

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!"

ISAIAH 6:8

Fifth Sunday after Epiphany
February 9, 2025
9:00 a.m.

St. Paul's Lutheran Church

Building Disciples - Growing in Faith
Serving in Christ's Name

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Welcome to all – especially visitors. **It is no accident that you are here today!** You are an answer to our prayer. We have been praying for you, and believe that God has brought you here because God wants to touch your life. We welcome you in the name of Jesus Christ!

Large print and children's bulletins are available in the Narthex or from an usher.

Holy Communion: All God's Children are welcome to come to God's Table! It is at the Table we receive Christ's body and blood through the bread and wine. This holy meal renews and nourishes our spirit. Come and eat. If you are unable to come forward to receive communion, please let an usher know and we will bring communion to you.

The prefilled glasses are grape juice.

Please remember to write any prayer requests for today in the prayer book in the Narthex.



~ THE GATHERING ~

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God

ANNOUNCEMENTS, JOYS, CONCERNS

PRELUDE

Please stand as you are comfortable.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

P: Blessed be the Holy One of Israel, the Word made flesh, the Power of the Most High, ✙ one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

P: Confident in the assurance of forgiveness through Jesus Christ, let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

P: Loving God,

C: we confess that we have turned from your way to follow our own ways. Forgive us for the times we have spoken or acted too quickly; we have not spoken or acted at all; we have hurt those closest to us; we have hurt those we have yet to know; we have thought more about ourselves than

others; we have thought less of ourselves than we ought. Turn us around, and give us a fresh start, so that we can live again as your children. Amen.

P: Even when we have done wrong, God makes us right. Even when we have messed up, God puts us together. God's love never runs out. God never tires of calling us beloved children. Hear God say to you now: Your sins are forgiven, for the sake of ✝ Jesus Christ our Savior.

C: Amen.

GATHERING HYMN

ELW #413 "Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty"

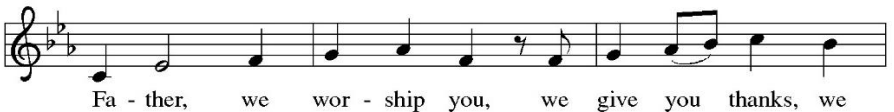
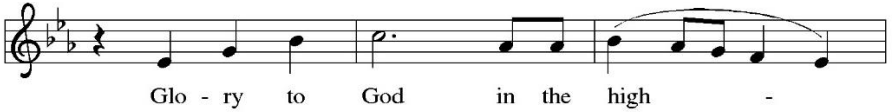
APOSTOLIC GREETING

The presiding minister and the congregation greet each other.

P: The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light. Grace to you, and peace, from God who shines among us.

C: And also with you.

HYMN OF PRAISE





Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther,
Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world: have mer - cy on us; you are seat - ed at the
right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.
For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a -
lone are the Lord, you a - lone are the Most High,
Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it, in the glo - ry of
God the Fa - ther. A - men.
Glo - ry to God in the high -
est, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

The presiding minister leads the prayer of the day.

P: 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.

C: Amen.

Please be seated.

~ THE WORD ~

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

FIRST READING: Isaiah 6:1-8

¹In 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. ²Seraphs 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. ³And 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. ⁵And 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!”

L: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALMODY: Psalm 138 *(read responsively)*

¹I will give thanks to you, O Lord, with my whole heart;
before the gods I will sing your praise.

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.

³When I called, you answered me;
you increased my strength within me.

**⁴All the rulers of the earth will praise you, O Lord,
when they have heard the words of your mouth.**

⁵They will sing of the ways of the Lord,
that great is the glory of the Lord.

**⁶The Lord is high, yet cares for the lowly,
perceiving the haughty from afar.**

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.

**⁸You 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

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, ²through 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.

³For 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, ⁴and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, ⁵and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. ⁶Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. ⁷Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. ⁸Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. ⁹For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. ¹⁰But 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. ¹¹Whether 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.

Please stand as you are comfortable to welcome the gospel.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

As a star, God's ho - ly word leads us to our

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King and Lord; bright - ly from its sa - cred pa - ges
 shall this light through-out the a - ges shine u - pon our
 path of life, shine u - pon our path of life.

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GOSPEL READING: Luke 5:1-11

P: The Holy Gospel according to Luke.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

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

P: The Gospel of our Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S MESSAGE

Please stand as you are comfortable to proclaim the word of God in song as the hymn is introduced.

HYMN OF THE DAY

ELW #580 "How Clear Is Our Vocation, Lord"

APOSTLES' CREED

A: With the baptized of every time and place, we profess our faith.

C: 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. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

The assisting minister prays on behalf of the congregation.

A: As we celebrate Christ embodied in human form, we pray for God's blessing on the church, the world, and all of creation.

A brief silence.

A: 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. Empower the voting members of our Lower Susquehanna Synod conferences to discern those possessing the gifts to serve as bishop and in other leadership roles within our synod, and to continue to support the work we do together as synod. God of grace and glory,

C: hear our prayer.

A: 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; firefighters, police officers and first responders; school crossing guards and snowplow operators. Guide us to live carefully alongside the wonders of your beautiful

creation and to embrace each season in its beauty and splendor. God of grace and glory,

C: hear our prayer.

A: Open the hearts of all leaders, especially those who serve in the armed forces and the families who support them, that they respond to their commission with wisdom, patience and integrity. Ensure that all who serve are kept safe in body, mind, and spirit. We pray for an end to all war and armed conflict in our homes, our neighborhoods and around the world. God of grace and glory,

C: hear our prayer.

A: Fill with your compassionate presence all who are suffering from addiction, mental illness, injury, or illness of any kind, especially Kody, Jay, Bill, Elizabeth, Jerry, Doug, Jordan, Christian, Terrie, Naoma, Boden, Andy, Andrea, Doris, Stew, Jim, Linda, Judy G., Barbara, Stew, Alice, Shirley, Tim, Bob, Pastor Anne, Pastor Pam, Jack, Chris, Carole Jane, and those we name before you now, aloud or in the silence of our hearts. (pause) Draw helpers to their side so that they find relief from their burdens. God of grace and glory,

C: hear our prayer.

A: On this Souper Bowl Sunday, we remember the hungry, the homeless, the unemployed and underemployed, and all who live with less than they deserve. Give us generous hearts to share from our bounty, knowing that when we work together we can make a dramatic impact. God of grace and glory,

C: hear our prayer.

A: 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 and glory,

C: hear our prayer.

A: Merciful God, hear the prayers of your people, spoken or silent, for the sake of the one who dwells among us, your Son, Jesus Christ our Savior.

C: Amen.

THE SHARING OF PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

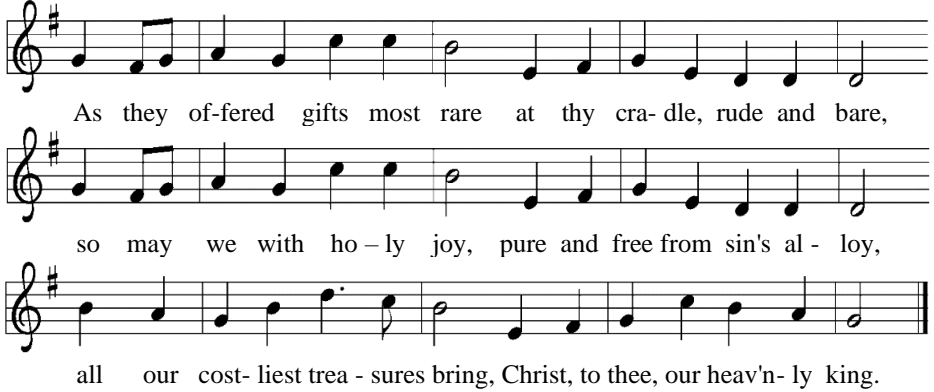
Share a sign of peace with your neighbors, then remain standing as you are comfortable.

~ THE MEAL ~

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ

OFFERTORY HYMN

ELW #302 "As With Gladness Men of Old" (Stanza 3)



As they of-fered gifts most rare at thy cra-dle, rude and bare,
so may we with ho-ly joy, pure and free from sin's al-loy,
all our cost-liest trea-sures bring, Christ, to thee, our heav'n-ly king.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

After the table is set, the assisting minister leads the prayer.

A: Let us pray.

C: Merciful God, as the magi offered gifts to the Christ child, receive the treasures of ourselves, our time, and our possessions. Through this meal unite us as your body, that we may be a light to all nations; for the sake of him who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

The presiding minister greets the congregation and invites all present to give thanks.

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.

P: Blessed are you, O holy God: You are the Life and Light of all. By your powerful word you created all things. Through the prophets you called your people to be a light to the nations.

Blessed are you for Jesus, your Son. He is your Light, shining in our darkness and revealing to us your mercy and might.

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.

P: Remembering, therefore, his preaching and healing, his dying and rising, and his promise to come again, we await that day when all the universe will rejoice in your holy and life-giving light.

We cry out for the resurrection of our lives, when Christ will come again in beauty and power to share with us the great and promised feast.

C: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

P: By your Spirit bless us and this meal, that refreshed with this heavenly food, we may be light for the world, revealing the brilliance of your Son.

C: Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.

P: Through him all glory and honor is yours, Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy Church, both now and forever.

C: Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

P: As children of God we are bold to pray:

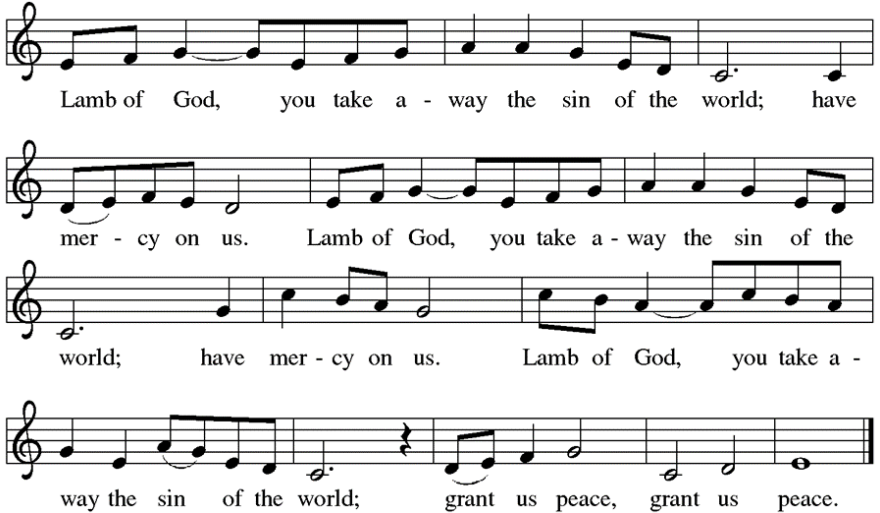
C: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

As the bread is broken, the presiding minister addresses the congregation:

P: The light of Christ came into our world and shines in the darkness. Come now to feast at Christ's table.

As the table is prepared the congregation sings:



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a -
way the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

Please be seated.

DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

Come forward to receive communion at the direction of the ushers, organ side first, and return by the side aisles.

COMMUNION HYMNS

ELW #491 "Come, Let Us Eat"

ELW #574 "Here I Am, Lord"

When all have communed, please stand as you are comfortable.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

The assisting minister leads the congregation in prayer.

A: Let us pray.

O God, our life, our strength, our food, we give you thanks for sustaining us with the body and blood of your Son. By your Holy Spirit, enliven us to be his body in the world, that more and more we will give you praise and serve your earth and its many peoples, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

~ THE SENDING ~

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world

BENEDICTION

The presiding minister proclaims God's blessing.

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

C: Amen.

SENDING HYMN

ELW #551 "The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve"

DISMISSAL

The assisting minister sends the congregation into mission.

A: Go in peace. Be the light of Christ.

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE



Offering: Please place your offering in the collection plates near the doors. Your ongoing financial support to our congregations is vital in our ongoing ministries and to cover monthly expenses.

About today's lessons: *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.*

Welcome and thank you to Micki Kautz who is our guest musician today.

Name tags: Please continue to wear them for worship and fellowship hour!

Adult Sunday School: Join us in the upper Sunday school room where we continue to discuss the book "If God is Love, Don't be a Jerk" by Jon Pavlovitz.

Children's Sunday School meets TODAY, February 23, March 9, and March 23.

Member Directory: The directory is now complete. Copies were emailed and are also available in the narthex and upper Sunday

school room. Note: birthdays and anniversaries are included at the end. If you have any changes to your information, please contact the church office.

Souper Bowl Sunday – Thanks to everyone who donated canned goods to this effort!

Noisy Offering! Throw your coins (they'll make noise!) or dollar bills or checks into the large cans labeled "Noisy Offering" near the offering plates at the entrances. All monies received through the end of February will be sent to ELCA Lutheran Disaster Response for help with victims of the California wildfires. A new recipient will be chosen for our offerings every two months. Questions? See Dan Loope. And thanks!

Committee members needed! As we begin a new year, we are looking to revive and, hopefully, re-energize our various committees. Please prayerfully consider how you can best use your gifts in the ministries of St. Paul's. Complete a Member Interest Form found in the narthex or upper Sunday school room and place it in the offering plate, give to Pastor Gwenn, or mail to the church office.

WE NEED worship assistants! Please let Pastor Gwenn or Ann in the church office know (stpaulsenola@yahoo.com / 717.697.9675) if you would like to begin helping in any capacity. We especially need communion set-up/clean-up helpers, which takes just a few minutes each week. Thanks to everyone who contributes to our worship services each Sunday!

Upcoming

Feb. 10: Council meeting, 6:30 pm

March 1: Family Fun Night, 6:00 pm

March 5: Ash Wednesday

Finances At-a-Glance (full reports can be found on our website or in the monthly *Epistle* in the Council materials.)

	December 2024	January 2025
Revenue*	\$21,727.06	\$17,138.20
Expenses	\$20,076.94	\$15,561.44
Net Revenue	\$1,650.12	\$1,576.76

*Does not include roof funds

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Musician: Micki Kautz

Ushers: Mike Peck & Darrell McMillan

Counters: Dan Loope & Jan Adams

Altar Guild: Keith Gilbert / Judy Cryder

Building Lock-up: Dan Loope

Technology: Nick Cekovich / Doug Bowers

**Copies of the schedule through April are available
in the upper Sunday school room.**

	Feb 16	Feb 23	March 2 Transfig.	March 5 Ash Wed	March 9
Asst. Min.	Nick C.	John F.	Deb L.	Nick C.	Keith G.
Lector	Emily B.	Phyllis A.	Wendy C.	John F.	Seana M.
Musician	David B.	Deb R.			
Ushers	Mike P. Darrell M.	Mike P. Darrell M.	Duane J. Drew K.	Duane J. Drew K.	Duane J. Drew K.
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Altar s/u	Amanda B.	Keith G.	Amanda B.	Keith G.	Amanda B.
Altar c/u	MaryJane	Judy C.	MaryJane	Judy C.	MaryJane
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