

OUR SAVIOUR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

Service Bulletin

Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

February 8th, 2026

P: Pastor

L: Liturgist

C: Congregation

Prelude

GATHERING

Welcome/Land Acknowledgment/Affirming Statement

CONFESSON AND FORGIVENESS

P: In the name of the Father, and of the +Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

P: To you, O God,

**C: all hearts are open,
to you all desires known.**

**We come to you,
confessing our sins.**

**Forgive us in your mercy,
and remember us in your love.**

**Show us your ways;
teach us your paths;
and lead us in justice and truth,
for the sake of your goodness
in Jesus Christ our Savior,
Amen.**

P: By water and the Holy Spirit God gives you a new birth, and through the death and resurrection of + Jesus Christ, God forgives you all your sins. The God of mercy and might strengthen you in all goodness and keep you in eternal life.

C: Amen.

APOSTOLIC GREETING

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

C: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

C: Lord God, with endless mercy you receive the prayers of all who call upon you. By your Spirit show us the things we ought to do, and give us the grace and power to do them, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

WORD

First Reading – Isaiah 58:1-12

Psalm 112:1-10

- ¹ Hallelujah! Happy are they who fear the Lord and have great delight in God's commandments!
- ² **Their descendants will be mighty in the land; the generation of the upright will be blessed.**
- ³ Wealth and riches will be in their house, and their righteousness will last forever.
- ⁴ **Light shines in the darkness for the upright; the righteous are merciful and full of compassion.**
- ⁵ It is good for them to be generous in lending and to manage their affairs with justice.
- ⁶ **For they will never be shaken; the righteous will be kept in everlasting remembrance.**
- ⁷ They will not be afraid of any evil rumors; their heart is steadfast, trusting in the Lord.
- ⁸ **Their heart is established and will not shrink, until they see their desire upon their enemies.**
- ⁹ They have given freely to the poor, and their righteousness stands fast forever; they will hold up their head with honor.
- ¹⁰ **The wicked will see it and be angry; they will gnash their teeth and pine away; the desires of the wicked will perish.**

Second Reading – 1 Corinthians 2:1-16

(All who are able, please rise.) Gospel Acclamation – **C: Alleluia.** Jesus says, I am the light of the world; whoever follows me will have the light of life. **Alleluia.** (John 8:12)

Gospel – Matthew 5:13-20

SERMON

APOSTLES' CREED – ELW pg. 105

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

MEAL

Offertory Prayer

The Great Thanksgiving – ELW pg. 190

Holy, Holy, Holy – ELW pg. 190

C: Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of pow'r and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory, full of your glory. Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

The Lord's Prayer

Lamb of God – ELW pg. 191

C: Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace, Lamb of God.

Communion (*All are welcome to participate in Holy Communion as they feel comfortable. Wine and grape juice (middle of tray) and bread or gluten free options are available. If you are unable to stand, please indicate if you wish to participate from your pew.*)

Prayer after Communion

SENDING Announcements

Blessing

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.

The Lord look upon you with favour and + give you peace.

C: Amen.

DISMISSAL

L: Go in peace and Love. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

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WORSHIP LEADERS

Presiding	Rev. Wendy McRae
Communion prep	Louise Ewen
Lector	Eric Elle

OSLC Calendar of Events:

February 8, 2026	12:30 – Holy communion service with Rev. Wendy McRae
February 15, 2026	OSLC will not have a worship service this Sunday. All are invited to join in worship with Grace Anglican at 8 AM or 10 AM, for a service of Holy Eucharist. For those wishing to worship on-line, please join with Lutheran Church of the Cross (Victoria) at 10 AM for their live-stream service of Communion www.lutheranvictoria.ca/live
February 22, 2026	12:30 – First Sunday in Lent worship service with Lauren Aldred

Youth Group: Sundays, 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM - 2SLGBTQIA+ and Allies Youth Group for ages 15-29 at 2640 Goheen Street, use back basement entrance.

Food Bank: Tuesdays, 10AM- Noon, use back basement entrance.

Events with Grace Church:

Email: graceparishpg@gmail.com

Feb. 9 - 10:00 – 11:00 AM- Prayer group at Grace Church

Feb. 15 - 1:30 PM – St Vincent de Paul Soup Kitchen

Feb. 17 - Shrove Tuesday, Pancake Supper at St Michaels and All Angels

Feb. 18 – Ash Wednesday- Grace Church- 9:00 AM, St Michaels- 7:00PM

Feb. 26 – 7:00-8:00 PM – Fireside Chats ‘Politics and Prayer’ at St Michael’s and All Angels Hall

Offering / Giving:

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- OSLC website: Canada Helps: [Donate Now - Our Saviour's Lutheran Church in Prince George \(canadahelps.org\)](https://canadahelps.org/dn/OurSavioursLutheranChurchInPrinceGeorge) – Canada Helps will issue a tax receipt directly to you

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READINGS FOR THE DAY

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FIRST READING – Isaiah 58:1-12

¹ 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.

² 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.

³ "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.

⁴ 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.

⁵ 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?

⁶ 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?

⁷ 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?

⁸ 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.

^{9a} Then you shall call, and the Lord will answer;
you shall cry for help, and he will say, "Here I am."

^{9b} If you remove the yoke from among you,

the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil,
¹⁰ if you offer your food to the hungry

and satisfy the needs of the afflicted,
then your light shall rise in the darkness

and your gloom be like the noonday.

¹¹ The Lord will guide you continually

and satisfy your needs in parched places

and make your bones strong,
and you shall be like a watered garden,

like a spring of water
whose waters never fail.

¹² Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt;

you shall raise up the foundations of many generations;
you shall be called the repairer of the breach,

the restorer of streets to live in.

L: Word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING – 1

Corinthians 2:1-16

¹ When I came to you, brothers and sisters, I did not come proclaiming the testimony of God to you with superior speech or wisdom. ² For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ and him crucified. ³ And I came to you in weakness and in fear and in much trembling. ⁴ My speech and my proclamation were made not with persuasive words of wisdom but with a demonstration of the Spirit and of power, ⁵ so that your faith might rest not on human wisdom but on the power of God.

⁶ 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. ⁷ But we speak God's wisdom, a hidden mystery, which God decreed before the ages for our glory ⁸ and which none of the rulers of this age understood, for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of

glory. ⁹But, 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”—

¹⁰God has revealed to us through the Spirit, for the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. ¹¹For 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. ¹²Now 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. [¹³And we speak of these things in words not taught by human wisdom but taught by the Spirit, interpreting spiritual things to those who are spiritual.]

¹⁴Those who are unspiritual do not receive the gifts of God’s Spirit, for they are foolishness to them, and they are unable to understand them because they are spiritually discerned. ¹⁵Those who are spiritual discern all things, and they are themselves subject to no one else’s scrutiny.

¹⁶“For who has known the mind of the Lord so as to instruct him?” But we have the mind of Christ.]

L: Word of God, word of life.
C: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL READING - Matthew 5:13-20

C: Glory To You, O Lord

[Jesus said:] ¹³“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.

¹⁴“You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. ¹⁵People 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. ¹⁶In 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.

¹⁷“Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have come not to

abolish but to fulfill. ¹⁸ 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. ¹⁹ 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. ²⁰ For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven."

P: The gospel of the LORD.

C: Praise to you, O Christ