

*Tradition* 1. a time-honored practice  
2. the passing down of elements of a culture  
from generation to generation



**Feb. 22, 2026**

**8 and 11 AM Worship**

PRELUDE	“This Little Light of Mine”	Behnke
WELCOME		
CHORUS	“We Are Marching in the Light of God”	2235-b

**PREPARING OUR HEARTS**

**\*WE'RE CALLED TO WORSHIP**

Leader: As darkness gives way to light and winter sleep to fresh beginnings,

**People: We come today to be reminded of God's love for us.**

Leader: Like the green shoots of renewed life, stirring beneath the soil,

**People: We welcome an awakening of God's word in our lives.**

Leader: In this time of reflection and repentance,

**People: We affirm our identity, we claim our security, as children of God.**

**\*OPENING HYMN** “I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light” 206

**\*CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER/SILENT PRAYER/LORD'S PRAYER**

**Heavenly Lord, Your Son confronted the powers of darkness**

**that obscure Your compassion and love for all of creation:**

**help us to use these days to grow in wisdom and prayer,**

**so that we may witness to that saving love proclaimed in Jesus**

**Christ our Savior.**

**GREETING**

**HEARING GOD'S WORD**

SPECIAL MUSIC (8 AM)	“Light of the World” Sanctuary Choir	Raney
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SPECIAL MUSIC (11 AM)	“O, Worship the King” Marshall Thackara, piano	
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SCRIPTURE	John 8:12-16	
HYMN	“Christ Is the World’s Light”	188
MESSAGE	“I Am...the Light of the World”	Pastor Melissa

**RESPONSE TO GOD’S WORD**

GIVING TO GOD	<i>In love, God gives us more than enough, and we spread God’s love by generously sharing what we have received.</i>	
OFFERTORY	“This Little Light of Mine”	Rinehart
*RESPONSE	“Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow”	95
*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING		

**TAKING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD**

*CLOSING HYMN	“This Little Light of Mine”	585
*BENEDICTION		
*POSTLUDE	“We Are Marching in the Light of God”	Behnke



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