



# St. John's Lutheran Church

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

God's work. Our hands.



## *5<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Epiphany*

*February 9, 2025*

*10:30 Service of the Word*

Simon Peter, an experienced fisherman, has an unsuccessful night. The next day his boat is used by Jesus, the traveling evangelist from Nazareth, as a floating platform to teach the crowds who have gathered along the lakeshore. Then Jesus gives Simon some really foolish advice – drop the nets for a catch. Simon knows full well this will not work. Does he do it out of desperation? Maybe he's trying to make a fool of this Jesus fellow. Whatever his motives, his nets are soon so full of fish they threaten to sink the boat. What will Simon now do with this great haul of fish?

### *Welcome to worship today!*

If you are visiting with us we invite you to sign the Guest Book in the back of the sanctuary.

Large print bulletins are available on the usher's stand.

The Zoom feed for this service is shown in the nursery.

# † GATHERING †

## Prelude and Announcements

### Confession and Forgiveness

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

Almighty God, to whom our hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. 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 and self-examination*

Most merciful God,

**C: we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. 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. 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.**

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for you, and for his sake God forgives you all your sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ he gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

Gathering Hymn Lord I Lift Your Name on High

*(For music turn to Hymn 23 in the Songbook binder)*

- 1. Lord I lift your name on high;  
Lord I love to sing your praises.  
I'm so glad you're in my life;  
I'm so glad you came to save us.  
You came from heaven to earth to show the way,  
From the earth to the cross, my debt to pay.  
From the cross to the grave,**

**From the grave up to the sky,  
Lord I lift your name on high!**

2. **Show us all your ways, oh Lord;  
Teach us all your paths, oh Lord.  
You're the source of love and light;  
Source of wisdom and of might.  
Create a clean heart in me; renew my soul.  
Cast me not away from you, Support, console.  
I'm so glad you're in my life.  
Lord I love to sing your praise.  
Lord I lift your name on high!**
3. **Lord I lift your name on high;  
Lord I love to sing your praises.  
I'm so glad you're in my life;  
I'm so glad you came to save us.  
You came from heaven to earth to show the way,  
From the earth to the cross, my debt to pay.  
From the cross to the grave,  
From the grave up to the sky,  
Lord I lift your name on high!**

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*Greeting (2 Corinthians 13:13)*

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

**C: And also with you.**

*Gathering Dialog (John 1)*

A: In the beginning was the Word,

**C: and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.**

A: In the Word was life,

**C: and the life was the light of all people.**

A: The Word became flesh and lived among us,

**C: and we have seen his glory, full of grace and truth.**

*Prayer of the Day*

A: Let us pray...

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.

**C: Amen.**

† WORD †

*First Reading* Isaiah 6:1-8

B: 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. <sup>2</sup>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. <sup>3</sup>And one called to another and said:

“Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory.”

<sup>4</sup>The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke.

<sup>5</sup>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!” <sup>6</sup>Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. <sup>7</sup>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.” <sup>8</sup>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!”

*After the reading the reader may say:* The Word of the Lord

**C: Thanks be to God.**

*Scripture Poetry* Psalm 138 (read responsively)

D: I thank you with all I am,  
I join heaven’s chorus.

**C: I bow toward your holy temple,  
to praise your name.**

D: By your love and fidelity,  
you display to all  
the glory of your name and promise.  
As soon as I call, you act,  
renewing my strength.

**C: Around the world,  
rulers praise you  
for your commanding words.**

D: They sing of your ways,  
“Great is your glory, Lord.”

**C: Though high up,  
you see the lowly;  
though far away,  
you keep an eye on the proud.**

D: When I face an opponent,  
you keep me alive.  
You reach out your hand,  
your right hand saves me.

**C: Lord, take up my cause,  
your love lasts forever.  
Do not abandon  
what your hands have made.**

Second Reading 1 Corinthians 15:1-11

E: Now 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, <sup>2</sup>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. <sup>3</sup>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, <sup>4</sup>and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, <sup>5</sup>and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. <sup>6</sup>Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. <sup>7</sup>Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. <sup>8</sup>Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. <sup>9</sup>For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. <sup>10</sup>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. <sup>11</sup>Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe.

*After the reading the reader may say:* The Word of the Lord

**C: Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation (1 Corinthians 15:10)

**C: Alleluia. By the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me has not been in vain. Alleluia.**

Gospel Reading Luke 5:1-11

*The gospel is announced:*

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke the 5<sup>th</sup> chapter.

**C: 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, <sup>2</sup>he saw two boats there at the shore of the lake; the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. <sup>3</sup>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. <sup>4</sup>When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into the deep water and let down your nets for a catch." <sup>5</sup>Simon answered, "Master, we have worked all night long but have caught nothing. Yet if you say so, I will let down the nets." <sup>6</sup>When they had done this, they caught so many fish that their nets were beginning to break. <sup>7</sup>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. <sup>8</sup>But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, "Go away from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man!" <sup>9</sup>For he and all who were with him were amazed at the catch of fish that they had taken; <sup>10</sup>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." <sup>11</sup>When they had brought their boats to shore, they left everything and followed him.

*After the reading:*

The gospel of the Lord

**C: Praise to you O Christ.**

Sermon Skit

Hymn of the Day You Have Come Down to the Lakeshore

*For music turn to Hymn 817 in the Red Hymnal*

**1. You have come down to the lakeshore  
seeking neither the wise nor the wealthy,  
but only asking for me to follow.**

*Refrain* **Sweet Lord, you have looked into my eyes;  
kindly smiling, you've called out my name.  
On the sand I have abandoned my small boat;  
now with you, I will seek other seas.**

**2. You know full well what I have, Lord:  
neither treasure nor weapons for conquest,**

**just these my fish nets and will for working.** *Refrain*

**3. You need my hands, my exhaustion,  
working love for the rest of the weary  
a love that's willing to go on loving.** *Refrain*

**4. You who have fished other waters;  
you, the longing of souls that are yearning:  
O loving Friend, you have come to call me.** *Refrain*

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*Response to the Word*

In Christ you have heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation.

**C: We believe in him and are marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit.**

Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

**C: 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.**

A: Build yourselves up on your most holy faith;

**C: pray in the Holy Spirit.** *(Jude 20)*

A: Keep yourselves in the love of God;

**C: look forward to the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ.** *(Jude 21)*

A: If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation:

**C: Everything old has passed away;  
behold, everything has become new!**

(2 Corinthians 5:17)

*Installation of Church Council*

*Jennifer White and Nicholas Stuart have been elected to church council.*

The following people have been elected by the congregation to positions of leadership. We give thanks for their willingness to serve. In baptism we are welcomed into the body of Christ and sent to share in the mission of God; we rejoice now that these sisters and brothers will lead us in our common life and mutual mission as a congregation.

Will Jennifer White, Nicholas Stuart, and all previously elected church council members please come forward to the altar rail.

*Once they have arrived:*

A reading from First Corinthians: “There are a variety of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.” (1 Corinthians 12:4-7)

You have been elected to positions of leadership and trust in the congregation.

You are to see that the words and deeds of this household of faith bear witness to God, who gathers us into one together with the whole church.

You are to seek to involve all members of this congregation to worship, learning, witness, service, and support, so that the mission of Christ is carried out in this congregation, in the wider church, in this community, and in the whole world.

You are to be faithful in your specific area of serving, that the Spirit who empowers you may be glorified.

You are to be examples of faith active in love, fostering peace, harmony, and mutual understanding in this congregation.

On behalf of your sisters and brothers in Christ, I ask you:

Will you accept and faithfully carry out the duties of church council members to which you have been elected?

*Response:* I will, and I ask God to help me.

People of God, I ask you:



Will you support these, your elected leaders, and will you share in the mutual ministry that Christ has given to all who are baptized?"

**C: We will, and we ask God to help us.**

P: I now declare you installed as council members of this congregation. Almighty God bless you, and direct your days and your deeds in peace, that you may be faithful servants of Christ.

**C: Amen.**

*Peace*

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C: And also with you.**

Let us share that peace with one another.

*The congregation may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace.*

‡ THANKSGIVING ‡

*Special Music*

*Offering Prayer*

Let us pray: Merciful God,

**C: in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you embrace our lives with your great love for humanity. With joy and gladness we ask that these gifts may be for many a sign of that love, and that we may continue to share in your divine life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Prayer of the Church

“Draw Me to Yourself” from *Guerillas of Grace* by Ted Loder

In this moment  
draw me to yourself, Lord,  
and make me aware  
    not so much of what I’ve given  
    as of all I have received  
    and so have yet to share.  
Send me forth  
    in power and gladness  
    and with great courage  
    to live out in the world  
    what I pray and profess,  
that, in sharing,  
    I may do justice,  
    make peace,  
    grow in love,  
    enjoy myself,  
    other people,  
    and your world now,  
    and you forever.

**C: Amen.**

Lord’s Prayer

Lord remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

**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.**

† SENDING †

*Blessing*

The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make his face shine upon you  
and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look upon you with favor  
and give you peace.  
**C: Amen.**

*Sending Hymn* Praise to the Lord, the Almighty  
(For music turn to Hymn 858 in the Red Hymnal)

1. **Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!**  
**O my soul, praise him, for he is your health and salvation!**  
**Let all who hear**  
**Now to his temple draw near,**  
**Joining in glad adoration!**
2. **Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things is wondrously reigning.**  
**And, as on wings of an eagle, uplifting, sustaining.**  
**Have you not seen**  
**All that is needful has been**  
**Sent by his gracious ordaining?**
3. **Praise to the Lord, who will prosper your work and defend you.**  
**Surely his goodness and mercy shall daily attend you.**  
**Ponder anew**  
**What the Almighty can do**  
**If with his love he befriend you.**
4. **Praise to the Lord! Oh, let all that is in me adore him!**  
**All that has life and breath, come now with praises before him!**  
**Let the amen**  
**Sound from his people again.**  
**Gladly forever adore him!**

Text – Joachim Neander, 1650-1680; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1829-1878; Tune Ernewerten Gesangbuch, Stralsund, 1665

*Dismissal*

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.  
**C: God's Work. Our Hands.**

**Worship assistants TODAY:**

Greeters and Ushers     Mary and Greg Zuege  
Acolyte                     Charlotte Stroup  
Counters                    Linda Flood and Sue Kaufmann  
Coffee Hour

**Worship assistants for next Sunday, February 16**

Greeters and Ushers     John and Linda Thompson  
Acolyte                     Elijah Young  
Altar Care                   Linda Thompson  
Communion Assistant     Greg Zuege  
Counters                    Mary and Greg Zuege  
Coffee Hour

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