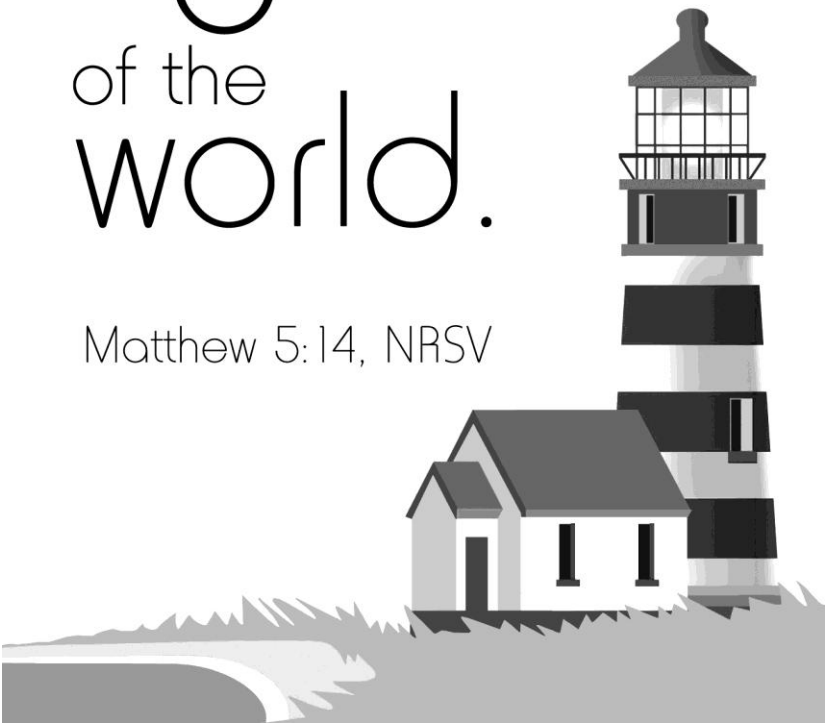


You are the
light
of the
world.

Matthew 5:14, NRSV



FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY
February 8, 2026

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WELCOME TO ALL guests and visitors. It is great to have you here with us to receive the gifts of God in this place. If you have any questions, please speak with an usher. We look forward to seeing you again!

COMMUNION: The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper is being offered to our confirmed communicants today and is administered in accordance with the Holy Scriptures and the Lutheran Confessions. It is celebrated in the confidence that we truly receive, under the bread and wine, the body and blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ, through which we further truly receive the forgiveness of sins. Besides individually receiving Christ's gift of forgiveness in this Sacrament, all those who commune here make a confession of their unity in the faith as it is believed and taught in our Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod and in this congregation. Therefore, if you are not a confirmed communicant member, in good standing, of a Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod congregation, we kindly ask that you respect our beliefs and refrain from coming to the altar to receive the Sacrament until you have had an opportunity to speak with the Pastor.

THOSE SERVING IN FEBRUARY.

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PASTOR MANZ' OFFICE HOURS THIS WEEK:

Monday	12:00pm - 4:00pm
Tuesday	10:00am - 2:00pm
Wednesday	9:00am - 1:00pm
Thursday	10:00am - 2:00pm
Friday	Off

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

HYMN OF INVOCATION

Jesus, Thy Blood and RighteousnessLSB 563

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SERVICE OF THE WORD

INTROIT

Psalm 119:9–16; antiphon: v. 12

P Blessèd are you, O LORD;

C teach me your statutes!

P How can a young man keep his way pure?

C By guarding it according to your word.

P With my whole heart I seek you;

C let me not wander from your commandments!

P I have stored up your word in my heart,

C that I might not sin against you.

P Blessèd are you, O LORD;

C teach me your statutes!

P With my lips I declare

C all the just decrees of your mouth.

P In the way of your testimonies I delight

C as much as in all riches.

P I will meditate on your precepts

C and fix my eyes on your ways.

P I will delight in your statutes;

C 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.

P Blessèd are you, O LORD;

C teach me your statutes!

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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;

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God

GRADUAL

P Praise the LORD, all nations!

Extol him, all peoples!

C For great is his steadfast love toward us,

and the faithfulness of the LORD endures forever.

P Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name;
bring an offering and come into his courts!

EPISTLE READING

1 Corinthians 2:1–16

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. And we impart this in words not taught by human wisdom but taught by the Spirit, interpreting spiritual truths to those who are spiritual.

The natural person does not accept the things of the Spirit of God, for they are folly to him, and he is not able to understand them because they are spiritually discerned. The spiritual person judges all things, but is himself to be judged by no one. “For who has understood the mind of the Lord so as to instruct him?” But we have the mind of Christ.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God

Stand

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HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 5:13–20

P The Holy Gospel according to St Matthew, the fifth chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

[Jesus said:] “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.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Sit

SERMON HYMN

Thy Strong Word.....**LSB 578**

SERMON

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OSL Education Opportunities:

Adult Bible Class: Sundays @ 10:30-11:30am, leader – *Pastor Manz*

Wednesday Bible Study: 1-2:30pm, leader – *Pastor Manz*

OSL West (3rd Thurs of the month): 10:15-11am, leader – *Pastor Manz*

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Isaiah 58:3–9a

1 Corinthians 2:1–12 (13–16)

Matthew 5:13–20

The Righteousness of Christ

Jesus warns that “*unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven*” (Matt. 5:20), but He also calls His imperfect people “*the salt of the earth*” and “*the light of the world*” (Matt. 5:13, 14). That’s because the Lord Jesus came not to abolish the Law or the prophets, “*but to fulfill them*” (Matt. 5:17) in perfect faith and love. Since He does and teaches all of God’s commandments, He is “*called great in the kingdom of heaven*” (Matt. 5:19). God manifests His “*demonstration of the Spirit and of power*” in “*Jesus Christ and him crucified*” (1 Cor. 2:2–4), and through the preaching of the Gospel He gives His “*secret and hidden wisdom*” (1 Cor. 2:7). Christ gives this perfect righteousness to His people, and it leads them to true fasting, which is “*to loose the bonds of wickedness, to undo the straps of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free*” (Is. 58:6) and “*to share your bread with the hungry and bring the homeless poor into your house*” (Is. 58:7).

This Week at Our Savior

Day	Date	Time	Description
Sunday	8	9:00a 10:00a 10:30a	Divine Service Fellowship Bible Study Acolyte – Sophia Manz
Monday	9		
Tuesday	10	9:00a 9:00a 5:30p	Quilting Circuit Mtg in Oskaloosa (Pastor) Trustees Meeting
Wednesday	11	1:00p 7:00-8:30p	Bible Study Junior Confirmation
Thursday	12	9:00a 6:15-7:30p	Quilting Adult Confirmation Class
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Saturday	14		
Sunday	15	9:00a 10:00a 10:30a	Divine Service Fellowship Bible Study Acolyte – Sophia Manz

UPCOMING DATES OF INTEREST

February 10 & 12 @9:00a – Quilting
February 10 @5:30p – Trustees Meeting
February 16 @6:00p – Elder’s Meeting
February 17 @5:30p – Council Meeting
February 18 @ 7:00p – Ash Wednesday Service
February 24 & 26 @ 9:00a = Quilting
February 25 @7:00p - Lent Midweek Service
@7:30p - 8:30p - Confirmation



Happy Birthday to:
February 10 – Isaak Manz
February 11 – Bob Bringolf

HAPPY
Anniversary

Happy Anniversary to:
February 14 – Darrin & Jen Pinkerton.



Acolyte for February
Sophia Manz

Last week we left some copies of the IDE Today on the table in front of the mailboxes in the narthex. To obtain a digital copy of this, please go to www.LCMSIDE.org/the-ide-today. From this link, you can download and print an issue. You can also sign-up to receive future digital copies and submit content for future editions of the IDE Today.

The new volunteer lists are posted on the bulletin board in the narthex next to the mailboxes. There are several empty spaces to be filled. Please consider giving of your time and talents and sign up for one or more of these opportunities.



Remember in your prayers.....

- Rick Schiller, who is recovering from prostate surgery.
- Marva Doerring who is in hospice.
- Tom Tisdale.
- Dianne Breckenridge, who continues to struggle with some health issues.
- Karen Doak, who has stage 3 kidney disease.
- Jan Tolson, former member, who broke her good hip four weeks ago.
- Shane Hoffman, a former member, as he continues to recover at home from meningitis.
- Marge Mesner, Bob's mother, who is recovering from a stroke.
- Stephanie Wellik, who is under hospice care.
- Carole Zimmerman for skin cancer.
- Esther Schulz for continued healing for her leg.
- Nancy Janssen who is in Valley Vista.
- The Ministry of The Pregnancy Center of Central Iowa

Our Missionaries

Rev. James & Angela Sharp & Family – Puerto Rico
Pastor Carl & Chenhsi Li Hanson, Korea.
Cody & Aurelie Mock & Family - Latvia



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Please let Mickey know if you have an addition
or update to the Prayers for the congregation. Thank you.