

Welcome to
St. Luke Union Church

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Sunday Worship Service – Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany

February 8, 2026 10:30am

You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. 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.

Matthew 5:14, 16

PRELUDE

WELCOME

OPENING SONG

“Christ, Be Our Light”

CALL TO WORSHIP

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you. Jesus proclaims, “You are the light of the world.” **Thanks be to God.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Holy God, you gave the law to show your people the way of righteousness. Help us receive your commandments as grace and live as your obedient children that your goodness may shine through us. Let us worship as salt and light this day. To the glory of your name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

***HYMN #150**

“Come, Christians, Join to Sing”

CALL TO CONFESSION

Let us confess our sins before God, our help in times of trouble. Let us come with humble hearts and receive your grace and forgiveness.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God, we have asked for your righteous judgment against others, but we have not acknowledged the sin in our own lives. We have worshiped you with our lips, but have dishonored you with our actions. We have prayed for you to end the suffering in our world, yet we have not practiced compassion and generosity toward others. Our religion has become the source of quarreling and personal agenda rather than a testimony to your grace. Forgive our self-righteousness and give us integrity of heart, that we may shine forth the light of your salvation, through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

SILENT REFLECTION

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

In mercy God forgives us our sin and grants us genuine repentance through the grace and power of the Holy Spirit. In Jesus name you are forgiven.

***HYMN OF RESPONSE #579**

“Glory Be to the Father”

PASSING OF THE PEACE

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

ORDINATION OF ELDERS

HelenAnn Gray
Miles Keeton
Becky Blum

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Lord, open our understanding by the power of the Holy Spirit, that as the Word is proclaimed we may receive holy wisdom to understand the truth you have bestowed on us. In Jesus' name we pray. **Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Psalm 112:1-9

ANTHEM

"Lift Up Your Voice"
SLUC Choir

GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 5:13-20

SERMON

"Salt & Light"
Rev. Dr. Andrew J. Gifford

*HYMN #391

"Take My Life"
(Verses 1/2/3/6)

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

*HYMN #428 (Verse 1) "We Give Thee but Thine Own"

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S 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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*HYMN #435

"We All Are One in Mission"

*CHARGE & BLESSING

*HYMN #593 (Doxology)

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

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.

*POSTLUDE