

Welcome to Grace Lutheran Church! We are brothers and sisters in Christ who are about **“Proclaiming God’s grace through faith and love.”** If you are a visitor, please make yourself at home and don’t hesitate to ask a question. There will be the celebration of Holy Communion in the **10:30a.m. service** today. If you are not a member of Grace and desire to commune, please speak with the pastor **before the service**. If you are physically unable to commune at the altar, the pastor would be happy to serve you in your pew. Please, notify an usher before the service begins.

## 5<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

February 9, 2025

### Today in Worship

- Today we hear of Isaiah, who calls himself “a man of unclean lips.” We read as Paul asks the rhetorical question, “What am I to do?” And we identify with Peter, who confesses, “I am a sinful man, O Lord.” In short, we recognize that these people are just like us! But like all three, we have already been caught by our gracious God. Isaiah was called to write for God, Paul’s pen brought the Gospel to the early church, and Peter led the disciples in spite of himself. With them, we have been caught in the “net,” the good news of God’s love and forgiveness. Today our worship is designed to move us outward, to fish for people who feel unclean, don’t know what to do, and are leaderless; people who have not yet realized God’s gracious love. Ready to go fishing?



### Ringling of the Bells

**Announcements** (10:30am Service)

**Welcome**

### Opening Hymn

*Lutheran Service Book #401*

*“From God the Father, Virgin-Born”*

### Invocation & Sentences

*Psalm 71:12, 17-18*

**P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

**P** O God, be not far from me;

**C** **O my God, make haste to help me!**

**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.**

## **Confession & Absolution**      Lk 5:8; 1 Cor. 14:14; Is. 6:5, 7

**P** Seeing Jesus' power, Peter blurted out, "Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord."

**C** **Heavenly Father, we confess that we have failed in thoughts, words, and deeds; we are sinful people.**

**P** Paul lamented, "If I pray in a tongue, my spirit prays but my mind is unfruitful."

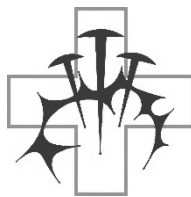
**C** **We confess, Holy Spirit, that we have been content to find peace only for ourselves; we are sinful in our very being.**

**P** Isaiah cried, "I am lost; for I am a man of unclean lips."

**C** **We confess, Lord Jesus, that we have sinned even in our speaking and doing; we deserve to have You depart from us.**

**P** Despite their failures, Isaiah and Paul were inspired to write parts of the Bible and Peter led the disciples. By the grace of God, Jesus died and rose for you. As the angel told Isaiah, "Your guilt is taken away, and your sin atoned for." As a called and ordained servant of Christ, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.



# Psalm of the Day

Psalm 138



**P** I give you thanks, O Lord, with | my whole heart; \*

**C** before the gods I | sing your praise;

**P** I bow down toward your holy temple and give thanks to your name for your steadfast love and your | faithfulness, \*

**C** for you have exalted above all things your name | and your word.

**P** On the day I called, you | answered me; \*

**C** my strength of soul | you increased.

**P** All the kings of the earth shall give you thanks, | O Lord, \*

**C** for they have heard the words | of your mouth,

**P** and they shall sing of the ways | of the Lord, \*

**C** for great is the glory | of the Lord.

**P** For though the Lord is high, he regards the | lowly, \*

**C** but the haughty he knows | from afar.

**P** Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you pre- | serve my life; \*

**C** you stretch out your hand against the wrath of my enemies, and your right hand de- | livers me.

**P** The Lord will fulfill his pur- | pose for me; \*

**C** your steadfast love, O Lord, endures forever. Do not forsake the work | of your hands.

**C** Glory be to the Father and | to the Son \*

and to the Holy | Spirit;

as it was in the be- | -ginning, \*

is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

# Hymn of Praise

Lutheran Service Book #940  
"Holy God, We Praise Thy Name"

## Salutation and Prayer of the Day

**P** The Lord be with you.

**G** **And also with you.**

**P** Let us pray. O Lord, keep Your family the church continually in the true faith that, relying on the hope of Your heavenly grace, we may ever be defended by Your mighty power; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**G** **Amen.**

## Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 6:1-13

*"God calls Isaiah to be a prophet."*

**L** The Old Testament Reading for the 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday after the Epiphany is from Isaiah, chapter six.

<sup>1</sup> 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. <sup>2</sup> 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. <sup>3</sup> And one called to another and said:

"Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts;  
the whole earth is full of his glory!"

<sup>4</sup> And the foundations of the thresholds shook at the voice of him who called, and the house was filled with smoke. <sup>5</sup> And I said: "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!"

<sup>6</sup> Then one of the seraphim flew to me, having in his hand a burning coal that he had taken with tongs from the altar. <sup>7</sup> And he touched my mouth and said: "Behold, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away, and your sin atoned for."

<sup>8</sup> And I heard the voice of the Lord saying, “Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?” Then I said, “Here I am! Send me.” <sup>9</sup> And he said, “Go, and say to this people:

“Keep on hearing, but do not understand;  
keep on seeing, but do not perceive.’

<sup>10</sup> 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.”

<sup>11</sup> 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,  
<sup>12</sup> and the Lord removes people far away,  
and the forsaken places are many in the midst of the land.

<sup>13</sup> 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.

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

## Choir Anthem

“Prayer of Communion”

## Epistle Reading

1 Corinthians 14:12b-20

*“Our words must not be for ourselves alone, but for the building up of the church.”*

**L** The Epistle Reading is from First Corinthians, chapter 14.

<sup>12b</sup> Since you are eager for manifestations of the Spirit, strive to excel in building up the church.

<sup>13</sup> Therefore, one who speaks in a tongue should pray that he may interpret. <sup>14</sup> For if I pray in a tongue, my spirit prays but my mind is unfruitful. <sup>15</sup> What 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. <sup>16</sup> Otherwise, 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? <sup>17</sup> For you may be giving thanks well enough, but the other person is not being built up. <sup>18</sup> I thank God that I speak in tongues more than all of you. <sup>19</sup> Nevertheless, in church I would rather speak five words with my mind in order to instruct others, than ten thousand words in a tongue.

<sup>20</sup> Brothers, do not be children in your thinking. Be infants in evil, but in your thinking be mature.

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

## Verse

Luke 5:10b

**P** Alleluia. Do not be afraid;

**C** **from now on you will be catching men. Alleluia.**

## Holy Gospel

Luke 5:1-11

*“Jesus calls Peter to fish for men.”*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke the 5th chapter.

**C** **Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup> On one occasion, while the crowd was pressing in on him to hear the word of God, he was standing by the lake of Gennesaret, <sup>2</sup> and he saw two boats by the lake, but the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets.

<sup>3</sup> Getting 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.

<sup>4</sup> And when he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, “Put out into the deep and let down your nets for a catch.” <sup>5</sup> And Simon answered, “Master, we toiled all night and took nothing! But at your word I will let down the nets.” <sup>6</sup> And when they had done this, they enclosed a large number of fish, and their nets were breaking. <sup>7</sup> They 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. <sup>8</sup> But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus’ knees, saying, “Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord.” <sup>9</sup> For he and all who were with him were astonished at the catch of fish that they had taken, <sup>10</sup> and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. And Jesus said to Simon, “Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching men.” <sup>11</sup> And when they had brought their boats to land, they left everything and followed him.

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** Praise to You, O Christ.

**The Apostles Creed** *8:00am service*

**The Nicene Creed** *10:30am service*

**Message for Children from God’s Word**

**Hymn of the Day**

*Lutheran Service Book #856  
“O Christ, Who Called the Twelve”*

**Sermon**

**Offering**

“And he touched my mouth and said: ‘Behold, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away, and your sin atoned for.’”

– *Isaiah 6:7*

*We encourage you to place your offering in the drop box in the narthex before service. As the usher brings the offering forward at this time you may also hold it up and place it in the plate as the usher walks by. Please also use this time for prayer and reflection upon what we have heard from the Lord’s Word this morning.*





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## **Prayer of the Church**

*Responses after each petition:*

- P** Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**

*The prayers conclude:*

- P** O Lord, never depart from us. Though we are unworthy of You and Your bounty, You are pleased to receive our meager thanks and reluctant obedience for the sake of Christ’s perfect obedience. Let Your Word rule us and Your Spirit revive us to leave behind pride and anxiety alike, that we may follow You in all we do; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the same Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

- C** **Amen.**

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*8:00 a.m. Service*

## **The Lord’s Prayer**

### **Thanksgiving**

- P** For the joy of Your sending prophets to people who had again rebelled against You,
- C** **we thank you, Lord.**

- P** For the joy of your apostles whom You called to follow and to be made into fishers of men,
- C** **we thank you, Lord.**

- P** For the joy of Jesus who proclaimed and demonstrated the coming Kingdom, and who suffered, died, rose, and ascended,
- C** **we thank You. We praise You. We adore You, Lord. Amen.**

### **Benediction**

Numbers 6:24-26

- P** The LORD bless you and keep you. The LORD make His face to shine upon you and be gracious to you. The LORD look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

- C** **Amen.**

# Greeting of Peace & Announcements

## Closing Hymn

Lutheran Service Book #827  
“Hark, the Voice of Jesus Calling”

*This concludes the 8:00 a.m. Service*

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*10:30 a.m. Service*

## Service of the Sacrament

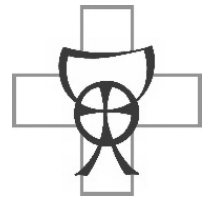
*The Lord’s Supper is celebrated at this congregation in the confession and glad confidence that, as he says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but his very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with him and with one another.*

*Our Lord invites to his table those who trust his words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as he forgives and loves us, that they may show forth his death until he comes.*

*Because those who eat and drink our Lord’s body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm and because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, and yet desire to receive the sacrament, are asked first to speak with the pastor.*

## Preface

- 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.**



## Proper Preface

- P** It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should...  
... evermore praising You and saying:

**Sanctus** *“Holy, Holy, Holy”* LSB p. 208

**Lord’s Prayer** *Spoken* LSB p. 209

**The Words of our Lord** *Spoken* LSB p. 209

**Pax Domini** *“The Peace of Our Lord”* LSB p. 209

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

**C** Amen.

**Agnus Dei** *“Lamb of God”* LSB p. 210

## Distribution Hymns

*“What Is This Bread”* LSB # 629

*“Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service”* LSB # 848

*“Seek Ye First”* LSB # 712

**Nunc Dimittis** *“Song of Simeon”* LSB p. 211

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# Greeting of Peace

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## Formula of Concord Reading Plan

*February – Week 2 – The Week of February 2*

*The Topic this Month: Free Will*

### Read:

- Epitome, II, para. 2-6 (p. 477-478)
- Apology of the AC XVIII (p. 197-198)

