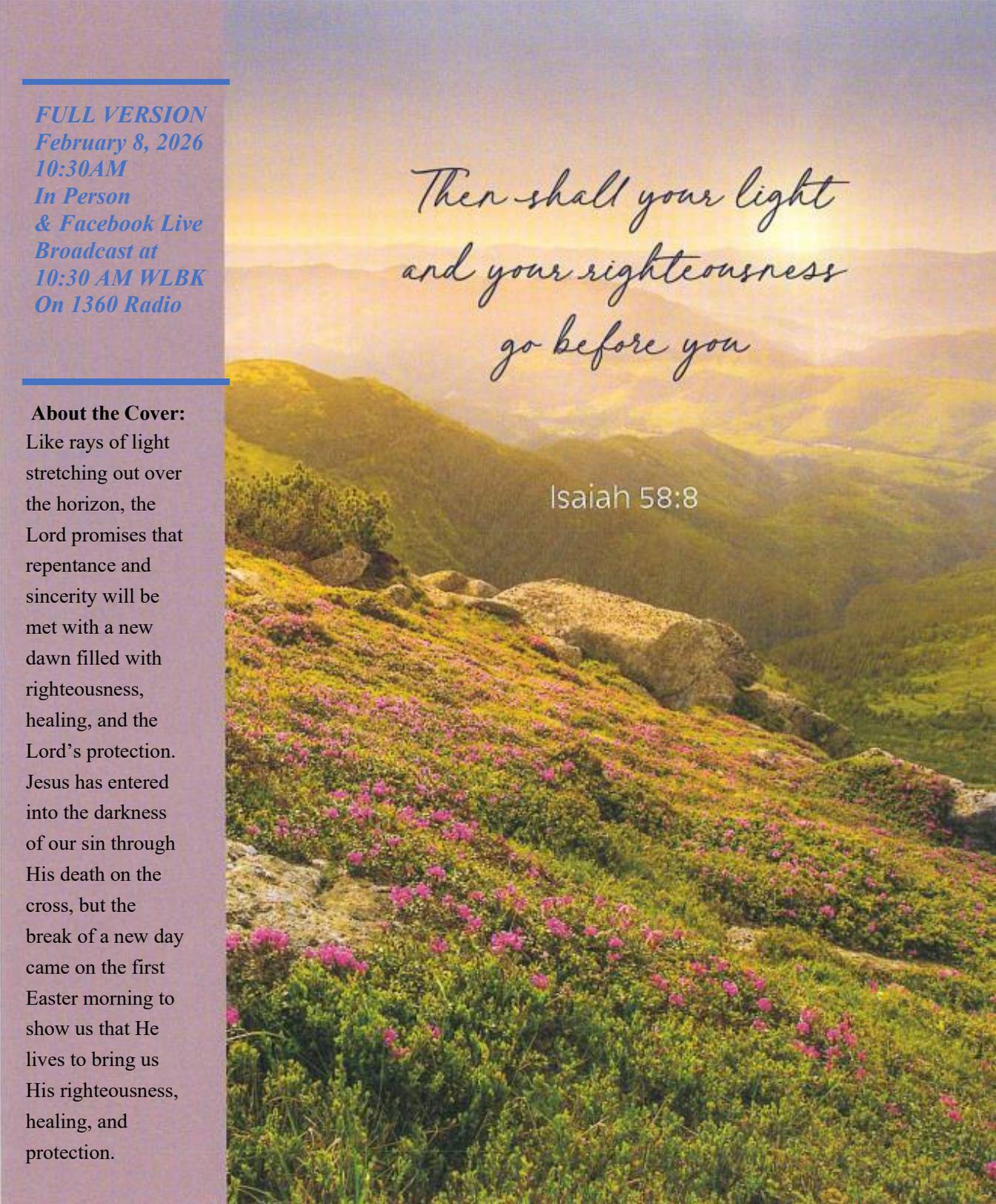

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February 8, 2026
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About the Cover:

Like rays of light stretching out over the horizon, the Lord promises that repentance and sincerity will be met with a new dawn filled with righteousness, healing, and the Lord's protection. Jesus has entered into the darkness of our sin through His death on the cross, but the break of a new day came on the first Easter morning to show us that He lives to bring us His righteousness, healing, and protection.



*Then shall your light
and your righteousness
go before you*

Isaiah 58:8

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THE 5TH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

Theme for worship: Today we will hear Jesus' word's from the Sermon on the Mount calling His followers "Salt and Light." We'll explore what He means by that and His following statements about the importance of the Law and our need for a rescuer from our failure to keep it.

♪ Pre-Service Music
Ringing of the Bells
Welcome

Spiritwind

♪ Opening Song: "Open the Eyes of My Heart"

Chorus: Open the eyes of my heart Lord
Open the eyes of my heart
I want to see You
I want to see You
Open the eyes of my heart Lord
Open the eyes of my heart
I want to see You
I want to see You

1. To see You high and lifted up
Shining in the light of Your glory
Pour out Your power and love
As we sing holy holy holy
High and lifted up
Shining in the light of Your glory
Pour out Your power and love
As we sing holy holy holy

Bridge: Holy holy holy
Holy holy holy
Holy holy holy
I want to see You
Holy holy holy
Holy holy holy
Holy holy holy
I want to see You

Chorus: **Open the eyes of my heart Lord
Open the eyes of my heart
I want to see You
I want to see You**

**Open the eyes of my heart Lord
Open the eyes of my heart
I want to see You
I want to see You**

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The Invocation

- P** We begin in the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** Amen

Apostles Creed

- 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 everlasting. Amen.

Introit

Psalm 119:9–16; Antiphon: v. 12

- P** Blessèd are you, O Lord;
- C** teach me your statutes!
- P** How can a young man keep his way pure?
- C** By guarding it according to your word.
- P** With my whole heart I seek you;
- C** let me not wander from your commandments!
- P** I have stored up your word | in my heart,
- C** that I might not sin against you.
- P** Blessèd are you, O Lord;
- C** teach me your statutes!
- P** With my lips I declare
- C** all the just decrees of your mouth.
- P** In the way of your testimonies I delight
- C** as much as in all riches.
- P** I will meditate on your precepts
- C** and fix my eyes on your ways.
- P** I will delight in your statutes;
- C** I will not forget your word.

P & 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.

P Blessèd are you, O Lord;

C teach me your statutes!

Collect of the Day

P Let us pray.

P & C 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

Service of the Word

The Old Testament Lesson

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.’”

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

The Epistle Lesson

1 Corinthians 2:1–16

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. ¹³And we impart this in words not taught by human wisdom but taught by the Spirit, interpreting spiritual truths to those who are spiritual.

¹⁴The natural person does not accept the things of the Spirit of God, for they are folly to him, and he is not able to understand them because they are spiritually discerned. ¹⁵The spiritual person judges all things, but is himself to be judged by no one. ¹⁶“For who has understood the mind of the Lord so as to instruct him?” But we have the mind of Christ.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Children’s Message

Pastor Marty

The Holy Gospel Lesson

Matthew 5:13–20

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew the 5th 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.**

♪ Sermon Song: “Because of Your Love”

(Intro) Yeah yeah

Yeah yeah

1. As we come into Your presence
We remember ev’ry blessing
That You’ve poured out so freely from above
Lifting gratitude and praises
For compassion so amazing
Lord we’ve come to give You thanks
For all You’ve done

Chorus: Because of Your love we’re forgiven
Because of Your love our hearts are clean
We lift You up with songs of freedom
Forever we’re changed because of Your love

(Interlude) Yeah Yeah

(Ending) Yeah

Yeah Yeah (3X)

Sermon: “Salt and Light”

Rev. Marty Marks

Confession and Absolution

- P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
C **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

- P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
C **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**
P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. 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 Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C **Amen.**

The Offering- *The plates are brought forward*

(An offering plate is available in the narthex; plates will not be passed during the worship service. Immanuel has the ability to accept offerings through online giving. Families can easily give one-time or set up as recurring gifts. Simply make a secure donation via electronic check by visiting www.ImmanuelDeKalb.com. If you choose to set up a recurring gift, you will be prompted by email to create your own online donor account to manage your gifts.)

Announcements

The Intercessory Prayers

*The Leader says prayers for specific and general concerns of God's people, following each petition with “Lord in your mercy” to which the congregation responds with “**Hear our prayer.**”*

The 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**

♪The Closing Song: “Forever”

1. Give thanks to the Lord
Our God and King
His love endures forever
For He is good He is above all things
His love endures forever
Sing praise sing praise
2. With a mighty hand
And an outstretched arm
His love endures forever
For the life that's been reborn
His love endures forever
Sing praise sing praise

Pre-Chorus: Sing praise sing praise

Chorus: Forever God is faithful
Forever God is strong
Forever God is with us
Forever forever

3. From the rising to the setting sun
His love endures forever
And by the grace of God
We will carry on
His love endures forever
Sing praise sing praise

Pre-Chorus: Sing praise sing praise

Chorus: Forever God is faithful
Forever God is strong
Forever God is with us
Forever forever (*Repeat chorus 1x*)

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The Benediction

Silent Prayer

Postlude

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	8:00 a.m.	10:30a.m
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Pastor	Rev. Marty Marks	Rev. Marty Marks
Children's Message	Pastor Marty	Pastor Marty
Acolyte	Michael Martinez	Irene Pringnitz
Lay Reader	Raegan Andsager	Angela Pringnitz
Radio Narrator	Chris Ewald	---
Videographer/Sound	Mark Misic	Nathan Allen
Slides	Doug Nelson	Doug Nelson
Ushers	Ken Boldt, Jackson Harms & Russ Peterson	Jen Allen, Dan Lohmeier & Will Michels

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