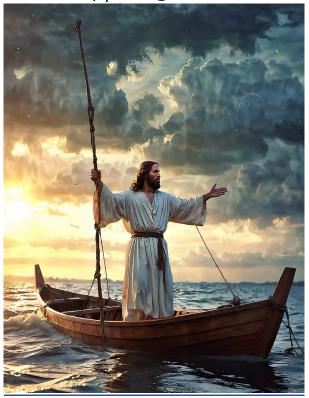
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February 9, 2025 Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

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.

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Reminder: Congregational Meeting February 23, 2025

Immediately following worship service

**In the event of inclement weather our meeting will be rescheduled

for March 2, 2025 after worship**

Prelude:

GATHERING

P: The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

(Stand if you are able)

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ⊕ one God, the fountain of living water, the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation.

C: Amen.

- P: Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.
- P: We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight.

Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family. Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By water and your Word you claim us as daughters and sons, making us heirs of your promise and servants of all.

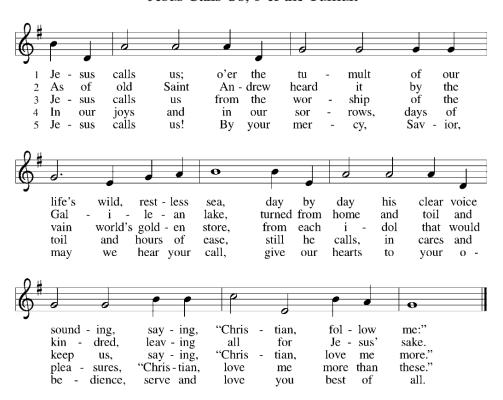
We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life, and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ. Shower us with your Spirit, and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love.

To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Gathering Hymn: ELW 696

Jesus Calls Us; o'er the Tumult



Text: Cecil Frances Alexander, 1818–1895 Music: GALILEE, William H. Jude, 1851–1922 P: The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Love of God and the community of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you

Kyrie- Congregation sings response "Lord, have mercy."



CANTICLE OF PRAISE





Prayer of the Day

L: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

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.

C: Amen.

(Please be Seated)

First Reading-Isaiah 6:1-8 [9-13]

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!"

L: A reading from the sixth chapter of Isaiah

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."

⁴The 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!"

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!" [⁹ And he said, "Go and say to this people:

'Keep listening, but do not comprehend; keep looking, but do not understand.' ¹⁰ Make 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."

¹¹ Then 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; ¹² until the Lord sends everyone far away, and vast is the emptiness in the midst of the land. ¹³ Even 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.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm: Psalm 138

- L: ¹I will give thanks to you, O Lord, with my whole heart; before the gods I will sing your praise.
- C: ²I will bow down toward your holy temple and praise your name, because of your steadfast love and faithfulness; for you have glorified your name and your word above all things.

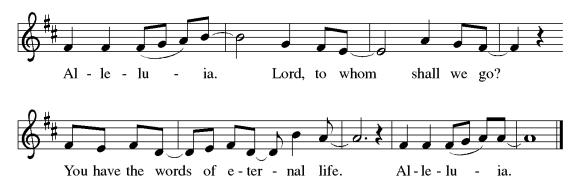
- L: ³ When I called, you answered me; you increased my strength within me.
- C: ⁴ All the rulers of the earth will praise you, O Lord, when they have heard the words of your mouth.
- L: ⁵ They will sing of the ways of the Lord, that great is the glory of the Lord.
- C: ⁶ The Lord is high, yet cares for the lowly, perceiving the haughty from afar.
- L: ⁷Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you keep me safe; you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies; your right hand shall save me.
- C: ⁸ You will make good your purpose for me; O Lord, your steadfast love endures forever; do not abandon the works of your hands.

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.

- L: A reading from the fifteenth chapter of 1 Corinthians.
 - ¹Now 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, 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 have come to believe.
- L: The Word of the Lord.
- C: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation:



The Gospel: Luke 5:1-11

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.

P: The holy gospel according to Luke, the fifth chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

P: 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 gone 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 break. 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' knees, saying, "Go away from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man!" 9 For he and all who were with him were amazed 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.

P: The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Children's Sermon / Sermon (please be seated)



Hymn of the Day: ELW 574 - Here I Am, Lord

Here I Am, Lord



Text: Daniel L. Schutte, b. 1946

Music: HERE I AM, LORD, Daniel L. Schutte
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Apostle's Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again 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.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

The pastor will read the first and last prayer, those in the congregation are invited to read the other prayer aloud as they feel called. The congregation may turn and face the aisle.

P: 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,

C: 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,

C: 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,

C: Hear our prayer.

Fill with your compassionate presence all who are suffering from addiction, mental illness, injury, or illness of any kind (*especially those we mention now or in the comfort of our hearts*). Draw helpers to their side so that they find relief from their burdens. God of grace,

C: 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,

C: Hear our prayer.

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

C: Hear our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

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

C: Amen.

Sharing of the Peace

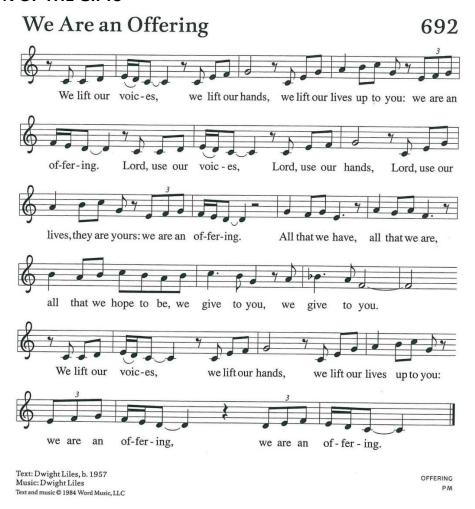
P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you.

OFFERING

Choir Anthem: "How Long, O God"

PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS



Offering Prayer

P: 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.

C: Amen.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Great Thanksgiving

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

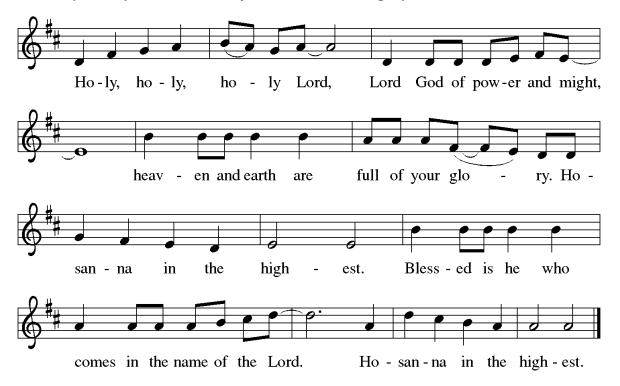
C: We lift them to the Lord.

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

C: It is right to give 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; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. 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:



THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE (said by Pastor)

You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God. You are most holy, and great is the majesty of your glory.

You so loved the world that you gave your only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but have eternal life.

We give you thanks for his coming into the world to fulfill for us your holy will and to accomplish all things for our salvation.

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.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

C: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Remembering, therefore, his salutary command, his life-giving passion and death, his glorious resurrection and ascension, and the promise of his coming again, we give thanks to you, O Lord God Almighty, not as we ought but as we are able; we ask you mercifully to accept our praise and thanksgiving and with your Word and Holy Spirit to bless us, your servants, and these your own gifts of bread and wine, so that we and all who share in the body and blood of Christ may be filled with heavenly blessing and grace, and, receiving the forgiveness of sin, may be formed to live as your holy people and be given our inheritance with all your saints.

To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever.

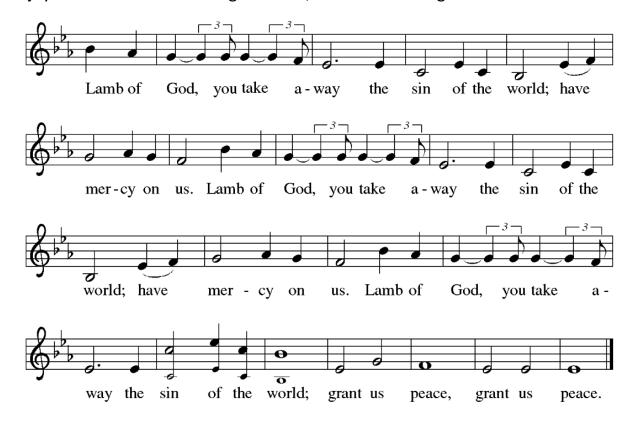
C: Amen.

P: Let us pray with confidence in the words our Savior gave us:

C: 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

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



Distribution of Bread & Fruits of the Vine (please follow usher)

SONG DURING COMMUNION: ELW 461

All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly



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Prayer after Communion

P: 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,

C: Amen.

Announcements

BLESSING

The Spirit of the triune God \pm bless you with joy, anoint you with compassion, and send you in love.

C: Amen

Sending Song: ELW 579



Lord, You Give the Great Commission

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DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Live in hope.

C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude:

Our Outreach envelopes for February will be given to Allentown Rescue Mission.

<u>ANNOUNCEMENTS</u>					
FEBRUARY	BIRTHDAYS	ANNIVERSARIES	BAPTISMS		
9			Serena Ashmore		
10	Wayne Mesko				
12	Steven Streletz				
13	Miriam Anderson				

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	THIS WEEK'S ACT	IVITIES
Sunday, February 9	9:15 AM	Adult Sunday school in the library
Fifth Sunday after Epiphany	10:00 AM	Communion Worship
	After Worship	Worship and Music Committee Meeting
Monday, February 10	1:00 PM- 3:00 PM	Admin Office Hours
	6:30-7:30pm	Kids Club
Tuesday, February 11	7:00 PM	Council Meeting
Wednesday, February 12	10:00 AM - 2:00 PM	Office Hours
Thursday, February 13	10:00 AM - 1:00 PM	Office hours
	12:00 PM	Chat & Chew with Pr. Jim
	1:00 - 3:00 PM	Adult Bible Study @ Hlavaty's
	7:00 PM	PALM Cluster meeting @ Durham
	UPCOMING ACT	<u>IVITIES</u>
Sunday, February 16th	9:15 AM	Adult Sunday School in Library
Sixth Sunday after Epiphany	10:00 AM	Communion Worship
	After Worship	Alter Guild Meeting
	12:00 PM	Mental Health Series- Rev. Sue Howes
	5:00PM-7:00PM	Confirmation Class @ Durham
Monday, February 17th	11:00 AM- 1:00 PM	Messy Church
	1:00 PM- 3:00 PM	Admin Office Hours
	6:30-7:30PM	Kids Club
Wednesday, February 19	10:00 AM - 2:00 PM	Office Hours
	10:00 AM	Mid-week Choir Rehearsal
Thursday, February 20	10:00 AM - 1:00 PM	Office hours
	12:00 PM	Chat & Chew with Pr. Jim
	1:00 - 3:00 PM	Adult Bible Study @ Hlavaty's
Saturday, February 22	9:30 AM- 12:00 PM	SEPAGather ChurchCouncil Leaders
	9AM Prep 3PM-5PM	Philadelphia Soup Sale at Durham!
Sunday, February 23	9:15 AM	Adult Sunday school in the library
Seventh Sunday after Epiphany	10:00 AM	Communion Worship
	After Worship	Congregational Meeting
	5:00 PM	Reverse Advent Covered Dish @ St. Lukes
Monday, February 24	1:00 PM- 3:00 PM	Admin Office Hours
	6:30-7:30PM	Kids Club
Wednesday, February 26	10:00 AM - 2:00 PM	Office Hours
	10:00 AM	Mid-week Choir Rehearsal
Thursday, February 27	10:00 AM - 1:00 PM	Office hours
	12:00 PM	Chat & Chew with Pr. Jim
	1:00 - 3:00 PM	Adult Bible Study @ Hlavaty's



For Healing of those in our Congregation:

David Antoni; Esther Crouse; Joe Hlavaty; George Kreitz; Paul McGinn; Cheryl Mesko; Joanne Ziegenfuss

For Healing of Friends and Family:

Frank Allebach; Phyllis Allebach; Bob Benoure; Jason Bigley; Stephen Bizon; Clay Butler; Doris Calverley; Deb Carmichael; Jane Carr; Peggy Coleman; Stephanie Courtney; David Davis; Nancy Edelen; Carol and Leon Errico; Gabriella Froehlich; Barbara Foster; Debbie

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For those who are Homebound:

James Altemose; Cleo Eck; Frank Mammana; Jayne Miller.

For families and friends grieving the loss of:

Fred Foerster; Norma Fox; Kenneth Hager; Silas Rodenbach; Bart Shaw; Ed Xander and Bobby Ziegenfuss If you want to add or remove someone from the prayer list, please contact Joan Mammana either by phone (610-258-5717 or 610-417-6553) or by email at: joanmammana@icloud.com

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Acolyte		
Lector	Kat Wagner	
Head / Communion Usher		
Council Communion	Kat Wagner and Cathy Mueller	
Counting Team	Mark Harwick, Linda Sauter and	
	Leann Kressman	
Technology & Livestreaming	Ken Anderson	
Administrative	Kathryn Wagner	
Custodian	Dianna Streletz	



Windowsill Donations!

The Lords's Pantry has requested: coffee, chunky soups, laundry Detergent and condiments

Project Easton is requesting spaghetti and pancake mix.

Any donations are always appreciated!