



Sunday - February 8th, 2026 Fifth Sunday after Epiphany



OUR MISSION: God calls us to live and share the amazing love and grace of Jesus Christ with all people.

Welcome to Christ Lutheran Church. Christ Lutheran Church is a Reconciling in Christ congregation that welcomes all. May God bless us in Word and Sacrament, music and community in our worship today. The service is complete in this bulletin. The spoken responses are bolded text.

We acknowledge that our building of worship is built upon the territory of xučyun (Huichin), the unceded land stewarded by the Ohlone people who speak to their Creator and loved ones in the language of Chochochenyo.

INTRODUCTION

Light shines in the darkness for the upright, the psalmist sings. Isaiah declares that when we loose the bonds of injustice and share our bread with the hungry, the light breaks forth like the dawn. In another passage from the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus, the light of the world, calls his followers to let the light of their good works shine before others. Through baptism we are sent into the world to shine with the light of Christ.

GATHERING

PRELUDE

WELCOME

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

*Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, the fountain of living water, the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation. **Amen.***

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

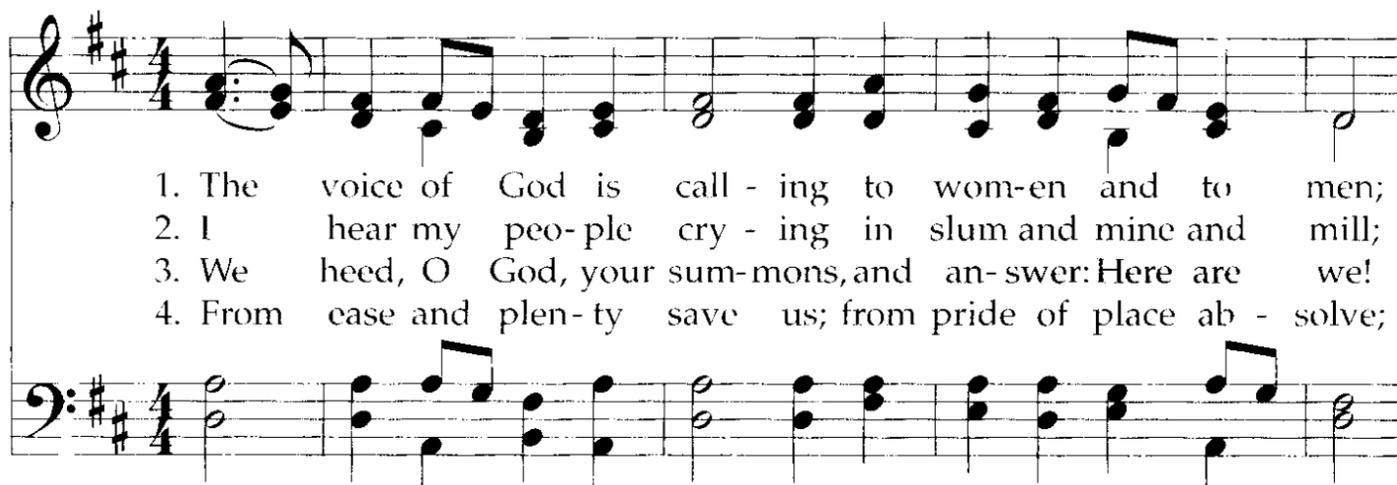
We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight. Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family.

Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By water and your Word you claim us as daughters and sons, making us heirs of your promise and servants of all.

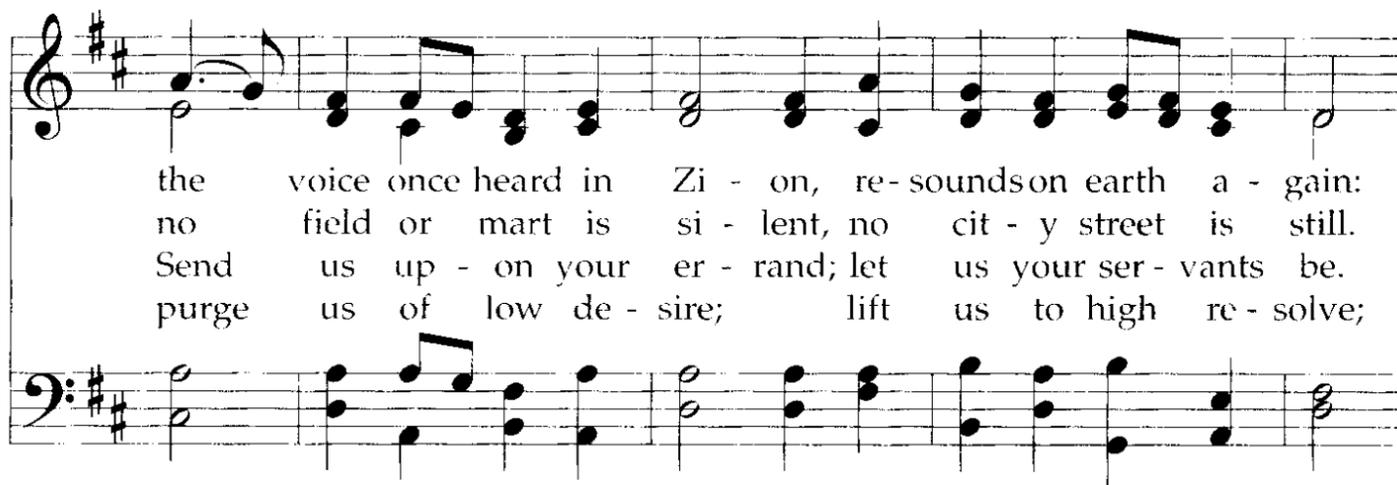
We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life, and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ. Shower us with your Spirit, and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love.

To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN- UMH 436 - *The Voice of God is Calling*



1. The voice of God is call - ing to wom - en and to men;
2. I hear my peo - ple cry - ing in slum and mine and mill;
3. We heed, O God, your sum - mons, and an - swer: Here are we!
4. From ease and plen - ty save us; from pride of place ab - solve;



the voice once heard in Zi - on, re - sounds on earth a - gain;
no field or mart is si - lent, no cit - y street is still.
Send us up - on your er - rand; let us your ser - vants be.
purge us of low de - sire; lift us to high re - solve;



whom shall I send to suc - cor my peo - ple in their need?
I see my peo - ple fall - ing in dark - ness and de - spair.
Our strength is dust and ash - es, our years a pass - ing hour,
take us, and make us ho - ly; teach us your will and way.

Whom shall I send to loos - en the bonds of shame and greed?
 Whom shall I send to shat - ter the fet - ters which they bear?
 But you can use our weak - ness to mag - ni - fy your power.
 Speak, and, be - hold! we an - swer; com - mand, and we o - bey!

APOSTOLIC GREETING

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

KYRIE

Kyrie Eleison **Kyrie Eleison**
 Christe Eleison **Christe Eleison**
 Kyrie Eleison **Kyrie Eleison**

GLORIA

**Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of goodwill.
 We praise You. We bless You. We adore you. We glorify You.
 We give You thanks for Your great glory.
 Lord God, heavenly King, O God almighty Father.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, Only-begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father:
 you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.
 You take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer.
 You are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us.**

**For you alone are the Holy One. You alone are the Lord.
 You alone are most high, Jesus Christ,
 with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

FIRST READING: Isaiah 58:1-9a [9b-12]

1 Shout out; do not hold back! Lift up your voice like a trumpet! Announce to my people their rebellion, to the house of Jacob their sins. 2 Yet day after day they seek me and delight to know my ways, as if they were a nation that practiced righteousness and did

not forsake the ordinance of their God; they ask of me righteous judgments; they want God on their side. 3 “Why do we fast, but you do not see? Why humble ourselves, but you do not notice?” Look, you serve your own interest on your fast day and oppress all your workers. 4 You fast only to quarrel and to fight and to strike with a wicked fist. Such fasting as you do today will not make your voice heard on high. 5 Is such the fast that I choose, a day to humble oneself? Is it to bow down the head like a bulrush and to lie in sackcloth and ashes? Will you call this a fast, a day acceptable to the LORD?

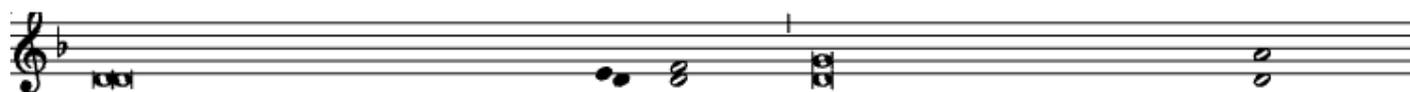
6 Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of injustice, to undo the straps of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke? 7 Is it not to share your bread with the hungry and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover them and not to hide yourself from your own kin? 8 Then your light shall break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up quickly; your vindicator shall go before you; the glory of the LORD shall be your rear guard. 9a Then you shall call, and the LORD will answer; you shall cry for help, and he will say, “Here I am.”

9b If you remove the yoke from among you, the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil, 10 if you offer your food to the hungry and satisfy the needs of the afflicted, then your light shall rise in the darkness and your gloom be like the noonday. 11 The LORD will guide you continually and satisfy your needs in parched places and make your bones strong, and you shall be like a watered garden, like a spring of water whose waters never fail. 12 Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt; you shall raise up the foundations of many generations; you shall be called the repairer of the breach, the restorer of streets to live in. Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 112



The just ___ man is a light _____ in dark-ness ___ to the up-right.



1. Light shines through the darkness for the upright; He is gracious and merciful and just.
2. He shall never be moved; The just one shall be in everlasting re - mem - brance.
3. His heart is steadfast; he shall not fear. Lavishly he gives to the poor;



1. Well for the man who is gracious and lends, Who conducts his affairs with justice.
2. An evil report he shall not fear; His heart is firm, trusting in the LORD.
3. His justice shall endure for ever; His horn shall be exalted in glory.

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 2:1-12 [13-16]

1 When I came to you, brothers and sisters, I did not come proclaiming the testimony of God to you with superior speech or wisdom. 2 For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ and him crucified. 3 And I came to you in weakness and in fear and in much trembling. 4 My speech and my proclamation were made not with persuasive words of wisdom but with a demonstration of the Spirit and of power, 5 so that your faith might rest not on human wisdom but on the power of God.

6 Yet among the mature we do speak wisdom, though it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are being destroyed. 7 But we speak God's wisdom, a hidden mystery, which God decreed before the ages for our glory 8 and which none of the rulers of this age understood, for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. 9 But, as it is written, "What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the human heart conceived, what God has prepared for those who love him"—

10 God has revealed to us through the Spirit, for the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. 11 For what human knows what is truly human except the human spirit that is within? So also no one comprehends what is truly God's except the Spirit of God. 12 Now we have received not the spirit of the world but the Spirit that is from God, so that we may understand the gifts bestowed on us by God. [13 And we speak of these things in words not taught by human wisdom but taught by the Spirit, interpreting spiritual things to those who are spiritual.

14 Those who are unspiritual do not receive the gifts of God's Spirit, for they are foolishness to them, and they are unable to understand them because they are spiritually discerned. 15 Those who are spiritual discern all things, and they are themselves subject to no one else's scrutiny.

16 "For who has known the mind of the Lord so as to instruct him?" But we have the mind of Christ.] Word of God, word of life. Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

All:



Cantor: Speak, Lord, your servant is listening; you have the words of everlasting life.

All:



GOSPEL: Matthew 5:13-20

The holy gospel according to Matthew. **Glorify to you, O God.**

[Jesus said:] 13 “You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything but is thrown out and trampled under foot.

14 “You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. 15 People do not light a lamp and put it under the bushel basket; rather, they put it on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. 16 In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

17 “Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. 18 For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. 19 Therefore, whoever breaks 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. 20 For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.”

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

SERMON- Pr Dee

HYMN OF THE DAY- *Heaven Shall Not Wait*



1 Heaven shall not wait for the poor to lose their pa-tience,
2 Heaven shall not wait for the rich to share their for-tunes,
3 Heaven shall not wait for the dawn of great i - de - as,



the scorned to smile, the de-spised to find a
the proud to fall, the e - lite to tend the
thoughts of com - pas - sion di - vorced from cries of



friend: Je-sus is Lord; he has cham-pioned the un-
least: Je-sus is Lord; he has shown the mas-ter's
pain: Je-sus is Lord; he has mar - ried word and



want - ed; in him in - jus - tice con -
priv - ilege: to kneel and wash ser - vants'
ac - tion; his cross and com - pa - ny



fronts its time - ly end.
feet be - fore they feast.
make his pur - pose plain.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

As God's beloved children united in Christ, let us pray for the church, the whole human community, and the well-being of the earth, our home.

Your church does ministry in many and various ways. Keep the baptized true to the mind of Christ, that our works and witness bring hope to a troubled world. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Your marvelous creation cries out to you. Restore polluted air, soil, and water sources to wholeness. Guard honeybees, elephants, great whales and songbirds from harm, and renew the face of the earth. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Your people in every nation suffer injustice, poverty, and the threat of violence. Guide those in authority to govern with compassion, and bring peace to war zones. We pray for our enemies. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Your blessings are poured out for all in need. Help and heal any who experience trauma, discrimination, disease, hunger, abuse, or persecution. Comfort those who are sick or grieving especially for Karen, Julie, Fred, George G., Maryann H., Evie D., Diane, Carla, Laurie & John P., the family and friends of Jacque Emmert, Mike and the family and friends of Liz Smith. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Your wisdom guides this congregation and its ministries. Sustain our ordained leaders, staff, lay leaders, and volunteers. Form us to be salt and light for the neighbors we serve, following the example of Christ. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

What else do the people of God pray for?

Your saints rejoice at your heavenly banquet. We give thanks for their lives of faith, trusting that we also will be embraced by your eternal love. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Confident that the Holy Spirit receives our prayers and answers us, we commend all for whom we pray to God's loving-kindness made known to us in Christ Jesus our Savior. **Amen.**

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

OFFERTORY- ELW 671: Shine, Jesus, Shine

Turn to hymn 671 in the red hymnal

OFFERING PRAYER

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; For in the waters of the Jordan you revealed with signs and wonders a new Baptism, so that through the voice that came down from heaven we might come to believe in your Word dwelling among us, and by the Spirit's descending in the likeness of a dove we might know that Christ your Servant has been anointed with the oil of gladness and sent to bring the good news to the poor.

And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS

Holy, Holy, Holy! **Holy, Holy, Holy!**

Lord God of Hosts, **Lord God of Hosts,**

Heaven and Earth, **Heaven and Earth,**

are full of your glory, **are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest! **Hosanna in the highest!**

Hosanna in the highest! **Hosanna in the highest!**

Blessed is he who comes **Blessed is he who comes**

in the name of the Lord **in the name of the Lord**

Hosanna in the highest! **Hosanna in the highest!**

In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

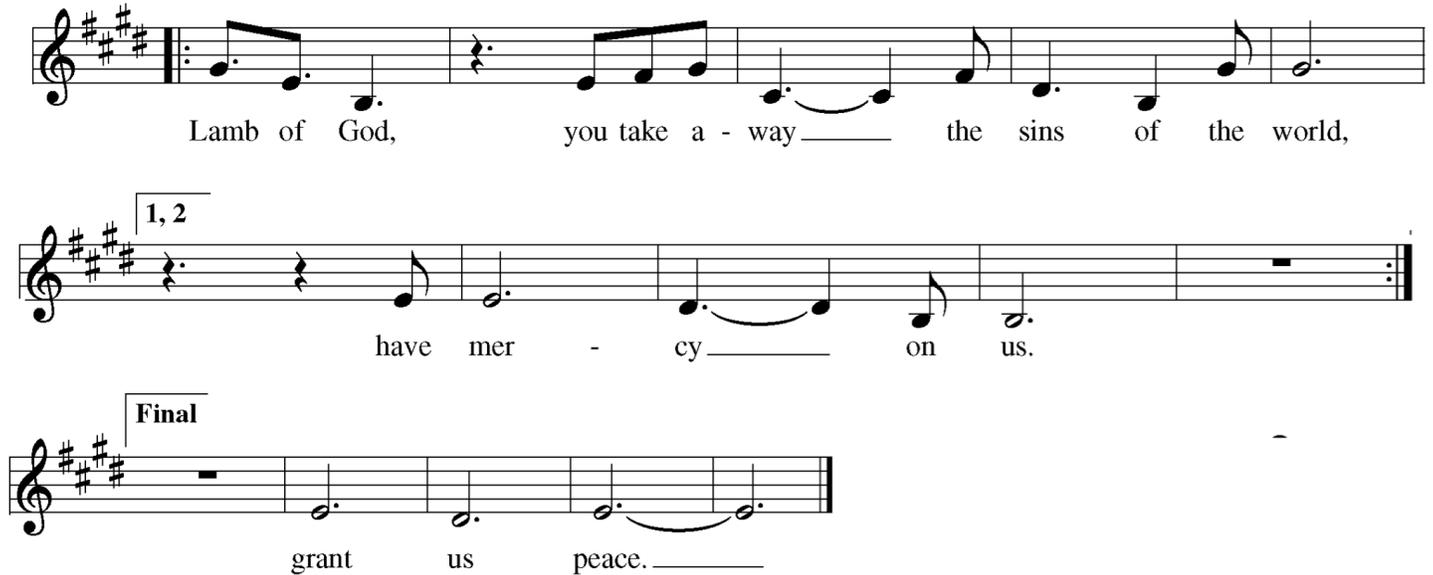
Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

AGNUS DEI



Lamb of God, you take a - way _____ the sins of the world,
have mer - cy _____ on us.
grant us peace. _____

1, 2

Final

COMMUNION HYMN- Come Now, You Blessed, Eat at My Table



- 1 "Come now, you bless - ed, eat at my ta - ble," said Je - sus
- 2 When did we see you hun - gry or thirst - y? When were you
- 3 "When you gave bread to earth's hun - gry chil - dren, when you gave
- 4 Christ, when we see you out on life's road - ways, look - ing to



Christ to the righ-teous a-bove. "When I was hun - gry, thirst - y, and home-less, a strang-er a-lone? When did we see you sick or in shel - ter to war's ref - u-gees, when you re-mem-bered those most for-us in the fac - es of need, then may we know you, wel-come, and



home - less, sick and in pris - on, you showed me your love."
pris - on? What have we done that you call us your own?
got - ten, you cared for me in the small - est of these."
show you love that is faith - ful in word and in deed.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BENEDICTION

SENDING HYMN-ELW 720: We Are Called

1 Come! Live in the light!
 Shine with the joy and the love of the Lord!
 We are called to be light for the kingdom,
 to live in the freedom of the city of God.

Refrain

 We are called to act with justice,
 we are called to love tenderly;
 we are called to serve one another,
 to walk humbly with God.

2 Come! Open your heart!
 Show your mercy to all those in fear!
 We are called to be hope for the hopeless
 so hatred and blindness will be no more. *Refrain*

3 Sing! Sing a new song!
 Sing of that great day when all will be one!
 God will reign, and we'll walk with each other
 as sisters and brothers united in love. *Refrain*

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Do justice. Love mercy.

Thanks be to God.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Gather Bible Study- 2nd Sunday of the month. 11:30am

<p><u>Participating in Worship Today</u> Presiding/Preaching: Pr. Dee Minister of Music: Daniel Alley Guitarists: George Fosselius & Randy Mayer Lector: Dee A. Communion Set-up/Clean-up: Worship Assistant: Lars R. Flowers: Coffee Hour:</p>	<p><u>Happening This Week at CLC</u></p> <p>Today 9 AM Choir Rehearsal 10 AM CLC Worship</p> <p>Monday 9 AM- 3 PM Senior Center 7 PM- 8:30 PM The Scouts</p> <p>Tuesday 7 PM Lady AA Meeting</p> <p>Thursday 7 PM Handbell Rehearsal</p> <p>Saturday 6 PM Millennium AA Meeting</p> <p>Next Sunday 9 AM Choir Rehearsal 10 AM CLC Worship</p>
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PLEASE REMEMBER TO PRAY FOR:

Julie D. Diane L. Lysle P. Mike S. The Vale Community Robin & Wendy George F. Carolina S.	Karen H. Laurie P. Fred W. Chad B. TJ B. Carla L. Girija and Mami	Vince Thelma & Mike G. Mark Chris Phil C. Family and friends of Jacque E. Mike and the family and friends of Liz S.
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