

Grace Lutheran Church

Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

February 9, 2025

Pastor Jim Helgren

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

CONFESSON 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.

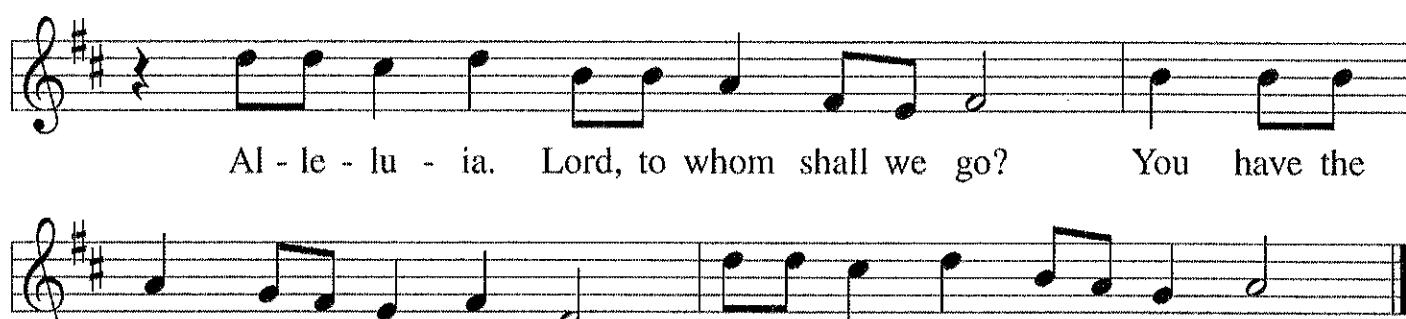
Response after the reading:

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 . . .

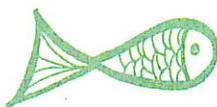
Winfida, Juliet, Vanesa & Evance, orphans we are sponsoring in Tanzania

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You may email the church office grace68329@gmail.com

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

Please join us for fellowship in the basement following worship ☺



Today's Readings

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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

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!” ⁹And he said, “Go and say to this people:

Isaiah 6:1-8 [9-13]

‘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.”

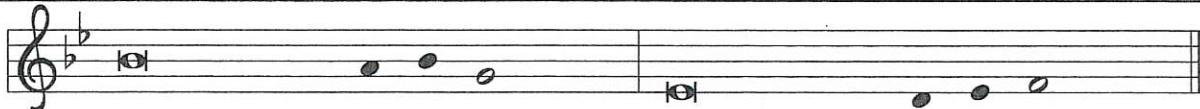
¹¹Then I said, “How long, O Lord?” And he said:

“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 ways¹ of the LORD,
that great is the glory¹ of the LORD.
⁶The LORD is high,
yet cares¹ for the lowly,
perceiving the haughty¹ from afar.
⁷Though I walk in the midst of trouble,
you¹ keep me safe;

you stretch forth your hand
against the fury of my enemies;
your right¹ 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

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,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.

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, 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.