

St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church

Holstein, IA February 9, 2025 9:00 A.M.

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.

GATHER

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Confession & 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 judgement, 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.

Opening Hymn

Oh, Sing to God Above

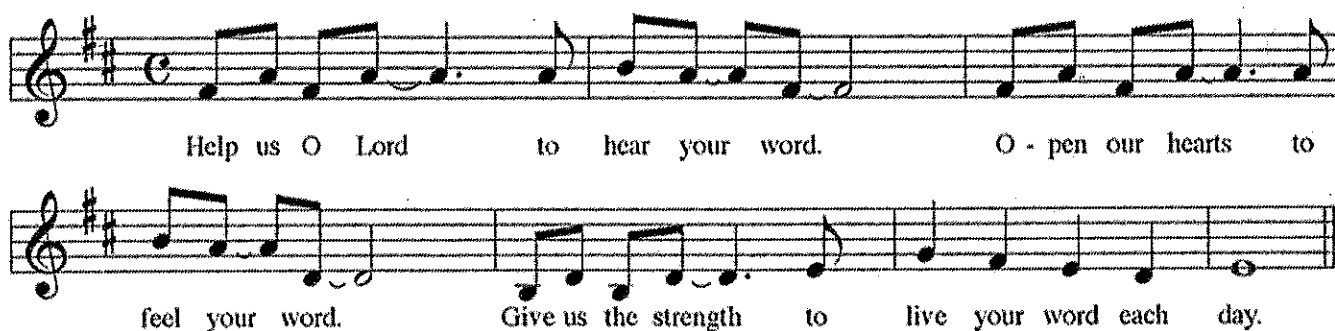
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Prayer of the Day

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

Installation of Congregation Council



Help us O Lord to hear your word. O - pen our hearts to
feel your word. Give us the strength to live your word each day.

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Isaiah 6:1-13

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!" 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.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 138 New Living Translation
(read responsively)

- ¹ I give you thanks, O Lord, with all my heart;
I will sing your praises before the gods.
- ² I bow before your holy Temple as I worship.
I praise your name for your unfailing love and faithfulness;
**for your promises are backed
by all the honor of your name.**
- ³ As soon as I pray, you answer me;
you encourage me by giving me strength.
- ⁴ Every king in all the earth will thank you, Lord,
for all of them will hear your words.
- ⁵ Yes, they will sing about the Lord’s ways,
for the glory of the Lord is very great.
- ⁶ Though the Lord is great, he cares for the humble,
but he keeps his distance from the proud.
- ⁷ Though I am surrounded by troubles,
you will protect me from the anger of my enemies.
**You reach out your hand,
and the power of your right hand saves me.**
- ⁸ The Lord will work out his plans for my life—
**for your faithful love, O Lord, endures forever.
Don’t abandon me, for you made me.**

1 Corinthians 15:1-11

¹ Now 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.

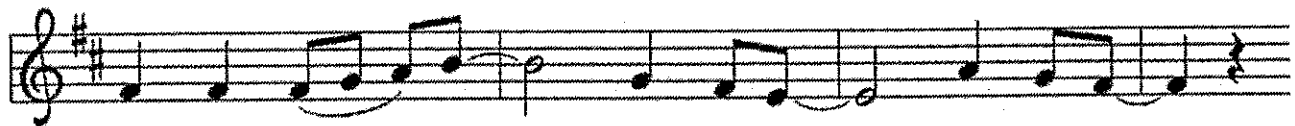
¹⁰ But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me has not been in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them—though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. ¹¹ Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe.

The Word of the Lord.

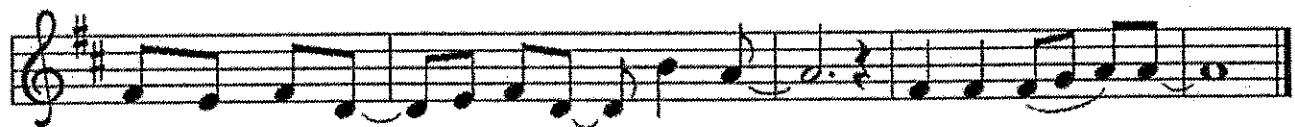
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Children's Message

Gospel Alleluia



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?



You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

Luke 5:1-11

The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 5th chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

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.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Message Vicar Emily Anderson

Hymn of the Day *Will You Come and Follow Me* st. 1, 3-5 #798

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.

Sharing the Peace

The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

Children's Offering / Offering

Offering Prayer

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.

Prayers of the People

Hear Our Prayer
Prayer Response



Hear our prayer, hear our prayer, Lord, make us whole:



peace to all peo - ple, hope for each soul.



God of grace, in this place, hear now our prayer.

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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

God, the Source of glory,
God, the Word of life,
God, the Spirit of truth,
✠ bless you all, now and forever.
Amen.

Closing Song

Bring Forth the Kingdom

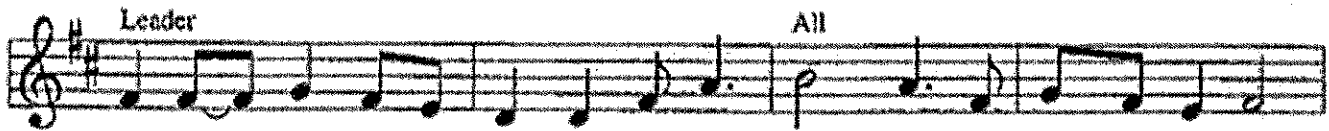
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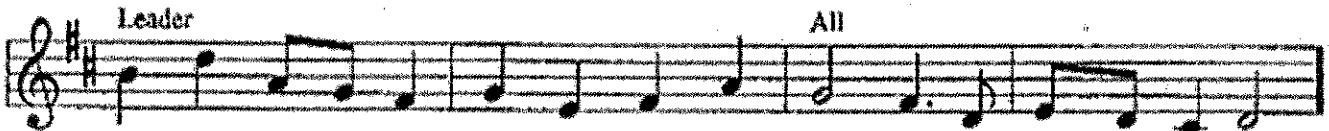
Go in peace. Christ is with you.
Thanks be to God.

Postlude

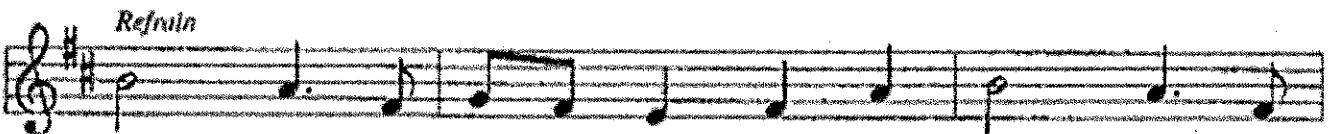
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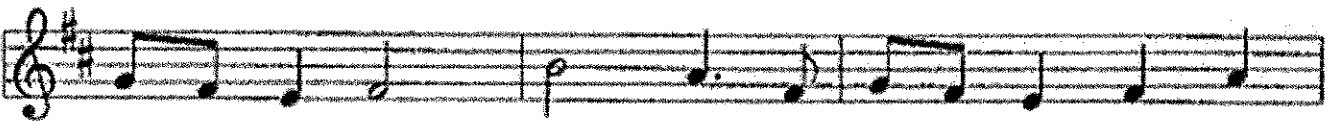
1 You are salt for the earth, O peo-ple: salt for the king-dom of God!
2 You are a light on the hill, O peo-ple: light for the cit-y of God!
3 You are a seed of the word, O peo-ple: bring forth the king-dom of God!
4 We are a blest and a pil-grim peo-ple: bound for the king-dom of God!



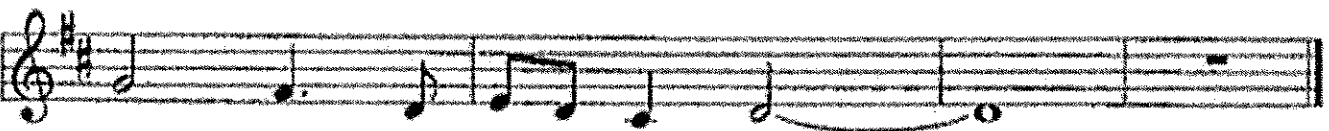
Share the fla-vor of life, O peo-ple: life in the king-dom of God!
Shine so ho-ly and bright, O peo-ple: shine for the king-dom of God!
Seeds of mer-cy and seeds of jus-tice, grow in the king-dom of God!
Love our jour-ney and love our home-land: love is the king-dom of God!



Bring forth the king-dom of mer-cy, bring forth the



king-dom of peace; bring forth the king-dom of jus-tice,



bring forth the cit-y of God!

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Worship Participants

Ministers:	All the members
Vicar:	Emily Anderson
DYME:	Jim & Kris Kistenmacher
Organist:	Sharen Borchers
Pianist:	Kris Kistenmacher
Lector:	Brody Bisenius
Deacons:	Susan Endrulat and Mitch Trost
Greeter:	Audrey Dittmer
Acolytes:	Gabe Van Houten and Tregg Bagenstos
Sound & Video:	Kelby & Joy Wulf
Coffee Hosts:	Cleo & Dean Breyfogle Laura Peuse

St. Paul Church Calendar

SUNDAY, February 9th ~ Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

9:00 AM	Worship with Installation of Congregation Council
10:00 AM	Sunday School
10:00 AM	Coffee & Fellowship

MONDAY, February 10th

5:15 PM	Bell Choir rehearsal
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WEDNESDAY, February 12th

5:00 PM	LOGOS ~ "Be My Valentine"
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SUNDAY, February 16th ~ Sixth Sunday after Epiphany

9:00 AM	Worship with Holy Communion Installation of New Task Forces and Committee Members
10:00 AM	Sunday School
10:00 AM	Coffee & Fellowship