friday.

The Food Pantry is open every Wednesday morning 10:00 am- Noon.

DO YOU WANT TO GIVE AN OFFERING

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THE LORD'S WEEK AT PRINCE OF PEACE

<u>Sunday</u>	02/08	ALL DAY	SOUPER BOWL SUNDAY (Fill the Goal)
		8:30 AM	Traditional Worship
		9:00 AM	Youth Sunday School
		10:00 AM	Contemporary Worship
		11:00 AM – 1:00 PM	Misson of Moms/Ellenberger
		6:00 PM – 9:00 PM	NA Meeting/Ellenberger Hall
<u>Monday</u>	02/09	6:00 PM- 7:00 PM	Confirmation Make-up Class/SS Rooms
		7:00 PM- 9:00 PM	Prince of Egypt Rehearsal/Theatre
<u>Tuesday</u>	02/10	11:30 AM – 1:30 PM	Daytimers/Ellenberger Hall
		6:00 PM – 8:00 PM	Organ Rehearsal/Sanctuary
		6:30 PM	Property Work Night
		7:00 PM – 9:00 PM	Rehearsal/Theatre
<u>Wednesday</u>	02/11	10:00 AM – 12:00 PM	Food Pantry/Narthex
		7:30 PM	Zamar Rehearsal

<u>Thursday</u>	02/12	9:30 AM – 11:30 AM	Social Ministry Meeting/Ellenberger
		6:00 PM – 7:00 PM	Confirmation/SS Rooms
		6:00 PM – 8:00 PM	Organist Rehearsal/Sanctuary
		7:00 PM- 9:00 PM	Prince of Egypt Rehearsal/Theatre
<u>Friday</u>	02/13	7:00 PM	Wing and a Prayer Rehearsal/Sanctuary
<u>Saturday</u>	02/14	8:00 AM – 3:00 PM	Young Marines/Ellenberger
		2:00 PM – 4:00 PM	Candidate Meet & Greet/Ellenberger
		2:00 PM- 5:00 PM	Prince of Egypt Rehearsal/Theatre
		3:00 PM – 5:00 PM	Organist Rehearsal/Sanctuary
<u>Sunday</u>	02/15	ALL DAY	Transfiguration Sunday
		9:00 AM	One Service/Candidate Preaching
		9:00 AM	Youth Sunday School
		10:00 AM	Congregation Meeting/Vote
		11:00 AM – 12:00 PM	The Chosen Viewing/Ellenberger
		6:00 PM – 9:00 PM	NA Meeting/Ellenberger Hall

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