

Note: The Congregation should please remain standing, if able to do so.

**\*Offertory Prayer** ..... Rev. Giffone

Note: The Congregation may please be seated.

**Communion Opening Prayer  
and Words of Institution** ..... Rev. Giffone

**Distribution of the Bread:** *The body of Christ, broken for you.*

As you pass the bread, please say to the next person:  
“**The body of Christ, broken for you.**”

Upon receipt of the bread, please hold it until all have been served, so that we can partake of the bread together, as a sign of our oneness in Christ and membership in His corporate body—the Christian Church.

**Distribution of the Cup:** *The blood of Christ, shed for you.*

As you pass the cup, please say to the next person:  
“**The blood of Christ, shed for you.**”

Upon receipt of the cup, please hold it until all have been served, so that we can partake of the cup together, as a sign of our oneness in Christ and membership in His corporate body—the Christian Church.

Please use the baskets we have provided in alternate rows for disposal of the used communion cups

**Prayer following Communion** ..... Rev. Giffone

Note: If able, the Congregation should please stand for the Hymn.

**\*Hymn No. 667:** *God is My Strong Salvation*..... *MEIN LEBEN*

Note: The Congregation should please remain standing, if able to do so.

**\*Benediction** ..... Rev. Giffone

Note: At the conclusion of the Benediction, the Congregation is dismissed.

**Postlude:** *My Faith Has Found a Resting Place* ..... *arr. Fetteke*

\* Congregation should please stand, if you are able to do so

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### After the Worship Service

We invite you to join us for a time of fellowship with coffee and cookies after the Worship Service in the rear of the sanctuary.

### If You Wish Personal Prayer Today

If you have any special needs in your life and you wish to have a time of personal prayer, please speak to Pastor Benj or to one of our Ruling Elders— Robert LeSuer, James Stahl, or Amy Stearns—and he or she will arrange for someone to meet with you today and pray with you.

### Monthly Prayer Focus

During February, the Prayer Focus will be on the Coalition for Christian Outreach (CCO) and the three staffers that Redeemer supported during 2024. CCO is on 86 campuses across the country, sharing the Gospel with college students. They teach a vision for serving Jesus Christ in all of life: in their studies, jobs, communities, and families. Please pray:

- For a successful Jubilee conference, scheduled for February 21-23, 2025. This is an annual gathering in Pittsburgh of students from across the country. They will attend worship services and listen to inspirational speeches and fellowship with other students during the weekend.
- For Sandy Starr Everhart and her ministry at Penn West University-Edinboro, particularly her relationship with the women’s basketball team.
- For Sam Van Eman and his leadership. Sam’s primary work involves creating and facilitating transformative opportunities for college students.
- For Ray Wiesen and his ministry at Penn State Abington campus. Ray was in the group of students from Edinboro, who worshipped with us while we rented space at St. Matthews Lutheran Church.

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## Sunday Morning Worship Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany

February 9, 2025

Worship Theme: *“Rather than putting undue hope in human leaders or movements, or catastrophizing about current events, Christian believers should thoughtfully recognize the times and respond in faith and wisdom. The God of all history will rescue and save as He has promised, and so we can trust Him to sustain us in times of powerful turmoil.”*

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We welcome children of all ages in our Worship Service. At the Information Center in the rear of the Sanctuary, we offer children a “Book Bucket” with books and activities for their use. Parents, please do not be concerned if your young child cries. We believe that the cries of young children signal that the church is alive, well, and destined to continue for generations to come.

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**Welcome, Announcements, and  
Introduction to Worship** ..... Dean K. Wilson

**Prelude:** *All the Way My Savior Leads Me* ..... *arr. Funderburk*

All the way my Savior leads me; what have I to ask beside?  
Can I doubt his tender mercy, who through life has been my guide?  
Heav’nly peace, divinest comfort, here by faith in him to dwell;  
For I know, whate’er befall me, Jesus doeth all things well;  
For I know, whate’er befall me, Jesus doeth all things well.

Note: The Congregation should please remain seated.

**Call to Worship:** *(responsively)* ..... Dean K. Wilson

Liturgist: Praise the Lord, O my soul; all my inmost being, praise his holy name.

**Congregation: Praise the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits—**

Liturgist: Who forgives all your sins and heals all your diseases,

**Congregation: who redeems your life from the pit and crowns you with love and compassion,**

Liturgist: Who satisfies your desires with good things

**Congregation: So that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.** —adapted from Psalm 103

*Note: The Congregation should please stand, if able to do so.*

**\*Hymn No. 165:**

*Ye Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim..... LYONS*

*Note: The Congregation may please be seated and remain seated for the reading of the Scripture.*

**Old Testament Reading:** Jeremiah 28:10-17 .... Mark Kmecik

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**Congregation: Thanks be to God!**

*Note: We will have A Moment for Children only if two or more children are present in the Worship Service.*

**A Moment for Children** .....Shirley Wilson

*Note: The Congregation should please remain seated for the following Hymn.*

**Hymn of Reflection: *Though Troubles Assail Us*..... J. Newton**

Though troubles assail us and dangers affright,  
Though friends should all fail us and foes all unite,  
Yet one thing secures us, whatever be-tide,  
The promise assures us, "The Lord will provide."

When Satan assails us to stop up our path,  
And courage all fails us, we triumph by faith.  
He cannot take from us, though oft he has tried,  
This heart-cheering promise, "The Lord will provide."

**Prayers of Confession**.....Dean K. Wilson

We will begin by praying a unison prayer of corporate confession.  
Then, we will join in silently, confessing our personal sins.

**Eternal God, You have called us into covenant, yet our commitment is shallow and our love is weak. We place lesser concerns high on our list of priorities and give You whatever time and energy are left.**

**Please forgive our sins, O God, and turn us again toward Your purposes. Please reform our lives by renewing our dedication to You. By the power of Your indwelling Holy Spirit, please give us a new sense of our calling, a new zeal in our faithfulness, a new compassion toward those in need, and a new appreciation for Your love for us, in Jesus Christ our Lord.**

**May we always be open to the reforming and refreshing wind of Your Holy Spirit, we pray in our Savior's blessed name. Amen.**

*Note: The Congregation should please silently confess their sins.*

**Assurance of Pardon** (*unison*).....Dean K. Wilson

**I have swept away your offenses like a cloud, your sins like the morning mist. Return to me, for I have redeemed you.** —Isaiah 44:22

**Thanks be to God!**

*Note: The Congregation should please stand for the Hymn, if able to do so.*

**\*Response Hymn: *Gloria Patri*.....GREATOREX**

Glory be to the Father,  
and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost.  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be:  
World without end, Amen, Amen!

*Note: If able, the Congregation should please remain standing following the Hymn*

**\*Passing of the Peace**.....Dean K. Wilson

*Note: The Congregation will please turn to each other and speak these words of greeting: "May the peace of Christ be with you."  
And the answer of response: "And, also with you."*

*Note: The Congregation may please be seated.*

**Pastoral Prayer, Prayers of the People, and The Lord's Prayer** (*debts/debtors*) ..... Rev. Giffone

*Note: The Congregation should please remain seated for the reading of Scripture.*

**Epistle Reading:** 1 Corinthians 15:50-58 ..... Mark Kmecik

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**Congregation: Thanks be to God!**

*Note: The Congregation may please be seated.*

**Sermon:**

"Knowing the Times, Knowing the Tunes" ..... Rev. Giffone

**Sermon Text:** Luke 7:18-35

## The Sacrament of Holy Communion

*Remembrance · Communion · Hope*

**Invitation to the Lord's Table**..... Rev. Giffone

**Offering: *Be Thou My Vision*..... arr. Fetke**

Be thou my battleshield, sword for my fight;  
Be thou my dignity, thou my delight,  
Thou my soul's shelter, thou my high tow'r:  
Raise thou me heav'nward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.

*Note: We welcome the families with children sitting in the rear of the sanctuary to come forward and find seating in the front of the church, so that the children may observe the Celebration of Holy Communion.*

*Note: If able, the Congregation should please stand for the Offertory Hymn.*

**\*Offertory Hymn: *Doxology*..... OLD HUNDRETH**

Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

(...continued over...)

