



THE FIFTH SUNDAY
AFTER THE EPIPHANY

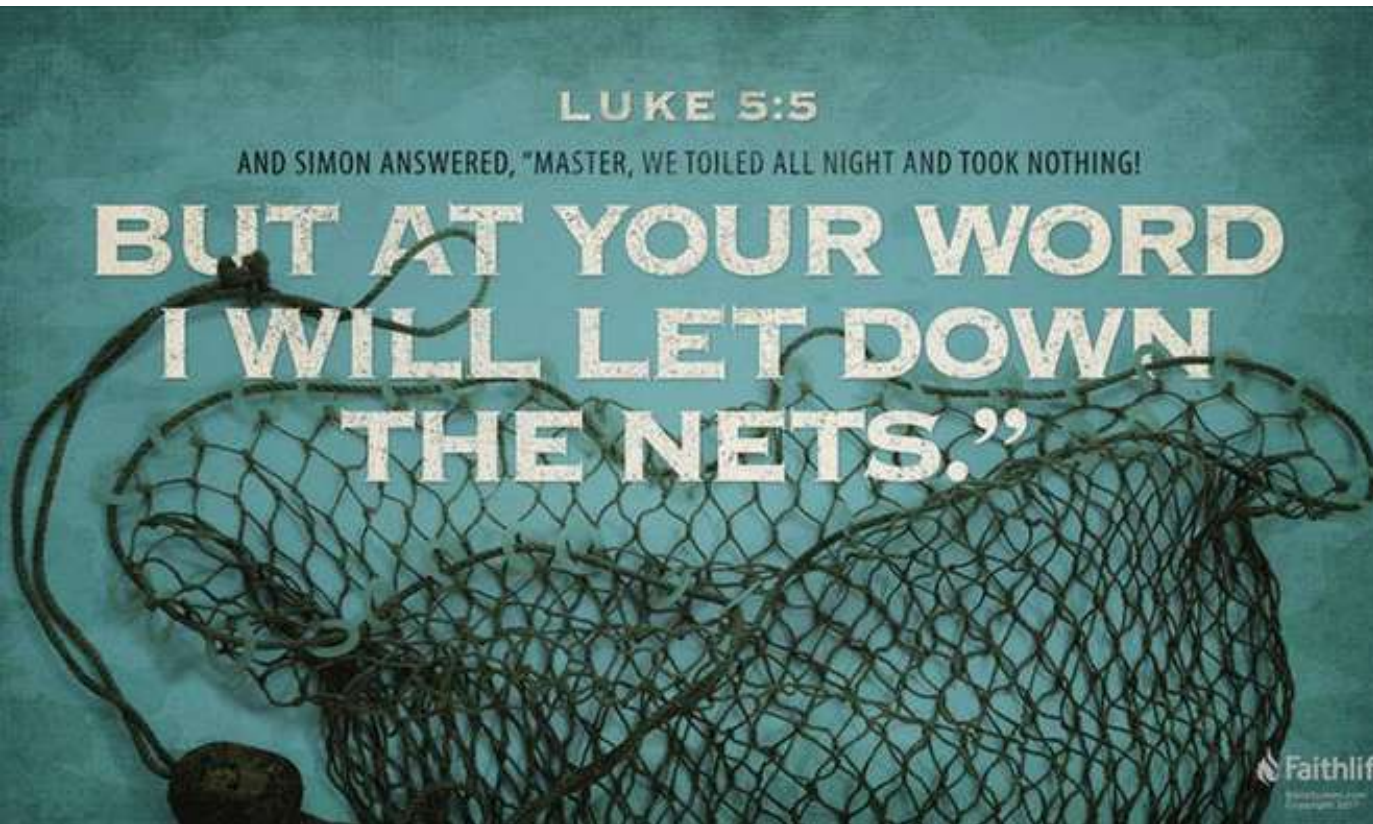
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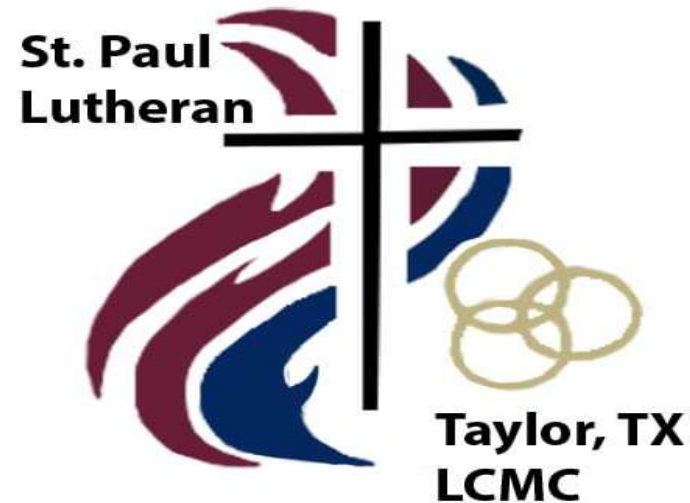


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Welcome to Scout Troop 167 and their members who are joining us today for our service



Congregational meeting will be held February 23 immediately following church service.

In addition to the Annual Report, the congregation will discuss proposed changes to the Congregational Constitution.

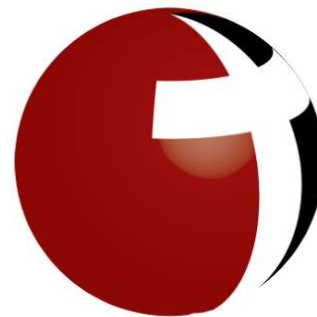
Copies of the Annual Report and Proposed Constitution changes are available in the Narthex.

***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 -



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WELCOME

WE'RE GLAD YOU JOINED US

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.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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 lovingkindness.
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.

Gathering Hymn

“Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty”

Hymn # 413

**¹Holy, holy, holy, Lord God
Almighty!**

**Early in the morning our song
shall rise to thee.**

Hymn # 413

**Holy, holy, holy, merciful and
mighty!**

**God in three persons,
blessed Trinity!**

Hymn # 413

**² Holy, holy, holy! All the
saints adore thee,
casting down their golden
crowns around the glassy
sea;**

Hymn # 413

**cherubim and seraphim
falling down before thee,
which wert and art, and
evermore shalt be.**

Hymn # 413

**3 Holy, holy, holy! Though the
darkness hide thee,
though the eye of sinfulness
thy glory may not see,**

Hymn # 413

**only thou art holy; there is
none beside thee,
perfect in pow'r, in love and
purity.**

Hymn # 413

**Final Holy, holy, holy, Lord God
Almighty!**

**All thy works shall praise thy
name in earth and sky and sea.**

Hymn # 413

**Holy, holy, holy, merciful and
mighty!
God in three persons, blessed
Trinity!**

Hymn # 413

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.

Kyrie

Kyrie eleison

Lord, have mercy.

Christe eleison

Christ, have mercy.

Kyrie eleison

Lord, have mercy.

Glory To God

*Glory to God, glory to God,
glory to God in the highest,
glory to God, glory to God,
and peace to God's people on
earth.*

*Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you
thanks, we praise you for your
glory.*

[Refrain]

[Refrain]

*Glory to God, glory to God,
glory to God in the highest,
glory to God, glory to God,
and peace to God's people on
earth.*

*Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the
Father, Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us; you are seated
at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.*

[Refrain]

[Refrain]

*Glory to God, glory to God,
glory to God in the highest,
glory to God, glory to God,
and peace to God's people on
earth.*

*For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord
you alone are the Most High, Jesus
Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the
glory of God the Father. Amen.*

[Refrain]

[Refrain]

*Glory to God, glory to God,
glory to God in the highest,
glory to God, glory to God,
and peace to God's people on
earth, and peace to God's people
on earth.*

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.

WORD

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!"

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!"

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

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

¹⁰Make 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."

¹¹Then 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;

¹²until the LORD sends everyone far away, and vast is the emptiness in the midst of the land.

¹³Even 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.]

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: PSALM 138

I will bow down toward your holy temple. (Ps. 138:2)

¹ I will give thanks to you, O LORD, with my whole heart;

before the gods I will sing your praise.

² **I 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.**

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

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

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

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

⁷ Though 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.

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.

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.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia.

Lord, to whom shall we go?

Alleluia.

You have the words of eternal Life.

Alleluia, alleluia.

GOSPEL

The Holy Gospel according to Luke 5:1-11

Glory to you, O Lord.

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.

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.

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.



CHILDREN'S
SERMON

Sermon

Rev. Dr. George R. Qualley

**AND WHEN THEY HAD
BROUGHT THEIR BOATS
TO LAND, THEY LEFT
EVERYTHING AND FOLLOWED HIM.**

LUKE 5:11



Hymn of the Day

“Here I Am, Lord”

Hymn # 574

**¹ I, the Lord of sea and sky,
I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin
my hand will save.**

Hymn # 574

**I, who made the stars of night,
I will make their darkness
bright.**

**Who will bear my light to
them?**

Whom shall I send?

Hymn # 574

[Refrain]

**Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the
night.**

**I will go, Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.**

Hymn # 574

**2 I, the Lord of snow and rain,
I have borne my people's
pain.**

**I have wept for love of them.
They turn away.**

Hymn # 574

**I will break their hearts of stone
give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak my word to them.
Whom shall I send?**

Hymn # 574

[Refrain]

**Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the
night.**

**I will go, Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.**

Hymn # 574

**Final I, the Lord of wind and
flame,
I will tend the poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them.
My hand will save.**

Hymn # 574

**Finest bread I will provide
till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give my life to them.
Whom shall I send?**

Hymn # 574

[Refrain]

**Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the
night.**

**I will go, Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.**

Hymn # 574

With the whole church let us confess our faith.

CREED

Apostles' Creed

**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

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 and we remember our friends and family members before God. 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.

We pray for all our military, especially those deployed. We keep in our prayers all the Wounded Warriors that have returned home to heal. We pray for our missionaries: for Cheryl Kruckemeyer our missionary in Tanzania, for Paul & Pris in the Home Office, serving with the World Mission Prayer League, and for our sister congregation at Faith Lutheran Church in Castle Rock, Colorado. We thank you for the leadership and ministry of the Board of Trustees, Ministry Board and support staff of Lutheran Congregations in Mission for Christ as they serve our association.

Especially today we celebrate and lift before you the ministry of New Sweden in Manor, Texas and their pastor, Hans Lillejord. May your grace flow through them as they share your Good News. Bless and protect all our local nurses, doctors, healthcare workers and first responders, our students, teachers and school administrators. God of grace,
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,
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

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

Amen.

Canticle of Thanksgiving

Refrain ***Salvation belongs to our God
and to Christ the Lamb for ever and
ever.***

¹ Great and wonderful are your deeds, O God of the universe; just and true are your ways, O Ruler of all the nations.

Who can fail to honor you, Lord, and sing the glory of your name?

Refrain **Salvation belongs to our God
and to Christ the Lamb forever and
ever.**

***2 For you alone are the Holy One,
and blessed is the one whose
name is the Word of God.
All praise and thanks to you, holy
God!***

Refrain ***Salvation belongs to our God
and to Christ the Lamb forever and
ever.***

THANKSGIVING FOR THE WORD

Let us pray.

O God of justice and love, we give thanks to you that you illumine our way through life with the words of your Son. Give us the light we need, awaken us to the needs of others, and at the end bring all the world to your feast; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory forever.

Amen.

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**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.**

SENDING

BLESSING

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.

The Lord look upon you with favor and † give you
peace.

Amen.

Sending Hymn

“Holy God, We Praise Your Name”

Hymn # 414

**¹Holy God, we praise your name;
Lord of all, we bow before you.
All on earth your scepter claim,**

Hymn # 414

**all in heav'n above adore you.
Infinite your vast domain,
everlasting is your reign.**

Hymn # 414

**² Hark! the glad celestial hymn
angel choirs above are raising;
cherubim and seraphim,**

Hymn # 414

**in unceasing chorus praising,
fill the heav'ns with sweet
accord: “Holy, holy, holy Lord!”**

Hymn # 414

**³ Lo, the apostolic train join your
sacred name to hallow; prophets
swell the glad refrain,**

Hymn # 414

**and the white-robed martyrs
follow; and from morn to set of
sun through the church the song
goes on.**

Hymn # 414

**Final Holy Father, holy Son,
Holy Spirit, three we name you,
though in essence only one;**

Hymn # 414

**undivided God we claim you
and, adoring, bend the knee
while we own the mystery.**

Hymn # 414

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Live in hope.

Thanks be to God.

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