

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

February 9, 2025 – 9:30 a.m.

AS WE GATHER

Today we hear the “hook” God used to attract Isaiah as His prophet. With him, we are moved to respond, “Here am I! Send me.” Like Paul, we have a “line” to reel in people who might otherwise stray; we are called to speak clearly to be about the task of “building up the church.” But we are not called to introduce them to a sinker who will weigh them down, for Jesus has risen! Now He sets us up to “fish” for others, replacing their empty lives with God’s overflowing, eternal bounty. Today we let the Word move us into action, to use the hook and line God provides to follow our Lord and catch others for the One who has risen above our every weighty sin and empty life and calls us to follow.

PRELUDE “We Bow Down” -Twila Paris

HYMN “Chief of Sinners Though I Be” Sts. 1–3: *LSB* 611

1 Chief of sinners though I be,
Jesus shed His blood for me,
Died that I might live on high,
Lives that I might never die.
As the branch is to the vine,
I am His, and He is mine.

2 Oh, the height of Jesus’ love,
Higher than the heav’ns above,
Deeper than the depths of sea,
Lasting as eternity!
Love that found me—wondrous thought!
Found me when I sought Him not.

3 Only Jesus can impart
Balm to heal the wounded heart,
Peace that flows from sin forgiv’n,
Joy that lifts the soul to heav’n,
Faith and hope to walk with God
In the way that Enoch trod.
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INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES *Psalm* 71:12, 17–18

Pastor: O God, be not far from me;

People: O my God, make haste to help me!

Pastor: O God, from my youth You have taught me,

People: and I still proclaim Your wondrous deeds.

Pastor: So even to old age and gray hairs, O God, do not forsake me,

People: until I proclaim Your might to another generation, Your power to all those to come.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION *Luke 5:8; 1 Corinthians 14:14; Isaiah 6:5, 7*

Pastor: In our Gospel reading, after Peter sees Jesus' power and the miracle He wrought, he realized who he was standing before, the holy God. The realization terrified him, leading him to yell, "Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord." When Isaiah found himself in the heavenly throne room, he, too, had a similar experience. He cried out, "I am lost; for I am a man of unclean lips." Like them, as we come into the presence of the Holy Lord, let us confess our sins and receive His gracious forgiveness.

People: Heavenly Father, we confess that we have sinned in our thoughts, words, and deeds. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve your present and eternal punishment. We are sinful people, O Lord, and desire your grace for the sake of Jesus our Lord.

Pastor: Just as Jesus told Peter, "Don't be afraid," He proclaims that word of forgiveness to us as well. By the grace of God, Jesus died and rose for you, and has taken care of your sin. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

HYMN "Chief of Sinners Though I Be" Sts. 4–5: *LSB* 611

4 Chief of sinners though I be,
Christ is all in all to me;
All my wants to Him are known,
All my sorrows are His own.
He sustains the hidden life
Safe with Him from earthly strife.

5 O my Savior, help afford
By Your Spirit and Your Word!
When my wayward heart would stray,
Keep me in the narrow way;
Grace in time of need supply
While I live and when I die.
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KYRIE

Pastor: In peace let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

People: Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE "Holy God, We Praise Thy Name" *LSB* 940

1 Holy God, we praise Thy name;
Lord of all, we bow before Thee.
All on earth Thy scepter claim,
All in heav'n above adore Thee.
Infinite Thy vast domain,
Everlasting is Thy reign.

2 Hark! The glad celestial hymn
 Angel choirs above are raising;
Cherubim and seraphim,
 In unceasing chorus praising,
Fill the heav'ns with sweet accord:
Holy, holy, holy Lord!

3 Lo, the _apostles' holy train
 Join Thy sacred name to hallow;
Prophets swell the glad refrain,
 And the white-robed martyrs follow,
And from morn to set of sun
Through the Church the song goes on.

4 Thou art King of Glory, Christ;
 Son of God, yet born of Mary.
For us sinners sacrificed,
 As to death a Tributary,
First to break the bars of death,
Thou hast opened heav'n to faith.

△ 5 Holy Father, holy Son,
 Holy Spirit, three we name Thee;
Though in essence only one,
 Undivided God we claim Thee
And, adoring, bend the knee
While we own the mystery.
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SALUTATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray. O Lord, keep Your family the church continually in the true faith that, relying on the hope of Your heavenly grace, we may ever be defended by Your mighty power; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING *Isaiah 6:1–8* (God calls Isaiah to be a prophet.)

In the year that King Uzziah died I saw the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up; and the train of his robe filled the temple. Above him stood the seraphim. Each had six wings: with two he covered his face, and with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew. And one called to another and said: "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory!" And the foundations of the thresholds shook at the voice of him who called, and the house was filled with smoke. And I said: "Woe is me! For I am lost; for I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; for my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts!" Then one of the seraphim flew to me, having in his hand a burning coal that he had taken with tongs from the altar. And he touched my mouth and said: "Behold, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away, and your sin atoned for." And I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" Then I said, "Here am I! Send me."

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL *Psalm 117:1–2a; 96:8*

Pastor: Praise the LORD, all nations!

People: Extol Him, all peoples!

Pastor: For great is His steadfast love toward us,

People: and the faithfulness of the LORD endures forever.

Pastor: Ascribe to the LORD the glory due His name;

People: bring an offering, and come into His courts!

EPISTLE *1 Corinthians 14:12b–20* (Our words must not be for ourselves alone, but for the building up of the church.) Since you are eager for manifestations of the Spirit, strive to excel in building up the church.

Therefore, one who speaks in a tongue should pray for the power to interpret. For if I pray in a tongue, my spirit prays but my mind is unfruitful. What am I to do? I will pray with my spirit, but I will pray with my mind also; I will sing praise with my spirit, but I will sing with my mind also. Otherwise, if you give thanks with your spirit, how can anyone in the position of an outsider say “Amen” to your thanksgiving when he does not know what you are saying? For you may be giving thanks well enough, but the other person is not being built up. I thank God that I speak in tongues more than all of you. Nevertheless, in church I would rather speak five words with my mind in order to instruct others, than ten thousand words in a tongue. Brothers, do not be children in your thinking. Be infants in evil, but in your thinking be mature.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

VERSE *Luke 5:10b*

Pastor: Alleluia. Do not be afraid;

People: from now on you will be catching men. Alleluia.

HOLY GOSPEL *Luke 5:1–11* (Jesus calls Peter to fish for men.)

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the fifth chapter.

People: Glory to You, O Lord.

On one occasion, while the crowd was pressing in on [Jesus] to hear the word of God, he was standing by the lake of Gennesaret, and he saw two boats by the lake, but the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. Getting into one of the boats, which was Simon’s, he asked him to put out a little from the land. And he sat down and taught the people from the boat. And when he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, “Put out into the deep and let down your nets for a catch.” And Simon answered, “Master, we toiled all night and took nothing! But at your word I will let down the nets.” And when they had done this, they enclosed a large number of fish, and their nets were breaking. They signaled to their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both the boats, so that they began to sink. But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus’ knees, saying, “Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord.” For he and all who were with him were astonished at the catch of fish that they had taken, and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. And Jesus said to Simon, “Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching men.” And when they had brought their boats to land, they left everything and followed him.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

HYMN OF THE DAY “Jesus Shall Reign” *LSB* 832

1 Jesus shall reign where'er the sun
Does its successive journeys run;
His kingdom stretch from shore to shore
Till moons shall wax and wane no more.

2 To Him shall endless prayer be made,
And endless praises crown His head;
His name like sweet perfume shall rise
With ev'ry morning sacrifice.

3 People and realms of ev'ry tongue
Dwell on His love with sweetest song;
And infant voices shall proclaim
Their early blessings on His name.

4 Blessings abound where'er He reigns:
The pris'ners leap, unloose their chains,
The weary find eternal rest,
And all who suffer want are blest.

5 Let ev'ry creature rise and bring
Honors peculiar to our King;
Angels descend with songs again,
And earth repeat the loud amen.
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SERMON

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

OFFERING “This Is Holy Ground” -Paul and Betsy

We offer our gifts to the Lord as we use this time in our service for contemplation and preparation for the sacrament of communion. Offerings can be placed in the plates at the back entrance doors as you enter the sanctuary, or as the offering plates are passed at this time.

PREFACE 2 Timothy 4:22

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

PROPER PREFACE

Pastor: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lived among us, revealing Your glory and love, that our darkness should give way to His own brilliant light. Therefore with angels and archangels and all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify Your holy name, evermore praising You and saying:

SANCTUS

Holy holy holy Lord
God of power and might
Heav'n and earth are full of your glory
Hosanna in the highest

Blessed is he who comes
In the name of the Lord
Hosanna in the highest
Hosanna in the highest

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on us and sent Your only-begotten Son to save us. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by His death on the cross. Strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit that we may faithfully eat His body and drink His blood. Then gather us together with all the faithful to celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD *Matthew 26:26–28; Mark 14:22–24; Luke 22:19–20; 1 Corinthians 11:23–25*

Pastor: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: “Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me.”

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: “Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST *1 Corinthians 11:26; Revelation 22:20*

Pastor: As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

People: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

Pastor: O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

LORD'S PRAYER *Matthew 6:9–13*

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.

PAX DOMINI

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: Amen.

AGNUS DEI

Lamb of God you take away
All the sin of the world
Oh Lamb of God have mercy on us
And grant to us your peace

You are invited to receive the Lord's Supper if you believe and confess that Jesus Christ is your Savior from sin, you are a baptized child of the Triune God, and you believe that He gives you His body and blood in the bread and wine you receive. White grape juice can be found in the center of each tray for those who cannot receive alcohol. Children are welcome to come forward for a blessing.

Communion is offered in two ways: the individual cup and the common cup. If you would like the individual cup, please partake as the assistant minister passes by after Pastor gives the bread. If you would like the common cup, let the assistant minister pass by, open your hands palm up, and Pastor will return to give you the common cup.

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

“Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence” *LSB* 621

1 Let all mortal flesh keep silence
 And with fear and trembling stand;
Ponder nothing earthly-minded,
 For with blessing in His hand
Christ our God to earth descending
 Comes our homage to demand.

2 King of kings yet born of Mary,
 As of old on earth He stood,
Lord of lords in human vesture,
 In the body and the blood,
He will give to all the faithful
 His own self for heav'nly food.

3 Rank on rank the host of heaven
 Spreads its vanguard on the way
As the Light of Light, descending
 From the realms of endless day,
Comes the pow'rs of hell to vanquish
 As the darkness clears away.

4 At His feet the six-winged seraph,
 Cherubim with sleepless eye,
Veil their faces to the presence
 As with ceaseless voice they cry:
“Alleluia, alleluia!
 Alleluia, Lord Most High!”

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“O Christ, Who Called the Twelve” *LSB* 856

1 O Christ, who called the Twelve
 To rise and follow You,
Forsaking old, familiar ways
 For ventures bold and new:
Grant us to hear Your call
 To risk security
And, bound in heart and will to You,
 Find perfect liberty.

2 O Christ, who taught the Twelve
 The truth for ages sealed,
Whose words and works awakened faith,
 The ways of God revealed:
Instruct us now, we pray,
 By Your empow’ring Word.
True teacher, be for all who seek
 Their light, their life, their Lord.

3 O Christ, who led the Twelve
 Among the desolate
And broke as bread of life for all
 Your love compassionate:
Lead us along the ways
 Where hope has nearly died
And help us climb the lonely hills
 Where love is crucified.

4 O Christ, who sent the Twelve
 On roads they’d never trod
To serve, to suffer, teach, proclaim
 The nearer reign of God:
Send us on ways where faith
 Transcends timidity,
Where love informs and hope sustains
 Both life and ministry.

5 O Christ, the _apostles’ Lord,
 The martyrs’ strength and song,
The crucified and risen King
 To whom the saints belong:
Though generations pass,
 Our tribute still we bring,
Our hymns a sacrifice of praise,
 Our lives an offering.

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“Your Table I Approach” *LSB* 628

- 1 Your table I approach;
 Dear Savior, hear my prayer.
Let not an unrepentant heart
 Prove hurtful to me there.
- 2 Lord, I confess my sins
 And mourn their wretched bands;
A contrite heart is sure to find
 Forgiveness at Your hands.
- 3 Your body and Your blood,
 Once slain and shed for me,
Are taken at Your table, Lord,
 In blest reality.
- 4 Search not how this takes place,
 This wondrous mystery;
God can accomplish vastly more
 Than what we think could be.
- 5 O grant, most blessed Lord,
 That earth and hell combined
May not about this sacrament
 Raise doubt within my mind.
- 6 Oh, may I never fail
 To thank You day and night
For Your true body and true blood,
 O God, my peace and light.
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BLESSING

Pastor: May our Lord’s body and blood strengthen and preserve you in true faith to life everlasting. Depart in peace and with joy.

People: Amen.

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Let us pray. We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

BENEDICTION *Numbers 6:24–26*

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

People: Amen.

HYMN ““How Shall They Hear,” Who Have Not Heard” *LSB* 831

1 “How shall they hear,” who have not heard
News of a Lord who loved and came;
Nor known His reconciling word,
Nor learned to trust a Savior’s name?

2 “To all the world,” to ev’ry place,
Neighbors and friends and far-off lands,
Preach the good news of saving grace;
Go while the great commission stands.

3 “Whom shall I send?” Who hears the call,
Constant in prayer, through toil and pain,
Telling of One who died for all,
To bring a lost world home again?

4 “Lord, here am I:” Your fire impart
To this poor cold self-centered soul;
Touch but my lips, my hands, my heart,
And make a world for Christ my goal.

5 Spirit of love, within us move:
Spirit of truth, in pow’r come down!
So shall they hear and find and prove
Christ is their life, their joy, their crown.

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DISMISSAL

Pastor: Go in peace as you serve the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE “Thy Word” -Paul and Betsy

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

SUNDAY SCHEDULE

Worship 9:30 a.m.

You are encouraged to take a walk this week with the Lord by reading Galatians. May the Lord make your heart burn with joy at the Good News and your place in His Kingdom!

GENEROSITY THOUGHTS: *Luke 5:5 – “And Simon answered, ‘Master, we toiled all night and took nothing! But at your word I will let down the nets.’”* In Peter’s words there is both exasperation and trust. He’s tired. He tried his best and failed. But he is still ready to trust the Lord’s Word and act on it. Our stewardship is also a matter of trusting the Lord’s Word and acting on it.

2024 GIVING STATEMENTS: You should have received your contribution statement in the mail if your total contribution amount for 2024 is \$250 or more. Statements were mailed January 21. If your contribution to Emmaus was more than \$250 and you did not receive the statement, or you need a replacement copy of your statement please either leave a message on the Emmaus church phone or call Nancy W. and one will be sent out as soon as possible.

FOOD SHELF: Thank you for contributing grocery bags with handles and egg cartons. In the future please only contribute egg cartons that hold a dozen eggs. The food shelf prefers to give fewer eggs to more families and will not use the 18-egg cartons. Thank you!

LWML MITES: Where do your LWML Mites go? Lutheran Heritage Foundation (LHF) is the recipient of a \$100,000 grant to fund and provide Lutheran Bible books in the Spanish language for evangelism in Central and South America. This grant will help in the translation, publication, and distribution of Bibles with Luther's Small Catechism, A Children's Garden of Bible Stories, Jesus Never Fails devotional book, and a volume of Confessional Lutheran Dogmatics to be given to the people of all ages, genders, ethnicities, and income levels in these countries. The books are given free of charge so that children, adults, and young church leaders may receive God's Word in their own language. The grant will provide for the translation and printing costs of approximately 25,000 books. To learn more, visit <http://www.lwml.org/2023-2025-mission-grant-24>.

HEAR "THE LUTHERAN HOUR" on Sunday mornings at 6:05 a.m. on WCCO 830 AM radio. Next week's broadcast: "The Bread of Our Lives" Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. Daniel Paavola. Jesus gives us Himself as the Bread of Life so that everything we need can be filled by Him and His gifts. (John 6:35)

THIS WEEK AT EMMAUS:

Today: 9:30 a.m. Worship

10:30 a.m. Bible Study

Tues: 6 p.m. Spiritual Life Meeting

7 p.m. Council Meeting

Wed: Bulletin Deadline

1:30 p.m. Bible Study (SH)

Thurs: 1 p.m. Emmaus Quilters (SH)

4 p.m. Quilting Queens (SH)

Fri: Office closed – call Pastor in emergencies

Quilting Queens (SH)

Sat: 12-5 p.m. Organist Rehearsal

Quilting Queens (SH)

Next Sunday: 9:30 a.m. Worship

10:30 a.m. Bible Study

SERVING OUR WORSHIP SERVICE TODAY:

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