

**February 8, 2026- Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany  
Worship Aid for Great Kills Moravian Church**

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**Welcome**

**Watchword for the Week:** For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ, and him crucified. 1 Corinthians 2:2

(Please stand if you are comfortable.)

**Call to Worship: Based Psalm 112:1-9 (10)**

(L) Praise the Lord. Blessed is the man who fears the Lord, who finds great delight in his commands.

**(A) His children will be mighty in the land; the generation of the upright will be blessed**

(L) Wealth and riches are in his house, and his righteousness endures forever

**(A) Even in darkness light dawns for the upright; for the gracious and compassionate, and righteous man.**

(Please remain standing if you are comfortable.)

**Gathering Hymn: “We are Called to Be God’s People” MBW Page 635**

**We are called to be God's people, showing by our lives his grace, one in heart and one in spirit, sign of hope for all the race. Let us show how he has changed us, and remade us at his own, let us share our life together as we shall around his throne.**

**We are called to be God's servants, working in his world today; taking his own task upon us, all his sacred words obey. Let us rise, then, to his summons, dedicate to him our all, that we may be faithful servants, quick to answer now his call.**

**We are called to be God's prophets, speaking for the truth and right, standing firm for godly justice, bringing evil things to light. Let us seek the courage needed, our high calling to fulfill, that the world may know the blessing of the doing of God's will.**

(Please remain Standing if able)

**Liturgy: Discipleship**

**MBW Page 37**

What shall we render to the Lord for all his bounty to us?

**We will offer to the Lord the sacrifices of thanksgiving and call upon the name of the Lord.**

Praise the Lord!

**Hymn:**

**BEACH SPRING**

**Come in praise and adoration, all who on Christ's name believe; worship him with consecration, grace and love will you receive. For his grace give him the glory, for the Spirit and the Word, and repeat the gospel story 'til all souls his name have heard.**

Gracious God, for revealing yourself to us as one who created all things, who gave us dominion over all the earth, who called us into a covenant relationship with you, who has given us the privilege of being your ambassadors in our world, who loves us as your children through Jesus Christ our Lord,

**We give you our heartfelt thanks.**

**Hymn:**

**EMMANUEL**

**Our heav'ly Father, source of love, to you our hearts we raise. Your all sustaining power we prove, and gladly sing your praise.**

(Sitting)

Jesus Christ our Savior, because you were willing to come to earth in the likeness of humanity, to take the form of a servant; Because you became obedient unto death, even death on a cross; Because God has highly exalted you and bestowed on you the name which is above every name, that at your name every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that you are Lord, to the glory of God the Father;

**We humbly bow before you in praise and adoration.**

**Hymn:**

**MANOAH**

**Lord Jesus, yours we wish to be; our sacrifice receive. By you preserved, from sin set free, to you ourselves we give.**

Holy Spirit, for dwelling within us and calling us to God by the gospel, For preserving us in the true faith, For leading the church on earth in its mission, For pointing the way of discipleship to each of us,

**We acknowledge your presence and power among us.**

**Hymn:**

**LAND OF REST**

**Come, Holy Ghost,\_\_\_\_ the Savior's love\_\_\_\_ shed in our hearts abroad;\_\_\_\_ so shall we ev\_\_\_\_-er live and move\_\_\_\_ and be with Christ\_\_\_\_ in God.\_\_\_\_**

Jesus said: Whoever serves me must follow me; and where I am, there shall my servant be also; whoever serves me, the Father will honor. If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples, and you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free. By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit, and so prove to be my disciples.

**We hear your call to discipleship. Master, teach us the way we should go.**

Present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your minds, that you may prove what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect. Jesus said: This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear much fruit, and that your fruit should abide.

**Now the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control. If we live by the Spirit, let us also walk by the Spirit.**

Be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain.

**Hymn:**

**IN BABILON**

**Lord, as you have lived for others, so may we for others live; freely have your gifts been granted; freely may your servants give. Yours the gold and yours the silver, yours the wealth of land**

**and sea, we but stewards of your bounty sharing all by your decree.**

*(Sitting)*

Please join me.

**We confess, Lord, that as your disciples we have often dishonored the holy name we bear. We ask your forgiveness for the times when we have failed to labor for your kingdom; when we have not followed your admonition to seek first the kingdom of God; when we have hidden our light from the world; when we, as the salt of the earth, have lost our strength. Have mercy on us, and restore unto us the joy of faithful discipleship. Amen.**

The Lord, your Redeemer, has said: With everlasting love, I will have compassion on you. Therefore serve the Lord with gladness; witness to his goodness and mercy; and preach Jesus Christ as Lord, with yourselves as servants for Jesus' sake.

*(Standing)*

**Hymn: GRACEHAM**

**Jesus, Master, whom I serve, though so feebly and so ill,  
strengthen hand and heart and nerve, all your bidding to fulfill;  
open now my eyes to see all the work you have for me.**

**Jesus, Master, will you use one who owes you more than all? As  
you will, I would not choose; only let me hear your call. Jesus, let  
me always be in your service glad and free. Amen**

*(Sitting)*

**Youth Disciple Time**

**Offering Our Gifts to God:** The regular offering will be collected first and then The Joyful Noise Collection for The Bethlehem Cafe. Drop those coins in the cans to make a lot of noise. If you don't have coins we will take cash.

*(Please stand if you are comfortable.)*

**Doxology: “Jesus Loves Me! This I Know” MBW Page 726**

**Jesus loves me! This I know, For the Bible tells me so. Little ones to Him belong; They are weak but He is strong. Yes, Jesus loves me, Yes, Jesus loves me, Yes, Jesus loves me —The Bible tells me so!**

**Prayer Of Blessing:** Please join me in the Prayer of Blessing.

**Gracious and Holy God, how generous are the gifts you have poured into our lives. We thank you for the abundance and in return we give you in joy a portion of what you have first given us. Bless these gifts—both the coins that make a joyful noise and the quiet offerings of our hearts. Use them to bring light to the darkness, comfort to those in need, and to further the work of your kingdom here on earth. Fill us with the longing for the Spirit of Christ that we might become salt and light and be empowered for good works, to your honor and glory and be ready to serve you. In your name we pray, Amen.**

(Sitting)

**God’s Words for us Today:**

**1st Scripture Reading: Isaiah 58: 1-12 Pew Bible Page 777**

*True Fasting*

“Shout it aloud, do not hold back. Raise your voice like a trumpet. Declare to my people their rebellion and to the descendants of Jacob their sins.

**For day after day they seek me out; they seem eager to know my ways, as if they were a nation that does what is right and has not forsaken the commands of its God. They ask me for just decisions and seem eager for God to come near them.**

‘Why have we fasted,’ they say, ‘and you have not seen it? Why have we humbled ourselves, and you have not noticed?’ “Yet on the day of your fasting, you do as you please and exploit all your workers.

**Your fasting ends in quarreling and strife, and in striking each other with wicked fists. You cannot fast as you do today and expect your voice to be heard on high.**

Is this the kind of fast I have chosen, only a day for people to humble themselves? Is it only for bowing one's head like a reed and for lying in sackcloth and ashes? Is that what you call a fast, a day acceptable to the Lord?

**“Is not this the kind of fasting I have chosen: to loose the chains of injustice and untie the cords of the yoke, to set the oppressed free and break every yoke?**

Is it not to share your food with the hungry and to provide the poor wanderer with shelter— when you see the naked, to clothe them, and not to turn away from your own flesh and blood?

**Then your light will break forth like the dawn, and your healing will quickly appear; then your righteousness will go before you, and the glory of the Lord will be your rear guard.**

Then you will call, and the Lord will answer; you will cry for help, and he will say: Here am I. “If you do away with the yoke of oppression, with the pointing finger and malicious talk,

**and if you spend yourselves in behalf of the hungry and satisfy the needs of the oppressed, then your light will rise in the darkness, and your night will become like the noonday.**

The Lord will guide you always; he will satisfy your needs in a sun-scorched land and will strengthen your frame. You will be like a well-watered garden, like a spring whose waters never fail.

**Your people will rebuild the ancient ruins and will raise up the age-old foundations; you will be called Repairer of Broken Walls, Restorer of Streets with Dwellings.**

#### **2nd Scripture Reading: 1 Corinthians 2: 1-12 (13-16) Pew Bible Pg 1194**

When I came to you, brothers, I did not come with eloquence or superior wisdom as I proclaimed to you the testimony about God. For I resolved to know nothing while I was with you except Jesus Christ and him crucified. I came to you in weakness and fear, and with much trembling. My message and my preaching were not with wise and persuasive words, but with a demonstration of the Spirit's power, so that your faith might not rest on men's wisdom, but on God's power.

## *Wisdom From the Spirit*

We do, however, speak a message of wisdom among the mature, but not the wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are coming to nothing. No, we speak of God's secret wisdom, a wisdom that has been hidden and that God destined for our glory before time began. None of the rulers of this age understood it, for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. However, as it is written: "No eye has seen, no ear has heard, no mind has conceived what God has prepared for those who love him"--- but God has revealed it to us by his Spirit.

The Spirit searches all things, even the deep things of God. For who among men knows the thoughts of a man except the man's spirit within him? In the same way no one knows the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God. We have not received the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, that we may understand what God has freely given us. This is what we speak, not in words taught us by human wisdom but in words taught by the Spirit, expressing spiritual truths in spiritual words. The man without the Spirit does not accept the things that come from the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him, and he cannot understand them because they are spiritually discerned. The spiritual man makes judgments about all things, but he himself is not subject to any man's judgments: "For who has known the mind of the Lord that he may instruct him?" But we have the mind of Christ.

**Hymn to Prepare for Mess: "Open My Eyes, That I May See" Worship/Rejoice Bk Pg 480 vs 1**

**Open my eyes, that I may see glimpses of truth you have for me;  
place in my hands the wonderful key that shall unlock and set me free.  
Silently now, on bended knee, ready, I wait your will to see;  
open my eyes, il-lu-mine me, Spirit divine!**

**The Gospel: Matthew 5: 13-20 Pew Bible Page 1011**

## *Salt and Light*

"You are the salt of the earth. But if the salt loses its saltiness, how can it be made salty again? It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out and trampled by men. "You are the light of the world. A city on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. In the

same way, let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven.

### **The Fulfillment of the Law**

“Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them. For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth disappear, not the smallest letter, not the least stroke of a pen, will by any means disappear from the Law until everything is accomplished. Therefore anyone who sets aside one of the least of these commands and teaches others accordingly will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever practices and teaches these commands will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. For I tell you that unless your righteousness surpasses that of the Pharisees and the teachers of the law, you will certainly not enter the kingdom of heaven.

### **The Sermon: Where is Your Lamp? Pastor Jesus Laguerra**

Hymn Response To Message: “Open My Eyes, That I May See” Worship/Rejoice Bk Pg 480 vs 2,3

**Open my ears that I may hear voices of truth you send so clear;  
and while the message sounds in my ear, ev-ery-thing false will  
disappear. Silently now, on bended knee, ready, I wait your will  
to see; open my ears, il-lu-mine me, Spirit divine!**

**Open my mouth and let me bear gladly the warm truth ev-ery-  
where; open my heart, and let me prepare love with your  
children thus to share. Silently now, on bended knee, ready, I  
wait your will to see; open my heart, il-lu-mine me, Spirit divine!**

### **Prayers of The People**

#### **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 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.**

(Please Stand if able)

**Sending Hymn: “God of Grace and God of Glory” MBW Page 751**

**God of grace and God of glory, on your people pour your power;  
crown your ancient Church's story; bring it's bud to glo-rious  
flower. Grant us wis-dom, grant us cour-age for the fac-ing of  
this hour, for the fac-ing of this hour.**

**Lo! The host of e-vil round us scorn the Christ, as-sail his ways!  
From the fears that long have bound us, free our hearts to face  
and praise. Grant us wis-dom, grant us cour-age for the liv-ing of  
these days, for the liv-ing of these days.**

**Cure your chil-dren's war-ring mad-ness, bend our pride to your  
con-trol; shame our wan-ton, self-ish glad-ness, rich in things  
and poor in soul. Grant us wis-dom, grant us cour-age, lest we  
miss your king-dom's goal, lest we miss your king-dom's goal.**

**Save us from weak res-ig-na-tion to the e-vils we deplore; let the  
gift of your sal-va-tion be our glo-ry ev-er-more. Grant us wis-  
dom, grant us cour-age serv-ing you whom we a-dore, serv-ing  
you whom we a-dore.**

**Benediction**

**Musical Response: (All) In the name of Jesus. Amen.**

*(Please remain seated in quiet meditation during the postlude.)*

**Postlude**

***Pastor and Co - Leaders for February, 2026***

***February 15, 2026 - Sister Susan Attzs - Mendoza/Sister  
Charlott Bramwell***

***February 22, 2026 - Pastor Jesus Laguerra/Sister Laura  
Hepworth***

***Next Sunday, February 15, 2026, we will welcome back Sister  
Susan Attzs - Mendoza. She will be bringing the message to us***

*in Celebration of Transfiguration Sunday.*

***Transfiguration Sunday is a Christian festival that commemorates the Transfiguration of Jesus on a mountain, as described in the Gospels ([Matthew 17:1–9](#), [Mark 9:2–8](#), [Luke 9:28–36](#)). During this event, Jesus' appearance was radiantly transformed, and he appeared alongside the biblical figures Moses and Elijah. In the Protestant and Western liturgical calendars, Transfiguration Sunday serves as the [final Sunday of the Epiphany season](#) and acts as a transition into [Lent](#).***

***Next Sunday, February 15, 2026, we will have our Annual Church Council Meeting right after the service. We need to have twenty - five congregant members to be able to vote. Please make every effort to attend and then we will host a Fellowship right after it.***