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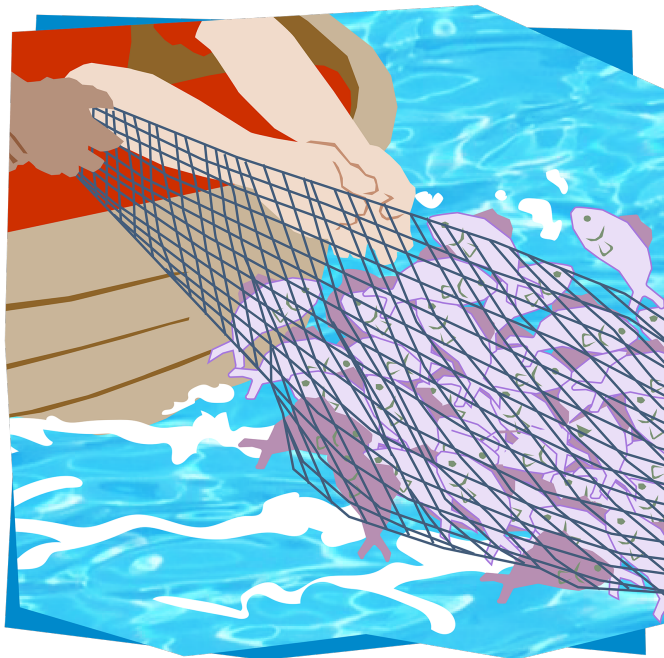
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## Fifth Sunday After the Epiphany February 9, 2025



**AS WE GATHER**

### **Jesus Nets a Sinner**

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?

## PRELUDE AND WELCOME

### ✠ PREPARATION ✠

**HYMN** “Chief of Sinners Though I Be” #611 v1-3

*Please stand as you are able.*

### INVOCATION

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

**People:** Amen.

### OPENING SENTENCES *Psalm 71:12, 17–18*

**Pastor:** O God, be not far from me;

**People:** **O my God, make haste to help me!**

**Pastor:** O God, from my youth You have taught me,

**People:** **and I still proclaim Your wondrous deeds.**

**Pastor:** So even to old age and gray hairs, O God, do not forsake me,

**People:** **until I proclaim Your might to another generation, Your power to all those to come.**

### CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION *Luke 5:8; 1 Corinthians 14:14; Isaiah 6:5, 7*

**Pastor:** Seeing Jesus’ power, Peter blurted out, “Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord.”

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

**Pastor:** Paul lamented, “If I pray in a tongue, my spirit prays but my mind is unfruitful.”

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

**Pastor:** Isaiah cried, “I am lost; for I am a man of unclean lips.”

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

Pastor: 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.

People: **Amen. Help us, Lord Jesus, to follow, calm and fearless, till our rest is won.**

**HYMN** "Chief of Sinners Though I Be" #611 v4-5

**☩ WORD ☩**

**PSALM OF THE DAY** *hymnal page 219*

Pastor: O Lord, open Thou my lips,

People: ♪ **And my mouth shall show forth Thy praise.**

Pastor: Make haste, O God, to deliver me;

People: ♪ **make haste to help me, O Lord.**

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son ☩ and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Hallelujah!**

**ANTIPHON**

Pastor: Oh, come, let us worship the Lord.

People: ♪ **For He is our maker.**

**VENITE** *hymnal page 220-221*

♪ **O come, let us sing unto the Lord,  
let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation.  
Let us come before His presence with thanksgiving,  
and make a joyful noise unto Him with psalms.**

**For the LORD is a great God  
and a great king above all gods.  
In His hand are the deep places of the earth;  
the strength of the hills is His also.**

The sea is His, and He made it,  
and His hands form-ed the dry land.  
O come, let us worship and bow down,  
let us kneel before the LORD, our maker.  
For He is our God, and we are the people of His pasture  
and the sheep of His hand.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son ✠ and to the Holy Ghost;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world  
without end. Amen.

## SALUTATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.  
People: **And also with you.**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray.  
Heavenly Father, You have given us Your Son to die and  
rise for us and our salvation.

People: **Grant us such strong faith in Him that we may follow  
wherever He leads;**

Pastor: through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who  
lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God,  
now and forever.

People: **Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

**OLD TESTAMENT READING**      Isaiah 6:1-8  
*(God calls Isaiah to be a prophet.)*

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.  
People: **Thanks be to God.**

**EPISTLE**      1 Corinthians 14:12b-20  
*(Our words must not be for ourselves alone, but for the building up of the church.)*

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.  
People: **Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand as you are able.*

**VERSE**     *Luke 5:10b*

**Alleluia. Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching men.  
Alleluia.**

**HOLY GOSPEL** Luke 5:1-11 (*Jesus calls Peter to fish for men.*)

**Pastor:**     The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke the 5<sup>th</sup> chapter.

**People:**     **Glory to You, O Lord.**

*The Gospel is read.*

**Pastor:**     This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**People:**     **Praise to You, O Christ.**

**THE APOSTLE'S CREED** *Found on the last page of your pew hymnal.*

*Please be seated.*

**HYMN**        "Har, the Voice of Jesus Calling"   #827

**SERMON**       Pr. Mark Croucher

**OFFERING and OFFERTORY**

*Please stand as you are able.*

**HYMN**        "We Give Thee But Thine Own"   #781 v1-2

**We give Thee but Thine own,  
What e'er the gift may be;  
All that we have is Thine alone,  
A trust, O Lord, from Thee,**

**May we Thy bounties thus,  
As stewards true receive  
And gladly, as Thou blessest us,  
To Thee our first-fruits give!**

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: Let us pray for ourselves, the church around the world, and all people in their various circumstances.

For those who grow crops, tend flocks, distribute goods, and share this world's riches, that God would keep them safe and guide them to use their talents wisely, let us pray to the Lord.

**People: Hear our prayer; bless their use of what they manage.**

Pastor: For those who stand up for the immigrant and the social services agencies who help and serve them, let us pray to the Lord.

**People: Hear our prayer; guide, protect, encourage and strengthen them for the benefit of all.**

Pastor: For the church here and around the world, wherever the Gospel is preached in its truth and purity, that God would raise up people of faith to be fishers of men and women wherever they find open ears and hearts, let us pray to the Lord.

**People: Hear our prayer; grant us grace to grow in faith and numbers.**

Pastor: For those who do not have enough food, clothing, or shelter, especially all those who come to our food pantry, that God would provide them what they need, let us pray to the Lord.

**People: Hear our prayer; use us and the resources You have given us as part of Your answer.**

Pastor: These and any other things You would have us ask, heavenly Father, grant to us for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, in whose name we pray.

**People: Amen.**

## SALUTATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**People: ♪ And with thy spirit.**

## BENEDICAMUS AND BENEDICTION

Pastor: Let us bless the Lord.

**People: ♪ Thanks be to God.**

Pastor: Brothers and sisters, do not be children in your thinking. Be infants in evil, but in your thinking be mature.

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

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

**People:**   ♫ **Amen.**

**HYMN**       “Jesus, Lead Thou On”       #718

**DISMISSAL**   *Isaiah 6:8*

Pastor:       And I heard the voice of the Lord saying, “Whom shall I send, and who will go for Us?” Then I said,

**People:**     “**Here am I! Send me.**”

Pastor:       Go in peace as you serve the Lord.

**People:**     **Thanks be to God!**

**POSTLUDE**

## **THE MESSENGER**

February 9, 2025

**WELCOME!** Dear guest, we pray that your worship with us is as spiritually enriching for you as your presence is encouraging to us. We invite you to sign our guest book in the foyer and "Like" us on Facebook or follow us on Instagram. Please leave your email address if you would like periodic updates from Immanuel. Most importantly, come back and worship with us again next Sunday.

**SERVING US TODAY:** Pr. Mark Croucher  
Dan Henggeler, Organist

**IN OUR PRAYERS:** Liz Kraft, Myron Kimber, Betty Peuster, and Karla Kass

**LAST SUNDAY'S ATTENANCE:** 16 Total: 13 members, 3 guests

**THE LUTHERAN HOUR** theme for next Sunday, February 16<sup>th</sup> is **"The Bread of Our Lives"** Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. Daniel Paavola  
Jesus gives us Himself as the Bread of Life so that everything we need can be filled by Him and His gifts. (John 6:35) Listen online at <https://www.lutheranhour.org>.