

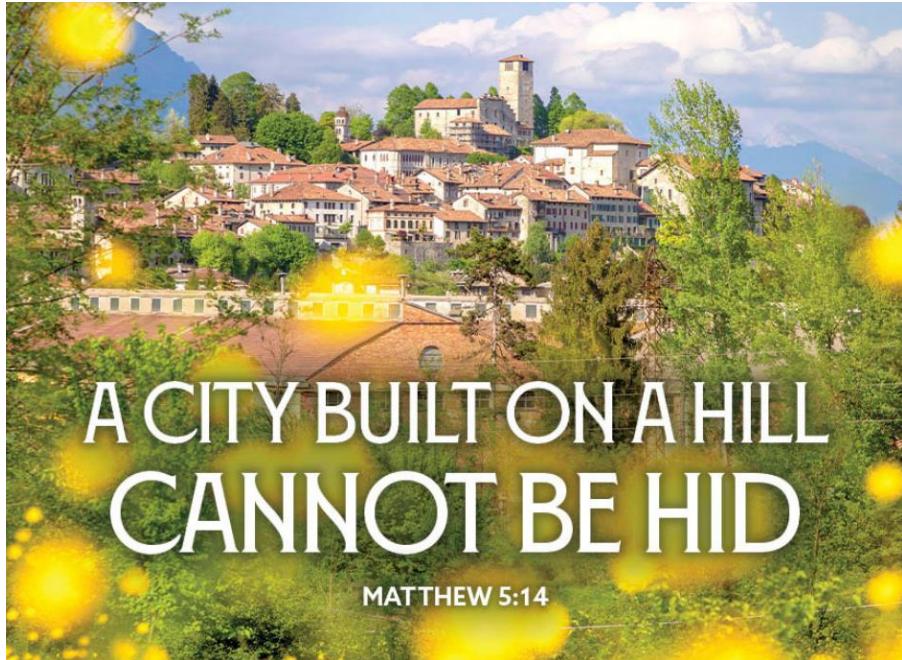


WELCOME TO WORSHIP

Today Is February 8, 2026

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Fifth Sunday after Epiphany



ST. MATTHEW'S LUTHERAN CHURCH
12351 All Saints Place
Woodbridge, Virginia 22192

GATHERING

WELCOME

PRELUDE

O God of Light

arr. Jacob Weber

The assembly stands.

CONFSSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

C: Amen.

P: God of all mercy and consolation, come to the aid of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that, attentive to your Word, we may confess our sins, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

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

P: Gracious God,

C: have mercy on us. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone. Uphold us by your Spirit so that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

P: Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

C: Amen.

GATHERING HYMN

Gather Us In

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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.

KYRIE



P: Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son: **Lord, have mer - cy.**
Lord, have mer - cy:



P: Chri - ste e - le - i - son: **Christ, have mer - cy.**
Christ, have mer - cy:



P: Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son: **Lord, have mer - cy.**
Lord, have mer - cy:

HYMN OF PRAISE

(HIGH VOICES, I; LOW VOICES, II)



▣ Glo- ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;



glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo- ple on earth.



① Lord God, heav-en - ly king, al-might - y God and Fa - ther, we



wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.



▣ Glo- ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;



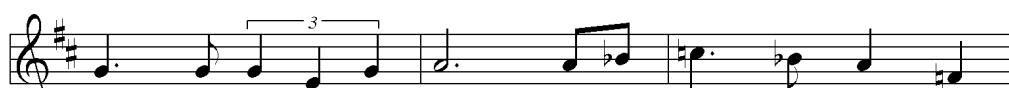
glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo- ple on earth.



② Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther,



Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



world: have mer - cy on us; you are seat - ed at the



right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.

G Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God in the high-est;
 glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.
 (I) For you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,
 you a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly
 Spir-it, in the glo-ry of God the Fa-ther, A-men.
 G Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God in the high-est;
 glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth,
 and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray. 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.

C: Amen.

The assembly is seated.

WORD

FIRST READING

Isaiah 58:1-9a

L: A reading from Isaiah.

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.”

L: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

L: We pray the Psalm responsively.

Hallelujah! Happy are they who fear the Lord
and have great delight in God's commandments!

**Their descendants will be mighty in the land;
the generation of the upright will be blessed.**

Wealth and riches will be in their house,
and their righteousness will last forever.

**Light shines in the darkness for the upright;
the righteous are merciful and full of compassion.**

It is good for them to be generous in lending
and to manage their affairs with justice.

**For they will never be shaken;
the righteous will be kept in everlasting remembrance.**

They will not be afraid of any evil rumors;
their heart is steadfast, trusting in the Lord.

**Their heart is established and will not shrink,
until they see their desire upon their enemies.**

They have given freely to the poor, and their righteousness stands fast forever;
they will hold up their head with honor.

Amen.

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 2:1-12

L: A reading from First Corinthians.

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.

L: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

The assembly stands to welcome the gospel.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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

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

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew.

C: 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.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

The assembly is seated.

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

SERMON

Pastor Stephen Bohannon

The assembly stands.

HYMN OF THE DAY

Christ, Be Our Light

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THE 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.

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM

Nicholas Mikhail Duffett

Matthew Grant Duffett,

Sons of David and Heather Duffett

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

C: Amen.

P: In baptism our gracious heavenly Father frees us from sin and death by joining us to the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. We are born children of a fallen humanity; by water and the Holy Spirit we are reborn children of God and made members of the church, the body of Christ. Living with Christ and in the communion of saints, we grow in faith, love, and obedience to the will of God.

P: Nicholas and Matthew, called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to be baptized into Christ?

R: I do.

P: As you have come to receive the gift of holy baptism, you are called to live in the vocation of your baptism: to live among God's faithful people, to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's Supper, to proclaim the good news of Christ in word and deed, to serve all people following the example of Jesus, and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth. Do you intend to continue in the covenant that God makes with you in Holy Baptism?

R: I do.

P: People of God, do you promise to support Nicholas and Matthew and pray for them in their relationships with Jesus Christ and his Church?

C: We do.

P: Blessed are you, holy God. You are the creator of the waters of the earth. You are the fire of rebirth. You poured out your Spirit on your people Israel. You breathe life into our dry bones. Your Son Jesus promised to send the Spirit to us that the world may know your peace and truth.

C: Amen.

Baptism

P: Nicholas and Matthew, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

P: May you evermore be clothed with the righteousness of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, for whose sake God has now made you his child and promises you the fullness of the new life. Peace be with you.

The Sign of the Cross

P: Receive the sign of the Holy Cross, as a sign that through your baptism you are participating in the death and resurrection of Christ. Through the cross you have been redeemed; in baptism you receive the fullness of this redemption; and henceforth you are called to take up your cross and follow after Christ.

Presentation of the Light

P: Jesus said, "Let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven."



Prayer and Blessing

P: Let us pray. Almighty God, you make light to shine out of darkness, you make new life to spring out of old, you make of all people one new race; we thank you for giving your Church the gracious gift of Baptism, and that you have seen fit to welcome Nicholas and Matthew into this gift of grace. As you have loved them from the beginning, so continue to protect and guide them. May they be loyal disciples of Jesus Christ. As members of the church, help us to support their lives within our fellowship.

C: Whether we are young or old, we ask together that you will make our baptism real and new every day, so that we may live together in the joy and power of the Holy Spirit, and at last live forever in your presence, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

P: Almighty God send you his light and truth to keep you all the days of your life. The hand of God protect you; his presence accompany you. God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit, cause his grace to be mighty upon you.

C: Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

The pastor invites the assembly into prayer.

P: As God's beloved children united in Christ, let us pray for the church, the whole human community, and the well-being of the earth, our home.

(A brief silence is kept; each petition ends with the response.)

L: Merciful God, C: **receive our prayer.**

P: Confident that the Holy Spirit receives our prayers and answers us, we commend all for whom we pray to God's loving-kindness made known to us in Christ Jesus our Savior.

C: Amen.

PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

*You are invited to greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace and may say,
"Peace be with you," or similar words.*

The assembly is seated.

OFFERING

Shine on Me

Choir

Dilworth

The assembly stands.

OFFERTORY

Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful



C Let the vine-yards be fruit- ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of



bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were



sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life.



Gath- er the hopes and dreams of all; u - nite them with the prayers we



of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your pres - ence,



Lord, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

P: Let us pray. God of majesty, no eye has seen, no ear has heard what you have prepared for those who love you, yet in this meal you reveal the wideness of your mercy. Use what we have gathered to feed us with the reign of God come near, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **C: Amen.**

MEAL

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: **We lift them to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

PROPER PREFACE

Pastor begins, “It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you...” Here the pastor continues with the preface for the day, “...we praise your name and join their unending hymn.”

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and
might, heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry.

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. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

EUCARISTIC PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P: Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! Come to the table; taste and see. The body of Christ given for you; the blood of Christ shed for you. **C: Amen.**

The assembly is seated.

LAMB OF GOD

C 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, grant us peace.

All who believe Jesus is present in this sacrament are invited to receive the bread and wine. Communion will be distributed at the altar rail; when invited by an usher, please come forward and kneel at the altar to receive the bread and wine. Gluten-free wafers and grape juice are available. Know that if you only take the bread that you have fully communed. Whether you are receiving communion at in-person worship or if you are receiving communion at home, we extend to you: The body of Christ given for you; the blood of Christ shed for you.

COMMUNION HYMNS

***Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service
Let Justice Flow like Streams***

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The assembly stands.

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **C: Amen.**

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

P: Let us pray. Radiant God, we have seen your glory in the face of Jesus Christ. In the sacrament of his body and blood you have drawn us to your heart. Send us from this table with delight, that our lives may reflect the beauty of your love, and bear witness to all we have seen and heard, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

SENDING

BENEDICTION

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine upon you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace. **C: Amen.**

SENDING HYMN

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DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Do justice. Love mercy.

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Prelude and Fugue in G Major

J. S. Bach

Gather Us In, ELW 532



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Christ, Be Our Light, ELW 715



1 Long - ing for light, we wait in dark - ness. Long - ing for
 2 Long - ing for peace, our world is trou - bled. Long - ing for
 3 Long - ing for food, man - y are hun - gry. Long - ing for
 4 Long - ing for shel-ter, man - y are home-less. Long - ing for
 5 Man - y the gifts, man - y the peo - ple, man - y the



truth, we turn to you. Make us your own,
 hope, man - y de - spair. Your word a - lone
 wa - ter, man - y still thirst. Make us your bread,
 warmth, man - y are cold. Make us your build - ing,
 hearts that yearn to be - long. Let us be ser - vants



your ho - ly peo - ple, light for the world to see.
 has pow'r to save us. Make us your liv - ing voice.
 bro - ken for oth - ers, shared un - til all are fed.
 shel - ter - ing oth - ers, walls made of liv - ing stone.
 to one an - oth - er, signs of your king - dom come.

Refrain



Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the



dark - ness. Christ, be our light! Shine in your



church gath - ered to - day.

COMMUNION HYMNS

Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service, ELW 712

1 Lord, whose love in hum - ble ser - vice bore the weight of hu - man need,
 2 Still your chil - dren wan - der home-less; still the hun - gry cry for bread;
 3 As we wor - ship, grant us vi - sion, till your love's re - veal-ing light
 4 Called by wor - ship to your ser - vice, forth in your dear name we go,



who up - on the cross, for - sak - en, worked your mer-cy's per - fect deed:
 still the cap - tives long for free - dom; still in grief we mourn our dead.
 in its height and depth and great-ness dawns up - on our quick-en ed sight,
 to the child, the youth, the a - ged, love in liv - ing deeds to show;



we, your ser - vants, bring the wor - ship not of voice a - lone, but heart;
 As you, Lord, in deep com-pas - sion healed the sick and freed the soul,
 mak - ing known the needs and bur - dens your com-pas-sion bids us bear,
 hope and health, good-will and com - fort, coun - sel, aid, and peace we give,



con - se - crat - ing to your pur - pose ev - 'ry gift which you im - part.
 by your Spir - it send your pow - er to our world to make it whole.
 stir - ring us to ar - dent ser - vice, your a - bun - dant life to share.
 that your ser - vants, Lord, in free - dom may your mer - cy know and live.

Let Justice Flow like Streams, ELW 717



1 Let jus - tice flow like streams of spar - kling wa - ter, pure,
2 Let righ - teous - ness roll on as oth - ers' cares we heed,
3 So may God's plumb line, straight, de - fine our mea - sure true,



en - a - bling growth, re - fresh - ing life, a - bun - dant, cleans-ing, sure.
an ev - er - flow - ing stream of faith trans-lat - ed in - to deed.
and jus - tice, right, and peace per - vade this world our whole life through.



Go, My Children, with My Blessing, ELW 543

1 "Go, my chil - dren, with my bless-ing, nev - er a - lone.
 2 "Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure.
 3 "Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour-ished, clos - er to me.

Wak - ing, sleep - ing, I am with you, you are my own.
 Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.
 Grow in love and love by serv - ing, joy - ful and free.

In my love's bap - tis - mal riv - er I have made you mine for - ev - er.
 Here you heard my dear Son's sto - ry, here you touched him, saw his glo - ry.
 Here my Spir - it's pow - er filled you, here my ten - der com - fort stilled you.

Go, my chil - dren, with my bless-ing, you are my own."
 Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure."
 Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour-ished, joy - ful and free."

Introduction to the day:

Light shines in the darkness for the upright, the psalmist sings. Isaiah declares that when we loose the bonds of injustice and share our bread with the hungry, the light breaks forth like the dawn. In another passage from the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus, the light of the world, calls his followers to let the light of their good works shine before others. Through baptism we are sent into the world to shine with the light of Christ.

The eternal candle for the month of February
is sponsored by Birgit Ralston,
In loving memory of Manfred Hotz

The altar flowers are given by Judy Scollick,
In loving memory of my husband, Michael Scollick,
and in appreciation of the members of St. Matthew's for your kindness.

A special gift has been given,
Celebrating the birthdays of Scouting America (February 8th)
and Girl Scouts (March 12th)

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Happening at St. Matthew's:

- Vince Amato, our new chair of the Evangelism Committee, is looking for greeters to help welcome newcomers to our Sunday services. If you are interested, talk to Vince or sign up on the St. Matthew's SignUp Genius.
- A reminder that the new session of Youth Choir will begin on Monday, February 9th—talk to Kathy Lundgren about registering your child.
- Our Fastnacht celebration is on February 15th. Please sign up on the St. Matthew's SignUp Genius so that we know how many people to expect and how many pancakes to cook.
- We are providing dinner at the Ferlazzo Emergency Shelter for the Homeless on Monday, February 23rd—sign up to contribute on the St. Matthew's SignUp Genius.
- The Ash Wednesday service will be on February 18th at 7:00PM. Our midweek services in Lent will begin on February 25th at 7:00PM with a soup supper at 6:00PM. You can sign up to bring soup or bread on our SignUp Genius.

**For more upcoming events and announcements,
please visit www.stmatthewsva.org.**

Use the QR code below to access the St. Matthew's calendar.

