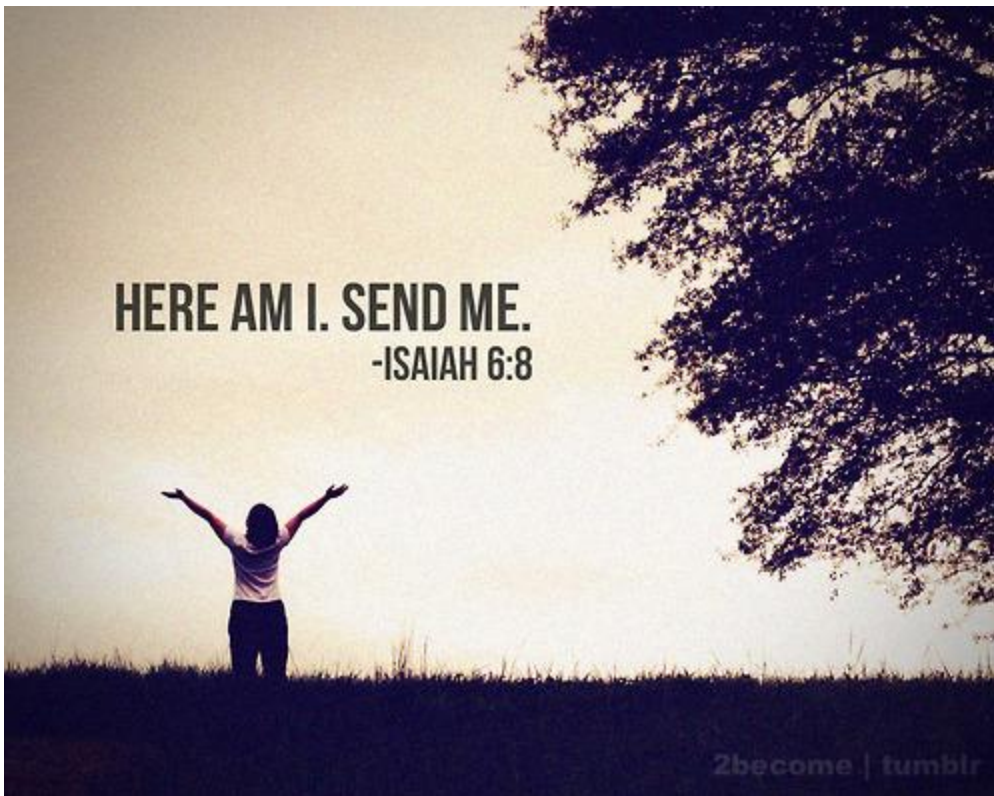


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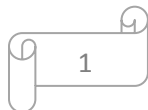


Fifth Sunday after Epiphany



**Evangelical Lutheran
Church in America**

God's work. Our hands.



*We thank you for joining us here
at Triune Lutheran Church, a
family united by our Risen Lord,
Jesus Christ!*



In order to make you feel more at home, here are a few notes about the service. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask. We hope to make your time here as meaningful as possible!

Worship

- The * by the headings throughout the service indicate when we invite you to stand, as you are able.
- The light print will be spoken by the pastor or another worship leader, while we encourage you to speak the **bold print**.
- The hymns are chosen from our *Evangelical Lutheran Worship* (ELW) hymnal, which is the red book directly in front of you in the pews. You will find the hymns in the last two-thirds of the book with the bold numbers on the top of the pages.
- We welcome all the baptized to join us in the Lord's Supper, where we believe Jesus is present "in, with, and under" the bread and wine as his body and blood. After the organist and assisting minister commune, you will be invited to come forward up the non-organ side aisle to the pastor, who will give you bread (gluten-free wafers also available upon request). You are encouraged to keep the bread in your hands and then dip it into the chalice of wine for intinction. You may also come forward to receive a blessing by simply keeping your hands folded. You may return to your seat up the center aisle. If you are unable to come forward, the elements will be brought to you.
- For visitors, if you so choose, we encourage you to fill out a card available at the center-aisle end of the pew to learn more about us.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

***CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
who creates us and forms us,
who redeems us and calls us,
who unites us and sends us.

Amen.

Gathered in God's presence, let us confess our sin.

You are invited to kneel or remain standing. Silence is kept for reflection and self-examination.

Mighty and loving God,
**we confess that we are captive to sin
and cannot free ourselves.
We seek our own way.
We divide the body of Christ.
In your mercy, cleanse us and heal us.
Let the words of our mouths,
the thoughts of our hearts,
and everything that we do
be filled with faith, hope, and love.
Amen.**

Hear the voice of Jesus:
"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me
to proclaim release to the captives."

In the name of † Jesus Christ,
I proclaim to you
that your sins are forgiven and you are released.
The joy of the Lord is your strength,
and the gifts of the Holy Spirit are yours forever.
Amen!

***GATHERING HYMN**

“I Love to Tell the Story”

ELW 661

***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!

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:

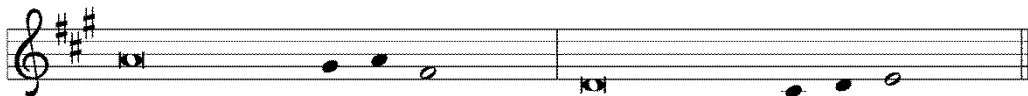
“Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!”

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!”

The Word of the Lord!
Thanks be to God!

PSALM

Psalm 138



¹I 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.**

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 pur- | pose 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.

The Word of the Lord!
Thanks be to God!

***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

***GOSPEL**

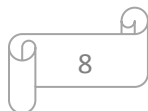
Luke 5:1-11

The Holy Gospel according to Luke.
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.

This is the holy Gospel of our Lord!
Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON



HYMN OF THE DAY

“How Clear Is Our Vocation, Lord”

ELW 580

***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**

United as one body in Christ, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need.

A brief silence.

Uniting God, give us courage to in continuing to answer your call and keep us faithful to your life-giving word. Send us out to be the good news of your love for all people. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Creating God we lift up tundra and forests, grasslands and deserts; for those who fish and those who farm. For ranchers, gardeners, and all whose work brings food to our tables. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of wholeness, grant wisdom to those in authority. Strengthen peacekeepers, ambassadors, military personnel, and disaster relief workers. Protect families who have to leave their homes because of war, natural disasters, or rejection by their communities. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Healing God, we lift up those whose lives are in turmoil; for those who wrestle with addiction; for those burdened by anxiety and self-doubt. For those who grieve, and those who are ill, including Joann Loede, Bev Deitrick, Hazel Schwab, Trudy Weidman, Mardell Weiss, Dave & Clara Wilcox, Ed Uhlir, Jenny Bennett, Cathy Gallagher, Mary Phillips, Richard Jakubcin, George Tomaselli, and all those we name in our hearts...Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of new life, we give you thanks for this family of Triune, including those who prepare this space for worship and those who mentor others in the faith; for those who nurture fellowship within this congregation and those who reach out in service to our community. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of all times and places, with thanksgiving, we remember those who have died and now rest in your presence. Sustain us in hope of the resurrection and bring us into the joy of unending life in you. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Receive our prayers and fill us with the radiance of your love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen!**

***PEACE**

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

OFFERING

***OFFERING HYMN**

“Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ” VERSE 1 ELW 674

*OFFERING PRAYER

God of all creation,
all you have made is good,
and your love endures forever.
You bring forth bread from the earth
and fruit from the vine.
Nourish us with these gifts,
that we might be for the world
signs of your gracious presence
in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen!

*GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

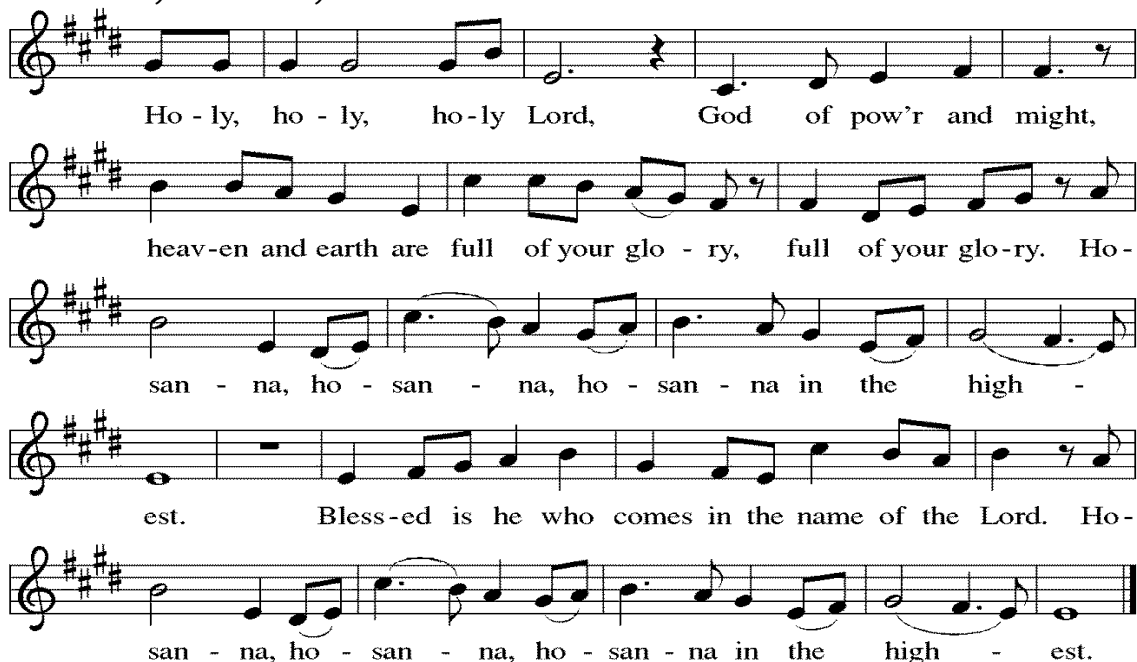
*PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
that we should at all times and in all places
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,
through our Savior Jesus Christ;

who on this day overcame death and the grave,
and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of
everlasting life.

And so, with all the choirs of angels,
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

*HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry, full of your glo-ry. Ho -
san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high -
est. Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

***THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE**

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.

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.

Holy Spirit, bless us and this meal,
that, refreshed with this heavenly food,
we may be light for the world,
revealing the brilliance of our Lord.

Through him all glory and honor is yours,
Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit,
both now and forever. **Amen!**

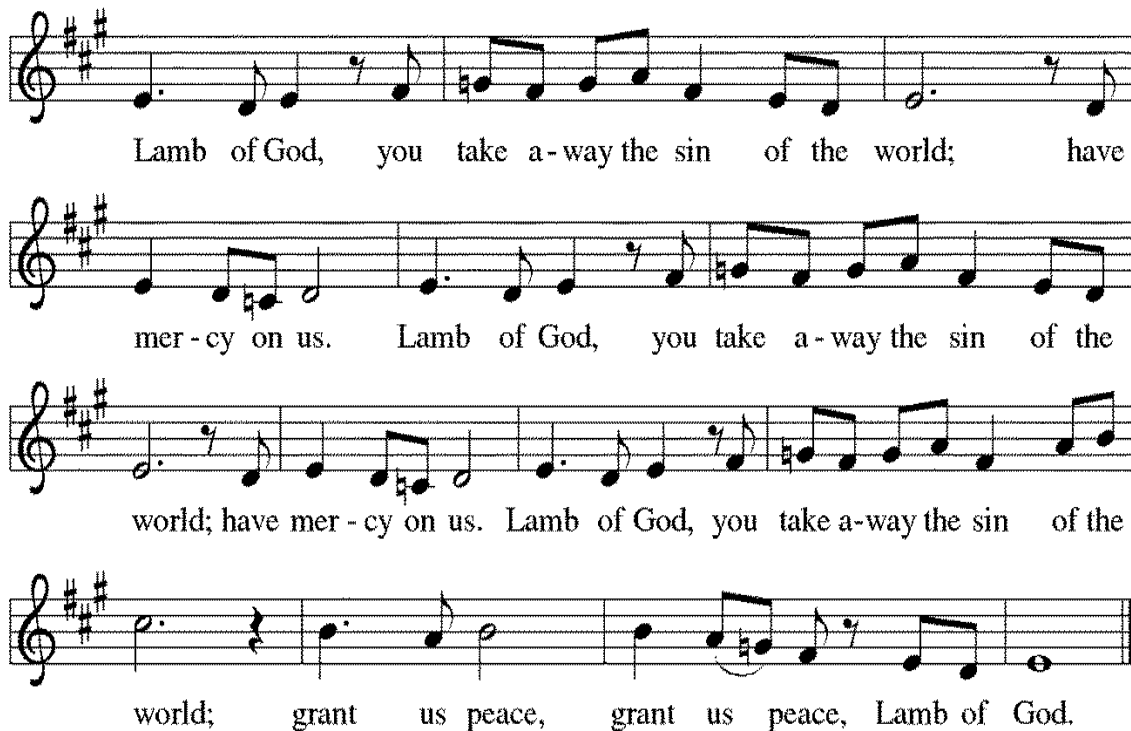
***LORD'S PRAYER**

**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.**

***INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

Come to the table.
Feast on God's abundant life for you!
Thanks be to God!

*COMMUNION HYMN



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, Lamb of God.

COMMUNION

*COMMUNION PRAYER

We thank you, O God,
that you have fed us at your banqueting table
with bread and wine beyond compare,
the very life of Christ for us.
Holy Spirit, continue with us now,
that we may set the captive free,
use your gifts to build one another up,
and in everything reflect your glory
revealed in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen!**

***BLESSING**

The God of glory dwell in you richly,
name you beloved,
and shine brightly on your path;
and the blessing of almighty God,
the Father, the † Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be upon you and remain with you always.
Amen!

***SENDING HYMN**

“Blest Be the Tie That Binds”

ELW 656

***DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Christ is your light!
Thanks be to God!

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Fishing for Humans



Berlin - The fresco of Miracle Fishing in St. Pauls evengelical church by workroom Gathemann & Kellner from begin of 20. cent. in 'Jugendstil'.

The Gospel story of the fishermen enjoying one last great haul and then following Jesus is one of my favorites. I've spent lots of time admiring the Sea of Galilee and observing close-shore netting practices around the world. Only when you understand the practice of trammel netting can you really see the transformation that Jesus offered his first few disciples.

Trammel netting was the fishing technique used on the Sea of Galilee in Jesus' day, when fishermen worked at night (Luke 5:4) and cleaned their nets early in the morning (Luke 5:2), according to a 1993 article in *Archeology Review*. Fishermen started at dusk, tying together lengths of double- or triple-layered nets and then rowing out to deep water a moderate distance from shore. They dropped their nets to form a crescent-shaped wall just where the water deepened. The nets were held in place by rocks tied to the bottom and a cork tied to the top.

The fishermen then paddled quietly back to the shore. After a while, they started making a huge racket by shouting, slapping oars on the water and stomping on the bottom of their boats. This scared the fish, whose instinct was to dive down and out of the shallow water toward the deep water, directly into the waiting nets. Because the nets were laid at night, the fish didn't see them and became hopelessly entangled in the middle layer. The fishermen then hauled the nets onto their boats or dragged them onto shore.

After removing the catch, fishermen repeated this process of loading up the net, setting it in place, rowing back to shore, shouting and then hauling the net—as many as 10 times a night. By morning, they would have been exhausted from their work. Still, they had to clean the nets of any mud or fish parts that might alert the next night's catch of the net's presence. The nets were hung up to dry all day while the fishermen rested for their next night of work.

The job of Jesus' disciples would be similar to their job as fishermen—they needed only use their words and excited exhortations to help drive people toward the kingdom.

When Jesus showed up in the morning and told Simon Peter to try fishing again (Luke 5:4), his words would have made no sense to any fisherman who knew the process. During the day, the fish could easily observe both the boat and thick nets, and avoid both. But the disciples, obeying the one whom Simon Peter called “Master” (Luke 5:5), tried again. Their miraculous catch was a miracle not just because they caught a lot of fish but because Jesus caused a multitude of fish to swim directly into the nets, which they normally would have avoided.

Simon Peter knew that Jesus worked miracles. His own mother-in-law had been miraculously healed (Luke 4:39). He heard Jesus preach from Peter's own boat (Luke 5:3). But only when Jesus gave a miraculous sign that contradicted everything Peter knew about his livelihood did he fall at Jesus' knees, understanding the implications of Jesus' power.

Jesus responded that Simon Peter should not fear, and that he, James and John would be fishing for humans. In this metaphor, the kingdom of heaven is the huge net into which all sort of fish come (Matthew 13:47-48). The job of Jesus' disciples would be similar to their job as fishermen—they needed only use their words and excited exhortations to help drive people toward the kingdom.

The fishermen no longer shouted nonsense at fish but proclaimed the good news of the coming kingdom of heaven. Through their time learning from Jesus, and then afterward with their indwelling of the Spirit, the disciples' speech changed. Peter went from yelling at fish to inviting people into the kingdom at the first Christian Pentecost (Acts 2). I understand this process as the fulfillment of Isaiah 6:6-8 (and Jeremiah 1:9, from last week's reading), in which the prophets' lips were symbolically touched in order to prepare them to utter words on God's behalf.

I feel encouraged and excited when I think about how Jesus took worn-out fishermen and showed how their skills could be used by the master of the world to help fill up the kingdom of heaven.



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Mark your calendars for Sunday, March 3, for our next congregational meeting. Like last time, we will gather at 5pm, starting with a pot-luck meal before continuing with the meeting. As always, we will provide the dinnerware, but just let us know if you plan on attending, and, if so, if you plan on bringing something to share (don't forget to bring your own beverage as well). This is a great way to re-connect with each other and to go over anything needed to discuss for our church family!

