

# FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY February 9, 2025 at 8:45am & 11:15am

# Saint Luke Lutheran Church and School

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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.

## THE GATHERING

**PRELUDE** 

L'ANGELUS: MÉLODIE RELIGIEUSE, OP. 88, No. 1

William E Ashmall (1859 –1927)

#### **WELCOME**

#### **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

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. 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.



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

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#### **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.



Text: John W. Arthur, b. 1922 Music: J. Bert Carlson, b. 1937

#### 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.

Please be seated.

# THE WORD

FIRST READING Isaiah 6:1-13

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!"

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. 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. And one called to another and said, "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory." The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. 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!" Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. 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." 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!" And he said, "Go and say to this people: 'Keep listening, but do not comprehend; keep looking, but do not understand.' 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." 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; until the Lord sends everyone far away, and vast is the emptiness in the midst of the land. 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.)

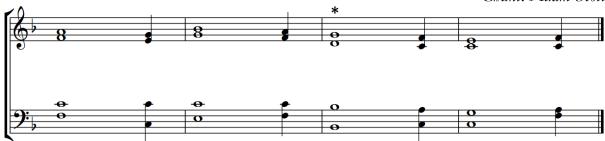
The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

**PSALTER** 

**PSALM 138** 

Chant: Adam Scott Graham



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

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.

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, 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. 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 and that he was buried and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. 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. Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you believed.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.



All: Alleluia.

Choir: Jesus says, | Follow me,

and I will make you | fish for people.

All: Alleluia.

GOSPEL READING 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 Saint Luke, the fifth chapter.

## Glory to you, O Lord.

Once while Jesus was standing beside the Lake of Gennesaret and the crowd was pressing in on him to hear the word of God, he saw two boats there at the shore of the lake; the fishermen had gotten out of them and were washing their nets. 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. When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into the deep water and let down your nets for a catch." Simon answered, "Master, we have worked all night long but have caught nothing. Yet if you say so, I will let down the nets." When they had done this, they caught so many fish that their nets were beginning to burst. 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. 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!" For he and all who were with him were astounded at the catch of fish that they had taken, 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." 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 Pastor Miller

Please stand as you are able.

#### ELW 798-WILL YOU COME AND FOLLOW ME



Text: John L. Bell, b. 1949 Music: Scottish traditional Tune: KELVINGROVE

#### **APOSTLE'S CREED**

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

With the Spirit of Christ shining upon us, let us boldly pray for the church, the world, and all of creation.

After each portion of the prayers:

God of grace,

hear our prayer.

The prayers conclude:

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.

All may share a sign of Peace. Please be seated.

## THE MEAL



#### **OFFERING**

We invite you to give your offering online at <u>saintlukegive.us</u> or place it in the offering plate, or use this QR code with your device to securely give your Offering.

You may also mail your checks to:

Saint Luke Lutheran Church 9100 Colesville Road Silver Spring, MD 20910

## **CHORAL ANTHEM (8:45)**

Jesus, My Lord and God John Ferguson (1941–2025) RSCM Choristers

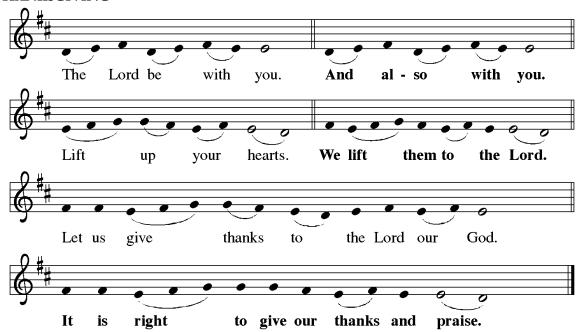
#### OFFERING PRAYER

Please stand as you are able.

Let us pray.

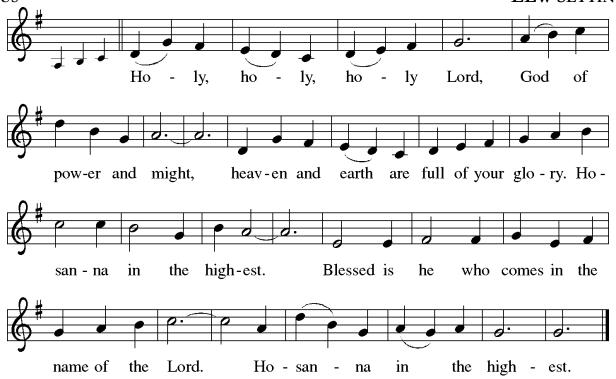
God of grace, your love reaches to the heavens, and your abundance to the depths of the seas. Bless what we offer to your service: our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts. Let us overflow with gratitude and generosity, now and always. Amen.

#### **GREAT THANKSGIVING**



It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS ELW SETTING ONE



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.

#### LORD'S PRAYER

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

#### Please pray in your own preferred language.

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.

Padre Nuestro, que estas en los cielos, santificado sea tu nombre, venga a nosostros tu reino, hagase tu voluntad, asi en la tierra como en el cielo. Danos hoy nuestro pan de cada dia; perdona nuestras ofensas, como nosotros perdonamos a los que nos ofenden; y no nos dejes caer en la tentacion, mas libranos del mal. Porque tuyo es el reino, el poder, y la gloria, por los siglos de los siglos. Amen.

#### **INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

The joy of the Lord is our strength. Come, eat this meal of gladness.

Thanks be to God.

Please be seated.

#### **COMMUNION**

All are invited to the Lord's table, a table of grace and mercy. There are stations at the foot of the chancel steps.

Please stretch out your hand, palm up, to receive the host, the body of Christ.

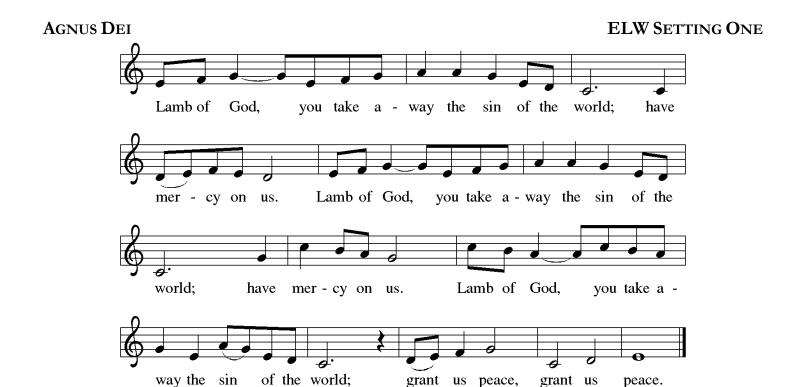
(Gluten-free wafers are available; please ask your server)

Then receive in the individual cup the blood of Christ. You may deposit your cup in the basket near the side wall. Those who wish to receive a blessing instead of the Lord's supper are also encouraged to come forward. Those who wish to receive the sacrament in the pew, please inform an usher. All are welcome to the Lord's table.

When giving the bread and cup, the communion ministers say:

The body of Christ, given for you. / The blood of Christ, shed for you.

The communicant may say: Amen.



#### **COMMUNION HYMN**

#### ELW 414-HOLY GOD, WE PRAISE YOUR NAME



Text: source unknown; tr. Clarence A. Walworth, 1820–1900

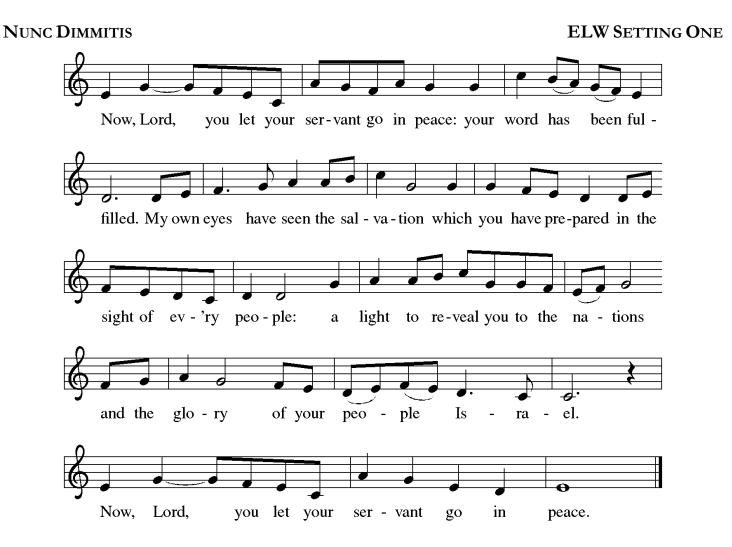
Music: Katholisches Gesangbuch, Vienna, 1774

Tune: GROSSER GOTT

#### **POST-COMMUNION BLESSING**

Please stand as you are able.

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you, and keep you in his grace. **Amen.** 



#### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray. 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.** 

#### **BLESSING**

The Spirit of the triune God ▶ bless you with joy, anoint you with compassion, and send you in love. **Amen.** 

#### SENDING HYMN

#### ELW 580-HOW CLEAR IS OUR VOCATION, LORD



- 1 How clear is our vo ca tion, Lord, when once we heed your call
- 2 But if, for-get-ful, we should find your yoke is hard to bear;
- 3 We mar vel how your saints be come in hin-dranc-es more sure;
- 4 In what you give us, Lord, to do, to geth er or a lone



to live ac-cord-ing to your word and dai - ly learn, re-freshed, re - stored, if world-ly pres-sures fray the mind and love it - self can - not un - wind whose joy - ful vir - tues put to shame the ca - sual way we wear your name, in old rou-tines or ven-tures new, may we not cease to look to you,



Text: Fred Pratt Green, 1903–2000 Music: C. Hubert H. Parry, 1848–1918

Tune: REPTON

#### **DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Live in hope.

Thanks be to God!

#### **POSTLUDE**

CHACONNE IN G MINOR

Louis Couperin (1626 –1661)

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## WORSHIP LEADERS

#### PRESIDING MINISTER

The Rev. Connie A. Miller Senior Pastor

READERS
Ed Wetzlar 8:45
Sarah Aderholdt 11:15

#### Assisting Ministers

The Rev. Richard Zawistoski Confirmation Pastor

Deacon Kyle Warfield

Director of Discipleship and High School Ministries

MUSICIANS

Adam Scott Graham Director of Music

Alix Evans Assistant Director of Music

Schola Cantorum (8:45) RSCM Choristers (8:45)

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**MIGHT YOU LIKE** to serve as a reader of the lessons on Sunday? We give thanks for all who share the word of God. If you can serve as a reader simply email stluke@saintluke.us and also note which service. Thank you.

**ALTAR FLOWERS** are a wonderful way to give glory to God, beautify the chancel and certainly honor or remember a loved one. If you might like to give altar flowers, go to <a href="www.saintluke.us">www.saintluke.us</a> and see the Atar Flower Dedication link in the left hand column. Thank you for considering this way of enhancing worship.

IT IS SAINT LUKE'S CUSTOM each year to celebrate our anniversary by helping another ministry, as we were helped when this congregation was organized. Last Sunday we celebrated 85 years! The Saint Luke Congregation Council has voted that this year's **Anniversary Offering** go to a congregation in the North Carolina Synod, ELCA, which saw much devastation due to hurricanes this past fall. You may give toward this offering at <a href="https://www.saintluke.us">www.saintluke.us</a> and simply then click *Anniversary Offering*. Thank you.

#### **COMMEMORATION**

Friday, February 14 – Cyril, monk, died 869; Methodius, bishop, died 885; missionaries to the Slavs: These two brothers from Thessalonika, Greece, were monks and were sent to bring Christianity to the Slavic people. In the course of their work they created a written language, inventing the Cyrillic alphabet for it, and translated the Bible and the liturgy.

# **SUNDAY, MARCH 2**

# **One Morning Service**

10:00 a.m. and Reception of New Members

followed by a Brief Special Congregation meeting (to elect the voting members attending synod assembly)

THEN approx. 11:00 a.m.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST (eggs, fruit, delicious bread and so much more!)

Time for some fellowship and fun before Ash Wednesday and the Penitential Season of Lent Begins

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR



### THIS WEEK AT SAINT LUKE

# SUNDAY, February 9–Fifth Sunday

after Epiphany

7:30am Tech Rehearsal 8:00am Schola Cantorum 8:00am RSCM Choristers 8:45am Worship (Hybrid)

10:00am New Members Gathering 10:00am Up for Discussion (Hybrid)

10:00am Sunday School

10:00am Affirmation of Baptism Class

11:15am Worship (Hybrid)

1:00pm Girl Scouts

MONDAY, February 10

9:00am CDS Classes 1:30pm CDS Aftercare

4:00pm After School Art Program -

Langley Park

5:00pm CDS Board Meeting (Zoom)

7:00pm Cub Scout Pack 249

7:00pm English class

7:00pm Stewardship Committee

## TUESDAY, February 11

9:00am CDS Classes
10:00am Behall Visitation
11:00am Behall Funeral
12:00pm Behall Reception
1:30pm CDS Aftercare
6:30pm Girl Scouts
7:00pm English Class

7:00pm Reformation Bells

## WEDNESDAY, February 12

7:00am Faith Connections (Zoom)

9:00am CDS Classes

10:00am Women in Community

1:30pm CDS Aftercare

3:00pm After School Tutoring

5:30pm RSCM Choristers

7:00pm English Class 7:30pm Schola Cantorum

7:30pm AA

## THURSDAY, February 13

9:00am CDS Classes1:3pm CDS Aftercare2:45pm Caring Project

7:30pm Centering Prayer (Zoom)

## FRIDAY, February 14

9:00am CDS Calsses

3:30pm After School Music

700pm Book & Video Discussion

Group

## SATURDAY, February 15

9:30am Quilters 9:30am AA 11:00am Al-Anon

# SUNDAY, February 16-Sixth Sunday

after Epiphany

7:30am Tech Rehearsal8:00am Schola Cantorum8:45am Worship (Hybrid)

10:00am Up for Discussion (Hybrid)

10:00am Sunday School

10:00am Affirmation of Baptism Class

11:15am Worship (Hybrid) 5:00pm Worship (Hybrid)

6:00pm Reception