

## Prayer Page

### Entrusting into God's Care

- Dave Christian- hospice care
- Nathan & Sarah Federwitz– Lutheran Bible Translators

### Healing

- Madeline (daughter of E Kroemer)- pregnancy complications
- Amber (friend of Urbans)- cancer treatment
- Tom Larson - recovering after surgery
- Stacy Kirkpatrick - recovering after cardiac procedure
- Linda Patten - recovering after surgery
- Donna Birkicht - recovering after surgery
- Doreta Bogner - health concerns
- Shirley Witte - recovering after surgery
- Michelle Hedtke - recovering after surgery
- Joleen Trent - recovering after surgery
- Emily Kroemer - recovering after broken ankle
- Karen Hass - recovering after surgery
- Abi Clark - health issues
- Deb Heitland - health issues

### Homebound

- Verlyn & Paul LeFevere– at home

### Mourning, Friends and Family of

- Judy (relative of Brenda Heims)- died 2/2
- Cynthia Broadwater - died 1/21
- Kim (father of Becky Johnson) - died 1/20

### Serving Our Country

- Charles Clark - IA National Guard
- Hunter (husband of Sarah Ealy) - IA National Guard
- Eli (brother of Ashton Berberich) - Marines
- Aiden (grandson of Foremans) - US Army
- Mallory (friend of Abi Clark) - IA National Guard
- Amber (daughter of Ann Balvanz) - US Army, Germany
- Ben (son of Kroemers) - IA National Guard
- Mitchell & Benjamin (relatives of Schoens & Smiths) - US Navy
- Jordan (grandson of Kim Neuhaus) - IA National Guard

## Servants of Worship

	Sunday, February 8	Sunday, February 15
<b>Elder</b>	Rick Foreman	Mark Elias
<b>Usher (8:30)</b>	Tyler Steggall	Dave Karsten, Mark Bornemann
<b>Usher (11)</b>	Dave Johnson	Greg Dunn, Ben Mims
<b>Greeter (8:30)</b>	Ed & Gloria Schumacher	Bev Rasmussen & Ken Armbrecht
<b>Greeter (11)</b>	Dick & Karen Hass	Randy & Joni Schmith
<b>Lector (8:30)</b>	Arlen Brieholz	Mark Bornemann
<b>Lector (11)</b>	Sheryl Knutson	Karen Swanson
<b>Video (8:30)</b>	Jeff Gebert	Greg Dunn
<b>Video (11)</b>	Charles Clark	Stephanie Chittick
<b>Sound (8:30)</b>	Tyler Steggall	Karl Hoech
<b>Sound (11)</b>	Aaron Moffett	Ethan Petrik
<b>Acolyte (8:30)</b>	Sydney Wilson	Jack Zimmerman
<b>Acolyte (11)</b>	Brenna Godbey	Carter Oja
<b>Nursery (11)</b>	Susan Schoen & Amy Smith	Rebecca Ballstadt & Dawn Mims
<b>Coffee</b>	Youth	

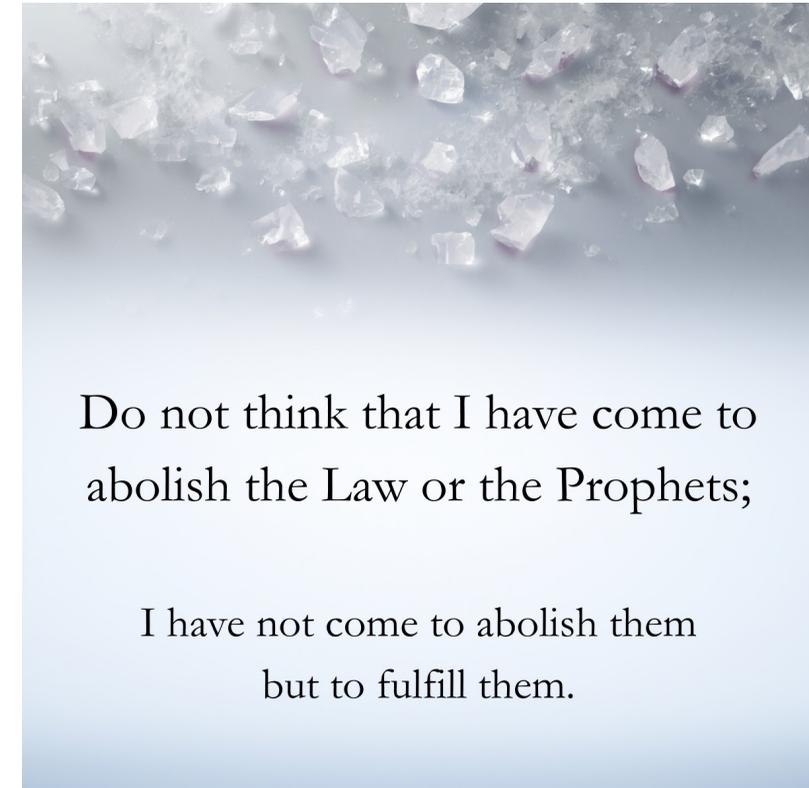
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Do not think that I have come to  
abolish the Law or the Prophets;

I have not come to abolish them  
but to fulfill them.

**February 8, 2026**  
**Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany**  
**8:30 a.m. Service**

*Living and Sharing God's Love*

## Order of Service

Divine Service I

Prelude

*"Partita on Ebenezer" Theme and Bicinium By John A. Behnke*

Welcome and Announcements

Hymn of Invocation LSB #825

*Rise, Shine, You People*

Confession and Absolution LSB pg. 151

Introit Psalm 119

Kyrie LSB pg. 152

Hymn of Praise LSB pg. 154

Salutation and Collect of the Day LSB pg. 156

Old Testament Reading Isaiah 58:3-9a

Epistle Lesson I Corinthians 2:1-12

Alleluia and Verse LSB pg. 156

Holy Gospel Matthew 5:13-20

Children's Message

Hymn of the Day LSB #849

*Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness*

Sermon

Offertory LSB pg. 192

Apostles' Creed LSB pg. 159

Prayer of the Church

The Lord's Prayer LSB pg. 162

Luther's Morning Prayer LSB pg. 266

Benediction LSB pg. 166

Closing Hymn LSB #578

*Thy Strong Word*

Postlude

*"Partita on Ebenezer" Fanfare and Pedal Solo By John A. Behnke*

## Notes and Announcements

Thank you for supporting our youth fundraisers! The youth are hosting a **"Sweetheart Dinner"** on February 21 as a fundraiser for a week of service in and around Niagara Falls. Dinner seatings will be from 5:00-6:45. Youth will take dinner reservations TODAY and February 15. Also, if you ordered Super Bowl subs, pick yours up today in the Family Life Center!

**Adult Bible Study** begins a four-part study on **Early Church History** today. Topics we'll examine include: the Apostolic Age, the Early Church Fathers, Heresies, the Imperial Church, and the Council of Nicaea.

Join your Bethany friends for **Super Bowling** on Sunday February 15 at Cedar Rapids Bowling Center. We will meet at 3:00 p.m. and plan to bowl two games, with prizes to be awarded in various categories. Both kids and adults are welcome to choose to bowl with bumpers or without bumpers! The cost will be \$10 per adult and \$5 per child (under age 19), which includes two games and shoe rental. Please sign up at the Welcome Center or by calling the office by Wednesday February 11.

The February and March Food Pantry donation items are ingredients for an **easy to make a casserole and dessert**. 12 oz packages of egg noodles, 12.5 oz cans of chicken in water, Ritz crackers ("fresh stack sleeves" size) and stick butter. The dessert needs two items: a 12 oz bag of mini chocolate chips and a box of yellow cake mix. Please bring ingredients to Bethany by March 4 and place them on the donation table outside the sanctuary.

Thank you for participating in the **"Baby Bottle Boomerang"** for Bridgehaven Pregnancy Support Center! Bridgehaven is a ministry in Cedar Rapids that empowers choices for life by providing education, support, and more at no cost to their clients. Please return your filled baby bottle today, or as soon as possible.

Our new **Mission Focus for 2026** will be support of the **Orphan Grain Train**. Beginning March 1 we will be gathering items for kits: Bath towels, bar soap, sturdy combs, small pocket facial tissues, highlighters, nail clippers, stickers and more.

**2025 Contribution Statements** have been emailed out and those that don't have emails have had paper copies sent. If you would like a paper copy, please contact the office.

## Our Calendar This Week

**Today**  
8:30 am Divine Service (Traditional)  
9:45 am Sunday School / Adult Bible Class  
11:00 am Divine Service (Contemporary)  
1:00 pm Food Pantry Open

**Monday**  
6:30 am Coffee & Cocoa Outreach  
4:00 pm Stephen Ministry Supervision  
7:00 pm Elders Meeting  
7:00 pm Adult Bible Study

**Tuesday**  
8:00 am Prayer in the Square - Greene Square  
9:00 am Walking for Exercise  
9:00 am Quilting for Lutheran World Relief  
1:30 pm Prayer Group  
6:00 pm Handbells Practice  
6:00 pm Council Meeting

**Wednesday**  
6:00 am Men's Bible Study @ Lucky's  
6:00 pm Confirmation Class / H.S. Youth

**Thursday**  
9:00 am Adult Bible Study  
9:00 am Walking for Exercise  
1:00 pm Leah Circle  
6:00 pm Naomi Circle

**Friday**  
9:00 am Rebekah Circle

**Saturday**  
9:00 am Holy Yoga - Lower Level

**Next Sunday**  
8:30 am Divine Service (Traditional) w/ Comm  
9:45 am Sunday School / Adult Bible Class  
11:00 am Divine Service (Contemporary) w/ Comm  
1:00 pm Food Pantry Open  
3:00 pm Super Bowling @ CRBC

**Stewardship Note: Luke 8:11 – "The seed is the word of God."** It all starts with the Word. "In the beginning...the Word was with God" (John 1:1). "He saved us by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit" (Titus 3:5). We never outgrow our need to hear the Word of God. We never achieve such greatness that we don't need the blessings of God's Word. Rather, the Christian life is one of always striving to conform our lives to God's Word by living out the truth of our Baptism: that we are God's children by the power of His Word.