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5th Sunday After Epiphany – February 8, 2026

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE AND TOLLING OF THE BELL

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Jesus says, "You are the salt of the earth."

P: In a world that forgets its flavor, God gives us purpose.

L: Jesus says, "You are the light of the world."

P: In a world shadowed by fear, Christ kindles hope.

L: A city on a hill cannot be hidden.

P: So let us shine with mercy, justice, and love.

L: Come, not to hide your faith,

P: but to worship the One who calls us to live it.

HYMN #649 *Gather Us In*

CONFESSION

Gentle and faithful God, you call us salt of the earth and light of the world — not because we are perfect, but because you have placed your love within us. We pause in your presence now, aware of how human we are. Our light sometimes feels small. Our energy to love and serve can grow thin. At times we are uncertain how to live your way in a world that is noisy and complex. Quiet what is restless within us. Clear what has grown cloudy. Rekindle what has dimmed. Deepen in us a righteousness that is gentle and sincere, rooted in love of you and love of neighbor. Hold us in your mercy and shape us again in Christ's light.

ASSURANCE

Jesus does not discard salt that has lost its taste — he renews and restores. The One who is the Light of the World shines into every shadowed place of our lives. In Christ, you are forgiven, renewed, and sent again to reflect God's glory in the world. Thanks be to God.

#734 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.

SCRIPTURE Matthew 5: 13-20

MEDITATION

HYMN #551 *As a Fire is Meant for Burning*

PASTORAL PRAYER

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.

OFFERING / OFFERING RESPONSE

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow:
Praise Him all creatures here below,
Praise Him above the heav'nly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Generous God, you have given us purpose as salt and calling as light. Receive these gifts and use them to season the world with compassion and brighten dark places with hope. May all that we offer — our money, our time, our very lives — bring glory to you. Amen.

HYMN #544 *The Church's One Foundation*

BENEDICTION

CHORAL BENEDICTION (#248 verse 1)

I want to walk as a child of the light;

I want to follow Jesus.

God set the stars to give light to the world;

The star of my life is Jesus.

In him there is no darkness at all;

The night and the day are both alike.

The Lamb is the light of the city of God;

Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The altar flowers this morning are presented by Gloria Fitch in memory of loved ones.

BIBLE STUDY will meet on Thursday at 10 am.

LIBRARY HOURS—Every Saturday from 10 am until noon.

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK:

9 *Lauren Franczak*

12 *Kimberly Krupa, Donna Metz*