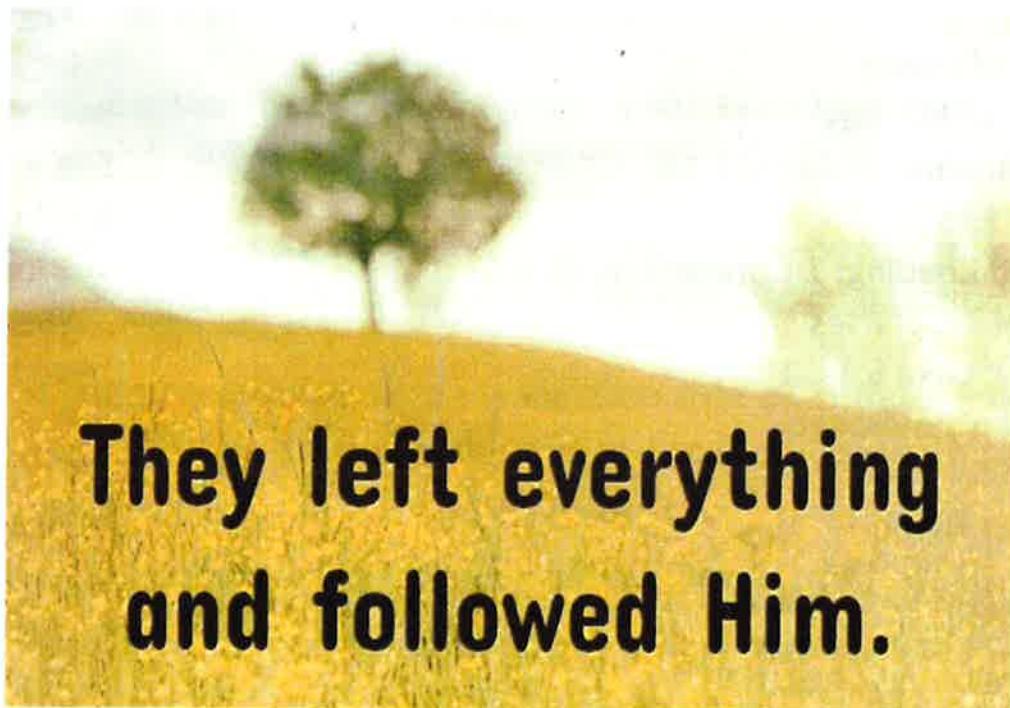


*Grace Lutheran Church
Welcomes you to
The Great Thanksgiving*



**They left everything
and followed Him.**

Luke 5:11

*Everyone is Welcome!
Taste and See that the Lord is Good,
Let us rejoice together!*

AN INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE:

We believe that with the bread and wine one receives the true body and blood of Christ for the forgiveness of sins. We welcome other Christians to receive Holy Communion with us. Children who have not had first Communion instruction may come forward for a blessing.

We pray always for . . .

*Robert Armknecht, Bill Bohling, Jodell Bridgmon, Luetta Bruns,
Linda Daniels, Russ Dietz, Mary Ekhoff, Eric Fass, Jan Rader,
Joan Staack*

We also remember in our prayers . . .

Erick, Diana & Meshack, orphans we are sponsoring in Tanzania.

***You may contact Pastor Helgren by calling 402-864-4201 (church)
402-864-2113 (home) or 402-826-0613(cell)***

Please put items for the bulletins & newsletter in the secretary's box in the south office. Church office email grace68329@gmail.com

Please be sure to sign up for a couple of Sundays of Worship Duty – sign up sheet is at the back of the church.

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PIECEMAKERS

The Piecemakers meet every Tuesday during the months of February and March - all day. On March 8th they will be sharing a Salad Luncheon. You are welcome to join them if you feel safe doing so. Please come and join in the fellowship of making some beautiful blankets for those in need.

Today 2/6/22

Worship w/Communion – 8:30 a.m.

Sunday School – 9:30 a.m.

Tuesday 2/8/22

Piecemakers – Blanket Making – ALL DAY

Wednesday 2/9/22

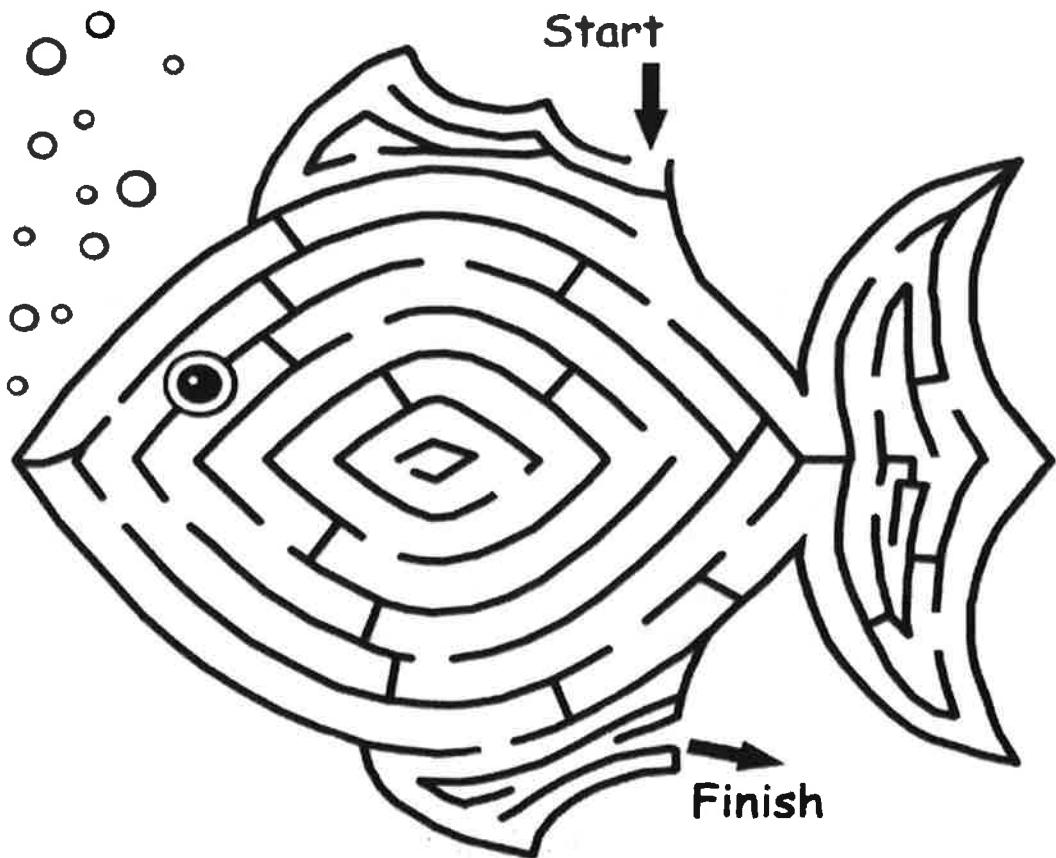
Confirmation – 4:00 p.m.

Next Sunday 2/13/22

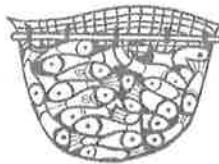
Worship – 8:30 a.m.

Sunday School – 9:30 a.m.

I like to follow Jesus!



From now on, you will fish for people.



Today's Readings

Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

February 6, 2022

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.**

First Reading

Isaiah 6:1-8 [9-13]

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. ²Seraphs 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. ³And one called to another and said:

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

⁴The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. ⁵And 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!”

⁶Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. ⁷The 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.” ⁸Then 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.’

¹⁰Make 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.”

¹¹Then I said, “How long, O Lord?” And he said:

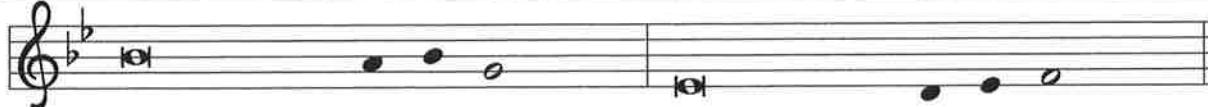
“Until cities lie waste
without inhabitant,
and houses without people,
and the land is utterly desolate;

¹²until the LORD sends everyone far away,
and vast is the emptiness in the midst
of the land.

¹³Even 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.]

Psalm



I will give thanks to you, O LORD,
with ¹ my whole heart;
before the gods I will ¹ sing your praise.
²I will bow down toward your holy temple
and praise your name,
because of your steadfast ¹ love
and faithfulness;

Psalm 138; tone 3

for you have glorified your name
and your word a-¹ bove all things.

³When I called, you ¹ answered me;
you increased my ¹ strength within me.

⁴All the rulers of the earth
will praise ¹ you, O LORD,
when they have heard
the words ¹ of your mouth.

continued

⁵They 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 ¹ for the lowly,
perceiving the haughty ¹ from afar.
⁷Though I walk in the midst of trouble,
you ¹ keep me safe;

you stretch forth your hand
against the fury of my enemies;
your right ¹ hand shall save me.

⁸You will make good
your pur- ¹ pose for me;
O LORD,
your steadfast love endures forever;
do not abandon the works
¹ of your hands.

Second Reading

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, ²through 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.

³For 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, ⁴and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, ⁵and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. ⁶Then he appeared to more than

five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. ⁷Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. ⁸Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. ⁹For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. ¹⁰But 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. ¹¹Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe.

1 Corinthians 15:1-11

Gospel

Once 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; the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. ³He 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. ⁴When he 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 he and all who were with him were amazed at the catch of fish that they had taken; ¹⁰and 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.” ¹¹When they had brought their boats to shore, they left everything and followed him.

Luke 5:1-11