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Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany

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“Worship: What’s in It for Me?”

AS WE GATHER



Epiphany is a season of growing revelation. In small glimpses Jesus reveals Himself to be the Son of God and the promised Messiah. Today He comes to the synagogue and reads from Isaiah; His sermon is Himself—He is the fulfiller of the prophet’s words. As Jesus reveals Himself by His works, so we as God’s people reveal our faith through the works of our hands and the words of our mouths. St. Paul reminds us today that we are knitted and joined together as the Body of Christ, to do the works of God. Whatever we are as individuals is

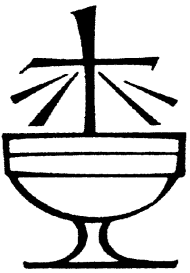
less than what we are as the Church, the Body of Christ. So today we are urged to be mindful of this relationship and partnership and show forth our faith in the words and works that glorify God and build up His kingdom.

CONTEMPORARY PRAISE WORSHIP

Worship is always a two way street. We listen to God’s Message of grace and then we respond with prayer and praise. At this service we use a different style of praise worship. We use more up-to-date songs with band accompaniment. As this is a change from our usual style of worship, we are all growing and learning. Please join in with enthusiasm as we “make a joyful noise to the Lord!”

PARENTS, your children have a special place in Jesus’ heart, and in ours, and are always welcome and encouraged to be a part of our worship. If your child needs a break from the service, we have a nursery in the education wing for children 4 years and younger including a changing table, rocking chair, and toys.

Restrooms are located outside of the Sanctuary doors.



This Sacrament of the Altar is a precious gift from our Savior Jesus Christ, to all who are Baptized and believe in Him as our only Savior from sin, death, and Satan. Please see the back cover of the bulletin for a statement about Holy Communion and our distribution procedures. *For those who cannot consume wine: grape juice is available in the center ring of the tray of individual glasses passed by the lay assistant.*

PRE-SERVICE MEDITATION *“Jesus the Chief Physician”*

And now Luke uses this man's full name, Simon Peter, as he falls down before Jesus, saying: “Go away from me, Lord; I am a sinful man!” Peter spoke truthfully about himself: he was a sinful man. The miracle which he experienced overwhelmed him and made him aware that he was in the presence of the Holy One. The sinner dare not remain in such company; Peter begs the Lord to go away.

Jesus does not go away. Instead He tells the sinner Peter that a new occupation awaits him: “From now on you will catch men.” Peter's last catch was the most impressive one he ever had as a fisherman. It was a preview of things to come. On Pentecost Sunday Peter preached the sermon which led to the conversion and baptism of 3,000 persons. Here was a catch greater even than the one on the Lake of Gennesaret.

Peter and his partners, James and John, sons of Zebedee, pulled their boats up on shore, left everything and followed Jesus. It was quite a sacrifice to turn one's back on equipment and a business which had furnished the living for several families. The powerful word of Jesus compelled these men to follow. They become the first disciples, destined to be with Jesus on the Mount of Transfiguration, in the Garden of Gethsemane, and in that room with bolted doors on Easter Sunday evening. Then again they would hear words from Jesus: “Don't be afraid. Be My witnesses in all the world.”

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RINGING OF THE BELLS

WELCOME

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

(Please stand)

+ PREPARATION +

INVOCATION and OPENING SENTENCES

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

People: **Amen.**

CONFESSION and ABSOLUTION

Pastor: We are reminded by God in the First Commandment: "You shall have no other gods." What does this mean to us?

People: **We should fear, love, and trust in God above all things.**

Pastor: Let us take a moment to reflect privately on our priorities in life and whether or not we actually fear, love, and trust in God above all things.

(Silence for meditation and reflection.)

Pastor: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

People: **Most merciful God, there are so many things in life that compete for our attention. The gods of this age are many and appealing. We confess that You have not always been our first priority. We have set priorities for our lives that do not meet Your approval. We confess that we have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. 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.**

Pastor: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for You and for His sake forgives you all your sins. 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.**

SONG OF PRAISE

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Pastor: Let us pray. Gracious Lord, give us courage to face the challenges of life when we are confronted by them. Enable us to stand in Your strength, muster Your courage, and find in every difficult situation Your comforting presence; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: **Amen.**

(Please be seated)

+ WORD +

OLD TESTAMENT Isaiah 6:1–13 (*God calls Isaiah to be a pastor to the kings of Israel and a prophet to the people.*)

Reader: The Old Testament reading for the fifth Sunday after the Epiphany is from the sixth chapter of Isaiah

Reader: 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:

People: **“Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; the whole earth is full of His glory!”**

Reader: And the foundations of the thresholds shook at the voice of Him who called, and the house was filled with smoke. “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:

People: **“Behold, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away, and your sin atoned for.”**

Reader: 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.” And He said, “Go, and say to this people: ‘Keep on hearing, but do not understand; keep on seeing, but do not perceive.’ 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.” 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, and the LORD removes people far away, and the forsaken places are many in the midst of the land. 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.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE 1 Corinthians 14:12b–20 (*Paul talks about what it is that builds up the Church.*)

Reader: The Epistle is from the fourteenth chapter of First Corinthians.

^{12b} Since you are eager for manifestations of the Spirit, strive to excel in building up the church.

¹³Therefore, one who speaks in a tongue should pray for the power to interpret. ¹⁴For if I pray in a tongue, my spirit prays but my mind is unfruitful. ¹⁵What 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. ¹⁶Otherwise, 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? ¹⁷For you may be giving thanks well enough, but the other person is not being built up. ¹⁸I thank God that I speak in tongues more than all of you. ¹⁹Nevertheless, in church I would rather speak five words with my mind in order to instruct others, than ten thousand words in a tongue.

²⁰Brothers, do not be children in your thinking. Be infants in evil, but in your thinking be mature.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord;

People: Thanks be to God.

READING FROM THE GOSPELS Luke 5:1–11 (*Even more miraculous than their catch of fish, Peter, James, and John will soon be blessing the Kingdom of God with an even larger catch of people.*)

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

People: Glory to You, O Lord.

¹On one occasion, while the crowd was pressing in on [Jesus] to hear the word of God, he was standing by the lake of Gennesaret, ²and he saw two boats by the lake, but the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. ³Getting 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. ⁴And when he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, “Put out into the deep and let down your nets for a catch.” ⁵And Simon answered, “Master, we toiled all night and took nothing! But at your word I will let down the nets.” ⁶And when they had done this, they enclosed a large number of fish, and their nets were breaking. ⁷They 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. ⁸But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus’ knees, saying, “Depart from me, for I am a

sinful man, O Lord.”⁹For he and all who were with him were astonished at the catch of fish that they had taken,¹⁰and 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.”¹¹And 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.

(Please be seated)

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE *“Don’t Go Away, Jesus!”* (Gospel)

(Please stand)

SONGS OF PRAISE

(Please be seated)

PROCLAMATION *“Answering God’s Question?”* Isaiah 6:1-13

(Please stand)

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.

PRAYERS OF GOD’S PEOPLE

At the conclusion of each petition the Pastor will say; "Let us pray to the Lord."

The people will respond by saying: "Lord, have mercy."

SIGN OF PEACE *(People may at this time share a word of peace with one another to express the unity of the Spirit that we share as brothers and sisters in Christ.)*

(Please be seated)

OFFERING

(Please stand)

DOXOLOGY *"Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow*
(Tune: MORNING HYMN, LSB 868)

Praise God from Whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

PERSONAL PRAYER

Lord, it is true that I am not worthy that You should come under my roof. Yet I am in need and desire Your help and grace. So I come with no other plea except that I have heard the gracious invitation to come to Your altar. I am unworthy, but You have assured me I shall have forgiveness of all sins through Your body and blood which I eat and drink in this sacrament. Amen, dear Lord; Your word is true. I do not doubt it. Let Your will be done. Amen.

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+ 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.**

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; for what had been hidden from before the foundation of the world You have made known to the nations in Your Son. In Him, being found in the substance of our mortal nature, You have manifested the fullness of Your glory. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

SONG OF PRAISE - *Holy, Holy, Holy*" (LSB 507, words projected on the wall)

LORD'S PRAYER

All: 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.

WORDS OF OUR LORD

LAMB OF GOD (LSB 550 – Words projected on the wall)

(Please be seated)

DISTRIBUTION

(Please stand)

POST COMMUNION SONG *(Words projected on the wall)*
"Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart" (LSB 806)

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Pastor: Gracious Lord, we thank and praise You for feeding us the life-giving body and blood of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ. Send Your Holy Spirit that, having with our mouths received this holy Sacrament, we may by faith obtain and eternally enjoy Your divine grace, the forgiveness of sins, unity with Christ, and life eternal; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

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.

CLOSING SONG

Pastor: Go in peace. Answer "yes" to God's call to joyfully go for Him and catch people!

People: Thanks be to God!

SUNDAY SCHOOL INVITATION

After a brief time of fellowship with refreshments, all worshippers are invited to enjoy learning about God's love in our Sunday School. Classes are available for all ages. The Adult Bible class meets in the Library/Conference room just off of the Welcome Center (narthex).