

**The Fifth Sunday After The Epiphany  
February 8, 2026  
Heritage Lutheran Church  
Apple Valley, MN  
9:00 a.m.**



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**1. Welcome**

**2. The Confession Of Sin**

**Pastor** Dearly Beloved: We have come together in the presence of God our heavenly Father, to render thanks for the great benefits that we have received at His hand, to set forth His most worthy praise, to hear His holy Word, and to ask for ourselves and on behalf of others, those things that are necessary for our life and salvation. O come, let us worship Him! Let us kneel and bow down before Him. Let us confess our sins with penitent hearts, and obtain forgiveness by His infinite grace and mercy.

**Congregation** Almighty and most merciful Father, we have strayed from Your ways like lost sheep. We have followed the devices and desires of our hearts. We have offended against Your holy law. We have done those things which we should not have done, and we have not done those things which we should have done. Have mercy on us, O Lord! Spare us and restore us, according to the promises You have declared to us in Jesus Christ, our Lord. For His sake grant that we may live a godly, righteous and sober life, to the glory of Your holy name.

*Absolution*

**Pastor** The almighty and most merciful Lord has granted us pardon and forgiveness of all our sins, grace for true repentance and amendment of life, and the comfort of the Holy Spirit.

**Congregation** Amen.

**3. Opening Hymn #81 "O Splendor Of God's Glory Great"**

1 O Splendor of God's glory bright,  
Who bringest forth the light from Light;  
O Light of light, light's Fountain-spring;  
O Day, our days enlightening.

2 Come, very Sun of truth and love,  
Come in Thy radiance from above  
And shed the Holy Spirit's ray  
On all we think or do today.

3 Likewise to Thee our prayers ascend,  
Father of glory without end,  
Father of saving grace, for pow'r  
To conquer in temptation's hour.

4 Teach us to work with all our might;  
Beat back the devil's threat'ning spite;  
Turn all to good that seems most ill;  
Help us our calling to fulfil.

5 Direct and govern heart and mind,  
With body chaste and disciplined;  
Let faith her eager fires renew  
And hate the false and love the true.

6 On Christ, the true Bread, let us feed,  
Let Him to us be drink indeed,  
And let us taste with joyfulness  
The Holy Spirit's plenteousness.

7 O joyful be the livelong day,  
Our thoughts as pure as morning ray,  
Our faith like noonday's glowing height,  
Our souls undimmed by shades of night.

8 The dawn begins to speed her way,  
Let the true Dawn Himself display,  
The Son with God the Father One,  
And God the Father in the Son.

9 All praise to God the Father be,  
All praise, eternal Son, to Thee,  
Whom with the Spirit we adore  
Forever and forevermore.

#### 4. Opening Versicles

**Pastor** O Lord, open my lips.

♪ **Congregation** And my mouth shall show forth Your praise.

**Pastor** Make haste, O God, to deliver me.

♪ **Congregation** Make haste to help me, O Lord. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: Forevermore. Amen. Alleluia.

#### 5. The Invitatory and Venite (*Psalm 95*)

**Pastor** Oh come, let us worship the Lord.

♪ **Congregation** For He is our Maker.

Oh, come let us sing to the Lord:

let us make a joyful noise to the Rock of our salvation.

Let us come before His presence with thanksgiving:

and make a joyful noise to Him with psalms.

For the Lord is a great God: and a great King above all Gods.

In His hand are the deep places of the earth:

the strength of the hills is His also.  
The sea is His, for He made it: and His hands form-ed the dry land.  
Oh, come, let us worship and bow down:  
let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker.  
For He is our God: and we are the people of His pasture  
and the sheep of His hand.  
Glory be to the Father and to the Son: and to the Holy Ghost;  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, forevermore. Amen.

#### **6. Hymn #54 "Beautiful Savior"**

1 Beautiful Savior, King of creation,  
Son of God and Son of Man!  
Truly I'd love Thee, truly I'd serve thee,  
Light of my soul, my Joy, my Crown.

2 Fair are the meadows, Fair are the woodlands,  
Robed in flow'rs of blooming spring;  
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer;  
He makes our sorr'wing spirit sing.

3 Fair is the sunshine, Fair is the moonlight,  
Bright the sparkling stars on high;  
Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer  
Than all the angels in the sky.

4 Beautiful Savior, Lord of the nations,  
Son of God and Son of Man!  
Glory and honor, Praise, adoration,  
Now and forevermore be Thine!

#### **7. Psalm 119:17-24 (read responsively by whole verse)**

<sup>17</sup> Deal bountifully with your servant, that I may live and keep your word.  
<sup>18</sup> Open my eyes, that I may behold wondrous things out of your law.  
<sup>19</sup> I am a sojourner on the earth; hide not your commandments from me!  
<sup>20</sup> My soul is consumed with longing for your rules at all times.  
<sup>21</sup> You rebuke the insolent, accursed ones, who wander from your commandments.  
<sup>22</sup> Take away from me scorn and contempt, for I have kept your testimonies.  
<sup>23</sup> Even though princes sit plotting against me, your servant will meditate on your statutes.  
<sup>24</sup> Your testimonies are my delight; they are my counselors.  
Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, forevermore. Amen.

#### **8. Old Testament Lesson *Isaiah 58:5-9a***

<sup>5</sup> Is such the fast that I choose, a day for a person to humble himself? Is it to bow down his head like a reed, and to spread sackcloth and ashes under him? Will you call this a fast, and a day acceptable to the LORD? <sup>6</sup> "Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of wickedness, to undo the straps of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke? <sup>7</sup> 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 him, and not to hide yourself from your own flesh? <sup>8</sup> Then shall your light break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up speedily; your righteousness shall go before you; the glory of the LORD shall be your rear guard. <sup>9</sup> Then you shall call, and the LORD will answer; you shall cry, and he will say, 'Here I am.'

#### **9. The Epistle *1 Corinthians 2:1-5***

<sup>1</sup> And I, when I came to you, brothers, did not come proclaiming to you the testimony of God with lofty speech or wisdom. <sup>2</sup> For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ and him crucified. <sup>3</sup> And I was with you in weakness and in fear and much trembling, <sup>4</sup> and my speech and my message were not in plausible words of wisdom, but in demonstration

of the Spirit and of power, <sup>5</sup> so that your faith might not rest in the wisdom of men but in the power of God.

**10. Heritage Choir “As The Deer” Psalms 42 and 43, adapted Greg Sheer**

*As the deer pants for the water, so my soul longs for you, my Lord.*

*When can I come to you again to praise you as before?*

*Why should I let this sorrow fill my soul?*

*My life is in your hands, my hope is in you Lord; and you, I know, will be my Savior still.*

*Day after day you send your love; I feel your peace come raining down.*

*I raise a song to you at night like fire from the ground.*

*Why should I let this sorrow fill my soul?*

*My life is in your hands, my hope is in you Lord; and you, I know, will be my Savior still.*

*Send me your right and truth to guide me as I travel through this land.*

*Lead me to your holy dwelling at my journey's end.*

*Why should I let this sorrow fill my soul?*

*My life is in your hands, my hope is in you Lord; and you, I know, will be my Savior still.*

*Why should I let this sorrow fill my soul?*

*My life is in your hands, my hope is in you Lord; and you, I know, will be my Savior still.*

*Will be my Savior still.*

**11. The Gospel Matthew 5:13-20**

<sup>13</sup> “You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything except to be thrown out and trampled under people's feet. <sup>14</sup> “You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. <sup>15</sup> Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. <sup>16</sup> In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven. <sup>17</sup> “Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them. <sup>18</sup> For truly, I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not an iota, not a dot, will pass from the Law until all is accomplished. <sup>19</sup> Therefore whoever relaxes 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. <sup>20</sup> For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.

**Pastor** O Lord, have mercy upon us!

♪ **Congregation** Thanks be to You, O Lord!

**12. Sermon Hymn #198 “O Christ, Our True And Only Light”**

1 O Christ, our true and only Light,

Enlighten those who sit in night;

Let those afar now hear Thy voice

And in Thy fold with us rejoice.

2 Fill with the radiance of Thy grace

The souls now lost in error's maze

And all whom in their secret minds

Some dark delusion haunts and blinds.

3 O gently call those gone astray

That they may find the saving way!

Let ev'ry conscience sore oppressed

In Thee find peace and heav'nly rest.

4 O make the deaf to hear Thy Word  
And teach the dumb to speak, dear Lord,  
Who dare not yet the faith avow,  
Though secretly they hold it now.

5 Shine on the darkened and the cold;  
Recall the wand'ers to Thy fold.  
Unite all those who walk apart;  
Confirm the weak and doubting heart,

6 So they with us may evermore  
Such grace with wond'ring thanks adore  
And endless praise to Thee be giv'n  
By all Thy Church in earth and heav'n.

### **13. Sermon – “Christ, Our Fulfillment In All Righteousness” *Matthew 5:13-20***

### **14. The Offering**

### **15. Te Deum Laudamus *pg. 114***

♪ **Congregation** We praise You, O God, we acknowledge You to be the Lord.  
All the earth worships You, the Father ev-er last-ing.  
To You all angels cry aloud, the heavens and all the powers there-in;  
To You cherubim and seraphim con-tin-ual-ly do cry:  
Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Sab-a-oth;  
heaven and earth are full of the majesty of Your glo-ry.  
The glorious company of the Apostles praise You.  
The goodly fellowship of the proph-ets praise You.  
The noble army of martyrs praise You.  
The holy Church throughout all the world does ac-know-ledge You:  
The father of an infinite majesty; Your adorable true and on-ly Son;  
also the Holy Spirit, the Com-for-ter.  
You are the King of Glory, O Christ. You are the everlasting Son of the Fa-ther.  
When You took upon Yourself to de-liv-er man,  
You humbled Yourself to be born of a Vir-gin.  
When You had overcome the sharp-ness of death,  
You opened the kingdom of heaven to all be-liev-ers.  
You are seated at the right hand of God in the glory of the Fath-er.  
We believe that You will come to be our Judge.  
We therefore pray You, help Your ser-vants,  
whom You have redeemed with Your pre-cious blood.  
Make them to be numbered with Your saints in glory ev-er-last-ing.  
O Lord, save Your people and bless Your her-i-tage.  
Govern them and lift them up for-ev-er.  
Day by day we magni-fy You.  
And we worship Your name now and ev-er-more.  
Vouchsafe, O Lord, to keep us this day without sin.  
O Lord, have mercy upon us, have mercy up-on us.  
O Lord, let Your mercy be upon us, for our trust is in You.  
O Lord, in You I have trusted; let me never be con-found-ed.

### **16. Prayers**

#### ***The Kyrie*** Sung by All

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

***The Lord's Prayer*** Sung by All

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.

***The Collect***

**Pastor** Let us pray: O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, having safely brought us to the beginning of this day, defend us in the same with Your mighty power and grant that this day we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger, but that all our doing, being ordered by Your governance, may be righteous in Your sight: through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one true God, now and forever.

♪ **Congregation** Amen.

**17. Benedicamus & Benediction**

**Pastor** Let us bless the Lord!

♪ **Congregation** Thanks be to God!

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

♪ **Congregation** Amen.

**18. Benediction Hymn #523 "In The Cross Of Christ I Glory"**

1 In the Cross of Christ I glory,  
Tow'ring o'er the wrecks of time.  
All the light of sacred story  
Gathers round its head sublime.

2 When the woes of life o'ertake me,  
Hopes deceive, and fears annoy,  
Never shall the Cross forsake me;  
Lo, it glows with peace and joy.

3 When the sun of bliss is beaming  
Light and love upon my way,  
From the Cross the radiance streaming  
Adds more luster to the day.

4 Bane and blessing, pain and pleasure,  
By the Cross are sanctified;  
Peace is there that knows no measure,  
Joys that through all time abide.

## Announcements

**Chili Cook Off is Today!** – Plan to stay for the Chili Cook Off, play some board games and enjoy fellowship. Festivities will begin after the Sunday School and Bible Study hour.

**Time & Talent Survey** – If you haven't taken the Time & Talent Survey yet, we will have an electronic version (tablet) circulating during fellowship time for the next few Sundays. Please plan to take a few minutes to fill it out. Thanks!

**Easter Flowers** – There are order forms on the welcome desk if you would like to order Easter flowers. Orders are due by Sunday, February 22<sup>nd</sup>.

**TLC** – The Ladies Connection will meet on Saturday, February 14<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 a.m. This will be a potluck brunch. All the ladies of the congregation are invited to bring a dish to share and join in the fellowship. Questions? Ask Rhonda.

**Church Council** – The Church Council will meet on Tuesday, February 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m.

**Women's Bible Study** – The Women's Bible study group meets at church on Mondays at 6:30 p.m. Please contact Ruth for more information.

**Men's Bible Study** – Men's Bible study meets on Thursdays at 9:00 a.m.

**Choir** – The Heritage Choir practices on Wednesdays at 6:30 pm.

**Fellowship** - Volunteers are always needed to provide fellowship food every Sunday. Please sign up on the volunteer board.

**Thank You Notes** – The thank you notes from the Seminary students are on the bulletin board in the narthex if you would like to read them.

**Budget Update** – We have updated the member-giving scorecard through the end of December. If you have any questions, please speak with church treasurer Phil Holz or church president Dave Paulsen.

<u>Member Giving Scorecard</u>	<u>YTD Actual</u>	<u>YTD Target</u>	<u>Variance</u>	<u>Annual Target</u>
Member General Fund Giving	\$170,837	\$174,264	(\$3,427)	\$360,000
Estate Gift	\$42,200	\$0	\$42,200	\$0
School Deficit Reduction Giving Target	\$12,653	16,059	(\$3,406)	\$32,117
Hike for Heritage	\$17,517	\$0	\$17,517	\$0
Accrued Matching Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Total Member Giving</b>	<b>\$243,207</b>	<b>\$190,323</b>	<b>\$52,885</b>	<b>\$392,117</b>



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