

St. John's Reformed Church

February 8, 2026

Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany

(Please join responsively by speaking aloud the bolded sections.)

Pre-Prelude

Announcements and Hospitality

Our Approach to God

Prelude

Votum "The heavens are telling the glory of God; and the firmament proclaims his handiwork. Day to day pours forth speech, and night to night declares knowledge."

*Call to Worship

All who thirst, come to the water.

Come, all who are weary; come, all who yearn for forgiveness.

The Holy Spirit through Christ has washed over us,
and our gracious and Holy God calls to us and blesses us.

Drink deeply of these living waters.

Glory to you, O Lord, glory to you.

*Hymn *Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing* #590 v. 1-4

Salutation & Prayer of Invocation

Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In your mercy, forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Moment of Silence

Kyrie Eleison

***"Lord have mercy upon us: Christ have mercy upon us;
Lord have mercy upon us"***

Assurance of Pardon

Summary of the Law: "If, then, there is any comfort in Christ, any consolation from love, any partnership in the Spirit, any tender affection and sympathy, make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or empty conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves." - Philippians 2:1-3, NRSV
May the Spirit guide us to be obedient to this Word. Amen.

*Gloria Patri

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, world without end, Amen. Amen.

Musical Meditation

The Word of God in Proclamation

Prayer of Illumination

Lesson from the Old Testament: **Isaiah 58:1-12** (p. 688-689)

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Lesson from the New Testament: **1 Corinthians 2:1-16** (p. 166-167)

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

*Hymn *O Word of God Incarnate* #757 v. 1-3

Lesson from the Gospel: **Matthew 5:13-20** (p. 4)

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

Sermon

Prayer for Blessing

Our Response to God's Grace

The Apostle's Creed: **I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator 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 is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit; the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

*The Church universal, that exists in all times and places.

*The Peace The peace of Christ be with you. **And also, with you.**

The Offering Invitation & Offertory

*Doxology *Praise God from whom all blessings flow.
Praise Him all creatures here below.
Praise Him above ye Heavenly host.
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

*Prayer of Dedication (unison)

Gracious God, we give our best to you this morning, lest in gaining the things of this world, we lose life itself. As a covenant people, we seek to witness to your will and way. Help us to know more clearly what you would have us do with the gifts entrusted to our care. As we contribute to the needs of all your people, we present these gifts alongside ourselves as living sacrifices. Through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Prayers for the People of God

The Lord's Prayer (use 'trespasses')

**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. Amen.**

Prayer Response *Threefold Amen Amen, Amen, Amen.*

*Hymn *What Wondrous Love* #164 v. 1-4

Benediction

*Congregational Amen **"Go Now in Peace"**

*Go now in peace. Never be afraid.
God will go with us each hour of every day.
Go now in faith steadfast strong and true.
Know he will guide us in all we do.
Go now in love, and show we believe.
Reach out to others so all the world can see.
God will be there watching from above.
Go now in peace, in faith and in love.*

*Postlude

*Indicates congregation to stand if able.

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