

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

February 8, 2026

Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

We Gather in God's Name . . .

PRELUDE

PRAYER OF PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

May our voices rise like trumpets to greet you, holy God. May our ears be attuned to know your ways. May our hearts be steady, focused on you. Praise be to you, O God, whom we worship with awe and delight. Guide us, we pray, in this time of worship. Touch us at the points of our deepest need. Stir us amidst our entrenched complacency. Make us strong to lose the bonds of injustice, to undo the things of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free. Then your light will break forth like the dawn, and we will experience your healing care. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND GREETING

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: We delight to draw near to you, gracious God.
All: We lift up our hearts and voices in praise.
One: God sends us into the world with new priorities.
All: We are filled with the mind of Christ. We are already citizens of God’s kingdom.

*OPENING HYMN “Be Thou My Vision” #339

*CALL TO CONFESSION

We have come together, not to be confirmed in our prejudices, but to be changed, not to be affirmed for our righteousness, but to uncover the immaturity of our faith that we might grow. Thus, we confess to God our failure to live by the best we know, and our limited response to the vision God sets before us. Let us confess to God in silence.

*SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION

*RESPONSE TO FORGIVENESS “Grace Greater Than Our Sin”
Lt. Blue Songbook #76

Singing: Grace, grace, God’s grace,
grace that will pardon and cleanse within;
Grace, grace, God’s grace,
grace that is greater than all our sin.

*THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

One: Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another. The peace of our Lord Jesus the Christ be with you all.
All: And also with you.

. . . to Proclaim God’s Word

FIRST READING Isaiah 58: 1-9a p. 688

SECOND READING 1 Corinthians 2: 1-12 p. 166

SOLO Dave Thomas

GOSPEL READING Matthew 5: 13-20 p. 4
One: The word of the Lord.
All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON “We Are The Light” Gary Klette

*HYMN OF RESPONSE “Here I Am, Lord” #525

. . . to Give Thanks to God . . .

WE OFFER OUR GIFTS TO GOD

THE OFFERTORY

*OFFERING RESPONSE
“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow” #592

Singing: 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.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Righteous God, accept our gifts of gratitude for the dawning awareness among us of your healing presence. You have satisfied our need in parched places and made our bones strong. Now we wish to offer to the world the amazing wonders we have experienced. Let our righteousness and generosity exceed that of the scribes and Pharisees. Fill us with yearning for the Spirit of Christ that we might become salt and light and be empowered for good works, to your honor and glory. Amen.

PASTORAL PRAYER AND LORD’S PRAYER

One: Lord in your mercy,
All: hear our 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

. . . and to Be Sent in God’s Name

*CLOSING HYMN “O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing” #466

BENEDICTION

RESPONSE TO THE BENEDICTION “God Be With You”

Singing: God be with you till we meet again
Loving counsels guide, uphold you,
With a Sheperd’s care enfold you
God be with you till we meet again.

POSTLUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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| Mon. Feb. 9 | Easy Does It Exercise Handbells | 10:00 AM 6:00 PM |
| Tues. Feb. 10 | Finance Committee | 10:00 AM |
| Wed. Feb. 11 | Easy Does It Exercise Learn 2 Sew Class Wednesday Night Adult Class Children/Youth Group Program | 10:00 AM 3:30 PM 6:00 PM 6:15 PM |
| Thurs. Feb. 12 | PW Meeting Bible Study @ Horizon Lodge Choir | 10:30 AM 2:00 PM 7:00 PM |
| Fri. Feb. 13 | Easy Does It Exercise | 10:00 AM |
| Sun. Feb. 15 | Bible Study | 10:00 AM |

Welcome to worship this morning! If you have small children, you're welcome to keep them in worship or take them into the quiet room.

Our thanks go to our guest speaker Gary Klette, lay reader Amy Zimbelman, soloist and pianist Dave Thomas.

You will find **prayer request cards** in the backs of the church pews that you may fill out and drop in the offering plate as needed.

Join us for **Coffee Hour** today in the Fellowship Hall. The signup sheet to host coffee hour is in the Fellowship Hall kitchen.

For **Prayer Chain Requests**, please call either Martha Orcutt, 406-868-1890 or Karen Burditt, 406-450-5295.

Worship next Sunday, February 15th will be held in the Fellowship Hall followed by a **Potluck Lunch**. Please bring your favorite dishes and enjoy food, drink, and visiting after worship.

The **Wednesday Night Adult Discipleship** class meets on Wednesdays from 6:00 PM to 7:00 PM in Room #1 next to the church office. Come and share in scripture-based discovery, discussion and spiritual growth with fellow Christians. All are welcome!

ANNOUNCEMENTS CONTINUED

Pondera Valley Lutheran Church wants to extend an invitation to join in their traditional **Ash Wednesday Breakfast** and short devotional to start out their Lenten journeys. The Lutheran women have always hosted this and invited other faiths to join. This is extended to everyone. It will begin at **9:00 AM on February 18th** in Pondera Valley Lutheran's Fellowship Hall. Pastor Jeff Driscoll is our speaker this year. There will be a free-will donation to help cover costs. We would love to have you join us.

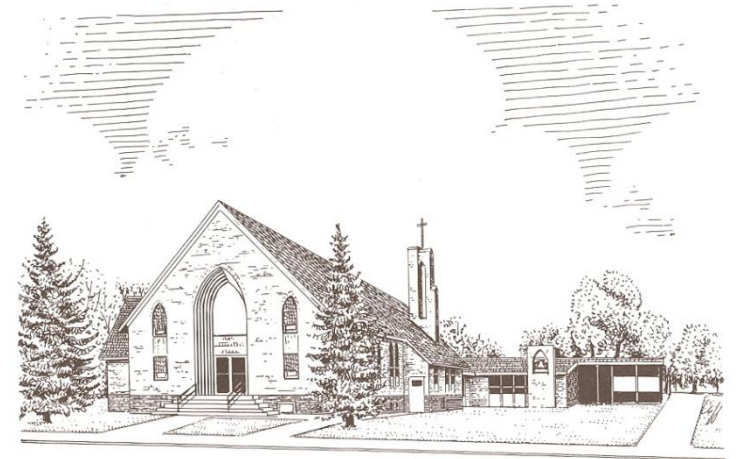
Once again three local churches are coming together to host **Lenten Lunches** on Thursdays beginning **February 19th**. Soup is served at 12:00PM and a short talk by one of the pastors or priest with the event being done by 12:50PM. This year's topic will be on Henri Nouwen's book, "*The Prodigal Son*". **Presbyterians will host February 19th & 26th, Catholics will host March 5th & 12th, and Lutherans will host March 19th & 26th.** Participants get to pick from several hearty soups and bread. A free will offering will be taken and will be given to one or more of our local charities. The community is invited to attend!

If you have any articles to contribute to the **March Newsletter**, please turn them into the office no later than **Thursday morning, February 19th**, which should provide enough time for article placement and proofreading if all articles are received by the due date. The newsletter will be printed and mailed out the following week, providing enough time for the newsletter to be delivered with time sensitive articles.

Last week, the combined giving was **\$3,225.00**. In order to meet expenses, we need to average **\$3,104.00** per week.

Please remember to pray for Family & Friends of Donna Warwick, Family & Friends of Allen Wittmier, Jean Baringer, Bruce Benjamin, Cecil & Alice Benjamin, Amy Zimbelman, Helen Stordahl, Barb Perry, Wally McHenry, Wendy Wagner, Dave Perry, Ward Orcutt, Kristine Ries Prewett, Mary Sanders, Lavon & Karen Carter, Sean Carter, Dana & Marie Ahmed, Pearl Severtson, and Hazel Jones.

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