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**Fifth Sunday after Epiphany**

**February 9, 2025, 9:00 am**

***Introduction to the day…***

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The fifth Sunday after Epiphany continues to highlight unlikely instruments and circumstances appointed to reveal God’s glory. “Who will go for us?” God asks. A person of unclean lips, a former persecutor of the church of God, and three fishermen who couldn’t catch a thing. More surprising still, perhaps, is that we are also called.

**GATHERING**

**GATHERING HYMN Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty ELW 413**

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,

our creator,

our protector,

our wellspring of life.

**Amen.**

Trusting that God receives our words and the meditations of our hearts, let us confess our sin.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Merciful God,

**you speak blessing and compassion into the world.**

**Forgive us for the ways we act**

**with judgment, cruelty, or indifference.**

A vase of flowers on a table

Description automatically generated**We ignore the needs of our neighbors;**

**we resist your call to oppose injustice;**

**we give in to scarcity and fear;**

**we assume the worst about one another.**

**Cleanse us from our faults**

**and release us from their grasp.**

**Show us your lovingkindness.**

**Restore our hearts and repair your world,**

**that we may live in Christ’s ways.**

**Amen.**

God proclaims these words of assurance:

“Do not fear, for I have redeemed you.

I have called you by name. You are mine.”

In ☩ Christ, you are forgiven.

In the Spirit, you are made free.

Refreshed by the waters of mercy,

live anew as beloved children of God.

**Amen.**

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**Most holy God, the earth is filled with your glory, and before you angels and saints stand in awe. Enlarge our vision to see your power at work in the world, and by your grace make us heralds of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**

**Amen.**

**CHILDREN’S MUSIC Have No Fear, Little Flock (v.1) ELW 764**

**CHILDREN’S MESSAGE**

**SCRIPTURE READINGS**

**FIRST READING: Isaiah 6:1-8 [9-13]**

1 In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty, and the hem of his robe filled the temple. 2 Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. 3 And one called to another and said,  
 “Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts;  
 the whole earth is full of his glory.”  
4 The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. 5 And I said, “Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips, yet my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts!”  
  6 Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. 7 The seraph touched my mouth with it and said, “Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out.” 8 Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, “Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?” And I said, “Here am I; send me!” [9 And he said, “Go and say to this people:  
 ‘Keep listening, but do not comprehend;  
 keep looking, but do not understand.’  
 10 Make the mind of this people dull,  
  and stop their ears,  
  and shut their eyes,  
 so that they may not look with their eyes  
  and listen with their ears  
 and comprehend with their minds  
  and turn and be healed.”  
 11 Then I said, “How long, O Lord?” And he said,  
 “Until cities lie waste  
  without inhabitant,  
 and houses without people,  
  and the land is utterly desolate;  
 12 until the Lord sends everyone far away,  
  and vast is the emptiness in the midst of the land.  
 13 Even if a tenth part remain in it,  
  it will be burned again,  
 like a terebinth or an oak  
  whose stump remains standing  
  when it is felled.”  
 (The holy seed is its stump.)]

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM: Psalm 138**

1 I will give thanks to you, O Lord, with my whole heart;  
 before the gods I will sing your praise.  
2 **I will bow down toward your holy temple and praise your name, because of your steadfast love and faithfulness;**  
 **for you have glorified your name and your word above all things.**  
3 When I called, you answered me;  
 you increased my strength within me.  
4 **All the rulers of the earth will praise you, O Lord,**  
 **when they have heard the words of your mouth.**  
5 They will sing of the ways of the Lord,  
 that great is the glory of the Lord.  
6 **The Lord is high, yet cares for the lowly,**  
 **perceiving the haughty from afar.**  
7 Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you keep me safe;  
 you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies; your right hand shall save me.  
8 **You will make good your purpose for me;**  
 **O Lord, your steadfast love endures forever; do not abandon the works of your hands.**

**SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 15:1-11**

1 Now I want you to understand, brothers and sisters, the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, 2 through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you—unless you have come to believe in vain.  
  3 For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures 4 and that he was buried and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures 5 and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. 6 Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. 7 Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. 8 Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. 9 For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. 10 But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me has not been in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them, though it was not I but the grace of God that is with me. 11 Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you believed.

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION ACS pg. 33**

**GOSPEL: Luke 5:1-11**

1 Once while Jesus was standing beside the Lake of Gennesaret and the crowd was pressing in on him to hear the word of God, 2 he saw two boats there at the shore of the lake; the fishermen had gotten out of them and were washing their nets. 3 He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little way from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat. 4 When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, “Put out into the deep water and let down your nets for a catch.” 5 Simon answered, “Master, we have worked all night long but have caught nothing. Yet if you say so, I will let down the nets.” 6 When they had done this, they caught so many fish that their nets were beginning to burst. 7 So they signaled their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both boats, so that they began to sink. 8 But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus’s knees, saying, “Go away from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man!” 9 For he and all who were with him were astounded at the catch of fish that they had taken, 10 and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. Then Jesus said to Simon, “Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching people.” 11 When they had brought their boats to shore, they left everything and followed him.

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**SERMON**

**HYMN OF THE DAY Here I Am, Lord ELW 574**

**APOSTLES’ CREED**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,**

**creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,**

**who was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit,**

**A wooden cross on a book

Description automatically generatedborn of the Virgin Mary,**

**suffered under Pontius Pilate,**

**was crucified, died, and was buried;**

**he descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again;**

**he ascended into heaven,**

**he is seated at the right hand of the Father,**

**and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,**

**the holy catholic Church,**

**the communion of saints,**

**the forgiveness of sins,**

**the resurrection of the body,**

**and the life everlasting. Amen.**

**PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

…God of grace,

**hear our prayer**

We entrust our prayers to you, O God, in the sure and certain hope that your promise is revealed among the people.

**Amen.**

**PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you always.  
**And also with you.**

**HOLY COMMUNION**

**OFFERING***In addition to our normal offering, a* ***Special Benevolence in February*** *(collected in a special*

*envelope) will be the* ***Orenda Center. (More information can be found on the last page of this bulletin)***

**OFFERING SONG**  **I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light ELW 815**

**OFFERTORY PRAYER**

God of grace, your love reaches to the heavens,

and your abundance to the depths of the seas.

Bless what we offer to your service:

A candle flame in the dark

Description automatically generatedour gifts, our abilities, and our hearts.

Let us overflow with gratitude and generosity,

now and always.

**Amen.**

**GREAT THANKSGIVING**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give our thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

**Holy, Holy, Holy ACS pg. 36**

**THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE**

O God most mighty,

O God most merciful,

O God our rock and our salvation,

hear us as we praise,

call us to your table,

grant us your life.

When the earth was a formless void,

you formed order and beauty.

When Abraham and Sarah were barren,

you sent them a child;

When the Israelites were enslaved,

you led them to freedom.

Ruth faced starvation, David fought Goliath,

and the psalmists cried out for healing,

and full of compassion, you granted the people your life.

You entered our sorrows in Jesus our brother.

He was born among the poor,

he lived under oppression,

he wept over the city.

With infinite love, he granted the people your life.

In the night in which he was betrayed,

our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;

broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:

Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup,

gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying:

This cup is the new covenant in my blood,

shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering his death, we cry out Amen. **Amen.**

Celebrating his resurrection, we shout Amen. **Amen.**

Trusting his presence in every time and place, we plead Amen. **Amen.**

O God, you are Breath: send your Spirit on this meal.

O God, you are Bread: feed us with yourself.

O God, you are Wine:

warm our hearts and make us one.

O God, you are Fire: transform us with hope.

O God most majestic, O God most motherly,

O God our strength and our song,

you show us a vision of a tree of life

with fruits for all and leaves that heal the nations.

Grant us such life,

the life of the Father to the Son,

the life of the Spirit of our risen Savior,

life in you, now and forever.

**Amen.**

**THE LORD’S PRAYER**

**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.**

**INVITATION TO COMMUNION** *- Certified gluten-free crackers are in the bowl on the communion plate.*

The joy of the Lord is our strength.

****Come, eat this meal of gladness.

**HOLY COMMUNION**

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Nourishing God,

at this table you have refreshed us

with holy gifts of food and drink.

Strengthen us for service,

and send us out to embody your good news

of liberation and healing for the sake of the world.

In the name of Christ we pray,

**Amen.**

**SENDING**

**BLESSING**

The Spirit of the triune God

☩ bless you with joy,

anoint you with compassion,

and send you in love.

**Amen.**

**CLOSING HYMN Go Now with God**

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| 1 Filledwith the Holly Spirit Go now with God, go now with God Into the world as a servant Go now with God, go now with God. | 3 Waters of mercy have found us Go now with God, go now with God Grace on the journey surrounds us  Go now with God, go now with God. ***Refrain*** |
| ***Refrain*** Go now, go now, go now with God Go now, go now, go now with God. | 4 Crossing every boundary, every nation  Go now with God, go now with God  Dancing in the gift of liberation  Go now with God, go now with God. ***Refrain*** |
| 2 Offering a hand to a stranger Go now with God, go now with God Trusting in the risen savior Go now with God, go now with God. ***Refrain*** | By Hans Peterson and Larry Olson; 2006 Dakota Road Music |
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**DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Live in hope.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Pastor Katie’s Office Hours**: Monday-Thursday 9am-2pm. Tuesday mornings at Uptown Coffee. Afternoons available by appointment. You are welcome to stop in any time for conversation or concerns.

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| **Coming up at GSLC** | | |
| Sunday, February 9 | 9:00 am | Worship Service   * Fifth Sunday after Epiphany * Luke 5:1-11; Jesus calls the disciples to fish for people |
| Tuesday, February 11 | 6:30 pm | Council Meeting |
|  | 7:00 pm | AA Meeting |
| Wednesday, February 12 | 7:00 pm | Midweek Worship  Confirmation Class |
| Sunday, February 16 | 9:00 am | Worship Service – Sunday School   * Sixth Sunday after Epiphany * Luke 6:17-26; Jesus speaks blessings on the poor and hungry; woes on the rich and full |

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| ***Upcoming Worship Assistants*** | | | | | | |
|  | **Usher** | **Lector** | **Communion** | **Offering Counters** | | **Deep Clean** |
| February 9 | Tammy Neumann | Richard Kopitzke | Nancy Leonard  Ron Rothfusz | Nancy Leonard | Rob Mader | February:  Dave & Shelly Schneider  Bruce & Nancy Tibbett |
| February 16 | John & Jennifer Rickinger | Julie Will | Dan & Pam Mundt | Robin Beeman | David Schneider |
| February 23 | Bruce & Nancy Tibbett | Christine Tipping | Matt & Margo Berrier | Heidi Binder | Kami Weis |
| March 2 | Matt & Margo Berrier | Jon Hill | John Wagner  Sarah Kopitzke | Pam Mundt | Margo Berrier | March:  Chris Tipping  Julie Will  Andrea Hovick |

Names on the prayer list will now default to 6 weeks. If you would like a name to remain on the list longer, please let Pastor Katie know.

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SOS had 100 clients in the month of January 2025. The need is expected to grow in the next few months. Local churches have been asked to donate specific foods to help meet this need. Good Shepherd has been asked to provide noodle mix and rice mix.  Your continued generosity greatly appreciated.

Thank you to all the Good Shepherd members for their support.

**Urgently need: rice mix and noodle mix.**

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| A bouquet of roses and balloons in a pot  Description automatically generatedFun Valentine Craft Gathering  Join us! After Worship today, we will have a Valentine craft gathering in the fellowship hall. Snacks will be provided. |

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| **Notification from Outreach Ministry**  The February Pass Around offering will go to the Orenda Center. PDC faces an unsustainable budget shortfall of $600,000 due to state and federal funding reductions. These cuts have put programs and services at risk and jeopardize their ability to provide safety and stability to many individuals in our community. |

**There will be fellowship time after worship one Sunday a month. Please sign up on the table in the narthex.**



**Bible Study is returning for Lent!**

We’ll follow a series on Exodus beginning Wednesday, March 12 at noon. All are welcome to join!

Session 1: Exodus 1:8-2:10

Session 2: Exodus 2:11-25

Session 3: Exodus 3 & 4

Session 4: Exodus 14

Session 5: Exodus 16:2-30

Session 6: Exodus 17:1-7

The Reconciling in Christ team will be hosting a 6-week book study on *Unclobber: Rethinking Our Misuse of the Bible on Homosexuality* to discuss how the Bible has been used as a tool to discriminate against the LGBTQ+ community. The book study will begin after worship on Sunday, March 9th. Books will be available for pickup from church.