



Matthew 5:14

**February 8, 2026**  
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*Our Mission: Created, saved and strengthened through God's grace,  
we give, share, love and care for all people.*



# Gathering

## Welcome and Announcements

### Prelude

*Please stand as able*

### Confession and forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, our refuge, our delight, our beginning and our end. **Amen.**

Let us come in truth before the one who loves us and has freed us from our sin. Eternal One, robed in majesty and mercy, **we confess that sin has taken hold of us and we are complicit in its power. We are disturbed in spirit and our hearts cannot rest. Unbind us and set us free. Lead us again to the waters of rebirth, that we may live just and generous lives for the good of your world and the care of our neighbors, following in the servant way of Jesus.** Amen.

These words are trustworthy and true: Christ bore our sins once, for all, on the cross, swallowing up death forever. For his sake, you are forgiven and God remembers your sin no more. Let your heart be glad again, and rejoice in your salvation. **Amen.**

### Hymn

Word of God, Come Down on Earth

ELW 510

### Greeting

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

**Hymn of Praise**

**Open Your Ears, O Faithful People**

**ELW 519**

**Prayer of the Day**

*Response: Amen.*

**Word**

*Please be seated*

**First Reading**

**Isaiah 58:1-9a**

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. 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. "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. 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. 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? 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? 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? 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. Then you shall call, and the LORD will answer; you shall cry for help, and he will say, "Here I am."

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

**Second Reading**

**1 Corinthians 2:1-12**

When I came to you, brothers and sisters, I did not come proclaiming the testimony of God to you with superior speech or wisdom. For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ and him crucified. And I came to you in weakness and in fear and in much trembling. My speech and my proclamation were made not with persuasive words of wisdom but with a demonstration of the Spirit and of power, so that your faith might rest not on human wisdom but on the power of God. 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. But we speak God's wisdom, a hidden mystery, which God decreed before the ages for our glory and which none of the rulers of this age understood, 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 human heart conceived, what God has prepared for those who love him" God has revealed to us through the Spirit, for the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. 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. 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.

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand if able at the introduction*  
**Gospel Acclamation**

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the

words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

## Gospel

Matthew 5:13-20

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 5th chapter.  
**Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus said: "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. "You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. 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. 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. "Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. 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. 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. 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.**

*Please be seated through the Offering*

### **Homily**

## **Response to the Word**

### **Hymn of the Day**

Christ, Be Our Light

ELW 715

### **Apostles' Creed**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and 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.**

### **Prayers of Intercession**

*As God's beloved children united in Christ...Merciful God, Receive our prayer.  
Confident that the Holy Spirit receives our prayers...Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen*

### **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 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 and ever. Amen.

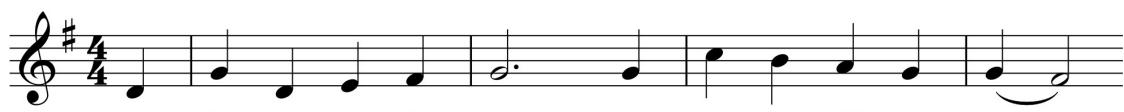
### Peace

The peace of the Lord be with you. **And also with you.**  
*Greet those near you.*

### Offering

*Please stand as able through the Holy, Holy*

### Offering Response



We give thee but thine own, what - e'er the gift may be;



all that we have is thine a - lone, a trust, O Lord from thee.

### Offering Prayer

## Meal

### 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**

**Preface** *join their unending hymn... (4 measure intro)*

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,  
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -  
san - na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who  
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

*Please be seated*

## Thanksgiving at the Table

### Invitation to Communion

Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! **Come to the table; taste and see.**

### Lamb of God

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have

mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the

world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the

sin of the world; grant us peace.

### Communion

The body of Christ, given for you. **Amen.**

*(All take the wafer located in the bottom of the chalice)*

The blood of Christ, shed for you. **Amen.**

*(All drink from the top of the chalice)*

### Prayer after Communion

*Response: Amen*

## Sending

### Blessing

*Response: Amen.*

### Hymn

Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies

ELW 553

### Dismissal

Go in peace. Do justice. Love mercy. **Thanks be to God.**

### Postlude



**Join us TODAY,  
February 8th for the  
Rite for the Burning of the Palms**

We will burn last year's Palm branches in the parking lot in preparation for Ash Wednesday. This will happen right after the service. We will start in the Gathering space.



**February Concern of the Month  
The Stark County Humane Society**

Here is a list of items the Humane Society needs that we will be collecting.

Dry or canned cat or dog food	
Peanut Butter	Chicken broth
Dish Soap	Bleach
Liquid laundry soap	Paper Towels
Cloth towels	9x13 cake pans
Monetary donations	are always welcome too!

**Worship Assistants**

**Homilist**  
*Lei Fahrner*

**Lector**  
*Rod Swartz*

**Greeter**  
*Pat Long*

**Ushers**  
*Judy & Wil Baum*

**Main Camera/Production**  
*Carl & Anne Fahrner*

**Organist/Pianist**  
*Pat Hoffman/Linda Miller*



*Today's altar flowers are given by  
GSLC to the glory of God and in  
celebration of the love we share as  
an extended family. Happy  
Valentine's Day!*

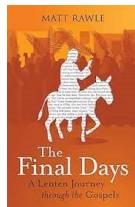


Sunday School Starts February 15th!!

Next Sunday!

The History of the Bible and  
History in the Bible

Join us as we study the history of the Bible (who organized the books and decided which ones should be included) and the historical events that are referenced in the Bible. We will also study how many of the prophets predictions came true! Join us beginning on February 15th for some interesting history!



**Lenten Book Study**  
***The Final Days***  
**Tuesdays at 6:30pm starting**  
**February 24th**

Mark your calendars if you have signed up for Pastor Eli's book study. The books will be \$10 and can be picked up in the office.



**Next Sunday, February 15th**

Activities Committee meeting in Pastor Eli's office after the service next Sunday.



The sympathy of the congregation is extended to the Klingensmith family on the passing of Ruth's uncle. Please keep them in your prayers. May God comfort all who mourn.

***Please turn mobile phones off or put them in the vibrate mode.***

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# Worship Assistants



Date	Usher	Lector	Greeter	Flower Wrapper	Pew Racks	Opening
2/8	Judy & Wil Baum	Rod Swartz	Pat Long	Judy Flading	Linda Burgess	Burgess
2/15	Pat Hoffman/Pat Long	Judy Flading	Howard Leisure	Judy Flading	Linda Burgess	Robinson
2/18 AW	Annick Schrader/Linda Burgess	Gale Nagel	Donna Jakmides	None	Linda Burgess	Hoffman
2/22	Cindy & Howard Leisure	Pat Hoffman	Judy Baum	Jill & Bill Toy	Linda Burgess	Davenport
3/1	Jill & Bill Toy	Neil Carlson	Annick Schrader	Jill & Bill Toy	Gloria Kohl	Miller
3/8	Lorelei & Rod Lopick	Cindy Leisure	Linda Lautenschlager	Linda Lautenschlager	Gloria Kohl	Burgess
3/15	Linda & Gary Miller	Pat Long	Diane Deem	Linda Lautenschlager	Gloria Kohl	Robinson
3/22	Pat Hoffman & Rod Swartz	Jen Lowry	Gay Rankin	Gay Rankin	Gloria Kohl	Davenport
3/29	Karen & Chuck Pressler	Anne Fahrner	Jill Toy	Gay Rankin	Gloria Kohl	Hoffman
4/2 MT	Annick Schrader/Alan Fahrner	Lei Fahrner	Gary Miller	None	Donna Jakmides	Hoffman
4/3 GF	Cindy & Howard Leisure	Rod Swartz	Wil Baum	None	Donna Jakmides	Hoffman
4/5	Judy & Wil Baum	Jen Lowry	Pat Long	Karen Pressler	Donna Jakmides	Miller
4/12	Judy Flading/Pat Long	Pat Hoffman	Cindy Leisure	Karen Pressler	Donna Jakmides	Burgess

# February 2026



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Pastor Eli Worship 9:15a Cong Mtg 10:30a	2 3 4 AA 7p			5 Yoga 10a	6 Quilting 10a	7
8 Lei Worship 9:15a Rite of Pallms	9 10 11 AA 7p No Council		12 Yoga 10a		13 Crafts & Con- versation 10a	14 
15 Pastor Eli Worship 9:15a S. School 10:30	16 17 18 Ash Wednesday Svc -Noon AA 7p		19 Yoga 10a		20 Quilting 10a	21
22 Lei Worship 9:15a S. School 10:30	23 24 25 Lenten Book Study 6:30p		26 AA 7p		27 Yoga 10a	28 Crafts & Con- versation 10a