

THE FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

February 8 & 11, 2026

As We Gather

In today's Gospel, Jesus steps into ordinary life and calls people forward while they are working, living, and providing for others. Called Into the Light proclaims that Christ does not wait for us to fix ourselves before He comes; He enters our darkness, reshapes our trust, and becomes our source. As His light leads, hearts open, fear loosens, and generosity flows naturally from the gifts we have already received.

✠ WE PREPARE TO WORSHIP ✠

Hymn Seek Ye First (LSB 712)

Invocation

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C **Amen.**

Opening Sentences *Psalm 66:1–3a, 4, 8; 40:5a; 111:3*

P Shout for joy to God, all the earth;
C **sing the glory of His name; give to Him glorious praise!**

P Say to God, "How awesome are Your deeds!
C **All the earth worships You and sings praises to You; they sing praises to Your name."**

P Bless our God, O peoples; let the sound of His praise be heard.
C **You have multiplied, O LORD my God, Your wondrous deeds and Your thoughts toward us; none can compare with You!**

P Full of splendor and majesty is His work,
C **and His righteousness endures forever.**

Confession and Absolution

P As penitent people, we ask God for His grace and mercy.

P Humble yourselves, then, before God; confess your sins to Him and implore His forgiveness.

C **O almighty God, most merciful Father, I, a repentant sinner, confess to You all my sins and iniquities with which I have offended You. By nature, I am a sinful creature. In thought, word, and deed, I have continually transgressed Your Law. Too often I have sought the easy road of ignoring the needs of others and considered only myself and my wants. For this I justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of the sufferings and death of Your Son, Jesus Christ, be gracious and merciful to me, a penitent and contrite being. Forgive me all my sins and grant me the power of Your Holy Spirit that I may amend my sinful life and bear fruit in keeping with true repentance.**

P God be gracious to you and strengthen your faith.

C **Amen.**

P As you believe, so let it be. 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.**

WORD

Introit: Psalm 111:1-5,9; Antiphon: Psalm 111:10

Psalm 119:9–16; antiphon: v. 12

The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom;
all those who practice it have a good understanding.
Praise the Lord!
I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart,
in the company of the upright,
in the congregation.
Great are the works of the Lord,

studied by all who delight in them.
Full of splendor and majesty is his work,
and his righteousness endures forever.
He has caused his wondrous works to be remembered;
the Lord is gracious and merciful.
He provides food for those who fear him;
he remembers his covenant forever.
He sent redemption to his people;
he has commanded his covenant forever.
Holy and awesome
is his name!

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

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Kyrie *LSB 186*

C **Lord, have mercy upon us.**
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

Gloria in Excelsis *LSB 187*

P Glory be to God on high:

C **and on earth peace, goodwill toward men.**
We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee,
we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.
O Lord God, heav'nly King, God the Father Almighty.
O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.
Thou that takest away the sin of the world, receive our prayer.
Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.
For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord.
Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost,
art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Salutation

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

Prayer of the Day

P Let us pray.
Almighty God, You called us out of darkness into light so that we will show forth Your praise in all the world. Direct the discipline of our devotion to Jesus, our radiant King, as we live out our lives day by day to reflect Your glory through the working of the Holy Spirit in us; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Old Testament Reading *Malachi 3:6–12*

"For I the LORD do not change; therefore you, O children of Jacob, are not consumed. From the days of your fathers you have turned aside from my statutes and have not kept them. Return to me, and I will return to you, says the LORD of hosts. But you say, 'How shall we return?' Will man rob God? Yet you are robbing me. But you say, 'How have we robbed you?' In your tithes and contributions. You are cursed with a curse, for you are robbing me, the whole nation of you. Bring the full tithes into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. And thereby put me to the test, says the LORD of hosts, if I will not open the windows of heaven for you and pour down for you a blessing until there is no more need. I will rebuke the devourer for you, so that it will not destroy the fruits of your soil, and your vine in the field shall not fail to bear, says the LORD of hosts. Then all nations will call you blessed, for you will be a land of delight, says the LORD of hosts.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle *2 Corinthians 9:6–11*

The point is this: whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each one must give as he has made up his mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.

And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that having all sufficiency in all things at all times, you may abound in every good work. As it is written,

> "He has distributed freely, he has given to the poor;
> his righteousness endures forever."

He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness. You will be enriched in every way for all your generosity, which through us will produce thanksgiving to God.

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

Gradual and Verse

Psalm 117:1–2a; 96:8; Matthew 5:16b

C **Praise the LORD, all nations! Extol Him, all peoples! For great is His steadfast love toward us, and the faithfulness of the LORD endures forever. Ascribe to the LORD the glory due His name; bring an offering, and come into His courts! Alleluia. Let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven. Alleluia.**

Holy Gospel: Matthew 6:19-24

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P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the sixth chapter.
C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

"Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal, but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

"The eye is the lamp of the body. So, if your eye is healthy, your whole body will be full of light, but if your eye is bad, your whole body will be full of darkness. If then the light in you is darkness, how great is the darkness!

"No one can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money.

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

Hymn We Give Thee But Thine Own (LSB 781)

Sermon Series: A Generous Life

Sermon Title: Test Me in This *Malachi 3:6–12*

Catechism *The Second Article*

P In this season of Epiphany, Jesus is made known to the nations as the light of the world. Let us speak together the words of the Apostles' Creed regarding our Savior, the Second Person of the Holy Trinity, and respond to that confession of faith with the words relating to it from Luther's Small Catechism.

C **I believe 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.**

What does this mean?

I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the virgin Mary, is my Lord,

who has redeemed me, a lost and condemned person, purchased and won me from all sins, from death, and from the power of the devil; not with gold or silver, but with His holy, precious blood and with His innocent suffering and death,

that I may be His own and live under Him in His kingdom and serve Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness,

just as He is risen from the dead, lives and reigns to all eternity.

This is most certainly true.

Prayer of the Church

P ... Lord in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

Offering

Offertory *LSB 192*

C **Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.**
Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.
Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.



✠ THE LORD'S SUPPER ✠

We follow the liturgy on Pages 194-202 in the hymnal.

Preface *LSB 194*

Proper Preface

Sanctus *LSB 195*

Lord's Prayer *LSB 162*

The Words of Our Lord

Pax Domini

Agnus Dei *LSB 198*

Distribution Hymns

What Is the World to Me (LSB 730)
How Firm a Foundation (LSB 728)
Gracious God, You Send Great Blessings (LSB 782)

Sit

Lord's Supper Dismissal

P Now may this eating and drinking, of our Savior's precious body and blood, Strengthen you, preserve you, and keep you in the one true Christian faith that leads you to eternal life. Know in peace, and joy, that your sins are ✢ forgiven you.

C **Amen.**

Stand

Nunc Dimittis *LSB 199*

Thanksgiving *LSB 200*

Post-Communion Thanksgiving

Benedicamus

Benediction

Closing Hymn

Jesus, Priceless Treasure (LSB 743) *sts. 1, 6*

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