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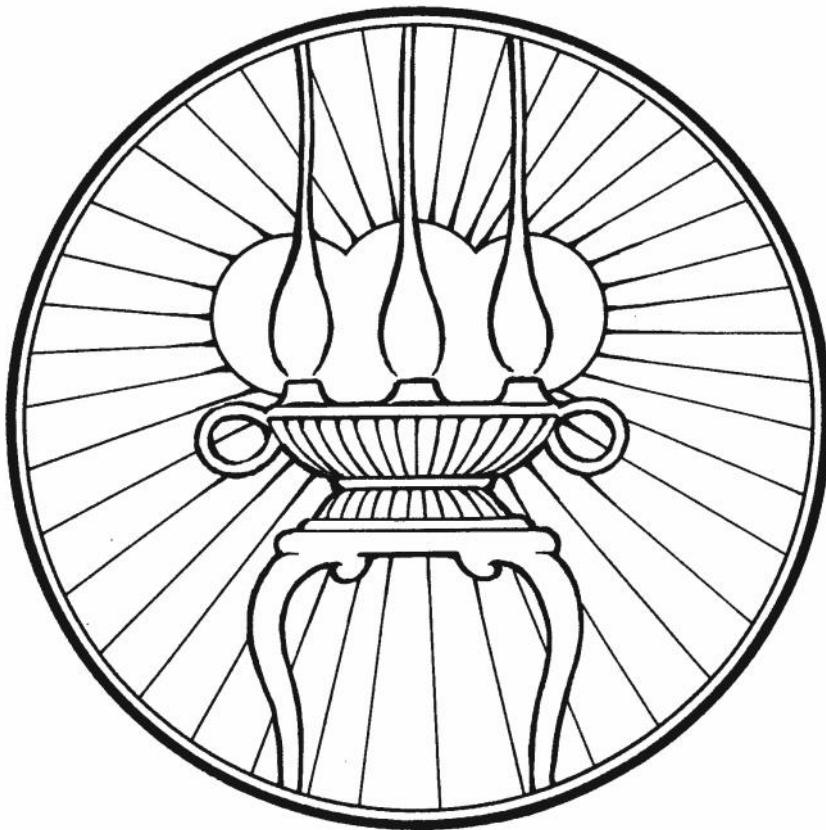
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Beulah, North Dakota

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February 8, 2026

5th Sunday after Epiphany



*"Let your light shine before others,
so that they may see your good works and give glory
to your Father who is in heaven. "*

Matthew 5:16b

† In the Name of Jesus †

Welcome to worship as Jesus reveals Himself to us as the Son of God in this season of Epiphany. This season teaches us that when we see and hear Jesus, we see and hear God. Visitors, please sign our guest book and worship with us again soon!

Divine Service	Setting One
Hymn of Invocation	# 578 (st. 1-4)
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Introit

Blessed are you, O Lord;
teach me your statutes!
How can a young man keep his way pure?
By guarding it according to your word.
With my whole heart I seek you;
let me not wander from your commandments!

I have stored up your word in my heart,
that I might not sin against you.

Blessed are you, O Lord;
teach me your statutes!

With my lips I declare
all the just decrees of your mouth.
In the way of your testimonies I delight

as much as in all riches.

I will meditate on your precepts
and fix my eyes on your ways.

I will delight in your statutes;
I will not forget your word.

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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teach me your statutes!

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O Lord, keep Your family the Church continually in the true faith that, relying on the hope of Your heavenly grace, we may ever be defended by Your mighty power; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 58:3-9a

'Why have we fasted, and you see it not? Why have we humbled ourselves, and you take no knowledge of it?' Behold, in the day of your fast you seek your own pleasure, and oppress all your workers.

Behold, you fast only to quarrel and to fight and to hit with a wicked fist. Fasting like yours this day will not make your voice to be heard on high.

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?

"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?

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?

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.

Then you shall call, and the Lord will answer; you shall cry, and he will say, 'Here I am.'"

Gradual

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!

Epistle Reading: 1 Corinthians 2:1-12

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

Yet 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. But we impart a secret and hidden wisdom of God, which God decreed before the ages for our glory. None of the rulers of this age understood this, for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. But, 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"—these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit. For the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. For 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. Now 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.

"Alleluia"

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Holy Gospel: St. Matthew 5:13-20

[Jesus says] "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."

"You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. 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. 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."

"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. 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.

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. For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven."

Nicene Creed p. 158
Hymn of the Day # 698
Sermon: A Living Reflection
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"What Shall I Render" p. 159
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Benediction p. 166
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WE GO FROM THIS PLACE OF WORSHIP WHERE WE ARE ABOUT EQUIPPING DISCIPLES TO MAKE DISCIPLES FOR JESUS



Today we celebrate the Sacrament of Holy Communion in which we joyfully receive Christ's Body and Blood, under bread and wine, for the forgiveness of our sins. As we celebrate the Sacrament, we also give public witness that we are in complete agreement with the denomination's doctrinal teachings at whose altar we commune. Therefore, we ask that only communicant members of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod commune with us. All guests are asked to talk to Rev. Heller before coming to the altar to receive the Sacrament.

*For those unable to drink wine,
water with a drop of wine can be found in the center of each individual cup tray.*

In our thoughts and prayers,



- † Our sick & recovering, Steve Heupel (father of Amy Bieber), Carter Johnson (grandson of Ray & Lorraine Sorge), Hannah Schantz, & Jodi Schriefer;
- † Pearl Ley Armbrust, baptized into Christ February 7, 2026;
- † Mary Jo & the Larson family, as they mourn Kent's death.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS



Greeters are needed for 2026. A sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board in the social hall.

The February calendar and birthday and anniversary sheet are on the table in the social hall.

During the month of February donations of tuna and macaroni & cheese will be collected for Women's Action & Resource Center. Snacks for the elementary school snack pantry will also be collected.

It has so pleased God in His wise grace to call from this vale of tears to Himself in heaven the soul of our dear brother in the faith, Kent Larson. Christian Burial was Friday, February 6, 2026. *Then I heard a voice from heaven say, "Write this: Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on."* "Yes," says the Spirit, "they will rest from their labor, for their deeds will follow them" (Revelation 14:13).

The "I AM" sayings of Jesus: God revealed Himself to Moses simply and profoundly as "I am" (Exodus 3:14). In the Gospel of John, the Evangelist records for us Jesus speaking those exact words to reveal and make Himself known to us as "very God of very God" (Nicene Creed). For our midweek worship in the season of Lent, we will be looking at the "I AM" sayings of Jesus. Please join us as we begin the season of Lent on Ash Wednesday, Feb. 18th, looking at the words of Jesus, "*I AM the bread of life*" (John 6:35). Worship will be at 6:30 pm. Soup and sandwiches will be served at 5:30 pm.

Our Annual Voters Meeting will be February 22, following worship. Unapproved minutes of the November 2, 2025, meeting are on the table in the social hall.

☩ This Week at Concordia ☩

Today	8:00 am	Worship @ Glen Ullin
	9:15 am	Sunday School
	10:00 am	Divine Service
	11:00 am	Bible Class
Tuesday	10:15 am	Holy Communion @ Knife River Care Center
Wednesday	4:00 pm	Catechism
	7:00 pm	Council Meeting
Sunday	8:00 am	Worship @ Glen Ullin
	10:00 am	Divine Service
	11:00 am	Bible Class
	3:00 pm	LYF

Have you ever considered going into church work? Going to seminary and becoming a pastor is one of the greatest adventures you can undertake. God uses frail and sinful men to be the mouth that proclaims His Word and the hands to distribute His body and blood to His people. It is astounding that the Lord uses sinful men to bring the forgiveness He won on the cross to His people. Likewise, the Lord uses deaconesses in many ways to show mercy to those in need. He also uses Directors of Christian Education, parish musicians, teachers, and others for good and faithful work in His Church. If you or someone you know is considering church work, think about attending one of the synod's Concordias or talking with a seminary admissions counselor.

Rev. Mark Chepulis, North Dakota District President