Holy Trinity Lutheran Church February 9, 2025 - 9:30 a.m.



Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

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.

Service of Word and Sacrament

In the bulletin: The asterisk (*) invites you to stand as you are able. Boldface type indicates the congregation's responses. At the sign of the cross (\pm), you are invited to make that same sign upon yourself in remembrance of your baptism.

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

Trumpet Tune

John Stanley, arr. Purvis

*Confession and Forgiveness

Please stand if you are able.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who creates us and forms us, who redeems us and calls us, who unites us and sends us.

Amen.

Gathered in God's presence, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Merciful God,

we pour out our hearts before you. We have known you but have not always loved you. We have wounded one another and sinned against you. We have not always recognized the Holy Spirit dwelling in each of us. Remember your covenant. Renew your creation. Restore us, that we might proclaim your good news to all.

Amen.

In + Christ, you are forgiven. In the Spirit, you are set free. Refreshed by the waters of mercy, live anew as beloved children of God.

Thanks be to God.



Text: Reginald Heber, 1783–1826, alt. Music: NICAEA, John B. Dykes, 1823–1876

*Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

Glory Be to God



Prayer of the Day

Please be seated.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lord Jesus,

you meet us where we are and call us to follow. Strengthen us, we pray, by the power of your Spirit, so that we may not hesitate to respond to your invitation to discipleship.

Amen.

Choral Anthem

Seek Ye First

Lafferty/Pachelbel/Wagner

₩ WORD ₩

First Reading: Isaiah 6:1-8

Through a vision in the temple, the eighth-century prophet Isaiah is called by God to announce judgment against Israel. Aware of his sinfulness and shortcomings, Isaiah is initially hesitant. But when God calls, Isaiah responds, "Here am I; send me!"

A reading from Isaiah.

¹ In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of the Lord's robe filled the temple. ² Seraphs were in attendance above the Lord; 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 the glory of the Lord."

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 Sovereign, 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."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 138

Refrain



¹I will give thanks to you, O Lord, with ¹ my whole heart; before the gods I will ¹ 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 a- | bove all things. R

- ³When I called, you ¹ answered me; you increased my ¹ 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 ¹ of the Lord, that great is the glory ¹ of the Lord.

⁶ The Lord is high, yet cares [|] for the lowly, perceiving the haughty [|] from afar. R

⁷Though 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 pur- ' pose for me; O Lord, your steadfast love endures forever; do not abandon the works ' of your hands. R

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:1-11

Paul delivers in a nutshell the story of the gospel that was given to him. In the lineage of the Christian faith, we have received the good news of God's love from generations of believers before us, and we continue to tell this story to the world.

A reading from 1 Corinthians.

¹Now I would remind you, brothers and sisters, of 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, Christ 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 God's 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 have come to believe.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

*Gospel Acclamation

Please stand if you are able.



*Gospel: Luke 5:1-11

Jesus' teaching of God's word has begun to draw great crowds. For Simon, James, and John, Jesus' teaching inspires hospitality, then obedience, and then risk. After Jesus' creative power is revealed, fear and amazement leads these three fishermen to leave everything behind to become apostles.

The Holy Gospel according to Luke the 5th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹Once while Jesus was standing beside the lake of Gennesaret, and the crowd was pressing in on him to hear the word of God, ²he saw two boats there at the shore of the lake; those who were fishing had gone out of the boats and were washing their nets. ³Jesus 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 Jesus had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into the deep water and let down your nets for a catch." ⁵Simon answered, "Master, we have worked all night long but have caught nothing. Yet if you say so, I will let down the nets." ⁶When they had done this, they caught so many fish that their nets were beginning to break. ⁷So 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. ⁸But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, "Go away from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man!" ⁹For Simon and all who were with him were amazed 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 human beings." ¹¹When they had brought their boats to shore, they left everything and followed Jesus.

The Gospel of the Lord. Praise to you, O Christ.

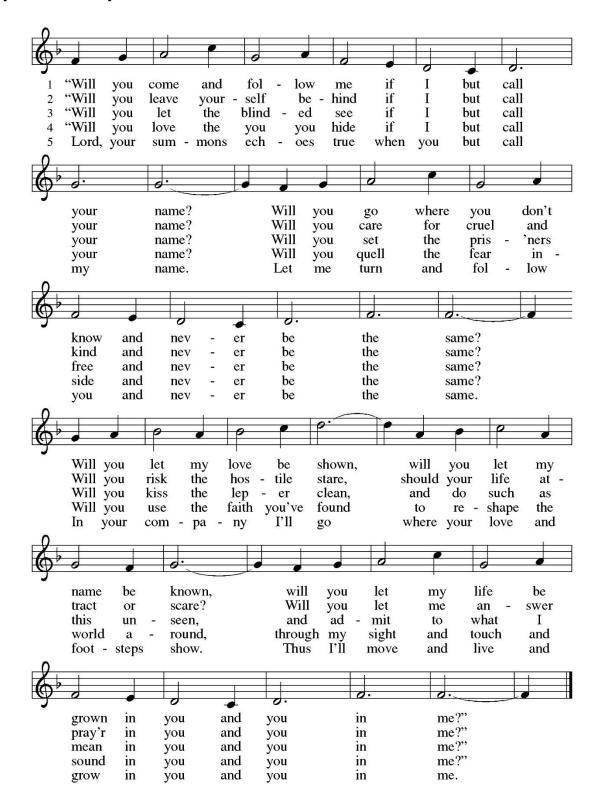
Prayer for Understanding

Please be seated.

Lord Jesus,

open our eyes to your kingdom, open our ears to your word, open our hearts to your call.

Amen.



Text: John L. Bell, b. 1949
 Music: KELVINGROVE, Scottish traditional
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*Apostles' Creed

Please stand if you are able.

With the whole church let us confess our faith.

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 Holy Spirit, born 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

Please be seated.

Gathered together by God's Spirit, we pray for the church, the world, and all those in need.

A brief silence.

For the church. Give us courage to answer your call and keep us faithful to your life-giving word. Send us out to be the good news of your love for all people. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

For the earth. For tundra and forests, grasslands and deserts, for those who fish and those who farm. For ranchers, gardeners, and all whose work brings food to our tables. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

For the nations. Grant wisdom to those in authority. Strengthen peacemakers, ambassadors, military personnel, and disaster relief workers. Protect families who have to leave their homes because of natural disasters, war, or rejection by their communities. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

For those in need. For those who lives are in turmoil, for those who wrestle with addiction, for those burdened by anxiety and self-doubt. For those who grieve, and those who are ill. We pray for all those on our prayer list, especially...Norm's family, Betty, Deryl, and Milos' family. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

For this congregation, for those who prepare this space for worship and those who nurture others in the faith; for those who plan opportunities for others to connect, and those who reach out in service to our community. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

For those who have died and now rest in your presence. Sustain us in hope of the resurrection and bring us into the joy of unending life in you. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your grace and mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

MEAL 🕸

*Sharing of the Peace

Please stand if you are able.

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

We share the peace of Christ with one another and then we are seated.



Text: African American spiritual Music: THIS JOY, African American spiritual; arr. Horace Clarence Boyer, b. 1935 Arr. © Horace Clarence Boyer, admin. Augsburg Fortress.

Offering Prayer

Please remain seated.

Holy One,

we give you thanks for your generosity to us. Bless the gifts we bring and multiply them, for the sake of those in need around us, in Jesus' name.

Amen.

Invitation to the Table

Christ comes to us in, with and under the bread and wine to nourish our faith. The uncontainable presence, grace, love, forgiveness and

mercy of Christ come to us in this simple meal that spans all time and space. All of God's children – regardless of denominational background – are welcome and invited to share it with us.

*The Great Thanksgiving

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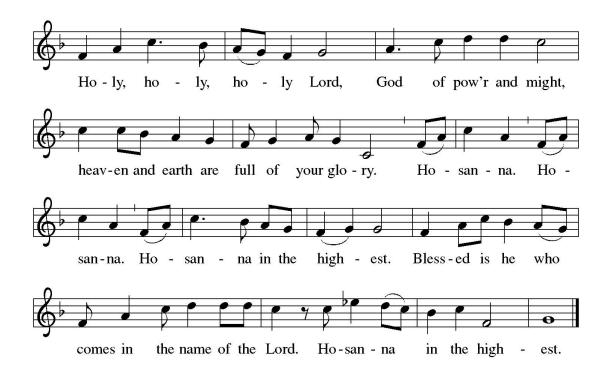
The Lord be with you. And also with you. Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, O God, through our Savior Jesus Christ.

By the leading of a star he was shown forth to all nations; in the waters of the Jordan you proclaimed him your beloved Son; and in the miracle of water turned to wine he revealed your glory.

And so, with the all the choirs of angels,

with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



*Prayer at the Table

Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord, heaven and earth are full of your glory.
In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son, who reached out to heal the sick and suffering, who preached good news to the poor, and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

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, therefore,

his death, resurrection, and ascension, we await his coming in glory.

Pour out upon us

the Spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food, the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord; to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever.



*The Lord's Prayer

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

> 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.

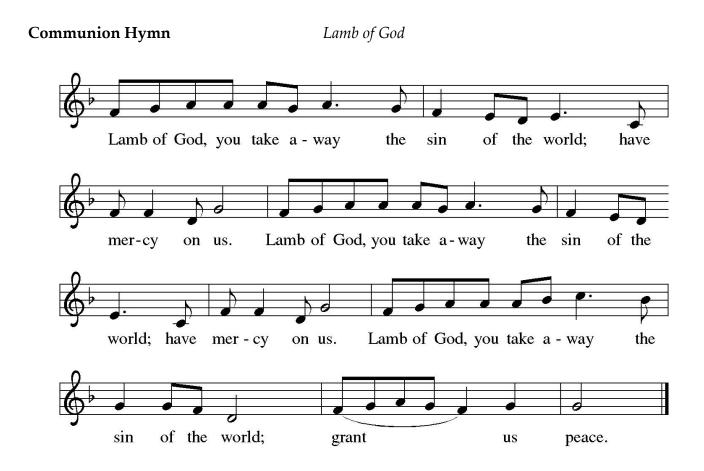
> > Amen.

Please be seated.

The Communion

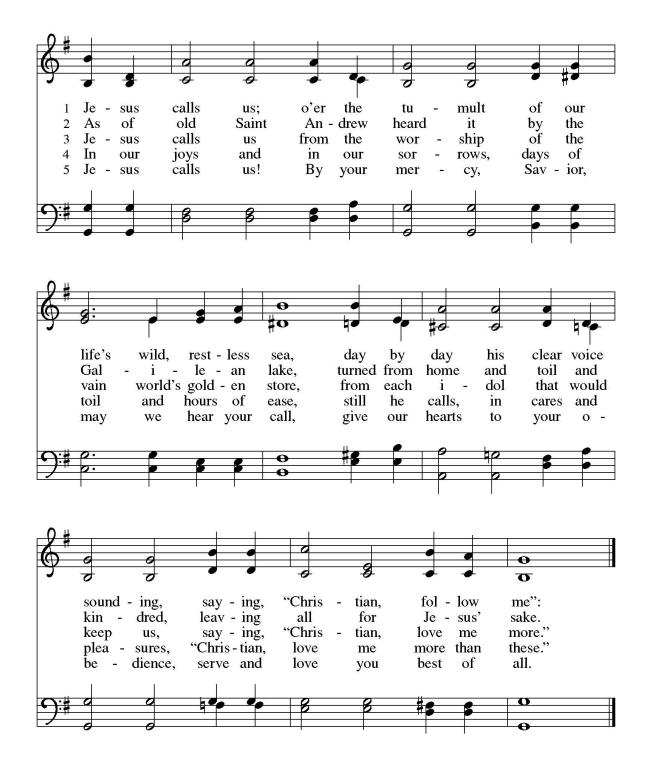
Come to the table. There is a place for you and enough for all.

Amen.



Those celebrating with us from your homes: please share the bread and wine or grape juice with one another using these words: The Body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you. An Amen or Thanks be to God is spoken in response to these gifts.

Those celebrating with us in person: Please come forward by the center aisle to receive a wafergluten free wafers are also available - and an individual cup of wine or white grape juice from those serving. Please return to your seat by the side aisle.



Text: Cecil Frances Alexander, 1818–1895 Music: GALILEE, William H. Jude, 1851–1922

✤ SENDING ✤

Prayer after Communion

Please remain seated.

We give you thanks, gracious God, for feeding us at your table. Send us from this place to extend your love and grace to all in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

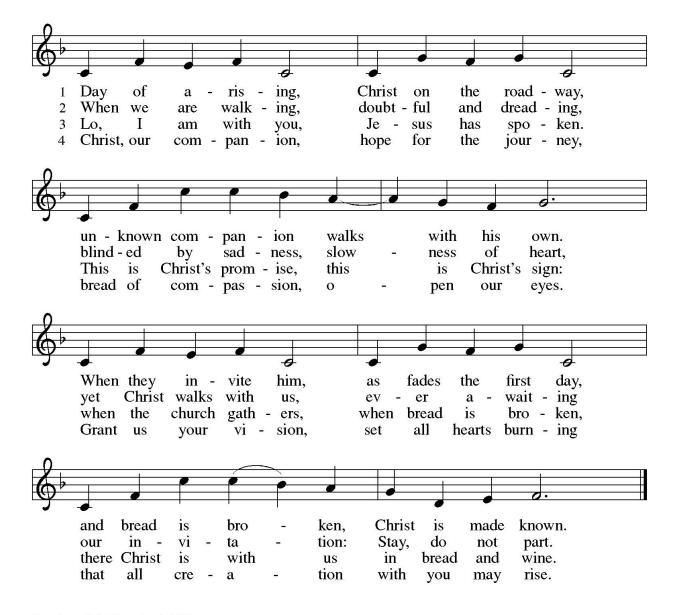
Amen.

*Blessing

Please stand if you are able.

God, who knows you by name, rejoices over you, and calls you to serve, + bless you now and always.

Amen.



Text: Susan Palo Cherwien, b. 1953 Music: RAABE, Carl F. Schalk, b. 1929 Text © 1996 Susan Palo Cherwien, admin. Augsburg Fortress. Music © 1999 Augsburg Fortress.

*Dismissal

Go in peace. Share the good news.

We go to connect people to Jesus through love and the Word of God.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude

The Emperor's Fanfare

Antonio Soler, arr. Biggs

As the last act of worship, you are invited to remain for the Postlude. If you do not wish to stay, please be respectful of those who are listening.

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The Love Offering for February will go to Lutheran Disaster Response: LA Wildfires. Multiple wildfires have broken out across Los Angeles County in California, with over 100,000 people under evacuation orders. Sparked by dry conditions, strong winds and a limited water supply, these fires have destroyed homes and businesses and have led to injuries and loss of life. Your gifts to Lutheran Disaster Response equip us to respond to wildfires and other disasters, wherever and whenever they strike. Learn more at <u>ELCA.org/wildfires</u>.

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This Week at Holy Trinity

Sunday, 2/9	9:30 a.m.	Worship	
	10:45 a.m.	Coffee Fellowship	
	4:00 p.m.	Second Sundays - Room 202	
Monday, 2/10	10:30 a.m.	Hymn Planning Meeting - Church Office	
Tuesday, 2/11	6:30 p.m.	Worship & Music Meeting - Zoom	
	6:30 p.m.	Derbytown Chorus - Fellowship Hall	
Wednesday, 2/12	9:00 a.m.	Morning Devotions - Facebook	
	10:30 a.m.	Personnel Meeting - Chapel Lounge	
Thursday, 2/13	6:30 p.m.	Bell Choir - Sanctuary	
-	7:30 p.m.	Chancel Choir - Sanctuary	
Friday, 2/14	9:00 a.m.	Faith 5 Check-In - Zoom	
Saturday, 2/15	8:30 a.m.	Men's Bible Study - Church Office	
	9:00 a.m.	Women's Bible Study - Room 202	
Sunday, 2/16	9:30 a.m.	Worship (Service of the Word -Rachel Núñez preaching)	
	10:45 a.m.	Coffee Fellowship	

February 9, 2025 Worship Stewards

Reader: Gregg Loesch Assisting Minister: Rachel Núñez Communion Assistant: Joanne Aller

In Our Prayers...

<u>February 9:</u> The family of Norm Richenbacher (member), Betty Oberdorfer (member), Deryl MacRitchie (friend of Frederica Cohen), The family of Milos Papich (friend of the Kimbles).

February 2: Norm Richenbacher (member) and the family of Dick Sebastian.

January 26: Joan Derrig (member), Bill Niemann (uncle of Rachel Núñez), Rachel Cheuk (daughter of the Kimbles), Gene Thrall (member), Sally Richenbacher (member), Jo Ameling (member), and Sandy Plummer (member).

January 19: Cindy White (nephew of Stephen White), John Shea (Stephen White's husband), Leslie Kissel (neighbor of Stephen White), Teresa McGee (friend of Stephen White), Connie Archbold (member), Ian Richenbacher (grandson of the Richenbachers), Joanie Baumgardner (sister-in-law of Tom Baumgardner), Carmen Herring (friend of Frederica Cohen), and Kris Dietrich (relative of Frederica Cohen).

The names of those making the request will be printed next to the name of the person being prayed for. We kindly ask those making the request to keep our prayer list coordinators updated as to the status of the person they are requesting prayer for. We would be glad to continue praying for individuals (adding them for another four weeks) upon request. If you have updates or additions to the prayer list, please contact Sally Richenbacher, Rachel Núñez, or Pastor Becki Verbridge.

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