



REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH
Fifth Sunday after Epiphany
Sunday, February 9, 2025, 9:30 a.m.
Rev. Stephanie White

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Order of Worship (ELW Setting 7)
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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.

Key to hymnals in the pews:

ELW = Evangelical Lutheran Worship (red); page numbers are in front, hymns in back

WOV = With One Voice (blue); page numbers are in front, hymns in back

STS = Spirit Touching Spirit (grey)

Hymnals we do not have in the pews but use their resources in our bulletins:

ACS = All Creation Sings (purple; the new hymnal supplement of the ELCA)

LBW = Lutheran Book of Worship (green)

TFF = This Far by Faith

SBH = Service Book and Hymnal (1958)

** = Please rise*

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

We welcome all who are gathered with us for worship, whether in person or via the livestream! If you are worshipping with us via the livestream, please send an e-mail to redeemer@gvtel.com to let us know from where you are worshipping.

***Confession and Forgiveness**

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

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. Those who wish to may kneel.

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**

Let the Whole Creation Cry

ELW #876

All turn and face the processional cross as it is carried into the sanctuary.

***Greeting**

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.

***Canticle of Praise**

Gloria, Gloria, Gloria

ELW p. 176



¡Glo - ria, glo - ria, glo - ria en las al - tu - ras a Dios!
Glo - ria, glo - ria, glo - ria, glo - ry to God . . on high!



¡Glo - ria, glo - ria, glo - ria en las al - tu - ras a Dios!
Glo - ria, glo - ria, glo - ria, glo - ry to God . . on high!



Y en la tie - rra paz pa - ra a - que - llos que a - ma el Se - ñor.
And on earth . . . peace to God's peo - ple. Glo - ry to God.



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And on earth . . . peace to God's peo - ple. Glo - ry to God.

***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

God speaks to us in scripture, preaching and song.

First Reading: *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!"*

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,

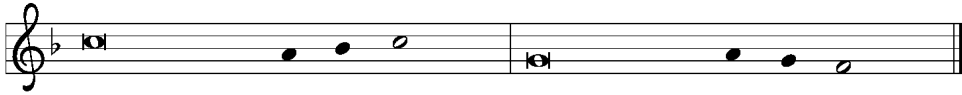
and vast is the emptiness in the midst of the land.

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.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God!

Psalm 138



The tone is played once; all hum the tone once; then the psalm is chanted responsively.

- 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 a- | bove 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 pur- | pose for me;
O LORD, your steadfast love endures forever; do not abandon the works | of
your hands.**

Second Reading: 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.

1 Corinthians 15:1-11

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.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God!

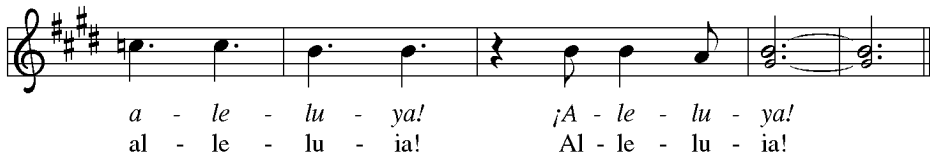
*Gospel Acclamation

ELW p. 179

¡A - le - lu - ya, a - le - lu - ya, a - le - lu - ya!
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

¡A - le - lu - ya, a - le - lu - ya, a - le - lu - ya!
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

¡A - le - lu - ya, a - le - lu - ya,
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,



Gospel: *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.*

***Gospel:** Luke 5:1-11

The holy gospel according to St. Luke...

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.

***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.**

Installation of the Congregational Council



The following people have been elected by the congregation to positions of leadership. We give thanks for their willingness to serve. In baptism we are welcomed into the body of Christ and sent to share in the mission of God; we rejoice now that these sisters and brothers will lead us in our common life and our mutual mission as a congregation.

President	Jan Nordin
Vice-President	Wenda Sumrall
Secretary	Leona Bugge
Treasurer	Gary Hintz

Congregational Representatives	Scott D Camp	Terri Cuppett
	Ken Froschheiser	Missy Hall
	Deb Jacobson	Kristie Huseth

A reading from First Corinthians: There are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. (1 Corinthians 12:4-7)

You have been elected to positions of leadership and trust in this congregation.

- * You are to see that the words and deeds of this household of faith bear witness to God, who gathers us into one together with the whole church.
- * You are to seek to involve all members of this congregation in worship, learning, witness, service, and support, so that the mission of Christ is carried out in this congregation, in the wider church, in this community, and in the whole world.
- * You are to be faithful in your specific area of serving, that the Spirit who empowers you may be glorified.
- * You are to be examples of faith active in love, fostering peace, harmony, and mutual understanding in this congregation.

(The presiding minister addresses those being installed.)

*On behalf of your sisters and brothers in Christ, I ask you:
Will you accept and faithfully carry out the duties of the offices
to which you have been elected?*

Response: I will, and I ask God to help me.

(The assembly stands. The council faces the assembly. The presiding minister addresses the assembly.)

People of God, I ask you:

*Will you support these, your elected leaders,
and will you share in the mutual ministry
that Christ has given to all who are baptized?*

Response: **We will, and we ask God to help us.**

(Those being installed face the presiding minister, who addresses them.)

*I now declare you installed as officers /council members of this congregation.
Almighty God bless you, and direct your days and your deeds in peace,
that you may be faithful servants of Christ.*

Amen.

Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

Offering

*We welcome you to Redeemer Lutheran Church this day! Tithes and offerings may be placed in the offering box before the service or at this time. As our tithes and offerings are being collected, **please take a moment to sign the red Friendship Pad.***

*Offertory

Create in Me a Clean Heart

ELW #188

Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right

The first system of musical notation consists of a treble and bass staff. The treble staff has a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat) and a common time signature. The melody begins with a quarter note G4, followed by quarter notes A4, B-flat4, and C5. The bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment with chords and single notes.

spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your

The second system of musical notation continues the piece. The treble staff melody includes a quarter note D5, a quarter note E-flat5, and a quarter note F5. The bass staff continues with accompaniment.

pres-ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re -

store un - to me the joy of your sal - va - tion,

and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

Music: J. A. Freylinghausen, 1670-1739

*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 Church

*...God of grace,
 hear our prayer.*

*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

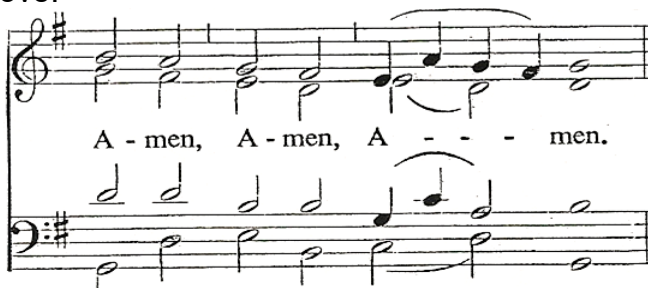


SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

*Benediction and Threefold Amen

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



*Sending Hymn

Will You Come and Follow Me

All face the processional cross as it is carried from the sanctuary.

ELW #798

***Dismissal**

Go in peace. Live in hope.
Thanks be to God!

Postlude

ASSISTING IN MINISTRY SUN, FEBRUARY 9

Presiding: Rev. Stephanie White
Ushers: Denice Nelson and Greg Hallstrom
Acolyte:
Lector: Deb Jacobson
Communion Assistants:
Serving at the Altar: Denice Nelson
Organist: Reid Froiland
Cantor: Chris Cuppett

ASSISTING IN MINISTRY SUN., FEBRUARY 16

Presiding: Rev. Stephanie White
Ushers: Chuck and Sharon Odegaard
Acolyte: Journey Sorenson
Lector: John Wollenzien
Communion Asst's: Jan Anderson and Scott Pream
Serving at the Altar: Renae Dalen and Denice Nelson
Organist: Reid Froiland
Cantor: Chris Cuppett

ASSISTING IN MINISTRY SUN, FEBRUARY 23

Presiding: Rev. Stephanie White
Ushers: Jean Helle and Storm DCamp
Acolyte: Adrian Solheim
Lector: Wenda Sumrall
Communion Assistants:
Serving at the Altar: Renae Dalen
Organist: Reid Froiland
Cantor: Chris Cuppett

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In Our Thoughts and Prayers

Alicia Erickson, Leslie Fisher Family, John and Paula Praska Family, Cindy Hughes, Dee Wollenzien, Rick Harbott, Sara LaFayette Valentine, Rocky and Barb Ammerman, Michelle Kasprick, Neil Erickson, Shari Safranski, Trevor Sorter, Bob and Barb Horien, Morgan Martell, Rick and Tami Hanson, Rose Teie, Fern Melbye and Annabelle Cuppett.

Financial stewardship 2025

\$329,106.00

Needed monthly

\$27,425.50

Needed Weekly

\$6,328.96

Week Ending Feb. 2, 2025

\$4,043.20

Offering February 2025

\$4,043.20

Weekly Shortage/Overage

(\$2,285.76)

Yearly Shortage/Overage

(\$14,652.12)

Quarterly statements are available upon request; please contact Marit at the church office.

Altar flowers are given today by
Dave and Beb Thompson
In loving memory of
Lonnie Thompson and Zach
Adams and in honor of all their
children and grandchildren.



**There are dates
available to purchase
Altar Flowers.**

Please contact
the office.



Sign up sheet for Meals On Wheels is in the Narthex Our assigned week is February 17 – 21st.. Thank you for colunteering your time.

With the holidays over, now is the perfect time to pick up a quilt kit from the table in the Narthex and sew some squares together! Quilters meet Tuesdays at 9:00 a.m. if you interested in helping out. You don't have to know how to sew.

Hospice of the Red River Valley is in dire need of companionship volunteers in our community. Please reach out to me if you have any questions. ~ Darcy Eszlinger – 701-356-1500 or darcy.eszlinger@hrrv.org

Forgot your offering?

No worries – just scan the QR code with your smartphone and give your offering electronically.



We are looking for ushers, readers, and communion assistants. If you feel that you would like to give a few minutes Each week and volunteer your talent, it would be greatly appreciated. Please contact the office if you would like to be added to the list of volunteers. Thank you.

January Attendance

Feb. 2 - 43	Feb. 5 - 44
Feb. 9 -	Feb. 12 -
Feb. 16 -	Feb. 19 -
Feb. 23 -	Feb. 26





February Birthdays

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1 – Lona Anderson **2** – Christopher Anderson, Hans Harder, John Olson **3 – 4** – Anthony Garcia, Cody Hempel, Blair Lund **5** – Darren Bakke, John Jacobson, Bo Hintz **6** – Kelly Little, Evan Anderson, Nicole Peterson, Karen Halsa **7** – Aaron Halsa **8** – Valera Noel, Jerome Sorenson, Evelyn Jesme, Jada Jimenez **9** – Jessica Olson, Mike Eickman **10** – Ken Froschheiser, Laney Fay **11** – Dylan Gustafson, Paul Ihle, Krystal Dennis **12** – Melanie Ortloff **13** - Delores Nomeland **14** – Maiah Benter, Ryan Stromlund **15** – Wyatt Nelson **16** – Jan Anderson **17** – **18** – Denice Nelson, Kendall Voecks **19** – Emmy Eickman, Shawn Newland, Evie Skiple **20** – Harold Dupree, Ryan Philipp, Kate Ihle **21** – Diane Peterson, Breanna Weinen, Lisa Nelson **22** – Tricia Kostrewski, Peyton Olson **23** - Ella Harbott, Kate Anderson **24** – Kenya Olson, Matt Voecks **25** – **26** – Yvonne Bergerson, Sandy Sundahl **27** – Glen Haugen, Brooke Hickerson, Melani Reuter, **28** – Marlys Anderson, June Kruta, Elaine Gunderson, Jan Milender

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Mike Lundgren, *custodian*
Jan Anderson, *council president*

Reid Froiland, *organist/liturgist/choir director*
Chris Cuppett, *cantor*
Paula Adamson, Greg Dally, and Dean Dalen,
staff musicians
Dave Ulrich, *videographer*

Let the Whole Creation Cry



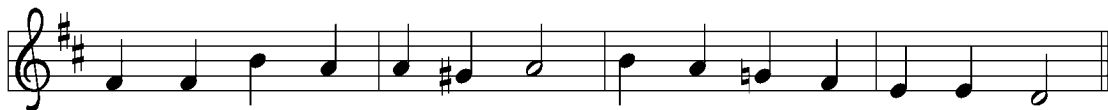
- 1 Let the whole cre - a - tion cry, "Glo - ry to the Lord on high!"
- 2 Ser - vants striv - ing for the Lord, proph - ets burn - ing with the word,
- 3 Men and wom - en, young and old, raise the an - them loud and bold,



Heav'n and earth, a - wake and sing, "Praise to our al - might - y king!"
those to whom the arts be - long add their voic - es to the song.
and let chil - dren's hap - py hearts in this wor - ship take their parts;



Praise God, an - gel hosts a - bove, ev - er bright and fair in love;
Pow'rs of knowl - edge and of law, to the glo - rious cir - cle draw;
from the north to south - ern pole let the might - y cho - rus roll:



sun and moon, lift up your voice; night and stars, in God re - joice.
all who work and all who wait, sing, "The Lord is good and great!"
"Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly One; glo - ry be to God a - lone!"

Text: Stopford A. Brooke, 1832–1916, alt.

Music: SALZBURG, Jakob Hintze, 1622–1702

How Clear Is Our Vocation, Lord



- 1 How clear is our vo - ca - tion, Lord, when once we heed your call
- 2 But if, for - get - ful, we should find your yoke is hard to bear;
- 3 We mar - vel how your saints be - come in hin - dranc - es more sure;
- 4 In what you give us, Lord, to do, to - geth - er or a - lone,



to live ac - cord - ing to your word and dai - ly learn, re - freshed, re - stored,
if world - ly pres - sures fray the mind and love it - self can - not un - wind
whose joy - ful vir - tues put to shame the ca - sual way we wear your name,
in old rou - tines or ven - tures new, may we not cease to look to you,



that you are Lord of all and will not let us fall.
its tan - gled skein of care: our in - ward life re - pair.
and by our faults ob - scure your pow'r to cleanse and cure.
the cross you hung up - on, all you en - deav - ored done.

Text: Fred Pratt Green, 1903–2000

Music: REPTON, C. Hubert H. Parry, 1848–1918

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Will You Come and Follow Me

The Summons



1 "Will you come and fol - low me if I but call
 2 "Will you leave your - self be - hind if I but call
 3 "Will you let the blind - ed see if I but call
 4 "Will you love the you you hide if I but call
 5 Lord, your sum - mons ech - oes true when you but call



your name? Will you go where you don't
 your name? Will you care for the cruel and
 your name? Will you set the pris - ers
 your name? Will you quell the fear in -
 my name. Let me turn and fol - low



know and nev - er be the same?
 kind and nev - er be the same?
 free and nev - er be the same?
 side and nev - er be the same?
 you and nev - er be the same.



Will you let my love be shown, will you let my
 Will you risk the hos - tile stare, should your life at -
 Will you kiss the lep - er clean, and do such as
 Will you use the faith you've found to re - shape the
 In your com - pa - ny I'll go where your love and



name be known, will you let my life be
 tract or scare? Will you let me an - swer
 this un - seen, and ad - mit to what I
 world a - round, through my sight and touch and
 foot - steps show. Thus I'll move and live and



grown in you and you in me?"
 pray'r in you and you in me?"
 mean in you and you in me?"
 sound in you and you in me?"
 grow in you and you in me.