

# Reflecting Your Faith into the World

February 8,  
2026



Fifth Sunday after  
Epiphany

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**Welcome, guests!** We're delighted that you could join us. If you have any questions or would like more information about our church, any member of Grace would be more than happy to assist you. This folder includes all the details about our services, with the congregational responses indicated by indented, bold letters. Please take a moment to complete the guest register in the church entrance; it will be used solely by the pastor and the elder. Restrooms are located to the left as you exit the sanctuary. May the Lord bless this service as Christ comes to you!

**THEME FOR TODAY'S READINGS:** The Savior's Sermon: Let your light shine! Jesus tells us: You are the light of the world, so be light for the earth. You are the salt of the earth, so be salt for it. Our calling as sons of God means our lives will reflect our new status, and the world around us will be blessed by us. The Church prays that God would help us believe and then do the things that are pleasing in his sight.

**MORNING PRAYER:** Almighty God, you sent your one and only Son as the Word of life for our eyes to see and our ears to hear. Help us to believe what the Scriptures proclaim about him and do the things that are pleasing in your sight; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

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**OPENING HYMN:**

**#79**

**HOW LOVELY SHINES THE MORNING STAR**

**\*\*Please Stand For The Last Verse\*\***



1 How love - ly shines the Morn - ing Star! The na - tions see and  
 2 O high - est joy by mor - tals won, True Son of God and  
 3 O might - y Fa - ther, in your Son You loved me ere you  
 4 Oh, joy to know that you, my Friend, Are Lord, be - gin - ning  
 5 Lift up the voice and strike the string, Let all glad sounds of



hail a - far The light in Ju - dah shin - ing.  
 Mar - y's Son, The high - born King of a - ges!  
 had be - gun This an - cient world's foun - da - tion.  
 with - out end, The first and last, e - ter - nal!  
 mu - sic ring In God's high prais - es blend - ed.



O Da - vid's Son of Ja - cob's race, My Bride - groom  
 In your blest bod - y let me be, E'en as the  
 Your Son has made a friend of me, And when in  
 And you at length—O glo - rious grace— Will take me  
 Christ will be with me all the way, To - day, to -



and my King of grace, For you my heart is pin - ing.  
 branch is in the tree, Your life my life sup - ply - ing.  
 spir - it him I see, I joy in trib - u - la - tion.  
 to that ho - ly place, The home of joys su - per - nal.  
 mor - row, ev - 'ry day Till trav - 'ling days are end - ed.



Low - ly, Ho - ly, Great and glo - rious, O vic - to - rious  
 Sigh - ing, Cry - ing For the sa - vor Of your fa - vor  
 What bliss Is this! He is liv - ing, To me giv - ing  
 A - men, A - men! Come and meet me, Quick - ly greet me!  
 Sing out, Ring out Tri - umph glo - rious, O vic - to - rious



Prince of gra - ces, Fill - ing all the heav'n - ly pla - ces.  
 Rest - ing nev - er Till I rest in you for - ev - er.  
 Life for - ev - er; Noth - ing me from him can sev - er.  
 With deep yearn - ing, Lord, I look for your re - turn - ing.  
 Chos - en na - tion; Praise the God of your sal - va - tion.

Text: Philipp Nicolai, 1556–1608, abr., adapt.; tr. *The Lutheran Hymnal*, St. Louis, 1941, alt.  
 Tune: WIE SCHÖN LEUCHTET (887 887 22 44 48) Philipp Nicolai, 1556–1608, alt.



In the name of the Father and of the Son (†) and of the Holy Spirit.

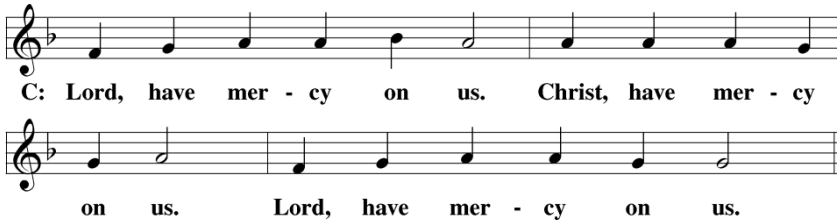
### CONFESSION OF SINS

Beloved in the Lord: let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

**Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this, I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

### LORD, HAVE MERCY

*KYRIE*



God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son (†) and of the Holy Spirit.



### PRAYER AND PRAISE

In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

### GLORY BE TO GOD

*GLORIA IN EXCELSIS*



O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the  
 sin of the world; have mercy on us. You take away the  
 sin of the world; re - ceive our prayer. You sit at the right hand of  
 God the Father; have mercy on us. For you on - ly are holy;  
 you on - ly are the Lord. You only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Spirit,  
 are most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

C: And al - so with you.

The Lord be with you.

Let us pray.

Almighty God, you sent your one and only Son as the Word of life for our eyes to see and our ears to hear. Help us to believe what the Scriptures proclaim about him and do the things that are pleasing in your sight; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: A - men.

**\*\*Please Be Seated\*\***

**FIRST LESSON:**

**ISAIAH 58:5 – 9A**

*Going through the motions of fasting did not make an acceptable fast. Crass hypocrisy thinks a mere outward form of faith is enough. Here, God tells his people that the proof of repentance doesn't consist in the form of their fast but in the deeds of their faith.*

***Is this the kind of fast that I would choose: a day when a person afflicts himself and bows his head like a reed and makes his bed on sackcloth and ashes? Do you call this a fast, a day to gain the Lord's favor?***

***On the contrary, isn't this the kind of fast that I would choose: to loosen the chains of wickedness, to tear apart the ropes of a yoke, to release the oppressed so they go free, and***

*to tear every yoke to pieces? Isn't a true fast that you share your bread with the hungry and bring the homeless and afflicted into a house? Yes, when you see a naked person, you are to cover him, and do not hide yourself from your own flesh and blood.*

*Then your light will break forth like dawn, and your healing will spring up quickly. Your righteousness will go out ahead of you, and the Glory of the Lord will follow you. Then you will call, and the Lord will answer. You will cry out, and he will say, "Here I am!"*

**PSALM OF THE DAY:**

**PSALM 111**

*Refrain*



Sing to the Lord a new song, for  
he has done mar - vel - ous things.

*Psalm tone*



*Refrain*  
Great are the works of the LORD;\*  
they are pondered by all who delight in them.  
Glorious and majestic are his deeds,\*  
and his righteousness endures forever.  
He has caused his wonders to be remembered;\*  
the LORD is gracious and compassionate.  
*Refrain*  
The works of his hands are faithful and just;\*  
all his precepts are trustworthy.  
He provided redemption for his people;\*  
he ordained his covenant forever.  
The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom;\*  
all who follow his precepts have good understanding.  
**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*

## SECOND LESSON

## 1 CORINTHIANS 2:1 – 5

Although Jesus commands us to be salt and light as a witness to the world, our deeds can never become a source of pride. Paul's ministry among the Corinthians was not based on eloquent words or superior wisdom—but only on Christ and him crucified. Paul's message and preaching didn't display his own works or power, but the Spirit's.

**As for me, brothers, when I came to you, I did not come with superior speech or wisdom in order to proclaim to you the testimony<sup>[a]</sup> of God.<sup>2</sup> For I had no intention of knowing anything among you except Jesus Christ, and him crucified.<sup>3</sup> I came to you<sup>[b]</sup> in weakness, in fear, and with much trembling.<sup>4</sup> My message and my preaching were not marked by persuasive words of human<sup>[c]</sup> wisdom, but by a demonstration of the Spirit and of power,<sup>5</sup> so that your faith would not rest on human wisdom, but on God's power.**

### VERSE OF THE DAY

Alleluia. Jesus said, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life." Alleluia. (John 8:12)



## GOSPEL

## MATTHEW 5: 13 – 20

Jesus's sermon moves from the Beatitudes' promises to his commands for the Christian life. Christians blessed by Christ are called to be blessings to the world around us. Jesus did not come to abolish the Law but to fulfill it—first for us and then in us, because our righteousness could never be enough. Christ's righteousness covers all our sins.

After the announcement of the Gospel, the congregation sings:



***"You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its flavor, how will it become salty again? Then it is no good for anything except to be thrown out and trampled on by people. You are the light of the world. A city located on a hill cannot be hidden. People do not light a lamp and put it under a basket. No, they put it on a stand, and it gives light to all who are in the house. In the same way, let your light shine in people's presence, so that they may see your good works and glorify your Father who is in heaven.***

***"Do not think that I came to destroy the Law or the Prophets. I did not come to destroy them but to fulfill them. Amen, I tell you: Until heaven and earth pass away, not even the smallest letter, or even part of a letter, will in any way pass away from the Law until everything is fulfilled. So 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***

***practices and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. Indeed I tell you that unless your righteousness surpasses that of the Pharisees and experts in the law, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.***

*After the Gospel, the congregation sings:*



C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

### **NICENE CREED**

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and became fully human. For our sake, he was crucified under Pontius Pilate. He suffered death and was buried. On the third day, he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

***\*\*Please Be Seated\*\****

# HYMN OF THE DAY:

#280

## THY STRONG WORD



1 Thy strong word did cleave the dark-ness; At thy  
 2 Lo, on those who dwelt in dark-ness, Dark as  
 3 Thy strong Word be-speaks us right-eous; Bright with  
 4 From the cross thy wis-dom shin-ing Break-eth  
 5 Give us lips to sing thy glo-ry, Tongues thy



speak-ing it was done. For cre-at-ed  
 night and deep as death, Broke the light of  
 thine own ho-li-ness, Glo-rious now, we  
 forth in con-quer-ing might; From the cross for-  
 mer-cy to pro-claim, Throats to shout the



light we thank thee While thine or-dered sea-  
 thy sal-va-tion, Breathed thine own life-giv-  
 press toward glo-ry; And our lives our hopes  
 ev-er beam-eth All thy bright re-deem-  
 hope that fills us, Mouths to speak thy ho-



sons run. Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! Praise  
 ing breath. Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! Praise  
 con-fess. Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! Praise  
 ing light. Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! Praise  
 ly name. Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! May



to thee who light dost send! Al-le-lu-ia!  
 to thee who light dost send! Al-le-lu-ia!  
 to thee who light dost send! Al-le-lu-ia!  
 to thee who light dost send! Al-le-lu-ia!  
 the light which thou dost send Fill our songs with



Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia with-out end!  
 Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia with-out end!  
 Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia with-out end!  
 Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia with-out end!  
 al-le-lu-ias, Al-le-lu-ias with-out end!

6 God the Father, light-creator,  
 To thee laud and honor be.  
 To thee, Light from 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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SERMON TEXT:

MATTHEW 5:13 – 20

SERMON TEXT:

FAITH MAKES ALL THE DIFFERENCE

### CREATE IN ME



C: Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -  
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -  
way from your pres - ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it  
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of your sal - va -  
tion, and up - hold me with your free Spir - it. A - men.

*\*\*Please Be Seated\*\**

*OFFERING – Paul tells us in 2 Corinthians 9: 7: “Each one should give as he has determined in his heart, not reluctantly or under pressure, for God loves a cheerful giver.” This service is our gift to our guests; should you feel obliged to give, we thank you for your generosity.*

### THE PRAYER FOR EPIPHANY

Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God and Mary’s son, in the fullness of time you came into our world to save us from sin and death:

**You ushered in the day of grace so long foretold.**

Beloved Son of the Father, revered by the Magi, baptized by John, you came preaching and teaching, healing and comforting, forgiving and encouraging:

**You brought the light of life to those walking in darkness, and the joy of salvation to those doomed to death.**

Prince of Peace, shine like a beacon for us and for the people of our world. Let the good news of salvation be heard in the remotest corners of the earth. Open our lips to speak your name to those around us who still live without faith or hope:

**Arouse us and our missionaries to flood the world with the light of your gospel.**

Lord of the Church, let your peace rule our hearts so we may use our gifts to serve you and each other in willing gratitude and joy. Watch over our loved ones near and far, that they may remember your love and rejoice in your salvation. Strengthen the faith of the sick and the disheartened. Give hope to those in despair and comfort those who mourn:

**Be gracious to all and lead us to reflect your love in everything we say and do.**

*Special prayers and intercessions may follow.*

Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

*Silent prayer.*

Finally, bring us and all your believers to the heavenly home, where we will stand in the full light of your glory and, with all your saints and angels, sing the everlasting song of triumph.

**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.**

*\*\*Please Be Seated\*\**

### DISTRIBUTION HYMN

#390

SALVATION UNTO US HAS COME



1 Sal - va - tion un - to us has come By God's free grace  
 2 What God does in his law de - mand And none to him  
 3 It is a false, mis - lead - ing dream That God his law  
 4 Yet as the law must be ful - filled Or we must die  
 5 Since Christ has full a - tone - ment made And brought to us



and fa - vor. Good works can - not a - vert our doom;  
 can ren - der Brings wrath and woe on ev - 'ry hand  
 has giv - en That sin - ners can them - selves re - deem  
 de - spair - ing, Christ came and has God's an - ger stilled,  
 sal - va - tion, Each Chris - tian there - fore may be glad



They help and save us nev - er. Faith looks to  
 For man, the vile of - fend - er. Our flesh has  
 And by their works gain heav - en. The law is  
 Our hu - man na - ture shar - ing. He has for  
 And build on this foun - da - tion. Your grace a -



Je - sus Christ a - lone, Who did for all the  
 not those pure de - sires The spir - it of the  
 but a mir - ror bright To bring the in - bred  
 us the law o - beyed And thus the Fa - ther's  
 lone, dear Lord, I plead; Your death is now my



world a - tone; He is the one Re - deem - er.  
 law re - quires, And lost is our con - di - tion.  
 sin to light That lurks with - in our na - ture.  
 venge - ance stayed Which o - ver us im - pend - ed.  
 life in - deed, For you have paid my ran - som.

6 All blessing, honor, thanks, and praise  
 To Father, Son, and Spirit,  
 The God who saved us by his grace—  
 All glory to his merit!  
 O Triune God in heav'n above,  
 You have revealed your saving love;  
 Your blessed name be hallowed!

Text: Paul Speratus, 1484-1551, abr.; tr. composite.  
 Tune: ES IST DAS HEIL (87 87 887) *Etlich Cristlich lider*, Wittenberg, 1524, alt.

**\*\*Please Stand\*\***

**THE SACRAMENT**



C: And al - so with you.

The Lord be with you.



C: We lift them up un - to the Lord.

Lift up your hearts.



C: It is good and right so to do.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lived among us as a human being and revealed his glory as your only Son, full of grace and truth. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts in heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

## HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

C: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of heav - en - ly hosts:  
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san -  
na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.  
Bless - ed is he, bless - ed is he, bless - ed is he who  
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san -  
na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my (†) body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my (†) blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

C: A - men.

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

## O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD

*AGNUS DEI*

C: O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;  
have mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God,



you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.  
 O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;  
 grant us your peace. A - men.

**\*\*Please Be Seated\*\***

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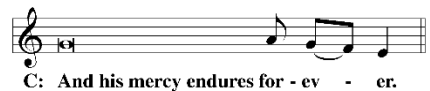
*DISTRIBUTION – Please come forward at the direction of our usher. We do practice close communion according to Paul’s guidance in 1 Corinthians 11:27: “For if anyone eats and drinks in an unworthy manner because he does not recognize the Lord’s body, he eats and drinks judgment upon himself.” Therefore, if you are not a member of the ELS or WELS, please talk to Pastor Emmons before communing. Thank you for respecting our practices.*

**\*\*Please Stand\*\***

**SONG OF SIMEON**



C: Lord, now you let your servant de - part in peace ac-cord-ing  
 to your word. For my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have pre-  
 pared be - fore the face of all people, a light to light - en the  
 Gen-tiles and the glo - ry of your peo-ple Is - ra-el.



C: And his mercy endures for - ev - er.

O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.

**CLOSING PRAYER**

We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this holy supper. We pray that through it, you will strengthen our faith in you and increase our love for one another. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C: A - men.

## BLESSING

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord, make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and (†) give you peace.



C: A - men. A - men. A - men.

**\*\*Please Be Seated\*\***

## CLOSING HYMN:

#579

### LIFT HIGH THE CROSS

#### *Refrain*



Lift high the cross; the love of Christ pro - claim Till



all the world a - dore his sa - cred name.



1 Come, Chris - tians, fol - low where our cap - tain trod, Our  
2 Led on their way by this tri - um - phant sign, The  
3 So shall our song of tri - umph ev - er be: Praise



king vic - to - rious, Christ, the Son of God.  
hosts of God in con - qu'ring ranks com - bine.  
to the Cru - ci - fied for vic - to - ry.

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## WHAT WE BELIEVE:

- Every word of the Bible is inspired, inerrant, and the only source of absolute truth.
- The Father, Son, and Holy Spirit form the triune God, the only true God.
- All humans are born dead in sin and deserve eternal condemnation.
- Jesus Christ is the true God; he was conceived in Mary's womb by the Holy Spirit, assuming His human nature to His divine nature.
- Only through His perfect work of redemption, which includes His perfect life and innocent death, are all sins for all people forgiven and given credit for His perfect life.
- Only those whom the Holy Spirit, through Word and Baptism, blesses with faith in Jesus' redemptive work, receive the benefit of it.
- The day is drawing near when Jesus will return, all believers will be with Him in heaven, all unbelievers will be condemned to eternal torment, and this present world will be destroyed.

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**February Calendars:** The new monthly calendars are available in the entryway.

**Ash Wednesday and the Lenten Season:** As we enter February, please mark your calendars to join us for this Lenten Season, a time of preparation for Easter. We invite you to join us on Ash Wednesday, February 18, at 5:30 p.m., and on the following Tuesdays at 5:30 p.m. for our midweek Lenten services.

**Bible Information Class:** Please consider joining us. All are welcome. Contact Pastor Emmons for the address, or attend from the comfort of your home via the Zoom link below. Classes meet on Thursday evenings at 6 pm.

**Game Night:** Mark your calendar for Game Night. The last game night was so much fun that we are planning a Mexican Train night at Pastor and Tammi's home (4927 SW Yew Pl, Redmond) at 5:30 p.m. on February 20. Mark your calendars and invite your friends for a night of family fun.

**Sunday Morning Bible Study:** We continue our focus on the Pauline letters with Galatians. Please join us at 9:00 a.m. We hope you find this Bible study enlightening! Feel free to bring your questions. You may come and go as needed. Reading is optional, and questions are always welcome.

**Midweek Bible Study:** Our final week of Bible study before Lent. Please join us this Tuesday, February 10, at 6:00 p.m. at Gary and Lani Carroll's house, 3211 SW Umatilla Rd, Redmond, to study the book of Daniel. You can also join via Zoom. The Zoom link is provided, or you can email Pastor Emmons to request it.

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