



Faith Lutheran Church

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"You are the salt of the earth."

Matthew 5:13, ESV

FEBRUARY 8, 2026 + 8:30 AM

Notes To Assist Our Worship

Welcome – We are glad you chose to worship here today! We hope you discover the presence of God here and that together we can grow as friends of Christ and one another.

Standing and Sitting – If standing, sitting, and kneeling is too much for you, please remain seated during those parts of the service. God is coming to you with His Gospel gifts. Our standing, sitting, and kneeling are simply our responses to God based on our health and ability.

Nursery – Faith Lutheran Church has a staffed nursery available for you to use on Sundays for children age 3 and younger. Please ask an usher if you need assistance in finding the nursery.

Hearing Impaired – Do you have a hearing impairment that makes it difficult to enjoy worship as much as you would like? Faith has a “hearing loop” for those with hearing aids with that feature. We also offer hearing impaired FM receivers for those wishing to use one. Please see one of our sound technicians for assistance.

Our Hymnals – *LSB* refers to the *Lutheran Service Book*, which is the burgundy hard covered book in the pew rack. *WOV* refers to *With One Voice*, the smaller blue soft cover book.

Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

February 8, 2026 + 8:30 am

Jesus calls His people the “salt of the earth” (Matthew 5:13) as we are preserved by His grace and sent to bring His life and flavor to the world around us. As we gather for worship today, Christ restores us through His Word, seasons our lives with His grace, and preserves us as His people for the sake of the world. You are the salt of the earth!

PRELUDE

I Need Thee Every Hour

Robert Lowry

WELCOME

***OPENING HYMN** CHRIST, WHOSE GLORY FILLS THE SKIES

LSB 873

***INVOCATION**

In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

***CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

Merciful Father,

You have called us the salt of the earth, a people preserved by Your grace and sent to preserve life and faith in the world. Yet we confess that our saltiness often fades. We withhold forgiveness and harbor resentment. We blend in with the world rather than living from the life You give. Instead of strengthening faith and preserving peace, we have allowed fear and bitterness to take root. Forgive us and restore us, Lord. Amen.

Almighty God, in His mercy, has given His Son to die and rise for you, and for His sake forgives you all your sins. Jesus Christ, the true Salt of the earth, has preserved you by His cross and seasoned your life with His grace. In Him, your sins are forgiven, your faith is restored, and your life is made new. 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. **Amen.**

*KYRIE

[A] Lord, □ have □ mer - cy. [C] Lord, □ have □ mer - cy.

[A] Christ, have □ mer - cy. [C] Christ, have □ mer - cy.

[C] Lord, have mer - cy.

*HYMN OF PRAISE

GLORY TO GOD

Michael Burkhardt

[A] Glo-ry to God in the high - est, and peace to his peo-ple on

earth. □ [C] Lord God, heav - en-ly king, al - might - y God and

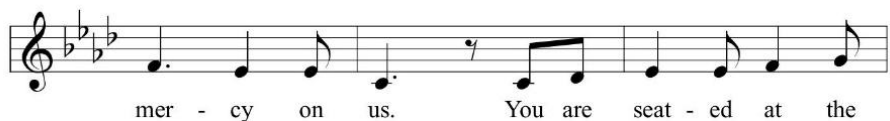
Fa - ther: We wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we

praise you for □ your glo - ry. [I] Lord Je - sus

Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, [II] 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

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Lord Jesus Christ, You have called us the salt of the earth and given us life through Your death and resurrection.

Preserve our faith by Your Word, season our lives with Your grace, and make us instruments of peace and mercy in a world in need. Keep us from losing our distinct hope in You, and use our lives to strengthen others until the day You

renew all things; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

FIRST LESSON

Psalm 112:1-9

112 Praise the Lord!

Blessed is the man who fears the Lord,
who greatly delights in his commandments!

²His offspring will be mighty in the land;
the generation of the upright will be blessed.

³Wealth and riches are in his house,
and his righteousness endures forever.

⁴Light dawns in the darkness for the upright;
he is gracious, merciful, and righteous.

⁵It is well with the man who deals generously and lends;
who conducts his affairs with justice.

⁶For the righteous will never be moved;
he will be remembered forever.

⁷He is not afraid of bad news;
his heart is firm, trusting in the Lord.

⁸His heart is steady; he will not be afraid,
until he looks in triumph on his adversaries.

⁹He has distributed freely; he has given to the poor;
his righteousness endures forever;
his horn is exalted in honor.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SECOND LESSON

1 Corinthians 2:1-12

2 And I, when I came to you, brothers, did not come proclaiming to you the testimony of God with lofty speech or wisdom. ²For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ and him crucified. ³And I was with you in weakness and in fear and much trembling, ⁴and my speech and my message were not in plausible words of wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power, ⁵that your faith might not rest in the wisdom of men but in the power of God.

⁶Yet among the mature we do impart wisdom, although it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to pass away. ⁷But we impart a secret and hidden wisdom of God, which God decreed before the ages for our glory. ⁸None of the

rulers of this age understood this, for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. ⁹But, as it is written, “What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the heart of man imagined, what God has prepared for those who love him”—¹⁰these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit. For the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. ¹¹For who knows a person’s thoughts except the spirit of that person, which is in him? So also no one comprehends the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God. ¹²Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, that we might understand the things freely given us by God.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

***ALLELUIA VERSE**

[A] Lord, to whom shall we go?
 You have the words of e - ter - nal life. [C] Al - le -
 lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

***HOLY GOSPEL**

Matthew 5:13-20

The Holy Gospel according to Saint John, the fourth chapter.

(Organ) [C] Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

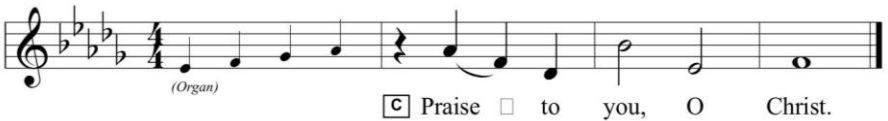
¹³“You are the salt of the earth. But if the salt loses its saltiness, how can it be made salty again? It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out and trampled underfoot.

¹⁴ “You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. ¹⁵ Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. ¹⁶ In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.

The Fulfillment of the Law

¹⁷ “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. ¹⁸ For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth disappear, not the smallest letter, not the least stroke of a pen, will by any means disappear from the Law until everything is accomplished. ¹⁹ Therefore anyone who sets aside one of the least of these commands and teaches others accordingly will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever practices and teaches these commands will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. ²⁰ For I tell you that unless your righteousness surpasses that of the Pharisees and the teachers of the law, you will certainly not enter the kingdom of heaven.

The Gospel of the Lord.



(Organ) Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

HYMN OF THE DAY

I WANT TO WALK AS A CHILD OF THE LIGHT LSB 411

MESSAGE

“Salt of the Earth”

Pastor Peter

- 1. Salt _____
- 2. Salt _____
- 3. Salt _____

***APOSTLES’ CREED**

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And 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.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

GATHERING OF OUR GIFTS AND OFFERINGS

MUSICAL OFFERING *Agnus Dei* arr. Wiley, Winkler
(Paul VanHorn, soprano saxophone; Elizabeth Balentine, piano)

*PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Sick/Hospitalized:

- **Tucker**, 19-year-old friend of niece of Jenny Ottman, suffered a heart attack due to a leak in his aortic valve. Will be undergoing surgery.
- **Pete McKee**, awaiting liver transplant
- **Ryan Byrns**, nephew of Laurie Ebbecke, recovery from back surgery as he deals with long term Guillain Barre Syndrome

Called to Glory:

- **Mildred (Millie) Bundschuh** (1/18/26), longtime member of Faith
- **Eugene Schwartz** (1/30/26), father/grandfather of the Ordan Family, friends of the Hoad Family

Special Prayer:

- We give thanks for the volunteers who have lovingly created these **prayer shawls**. We pray that those who receive these prayer shawls would experience the warmth of God's loving presence.

***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.

***BENEDICTION**

***CLOSING HYMN** THY STRONG WORD *LSB 578/vv. 1-3, 6*

***DISMISSAL**

Go in peace and salt the world,
Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE *Fanfare and Processional* Douglas Wagner

Thank you to our volunteers!

Altar Guild: Deb Sharp, Sue Hutchings

Acolyte/Crucifer: **TBA**

Greeters: **TBA**

Lay Reader: Fred Mason

Live Stream: Jason Gerlach

Sound: Bob Helm

Ushers: Fred Mason, Karen Nitschke, Geoff Kaeuper, David &
Patricia Lapresi

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Acolyte/Crucifer: **TBA**

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