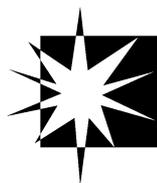


Welcome to Worship

Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

February 8, 2026



The season of Epiphany is considered to be a season of Light. It begins with the arrival of the Magi who follow a great light in the heavens that they might come to worship Jesus, a light in the darkness. Epiphany ends with Jesus on a mountaintop being “transfigured” in the presence of three of his closest disciples. Jesus’ face shone like the sun, his clothes became bright as light, and God pronounced his favor and blessing upon Him.

The Gospel lessons in Epiphany focus upon Jesus calling the disciples, inviting them to “come and see” and to “follow me.” As they step out and accept the Lord’s invitation, they begin to discover what it means to walk in the light of the Lord.

Last Sunday and this Sunday, Deacon Joanne and Pastor Dave are sharing Scriptures and a sermon message speaking of their personal journeys as disciples walking in the Lord’s presence. May these reflections inspire you in your own faith journey as a follower of our Lord Jesus Christ!

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING SONG: “God Whose Almighty Word”

ELW 673

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Lord God, in the chill and dark of winter we are waiting and longing.

We are looking for you to come into our world!

We are seeking light.

In our lives ... **we are seeking light.**

In our neighborhoods ... **we are seeking light.**

In our families ... **we are seeking light.**

In our work ... **we are seeking light.**

In our nation ... **we are seeking light.**

In our world ... **we are seeking light.**

In our hearts ... **we are seeking light.**

Lord Jesus, you are the Light of the World.

Fill our lives with your light today! Amen.

CANTICLE OF PRAISE: *ELW Setting 10, page 205*

 Glory be to God in heaven; peace, good-will to all the earth.
Mighty God of all creation, Father of surpassing worth:
We exalt you, we adore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.
Saints and angels bow before you; here on earth our songs we raise.

 Holy One we now acclaim you; Lord alone, to you we call;
Holy One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all:
Jesus Christ, with God the Spirit, in the Father's splendor bright.
For the peace that we inherit, glory be to God on high!

GREETING:

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

PRAYER OF THE DAY:

Almighty God, draw our hearts to you. Guide our minds, fill our imaginations, control our wills, so that we may be wholly yours. Use us as you will, always to your glory and the welfare of your people; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

FIRST READING: Isaiah 40:28-31

²⁸ Have you not known? Have you not heard?
The Lord is the everlasting God,
the Creator of the ends of the earth.
He does not faint or grow weary;
his understanding is unsearchable.
²⁹ He gives power to the faint
and strengthens the powerless.
³⁰ Even youths will faint and be weary,
and the young will fall exhausted,
³¹ but those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength;
they shall mount up with wings like eagles;
they shall run and not be weary;
they shall walk and not faint.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

⁴⁰ He said to them, "Why are you afraid? Have you still no faith?" ⁴¹ And they were filled with great fear and said to one another, "Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?"

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON SONG: "Jesus Savior Pilot Me"

ELW 755

SERMON

APOSTLES' CREED

**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.**

OFFERING

OFFERTORY:

*We give thee but thine own, Whatev'r that gift may be.
All that we have is thine alone, A trust O Lord from thee.*

PRAYERS:

Lord God, in the chill and dark of winter we are waiting and longing.
We are looking for you to come into our world!

We long for your light.

We pray for your light.

Where there is sorrow,
we pray for the light of your grace.

Where there is sickness,
we pray for the light of your healing.

Where there is despair,
we pray for the light of your hope.

Where there is hatred,
we pray for the light of your forgiveness.

Where there is war,
we pray for the light of your love.

Where there is confusion,
we pray for the light of your peace.

Where there is injustice,
we pray for the light of your courage.

Where there is fear
we pray for the light of your joy.

Come, Lord Jesus.
Bring the light of your healing grace into our world.
Amen.

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.

BENEDICTION:

The Lord bless you and keep you,
the Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you,
the Lord look upon you with favor and give you his peace.

SENDING SONG: “*This Little Light of Mine*”

ELW 677

DISMISSAL:

Go in peace, Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God

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