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Fifth Sunday After the Epiphany

Sunday, February 8, 2026

Chimes of the Trinity

Prelude and Lighting the Altar Candles

Welcome and Call to Worship

L: Beloved, what worship does God desire of us?

P: To do justice, love kindness, and live humbly with God.

L: In our life together as the body of Christ, what worship does God desire of us?

P: To do justice, love kindness, and live humbly with God.

L: When we share the good news with all creation, what worship does God desire of us?

P: To do justice, love kindness, and live humbly with God.

L: Come, let us worship God with justice, kindness, and humility!

P: We come to worship God with our voices and our lives. Thanks be to God! Amen.

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Passing the Peace

*Welcoming Hymn

"What Gift Can We Bring?"

#87 (1&4)

Prayer of Confession

All: God of glory, you sent Jesus among us as the light of the world, to reveal your love for all people. We confess that our sin and pride hide the brightness of your light. We turn away from the poor; we ignore cries for justice; we do not strive for peace. Forgive us, God. In your mercy, cleanse us of our sin, and baptize us once again with your Spirit, so that, as forgiven and renewed people, we may reflect the love and life of Jesus Christ into our world.

Assurance of Pardon

Our God is a God of grace and mercy and love; know that our sins have been forgiven. May we be strengthened in all goodness. Since we have been raised with Christ, let us seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Thanks be to God; **Amen.**

Prayers of the People

Frances Powell; Nathan Woody; Eddie Leindecker; Glenn White;

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

Silence

For all people in their daily life and work;

For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

For this community, the nation, and the world;

For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

For the just and proper use of your creation;

For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

Silence. The People may add their own petitions

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

Silence. The People may add their own thanksgiving.

We will exalt you, O God our King;

And praise your Name for ever and ever.

Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your Name through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 58:1-9

(NIV)

Hymn of Thanksgiving

"All Who Hunger"

#2126 TFWS(all)

*Gospel Reading

Matthew 5:1-12

(NRSV)

Solo

"Blessed Are You"

Children's Moment and The Lord's Prayer

Sermon

"A Change of Heart: Belovedness, Belonging, Blessing"

Prayer

The Great Thanksgiving

Offering and Response

- What is one thing you heard today that stands out?
- What part of this brings hope for you?
- What part of this is challenging for you?
- What are you being asked to trust God with today?

Doxology

#94

Closing Hymn

“Christ for the World We Sing”

#568 (vs. 1)

Announcements

Tuesdays at 10am - Spiritual Support - BHL Fellowship Hall

Wednesdays at 6:30pm - Handbells - BHL Sanctuary

First Sundays at 12:15pm - Fellowship Potluck - BHL Fellowship Hall

Second Saturdays at 8am - Men's Breakfast - Little Creek Cafe

Third Tuesday at 6:30pm - Leadership Team - BHL Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, February 3 - Happy Birthday Don Mathis!

Wednesday, February 4 - Happy Birthday Glenn White!

Sunday, February 8 - Happy Birthday Suzie Waller!

Tuesday, February 17th - Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper - 5pm

Tuesday, February 17th - Leadership Team Meeting - 6:30pm

Wednesday, February 18, noon - Ash Wednesday Service - Broyhill Chapel, MHU

Benediction

Postlude