

WORSHIP SERVICE FOR SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2026

PREPARATION

Invocation

- P In the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C **Amen.**

Opening Sentences

Psalm 66:1–3a, 4, 8; 40:5a; 111:3

- P Shout for joy to God, all the earth;
C **sing the glory of His name; give to Him glorious praise!**
- P Say to God, “How awesome are Your deeds!
C **All the earth worships You and sings praises to You; they sing praises to Your name.”**
- P Bless our God, O peoples; let the sound of His praise be heard.
C **You have multiplied, O LORD my God, Your wondrous deeds and Your thoughts toward us; none can compare with You!**
- P Full of splendor and majesty is His work,
C **and His righteousness endures forever.**

Confession and Absolution

- P As penitent people, we ask God for His grace and mercy.
- P Humble yourselves, then, before God; confess your sins to Him and implore His forgiveness.
C **O almighty God, most merciful Father, I, a repentant sinner, confess to You all my sins and iniquities with which I have offended You. By nature, I am a sinful creature. In thought, word, and deed, I have continually transgressed Your Law. Too often I have sought the easy road of ignoring the needs of others and considered only myself and my wants. For this I justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of the sufferings and death of Your Son, Jesus Christ, be gracious and merciful to me, a penitent and contrite being. Forgive me all my sins and grant me the power of Your Holy Spirit that I may amend my sinful life and bear fruit in keeping with true repentance.**
- P God be gracious to you and strengthen your faith.
C **Amen.**
- P As you believe, so let it be. As a called and ordained servant of Christ and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C **Amen.**
- P As God’s forgiven people, we join confidently in a sung prayer to our gracious God.

WORD

Chainbreaker - Smith

Psalm 119:9–16; antiphon: v. 12

Verse 1
If you've been walking the same old road
For miles and miles
If you've been hearing the same old voice
Tell the same old lies
If you're trying to fill the same old holes inside
There's a better life
There's a better life

Chorus

**If you've got pain He's a pain taker
If you feel lost He's a way maker
If you need freedom or saving
He's a prison shaking Savior
If you got chains He's a chain breaker**

Verse 2

**We've all searched for the light of day
In the dead of night
We've all found ourselves worn out
From the same old fight
We've all run to things we know just ain't right
When there's a better life
There's a better life**

Chorus

**If you've got pain He's a pain taker
If you feel lost He's a way maker
If you need freedom or saving
He's a prison shaking Savior
If you got chains He's a chain breaker**

Bridge x3

**If you believe it
If you receive it
If you can feel it
Somebody testify**

Chorus

**If you've got pain He's a pain taker
If you feel lost He's a way maker
If you need freedom or saving
He's a prison shaking Savior
If you got chains He's a chain breaker**

Ending

**Oh if you need freedom or saving
He's a prison shaking Savior
If you got chains well He's a chain breaker**

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Psalm

Psalm 112:1-9

- C Praise the LORD! Blessed is the man who fears the LORD, who greatly delights in His commandments!**
- P** *His offspring will be mighty in the land; the generation of the upright will be blessed. Wealth and riches are in his house, and his righteousness endures forever.*
- C Light dawns in the darkness for the upright; he is gracious, merciful, and righteous.**

- P *It is well with the man who deals generously and lends; who conducts his affairs with justice.
For the righteous will never be moved; he will be remembered forever.*
- C **He is not afraid of bad news; his heart is firm, trusting in the LORD.**
- P *His heart is steady; he will not be afraid, until he looks in triumph on his adversaries.
He has distributed freely; he has given to the poor; his righteousness endures forever; his horn is exalted in honor.*
- C **Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

Salutation

- P The Lord be with you.
- C **And also with you.**

Prayer of the Day

- P Let us pray.
O Lord, keep Your family the Church continually in the true faith that, relying on the hope of Your heavenly grace, we may ever be defended by Your mighty power; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C **Amen.**

Word of God Speak

- 1) **I'm finding myself at a loss for words
And the funny thing is it's okay
The last thing I need is to be heard
But to hear what You would say**

Chorus

**Word of God speak Would You pour down like rain
Washing my eyes to see Your majesty To be still and know
That You're in this place Please let me stay and rest
In Your holiness Word of God speak**

- 2) **I'm finding myself in the midst of You
Beyond the music beyond the noise
All that I need is to be with You
And in the quiet hear Your voice**

Chorus

**Word of God speak Would You pour down like rain
Washing my eyes to see Your majesty To be still and know
That You're in this place Please let me stay and rest
In Your holiness Word of God speak**

Chorus

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(ENDING)

**I'm finding myself at a loss for words
And the funny thing is it's okay**

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 58:3–9a

³“Why have we fasted, and you see it not?
Why have we humbled ourselves, and you take no knowledge of it?”
Behold, in the day of your fast you seek your own pleasure,
and oppress all your workers.
⁴Behold, you fast only to quarrel and to fight
and to hit with a wicked fist.
Fasting like yours this day
will not make your voice to be heard on high.
⁵Is such the fast that I choose,
a day for a person to humble himself?
Is it to bow down his head like a reed,
and to spread sackcloth and ashes under him?
Will you call this a fast,
and a day acceptable to the LORD?
⁶“Is not this the fast that I choose:
to loose the bonds of wickedness,
to undo the straps of the yoke,
to let the oppressed go free,
and to break every yoke?
⁷Is it not to share your bread with the hungry
and bring the homeless poor into your house;
when you see the naked, to cover him,
and not to hide yourself from your own flesh?
⁸Then shall your light break forth like the dawn,
and your healing shall spring up speedily;
your righteousness shall go before you;
the glory of the LORD shall be your rear guard.
⁹Then you shall call, and the LORD will answer;
you shall cry, and he will say, ‘Here I am.’”

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle

1 Corinthians 2:1–12

¹And I, when I came to you, brothers, did not come proclaiming to you the testimony of God with lofty speech or wisdom. ²For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ and him crucified. ³And I was with you in weakness and in fear and much trembling, ⁴and my speech and my message were not in plausible words of wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power, ⁵that your faith might not rest in the wisdom of men but in the power of God.

⁶Yet among the mature we do impart wisdom, although it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to pass away. ⁷But we impart a secret and hidden wisdom of God, which God decreed before the ages for our glory. ⁸None of the rulers of this age understood this, 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 heart of man imagined,
what God has prepared for those who love him”—

¹⁰these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit. For the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. ¹¹For who knows a person’s thoughts except the spirit of that person, which is in him? So also no one comprehends the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God. ¹²Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, that we might understand the things freely given us by God.

- L This is the Word of the Lord.
C **Thanks be to God.**

Holy Gospel

Matthew 5:13–20

- P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the fifth chapter.
C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

¹³[Jesus said:] “You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything except to be thrown out and trampled under people’s feet.

¹⁴“You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. ¹⁵Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, 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 who is in heaven.

¹⁷“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. ¹⁸For truly, I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not an iota, not a dot, will pass from the Law until all is accomplished. ¹⁹Therefore whoever relaxes 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. ²⁰For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.”

- P This is the Gospel of the Lord.
C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Apostles’ Creed

The Second Article

- C **I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life T everlasting. Amen.**

Our God

1. Water You turned into wine
Opened the eyes of the blind
There's no one like You
None like You
2. Into the darkness You shine
Out of the ashes we rise
There's no one like You
None like You

Chorus

**Our God is greater
Our God is stronger
God You are higher than any other
Our God is healer
Awesome in power our God, our God**

Bridge

**And if our God is for us
Then who could ever stop us?
And if our God is with us
Then what could stand against?**

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Chorus

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Sermon

The peace of the Lord is exchanged according to local custom

Offering

Shine, Jesus Shine

1. Lord, the light of Your love is shining,
In the midst of the darkness shining;
Jesus, Light of the world, shine upon us,
Set us free by the truth You now bring us;
Shine on me, Shine on me.

Chorus

Shine, Jesus shine, fill this land with the Father's glory.
Blaze, Spirit blaze; set our hearts on fire.
Flow, river flow, flood the nations with grace and mercy.
Send forth Your Word, Lord, and let there be light.

2. Lord, I come to Your awesome presence,
From the shadows into Your radiance;
By the blood I may enter Your brightness;
Search me, try me, consume all my darkness;
Shine on me, Shine on me.

Chorus

Shine, Jesus shine, fill this land with the Father's glory.
Blaze, Spirit blaze; set our hearts on fire.
Flow, river flow, flood the nations with grace and mercy.
Send forth Your Word, Lord, and let there be light.

3. As we gaze on your kingly brightness
So our faces display your likeness
Ever changing from glory to glory
Mirrored here may our lives tell your story
Shine on me shine on me

Chorus

Shine, Jesus shine, fill this land with the Father's glory.
Blaze, Spirit blaze; set our hearts on fire.
Flow, river flow, flood the nations with grace and mercy.
Send forth Your Word, Lord, and let there be light.

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Prayer of the Church

- P Friends in Christ, I urge you all to lift up your hearts to God and pray with me as Christ our Lord has taught us and freely promised to hear us.

God, our Father in heaven, look with mercy on us, Your needy children on earth, and grant us grace that Your holy name be hallowed by us and all the world through the pure and true teaching of Your Word and the fervent love shown forth in our lives. Graciously turn from us all false doctrine and evil living whereby Your precious name is blasphemed and profaned. Lord, in Your mercy,

- C **hear our prayer.**

- P May Your kingdom come to us and expand. Bring all transgressors and those who are blinded and bound in the devil's kingdom to know Jesus Christ, Your Son, by faith that the number of Christians may be increased. Lord, in Your mercy,

- C **hear our prayer.**

- P Strengthen us by Your Spirit according to Your will, both in life and in death, in the midst of both good and evil things, that our own wills may be crucified daily and sacrificed to Your good and gracious will. Into Your merciful hands we commend [name(s)] and all who are in need, praying for them at all times: Thy will be done. Lord, in Your mercy,

- C **hear our prayer.**

- P Grant us our daily bread, preserve us from greed and selfish cares, and help us trust in You to provide for all our needs. Lord, in Your mercy,

- C **hear our prayer.**
- P Forgive us our sins as we also forgive those who sin against us so that our hearts may be at peace and may rejoice in a good conscience before You, and that no sin may ever frighten or alarm us. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C **hear our prayer.**
- P Lead us not into temptation, O Lord, but help us by Your Spirit to subdue our flesh, to turn from the world and its ways, and to overcome the devil with all his wiles. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C **hear our prayer.**
- P And lastly, O heavenly Father, deliver us from all evil of both body and soul, now and forever. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C **hear our prayer.**
- P We trust, O Lord, in Your great mercy to hear and answer us; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- C **Amen.**

Lord's Prayer

- C **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.**

Closing

- P The classic prayer for peace, sometimes known by its Latin title "Da Pacem," dates to the sixth century. Through the ages, it has found use at different places in many orders of worship. In the sixteenth century, Martin Luther urged Christians to pray this text, and in his era, it was often sung either after the sermon or at the close of the service. We faithfully bring the petition for peace in our time to God's eternal throne of grace.

"Grant Peace, We Pray" is Spoken by the congregation in unison.

777 Grant Peace, We Pray, in Mercy, Lord

- 1 Grant peace, we pray, in mercy, Lord;
Peace in our time, O send us!
For there is none on earth but You,
None other to defend us.
You only, Lord, can fight for us.
Amen.

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Benedicamus

- P Let us bless the Lord.
- C **Thanks be to God.**

Benediction

P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and T give you peace.
C **Amen.**

This is Amazing Grace

Verse 1

**Who breaks the power of sin and darkness
Whose love is mighty and so much stronger
The King of Glory the King above all kings**

Verse 2

**Who shakes the whole earth with holy thunder
And leaves us breathless in awe and wonder
The King of Glory the King above all kings**

Chorus

**This is amazing grace
This is unfailing love
That You would take my place
That You would bear my cross
You laid down Your life
That I would be set free
Oh Jesus I sing for all that You've done for me**

Verse 3

**Who brings our chaos back into order
Who makes the orphan a son and daughter
The King of Glory the King of Glory**

Verse 4

**Who rules the nations with truth and justice
Shines like the sun in all of its brilliance
The King of Glory the King above all kings**

Chorus

**This is amazing grace
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Oh Jesus I sing for all that You've done for me**

Bridge

**Worthy is the Lamb who was slain
Worthy is the King who conquered the grave
Worthy is the Lamb who was slain
Worthy is the King who conquered the grave
Worthy is the Lamb who was slain
Worthy is the King who conquered the grave
Worthy is the Lamb who was slain
Worthy worthy worthy**

Chorus

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