



HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH
Sunday, February 9, 2025
Traditional Worship
8:30 am Service
Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany

PRE-SERVICE: Andante Religioso, The Son of God, Our Christ (Sursum Corda)
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GATHERING The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God

WELCOME *By Worship Asst*

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT *by Pastor*

INTRODUCTION

The fifth Sunday after Epiphany continues to highlight unlikely instruments and circumstances appointed to reveal God's glory. "Who will go for us?" God asks. A person of unclean lips, a former persecutor of the church of God, and three fishermen who couldn't catch a thing. More surprising still, perhaps, is that we are also called.

PRELUDE: *Sing a New Song, Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty, (Nicaea) from Declare His Glory, Organ Reflections on Favorite Psalms.* by Mary McDonald **Tune and Text © 2020 Lorenze Corporation admin. by Music Services. All rights reserved. (One License #1151742)**

Please stand as you are able

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS *All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✚ one God, our creator, our protector, our wellspring of life. **Amen.**

Trusting that God receives our words and the meditations of our hearts, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

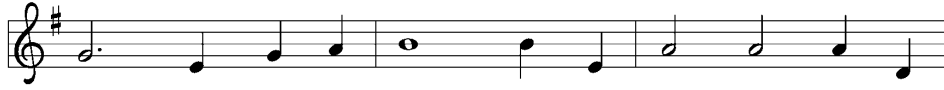
Merciful God, **you speak blessing and compassion into the world. Forgive us for the ways we act with judgment, cruelty, or indifference. We ignore the needs of our neighbors; we resist your call to oppose injustice; we give in to scarcity and fear; we assume the worst about one another. Cleanse us from our faults and release us from their grasp. Show us your loving kindness. Restore our hearts and repair your world, that we may live in Christ's ways. Amen.**

God proclaims these words of assurance: "Do not fear, for I have redeemed you. I have called you by name. You are mine." In ✚ Christ, you are forgiven. In the Spirit, you are made free. Refreshed by the waters of mercy, live anew as beloved children of God. **Amen.**

OPENING HYMN: ELW # 696 *Jesus Call Us, O'er the Tumult* (Public Domain)



1 Je - sus calls us; o'er the tu - mult of our
2 As of old Saint An - drew heard it by the
3 Je - sus calls us from the wor - ship of the
4 In our joys and in our sor - rows, days of
5 Je - sus calls us! By your mer - cy, Sav - ior,



life's wild, rest - less sea, day by day his clear voice
Gal - i - le - an lake, turned from home and toil and
vain world's gold - en store, from each i - dol that would
toil and hours of ease, still he calls, in cares and
may we hear your call, give our hearts to your o -



sound - ing, say - ing, "Chris - tian, fol - low me."
kin - dred, leav - ing all for Je - sus' sake.
keep us, say - ing, "Chris - tian, love me more."
plea - sures, "Chris - tian, love me more than these."
be - dience, serve and love you best of all.

GREETING The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Love of God, and the Communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

Assisting minister

Musical notation for the Assisting minister part, consisting of a single staff in G major with a treble clef. The melody begins with a half note G4, followed by quarter notes A4, B4, C5, D5, E5, F5, G5, and ends with a half note G5.

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

All

Musical notation for the 'All' part, consisting of a single staff in G major with a treble clef. The melody begins with a quarter note G4, followed by quarter notes A4, B4, C5, D5, E5, F5, G5, and ends with a quarter note G5.

Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther,

Musical notation consisting of a single staff in G major with a treble clef. The melody begins with a quarter rest, followed by quarter notes G4, A4, B4, C5, D5, E5, F5, G5, and ends with a quarter note G5.

we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.

Musical notation consisting of a single staff in G major with a treble clef. The melody begins with a quarter rest, followed by quarter notes G4, A4, B4, C5, D5, E5, F5, G5, and ends with a quarter note G5.

Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,

Musical notation consisting of a single staff in G major with a treble clef. The melody begins with a quarter rest, followed by quarter notes G4, A4, B4, C5, D5, E5, F5, G5, and ends with a quarter note G5.

you take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;

Musical notation consisting of a single staff in G major with a treble clef. The melody begins with a quarter rest, followed by quarter notes G4, A4, B4, C5, D5, E5, F5, G5, and ends with a quarter note G5.

you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.

Musical notation consisting of a single staff in G major with a treble clef. The melody begins with a quarter rest, followed by quarter notes G4, A4, B4, C5, D5, E5, F5, G5, and ends with a quarter note G5.

For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,

Musical notation consisting of a single staff in G major with a treble clef. The melody begins with a quarter rest, followed by quarter notes G4, A4, B4, C5, D5, E5, F5, G5, and ends with a quarter note G5.

you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,

Musical notation consisting of a single staff in G major with a treble clef. The melody begins with a quarter rest, followed by quarter notes G4, A4, B4, C5, D5, E5, F5, G5, and ends with a quarter note G5.

in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us Pray: 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.**

The assembly may be seated.

WORD God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song

First Reading: Isaiah 6:1-8

Through a vision in the temple, the eighth-century prophet Isaiah is called by God to announce judgment against Israel. Aware of his sinfulness and shortcomings, Isaiah is initially hesitant. But when God calls, Isaiah responds, "Here am I; send me!"

¹ 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. ² 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. ³ And one called to another and said, "Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory." ⁴ The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. ⁵ 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!" ⁶ Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. ⁷ 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." ⁸ 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!"

The Word of The Lord. **Thanks be to God**

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:1-11

Paul delivers in a nutshell the story of the gospel that was given to him. In the lineage of the Christian faith, we have received the good news of God's love from generations of believers before us, and we continue to tell this story to the world.

¹ Now I want you to understand, brothers and sisters, the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, ² 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. ³ 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 ⁴ and that he was buried and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures ⁵ and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. ⁶ Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. ⁷ Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. ⁸ Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. ⁹ For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. ¹⁰ 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. ¹¹ Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you believed.

The Word of The Lord. **Thanks be to God**

Please stand as you are able

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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.

Gospel: Luke 5:1-11

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke the 5th Chapter. **Glory be to you O Lord.**

Jesus' teaching of God's word has begun to draw great crowds. For Simon, James, and John, Jesus' teaching inspires hospitality, then obedience, and then risk. After Jesus' creative power is revealed, fear and amazement leads these three fishermen to leave everything behind to become apostles.

¹ Once while Jesus was standing beside the Lake of Gennesaret and the crowd was pressing in on him to hear the word of God, ² he saw two boats there at the shore of the lake; the fishermen had gotten out of them and were washing their nets. ³ 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. ⁴ When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into the deep water and let down your nets for a catch." ⁵ Simon answered, "Master, we have worked all night long but have caught nothing. Yet if you say so, I will let down the nets." ⁶ When they had done this, they caught so many fish that their nets were beginning to burst. ⁷ 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. ⁸ But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus's knees, saying, "Go away from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man!" ⁹ For he and all who were with him were astounded at the catch of fish that they had taken, ¹⁰ 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." ¹¹ When they had brought their boats to shore, they left everything and followed him.

The Gospel of our Lord. **Praise to you O Christ.**

The assembly may be seated.

CHILDREN / YOUTH TIME MESSAGE:

HYMN OF THE DAY: ELW # 574 *Here I Am, Lord* Text and Music © 1981 OCP Publications, Inc. All rights reserved. (One License # 80670) *Please stand as you are able*



1 "I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my peo - ple cry.
 2 "I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my peo - ple's pain.
 3 "I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.



All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save.
 I have wept for love of them. They turn a - way.
 I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.



I, who made the stars of night, I will make their dark-ness bright.
 I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love a - lone.
 Fin-est bread I will pro-vide till their hearts be sat - is - fied.



Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?"
 I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?"
 I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?"



Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you



call-ing in the night. I will go, Lord, if you



lead me. I will hold your peo - ple in my heart.

APOSTLE'S CREED *Led by the Worship Assist.*

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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE *Led by the Worship Asst*

With the Spirit of Christ shining upon us, let us boldly pray for the church, the world, and all of creation.

A brief silence.

God of surprising abundance, you call your people to enter deeply into the world. Equip us to respond to your call, gather up what we have, and offer it to all. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

God of creation, provide protection from the elements and other hazards to all whose work brings them outside: for fishers, ranchers, line workers, and construction crews. Guide us to live carefully alongside the wonders of the land and waters. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Open the hearts of all leaders, especially those who serve in the armed forces, that they respond to their commission with wisdom and patience. Ensure that all who serve are kept safe in body, mind, and spirit. We pray for an end to all war and armed conflict. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Fill with your compassionate presence all who are suffering from addiction, mental illness, injury, or illness of any kind especially:

Adam Jackson,

Leah Leimbach,

Alvin Leimbach (out of hospital and now at Quarters Rehabilitation Center),

Preben Christensen,

Sionie Elavsky,

Lois Ristau,

Ginger Prellwitz,

Cheryl Weiland,

Sharon Reiss (lung cancer)

Lola Nosker,

Clint Kasten (surgery on 2/4 for aneurysm repair),

Robbie Bloemker (dealing with a lung cancer diagnosis, he's a friend of a friend of Penny Rudolph).

Draw helpers to their side so that they find relief from their burdens. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Call our faith communities to do marvelous things. Bless the labor and efforts of this congregation, that we may be a sign of your presence in the world. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

We thank you for those who have courageously gone before us in the faith (*especially*). May we too show a deep trust in you throughout our lives. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

We entrust our prayers to you, O God, in the sure and certain hope that your promise is revealed among the people.

Amen.

PEACE *We share God's peace with one another.*

The peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you.**

The assembly may be seated.

MEAL God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ

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OFFERING PRAYER *Led by the Worship Asst*

God of grace, your love reaches to the heavens, and your abundance to the depths of the seas. Bless what we offer to your service: our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts. Let us overflow with gratitude and generosity, now and always. **Amen.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING DIALOGUE

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. By the leading of a star he was shown forth to all nations; in the waters of the Jordan you proclaimed him your beloved Son; and in the miracle of water turned to wine he revealed your glory. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

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Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -
san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me. Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me. And so we proclaim the mystery of our faith: **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

The joy of the Lord is our strength. Come, eat this meal of gladness.

The assembly may be seated.

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

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1 Come, let us eat, for now the feast is spread,
2 Come, let us drink, for now the wine is poured,
3 In Je - sus' pres - ence now we meet and rest,
4 Rise, then, to spread a - broad God's might - y word,



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rise, then, to spread a - broad God's might - y word.



Our Lord's bod - y let us take to - geth - er,
Je - sus' blood poured let us drink to - geth - er,
In the pres - ence of our Lord we gath - er,
Je - sus ris - en will bring in the king - dom,



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in the pres - ence of our Lord we gath - er.
Je - sus ris - en will bring in the king - dom.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION *Led by the Worship Asst*

Nourishing God, at this table you have refreshed us with holy gifts of food and drink. Strengthen us for service, and send us out to embody your good news of liberation and healing for the sake of the world. In the name of Christ we pray, **Amen.**

SENDING God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world

BLESSING

The Spirit of the triune God ✚ bless you with joy, anoint you with compassion, and send you in love. **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN: ELW # 414 *Holy God, We Praise Your Name* (Public Domain)



1 Ho - ly God, we praise your name; Lord of all, we
2 Hark! The glad ce - les - tial hymn an - gel choirs a -
3 Lo, the ap - os - tol - ic train join your sa - cred
4 Ho - ly Fa - ther, ho - ly Son, Ho - ly Spir - it,



bow be - fore you. All on earth your scep - ter claim,
bove are rais - ing; cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim,
name to hal - low; proph - ets swell the glad re - frain,
three we name you, though in es - sence on - ly one;



all in heav'n a - bove a - dore you. In - fi - nite your
in un - ceas - ing cho - rus prais - ing, fill the heav'ns with
and the white-robed mar - tyrs fol - low; and from morn to
un - di - vid - ed God we claim you and, a - dor - ing,



vast do - main, ev - er - last - ing is your reign.
sweet ac - cord: "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord!"
set of sun through the church the song goes on.
bend the knee while we own the mys - ter - y.

DISMISSAL *Led by the Worship Asst*

Go in peace. Live in hope. **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE: In Christ Called to Baptize (St. Denio) from *The Last Minute Organist* arr. by Gerald Peterson © 1990 Lorenz Publishing Co. a division of the Lorenz Corporation. All rights reserved. (One License #1031221)

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UPCOMING AT HOLY CROSS

FEBRUARY:

Welcome Our Neighbors - 2/10 @ 9am

ESL - Celebration of Nations - 2/13, 10am – 12pm

Boy Scout Pinewood Derby - 2/22, 10am – 3pm

Prayer Shawl – 2nd & 4th Thursday each month

Men's Bible Study – 1st & 3rd Monday each month

Wednesday Bible Study – Every Wednesday

MARCH:

Greeting Card Ministry - 3/1, 10am – 12pm

Dessert & Dialogue – 3/6 @12 pm

Bingo Chili - 3/15 @ 5:30pm