

## FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

Jesus Calls Sinners!  
February 8 & 9, 2025  
5:00pm & 8:00am

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### AS WE GATHER

Today we hear of Isaiah, who calls himself “a man of unclean lips.” We read as Paul asks the rhetorical question, “What am I to do?” And we identify with Peter, who confesses, “I am a sinful man, O Lord.” In short, we recognize that these people are just like us! But like all three, we have already been caught by our gracious God. Isaiah was called to write for God, Paul’s pen brought the Gospel to the early church, and Peter led the disciples in spite of himself. With them, we have been caught in the “net,” the good news of God’s love and forgiveness. Today our worship is designed to move us outward, to fish for people who feel unclean, don’t know what to do, and are leaderless; people who have not yet realized God’s gracious love. Ready to go fishing?

**Reception of Holy Communion:** If you are planning to receive Christ's supper today, please read through the words of exhortation in the fellowship folder. For members, it is a good review of important spiritual matters for gathering at the table. For guests, it explains our stance on confession of faith, doctrinal unity, and proper spiritual preparation to receive the Supper for your benefit.

### WELCOME

[Christ] was foreknown before the foundation of the world  
but was made manifest in the last times for the sake of you  
who through him are believers in God, who raised him from the dead  
and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God.  
1 Peter 1:20-21

### HANDSHAKES & HUGS

## PREPARATION

### OPENING HYMN #611 “Chief of Sinners Though I Be”

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

(Rise)

### INVOCATION & OPENING SENTENCES

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

**People: Amen.**

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 & ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Seeing Jesus’ power, Peter blurted out, “Depart from me, for I am a  
2 sinful man, O Lord.”

**People:** Heavenly Father, we confess that we have failed in thoughts, words, and deeds; we are sinful people.

Pastor: Paul lamented, "If I pray in a tongue, my spirit prays but my mind is unfruitful."

**People:** We confess, Holy Spirit, that we have been content to find peace only for ourselves; we are sinful in our very being.

Pastor: Isaiah cried, "I am lost; for I am a man of unclean lips."

**People:** We confess, Lord Jesus, that we have sinned even in our speaking and doing; we deserve to have you depart from us.

Pastor: Despite their failures, Isaiah, Peter, and Paul were inspired to write parts of the Bible and Peter led the disciples. By the grace of God, Jesus died and rose for you. As the angel told Isaiah, "Your guilt is taken away, and your sin atoned for." As a called and ordained servant of Christ, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**People:** Amen. Help us, Lord Jesus, to follow, calm and fearless, till our rest is won.

#### **HYMN OF PRAISE**

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**Refrain:** This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,  
whose blood set us free to be people of God. *Refrain*

Power, riches, wisdom, and strength,  
and honor, blessing, and glory are His. *Refrain*

Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation:  
Blessing, honor, glory, and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen. *Refrain*

For the Lamb who was slain has begun His reign. Alleluia. *Refrain*

#### **SALUTATION & PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**People:** And also with you.

Pastor: Let us pray. Heavenly Father, you have given us your Son to die and rise for us and our salvation.

**People:** Grant us such strong faith in Him that we may follow wherever He leads;

Pastor: through the same Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**People:** Amen.

(Be seated)

#### **WORD**

**OLD TESTAMENT READING** *Isaiah 6:1–13* (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.<sup>2</sup> 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.<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> And the foundations of the thresholds shook at the voice of him who called, and the house was filled with smoke.<sup>5</sup> 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!"<sup>6</sup> Then one of the seraphim flew to me, having in his hand a burning coal that he had taken with tongs from the altar.<sup>7</sup> And he touched my mouth and said: "Behold, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away, and your sin atoned for."<sup>8</sup> And I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" Then I said, "Here I am! Send me."<sup>9</sup> And he said, "Go, and say to this people: "'Keep on hearing, but do not understand; keep on seeing, but do not perceive.'<sup>10</sup> Make the heart of this people dull, and their ears heavy, and blind their eyes; lest they see with their eyes, and hear with their ears, and understand with their hearts, 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 a desolate waste,<sup>12</sup> and the LORD removes people far away, and the forsaken places are many in the midst of the land.<sup>13</sup> And though a tenth remain in it, it will be burned again, like a terebinth or an oak, whose stump remains when it is felled." The holy seed is its stump.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People:** Thanks be to God.

**EPISTLE** *1 Corinthians 14:12b–20* (Our words must not be for ourselves alone, but for the building up of the church.) Strive to excel in building up the church. <sup>13</sup>Therefore, one who speaks in a tongue should pray that he may interpret. <sup>14</sup>For if I pray in a tongue, my spirit prays but my mind is unfruitful. <sup>15</sup>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. <sup>16</sup>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? <sup>17</sup>For you may be giving thanks well enough, but the other person is not being built up. <sup>18</sup>I thank God that I speak in tongues more than all of you. <sup>19</sup>Nevertheless, in church I would rather speak five words with my mind in order to instruct others, than ten thousand words in a tongue. <sup>20</sup>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.**

**5:00 CHIMES** *“I Am Jesus’ Little Lamb”*

**8:00 ADULT BELLS** *“What a friend We Have in Jesus”*

(Rise)

**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 him to hear the word of God, he was standing by the lake of Gennesaret, <sup>2</sup>and he saw two boats by the lake, but the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. <sup>3</sup>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. <sup>4</sup>And when he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, “Put out into the deep and let down your nets for a catch.” <sup>5</sup>And Simon answered, “Master, we toiled all night and took nothing! But at your word I will let down the nets.” <sup>6</sup>And when they had done this, they enclosed a large number of fish, and their nets were breaking. <sup>7</sup>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. <sup>8</sup>But when Simon

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Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, “Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord.” <sup>9</sup>For he and all who were with him were astonished 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. And Jesus said to Simon, “Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching men.” <sup>11</sup>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.**

(Be seated)

### **CHILDRENS SONG & CHILDREN’S MESSAGE**

**“There is a Name I Love to Hear”** AGPS#236

There is a name I love to hear; I love to sing it s worth.  
It sounds like music in my ear, the sweetest name on earth.

**Refrain: Oh, how I love Jesus, Oh, how I love Jesus!**  
**Oh, how I love Jesus, because He first loved me.**

It tells me of a Savior’s love, who died to set me free.

It tells me of His precious blood, the sinner’s perfect plea. Refrain

### **SERMON HYMN #827 “Hark, the Voice of Jesus Calling”**

Hark, the voice of Jesus calling, “Who will go and work today?  
Fields are white and harvest waiting--Who will bear the sheaves away?”  
Loud and long the Master calleth; Rich reward He offers thee.  
Who will answer, gladly saying, “Here am I, send me, send me.”

Some take up His task in morning, To their Lord responding soon;  
Some are called in heat of midday, Others late in afternoon;  
Even as the sun is setting, Some are sent into the fields,  
There to gather in the bounty That God’s Word so richly yields.

For as rain and snow from heaven Water seeds in dusty soil,  
Causing them to bud and flower, Giving bread to those who toil;  
So the Lord sends forth His promise, Words of life and joy and peace--  
Never void to Him returning, Bearing fruit with great increase.

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Hearken to the Lord whose coming Marks the time when grace shall end,  
When with His angelic reapers He in glory shall descend.  
Soon the night, the final harvest; Soon the time for work shall cease.  
Then the souls His grace has garnered Shall enjoy His Sabbath peace.

**SERMON** "Peter's Call" Luke 5:1-11

(Rise)  
**OFFERTORY** LSB p. 192

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.  
Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.  
Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with Thy free spirit.  
Amen.

**CATECHISM** *The Third Article*

**People:** **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.**

Pastor: What does this mean?

**People:** **I believe that I cannot by my own reason or strength believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to Him; but the Holy Spirit has called me by the Gospel, enlightened me with His gifts, sanctified and kept me in the true faith.**

Pastor: In the same way He calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian Church on earth, and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith.

**People:** **In this Christian Church He daily and richly forgives all my sins and the sins of all believers.**

Pastor: On the Last Day He will raise me and all the dead, and give eternal life to me and all believers in Christ.

**People:** **This is most certainly true.**

(Be seated)

**OFFERING** As your offering is collected, **please sign our fellowship folder** located at the end of the pew. If you are a visitor, please leave your address and phone. After you are finished, please pass the folder along to others in your pew, and return it to the center aisle. You may check the folder to see names of those to greet after the service.

(Rise)

### **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

After each petition:

Pastor: Lord, in your mercy,

**People:** **hear our prayer.**

At the conclusion of the prayers:

Pastor: ... one God, now and forever.

**People:** **Amen.**

### **SACRAMENT**

#### **PREFACE**

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 showed us your love and called His disciples and us to follow where He has led the way. Therefore with angels and archangels and all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify your holy name, evermore praising you and singing:

#### **SANCTUS**

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Holy, holy, holy Lord God of pow'r and might:  
Heaven and earth are full of Your glory,  
Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

## THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

### PAX DOMINI

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

People: Amen.

### AGNUS DEI

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Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.

(Be seated)

## DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

### HYMN #688

#### “Come, Follow Me,” the Savior Spake”

“Come, follow Me,” the Savior spake, “All in My way abiding;  
Deny yourselves, the world forsake, Obey My call and guiding.  
O bear the cross, whate’er betide, Take My example for your guide.”

“I am the light, I light the way. A godly life displaying;  
I bid you walk as in the day; I keep your feet from straying.  
I am the way, and well I show How you must sojourn here below.”

“My heart abounds in lowliness, My soul with love is glowing;  
And gracious words my lips express, With meekness overflowing.  
My heart, My mind, My strength, My all, To God I yield, on Him I call.”

“I teach you how to shun and flee What harms your soul’s salvation,  
Your heart from ev’ry guile to free, From sin and its temptation.  
I am the refuge of the soul And lead you to your heav’nly goal.”

Then let us follow Christ, our Lord, And take the cross appointed  
And, firmly clinging to His Word, In suff’ring be undaunted.

For those who bear the battle’s strain The crown of heav’nly life obtain.

### HYMN #628

#### “Your Table I Approach”

Your table I approach; Dear Savior, hear my prayer.  
Let not an unrepentant heart Prove hurtful to me there.

Lord, I confess my sins And mourn their wretched bands;  
A contrite heart is sure to find Forgiveness at Your hands.

Your body and Your blood, Once slain and shed for me,  
Are taken at Your table, Lord, In blest reality.

Search not how this takes place, This wondrous mystery;  
God can accomplish vastly more Than what we think could be.

O grant, most blessed Lord, That earth and hell combined  
May not about this sacrament Raise doubt within my mind.

Oh, may I never fail To thank You day and night  
For Your true body and true blood, O God, my peace and light.

### HYMN #507

#### “Holy, Holy, Holy”

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!  
Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee;  
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!  
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore Thee,  
Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;  
Cherubim and seraphim falling down before Thee,  
Which wert and art and evermore shalt be.

Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide Thee,  
Though the eye of sinful man Thy glory may not see,  
Only Thou art holy; there is none beside Thee,  
Perfect in pow’r, in love, and purity.

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!  
All Thy works shall praise Thy name in earth and sky and sea.  
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!  
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

## COMMON DISMISSAL

(Rise)

### POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Let us pray. We give thanks to you, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through this salutary gift,

**People: 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;**

Pastor: 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

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.**

### DISMISSAL

Pastor: And I heard the voice of the Lord saying, “Whom shall I send, and who will go for Us?” Then I said,

**People: “Here am I! Send me.”**

Pastor: Go in peace as you serve the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

### CLOSING HYMN #830 “Spread the Reign of God the Lord”

Spread the reign of God the Lord, Spoken, written, mighty Word;  
Ev’rywhere His creatures call To His heav’nly banquet hall.

Tell how God the Father’s will Made the world, upholds it still,  
How His own dear Son He gave Us from sin and death to save.

Tell of our Redeemer’s grace, Who, to save our human race  
And to pay rebellion’s price, Gave Himself as sacrifice.

Tell of God the Spirit giv’n Now to guide us on to heav’n,  
Strong and holy, just and true, Working both to will and do.

Enter, mighty Word, the field; Ripe the promise of its yield.  
But the reapers, oh, how few For the work there is to do!

Lord of harvest, great and kind, Rouse to action heart and mind;  
Let the gath’ring nations all See Your light and heed Your call.

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