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Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany

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“Welcome to the Lord’s Team”



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.

WORSHIP is a dialogue between God and His people. We know that worshiping in a new church can be unfamiliar. If our worship service is new to you, please participate at whatever level feels comfortable to you. Feel free to speak the responses rather than sing them.

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 educational wing, for children 4 years and younger, including a changing table, rocking chair, and toys.

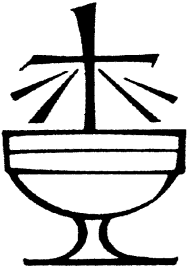
Restrooms are located just outside the Sanctuary.

USE OF THE PROCESSIONAL CROSS

At the beginning of the service, when the processional hymn begins, worshipers turn toward the back of the sanctuary and face the cross. Eyes are to be kept on the cross as it is brought forward. As the hymn concludes, the cross is put in its place. At the end of the service, when the recessional hymn is begun, the cross

will be held high at the front of the church. Eyes are again to be kept on the cross as it is carried to the back during the singing of the last verse of the hymn. When the singing of the recessional hymn is over, worshipers are to again turn toward the front for the silent prayer as the altar candles are extinguished.

Our order of worship this morning is from DIVINE SERVICE, SETTING TWO, from Lutheran Service Book. Please follow the service in the hymnbook, beginning on page 167. Page numbers are indicated in parentheses, if you wish to follow along.



The 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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- C:** for their number is past my knowledge.
P: With the mighty deeds of the Lord GOD I will come;
C: I will remind them of your righteousness, yours alone.
P: O God, from my youth you have taught me,
C: and I still proclaim your wondrous deeds.
P: So even to old age and gray hairs, O God, do not forsake me,
C: until I proclaim your might to another generation, your power to all those to come.
All: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.
O God, be not far from me; O my God, make haste to help me!

KYRIE *is not sung during the Epiphany Season*

HYMN OF PRAISE *"This Is the Feast"* (Pg 171)

- P:** This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia
C: **Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God.**
Power and riches and wisdom and strength and honor and blessing and glory are His.
This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia.
Sing with all the people of God and join in the hymn of all creation:
Blessing and honor and glory and might be to God and the Lamb forever.
Amen.

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY (Pg 172)

P (sing): The Lord be with you.

C (sing): **And also with you.**

P: 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.

C: **Amen.**

(Please be seated)

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

- R: The Old Testament reading for the fifth Sunday after the Epiphany is from the sixth chapter of Isaiah
- R: 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:
- C: “Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; the whole earth is full of His glory!”**
- R: 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:
- C: “Behold, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away, and your sin atoned for.”**
- R: 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.
- R: This is the Word of the Lord.
- C: Thanks be to God.**

CHOIR ANTHEM

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.

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

R: The congregation will stand and sing the alleluia.

(Please stand)

ALLELUIA and VERSE

John 6:56

(Pg 173)

All: Alleluia. Lord, to Whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.

HOLY GOSPEL 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.*)

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

C (sing): 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

and all missionaries and church workers. We pray also for those now preparing for full-time service to Your church. Grant them gifts sufficient for the task, prosper the work they do in Your name, and make them bold in the proclamation of Your Gospel. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Holy Lord, give wisdom to those who lead us in this land and to all the leaders of the nations. Guide them in the path of peace, encourage them to act with justice, and lead them to protect the weakest and most vulnerable among their citizens. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Holy Lord, grant us Your Holy Spirit to overcome the fears of our hearts, so that we may with unhindered voice proclaim Jesus Christ to all people. Bless the newly planted congregations of our Synod and the work of outreach here and everywhere. Lord, in Your mercy.

C **hear our prayer.**

P Holy Lord, give Your light to those whose minds and hearts are clouded with darkness and fear. Give Your healing to the sick, the hospitalized, those preparing for surgery, and those recovering, [*especially* . . .]. Surround them with Your presence and Your peace in their day of trouble, according to Your good and gracious will. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Holy Lord, be with those families who mourn [*especially* . . .], and with those near death [*especially*], and grant them the comfort and hope of the resurrection from the dead and the gift of life everlasting through Jesus Christ. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Holy Lord, You grant us many and rich gifts, from our talents and abilities to our time and material goods. Inspire us by Your giving love to be generous with the poor, to be faithful in the tithes and offerings that support the work of Your kingdom, and to be grateful to You at all times and in all places. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Holy Lord, we come to Your Table bidden by Your promise. Grant us a true faith to acknowledge the presence of Your body and blood in Your Supper, and equip us with Your Spirit so that we may be ready to receive all the gifts that come through this communion. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

Special prayers of the congregation

P Holy Lord, You know better than we the needs of Your people and the desires of our hearts. Grant all things beneficial to us and to our salvation and keep from us all things harmful, for into Your hands we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C **Amen.**

(Please be seated)

OFFERING

(Please stand)

OFFERTORY is sung (Pg. 176)

All: What shall I render to the Lord for all His benefits to me? I will offer the sacrifice of thanksgiving and will call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of salvation and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my vows to the Lord now in the presence of all His people, in the courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.

+ THE SACRAMENT OF THE ALTAR +

PREFACE is sung (Pg. 177)

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: **We lift them to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

P: It is truly good right and salutary . . . evermore praising You and saying:

SANCTUS (Pg. 178)

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

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

P: Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

(Pg 179)

P: Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

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

(Pg. 179)

PAX DOMINI "*The Peace of the Lord*" is sung

(Pg. 180)

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

C: Amen.

AGNUS DEI "*Lamb of God*" is sung

(Pg. 180)

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, grant us peace.

(Please be seated)

DISTRIBUTION**HYMNS DURING DISTRIBUTION**

"Holy, Holy, Holy"

LSB 507

"Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence"

LSB 621

"Jesus Sinners Doth Receive"

LSB 609

(Please stand)

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE*"Thank the Lord*

(Pg. 181)

**Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell everyone what He has done.
 Let everyone who seeks the Lord rejoice and proudly bear His name.
 He recalls His promises and leads His people forth in joy with shouts of
 thanksgiving. Alleluia, alleluia.**

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

(Pg. 183)

P: We give thanks to You, almighty God . . .one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

BENEDICTION

is sung

(Pg 183)

P: 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.

C: **Amen.**

RECESSIONAL HYMN*"Come, Follow Me,' the Savior Spake"* LSB 688**SILENT PRAYER****DISMISSAL**

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

C: **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

***All worshippers are invited to continue the gathering of God's people in the
 Welcome Center (narthex). Light refreshments will be served.***

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