

# Grace Lutheran Church

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Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

February 9, 2025

Pastor Jim Helgren

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## PRELUDE

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**GATHERING SONG** - ELW #413 – “Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty”

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS** - ELW p. 94 *Please stand in body or spirit.*

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

**A: Amen.**

P: Almighty God, to whom all 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.

**A: Amen.**

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

P: Most merciful God,

**A: We confess that we are captive 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.**

P: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ☩Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**A: Amen. Assembly sits.**

**GREETING - p. 138**

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

A: And also with you.

**KYRIE - p. 138**

**HYMN OF PRAISE**

**PRAYER OF THE DAY** - Please see insert.

**FIRST READING** – Isaiah 6:1-13 Please see insert.

Response after the reading:

R: Word of God, word of life.

A: Thanks be to God.

**PSALM** – 138 Please see insert and read responsively.

**SECOND READING** – 1 Corinthians 15:1-11 Please see insert.

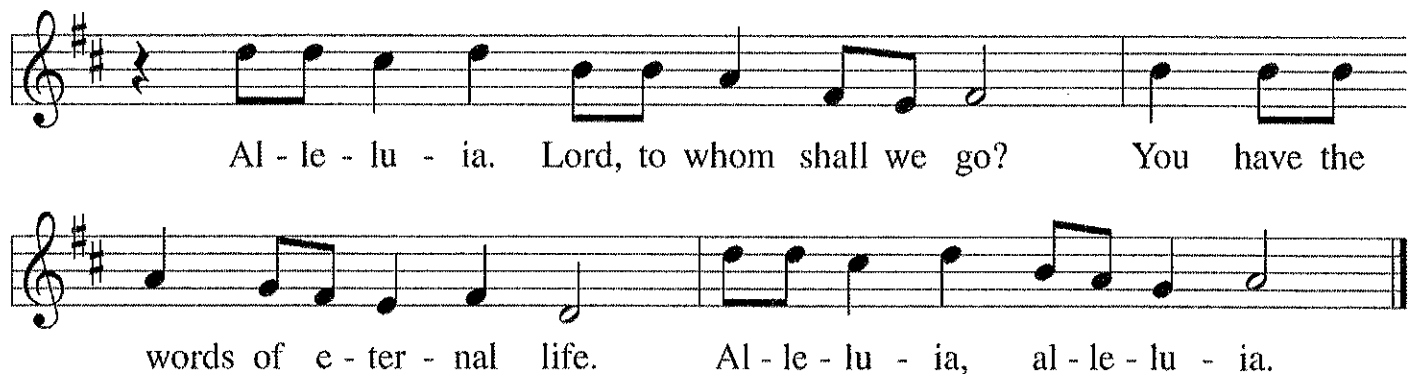
Response after the reading:

R: Word of God, word of life.

A: Thanks be to God.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION - p. 142**

*Please stand in body or spirit.*



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the  
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

P: The holy gospel according to ...

C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

**GOSPEL** – Luke 5:1-11 Please see insert.

P: The gospel of the Lord.

A: **Praise to you, O Christ.** *The assembly sits.*

## **CHILDREN'S SERMON**

## **SERMON**

**HYMN OF THE DAY** - ELW #582 – “Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling”

**APOSTLES CREED** - p. 105

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.

## **OFFERING**

**OFFERTORY** - “Cultivating Love through Epiphanies” ELW #677

“This Little Light of Mine” – All Verses

**PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION** - p. 143 Response after each portion of the prayer:

**P:** Lord, in your mercy,

**A:** hear our prayer.

**LORD'S PRAYER** - p. 145 – *Please stand in body or spirit.*

**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

**BLESSING** - p. 146 - Response after the blessing:

**A:** Amen.

**DISMISSAL** - p. 146 - Response after the blessing:

**A:** Thanks be to God. *The assembly sits.*

**SENDING SONG** - ELW #414 – “Holy God, We Praise Your Name”

**POSTLUDE**

During the month of  
February we will be  
collecting Socks,  
underwear &  
mittens/gloves for men,  
women and children to be  
given to the People's City  
Mission

## *Announcements*

### **TODAY 2/9/25** *Fifth Sunday after Epiphany*

Worship – 8:30 a.m.

Coffee & Fellowship Following Worship

Sunday School – 9:30 a.m.

St. Paul's UCC-Osage Church Soup Dinner – 11:00 am – 1:00 p.m.

Tecumseh Fire Dept. Pancake Feed – 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

### **TUESDAY 2/11/25**

Piecemakers Blanket Making – All Day

### **WEDNESDAY 2/12/25**

Kids for Christ – 4:00 p.m.

Confirmation – 6:00 p.m.

### **THURSDAY 2/13/25**

ELCW Meeting – 7:00 p.m.



### **NEXT SUNDAY 2/16/25** *Sixth Sunday after Epiphany*

Worship w/Communion – 8:30 a.m.

Confirmation of Kaiden Dorn

Coffee & Fellowship Following Worship

Sunday School – 9:30 a.m.

Faith Lutheran Luther League Soup Dinner, Talmage – 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

### ***We pray always for . . .***

*Pastor Steve Billington, Luetta Bruns, Linda Daniels, Char Helgren, Becky Knake,  
Axl Walters, Joan Wellensiek, Andy Wellensiek & Haleigh Werner*

### ***We also remember in our prayers . . .***

*Winfrida, Juliet, Vanesa & Evance, orphans we are sponsoring in Tanzania*

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or 402-826-0613 (cell)***

***Please join us for fellowship in the basement following worship ☺***





# Today's Readings

## Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

February 9, 2025

## 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.

<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!" <sup>9</sup>And he said, "Go and say to this people:

'Keep listening, but do not comprehend;  
keep looking, but do not understand.'

<sup>10</sup>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.”

<sup>11</sup>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;

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

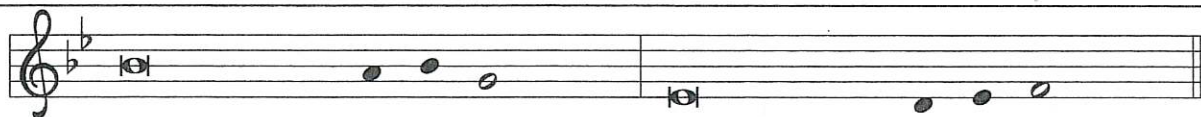
<sup>13</sup>Even if a tenth part remain in it,  
it will be burned again,

like a terebinth or an oak  
whose stump remains standing  
when it is felled.”

The holy seed is its stump.]

## Psalm

### Psalm 138; tone 3



I will give thanks to you, O LORD,  
with <sup>1</sup> my whole heart;

before the gods I will <sup>1</sup> sing your praise.

**<sup>2</sup>I will bow down toward your holy temple  
and praise your name,  
because of your steadfast <sup>1</sup>love  
and faithfulness;**

for you have glorified your name  
and your word a-<sup>1</sup>bove all things.

<sup>3</sup>When I called, you <sup>1</sup>answered me;  
you increased my <sup>1</sup>strength within me.

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

*continued*

<sup>5</sup>They will sing of the ways <sup>1</sup> of the LORD,  
that great is the glory <sup>1</sup> of the LORD.

<sup>6</sup>The LORD is high,  
yet cares <sup>1</sup> for the lowly,  
perceiving the haughty <sup>1</sup> from afar.

<sup>7</sup>Though I walk in the midst of trouble,  
you <sup>1</sup> keep me safe;

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

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

## Second Reading

## 1 Corinthians 15:1-11

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.

## Gospel

## Luke 5:1-11

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.

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