



Eden Evangelical Lutheran Church  
**Fifth Sunday after Epiphany**  
February 8 & 9, 2025

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **Introduction**

*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.*

### **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.*

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 SONG - #413 Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty**

### **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.**

### **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Let us pray.  
**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**

#### **First Reading: Isaiah 6:1-8 [9-13]**

*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!”*

<sup>1</sup> 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. <sup>2</sup> 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. <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> The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. <sup>5</sup> 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!”

<sup>6</sup> Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken

from the altar with a pair of tongs. <sup>7</sup> 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." <sup>8</sup> 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!" [<sup>9</sup> And he said, "Go and say to this people:

'Keep listening, but do not comprehend;  
keep looking, but do not understand.'

<sup>10</sup> 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."

<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 utterly desolate;  
<sup>12</sup> until the LORD sends everyone far away,  
and vast is the emptiness in the midst of the land.

<sup>13</sup> 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: Psalm 138**

**R** I will bow down toward your holy temple. (*Ps. 138:2*)

<sup>1</sup> I will give thanks to you, O LORD, with <sup>1</sup> my whole heart;  
before the gods I will <sup>1</sup> sing your praise.

<sup>2</sup> **I will bow down toward your holy temple and praise your name, because of  
your steadfast <sup>1</sup> love and faithfulness;  
for you have glorified your name and your word a- <sup>1</sup>bove all things. R**

<sup>3</sup> When I called, you <sup>1</sup> answered me;  
you increased my <sup>1</sup> strength within me.

<sup>4</sup> **All the rulers of the earth will praise <sup>1</sup> you, O LORD,  
when they have heard the words <sup>1</sup> of your mouth.**

<sup>5</sup> They will sing of the ways <sup>|</sup> of the LORD,  
that great is the glory <sup>|</sup> of the LORD.

<sup>6</sup> **The LORD is high, yet cares <sup>|</sup> for the lowly,  
perceiving the haughty <sup>|</sup> from afar. R**

<sup>7</sup> Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you <sup>|</sup> keep me safe;  
you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies; your right <sup>|</sup> hand  
shall save me.

<sup>8</sup> **You will make good your pur- <sup>|</sup> pose for me;  
O LORD, your steadfast love endures forever; do not abandon the works <sup>|</sup>  
of your hands. R**

## **Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:1-11**

*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.*

<sup>1</sup> 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, <sup>2</sup> 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.

<sup>3</sup> 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, <sup>4</sup> and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, <sup>5</sup> and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. <sup>6</sup> Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. <sup>7</sup> Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. <sup>8</sup> Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. <sup>9</sup> For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. <sup>10</sup> 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. <sup>11</sup> 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.**

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

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

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

*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.*

<sup>1</sup> Once while Jesus was standing beside the lake of Gennesaret, and the crowd was pressing in on him to hear the word of God, <sup>2</sup> he saw two boats there at the shore of the lake; the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. <sup>3</sup> 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. <sup>4</sup> When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into the deep water and let down your nets for a catch." <sup>5</sup> Simon answered, "Master, we have worked all night long but have caught nothing. Yet if you say so, I will let down the nets." <sup>6</sup> When they had done this, they caught so many fish that their nets were beginning to break. <sup>7</sup> 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. <sup>8</sup> But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, "Go away from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man!" <sup>9</sup> For he and all who were with him were amazed 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. Then Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching people." <sup>11</sup> When they had brought their boats to shore, they left everything and followed him.

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **SERMON**

**HYMN OF THE DAY - #574 Here I Am, Lord**

## **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 into hell.  
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**

With the Spirit of Christ shining upon us, let us boldly pray for the church, the world, and all of creation.

*A brief silence.*

God of surprising abundance, you call your people to enter deeply into the world. Equip us to respond to your call, gather up what we have, and offer it to all. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

God of creation, provide protection from the elements and other hazards to all whose work brings them outside: for fishers, ranchers, line workers, and construction crews. Guide us to live carefully alongside the wonders of the land and waters. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Open the hearts of all leaders, especially those who serve in the armed forces, that they respond to their commission with wisdom and patience. Ensure that all who serve are kept safe in body, mind, and spirit. We pray for an end to all war and armed conflict. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Fill with your compassionate presence all who are suffering from addiction, mental illness, injury, or illness of any kind (*especially*). Draw helpers to their side so that they find relief from their burdens. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Call our faith communities to do marvelous things. Bless the labor and efforts of this congregation, that we may be a sign of your presence in the world. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

We thank you for those who have courageously gone before us in the faith (*especially*). May we too show a deep trust in you throughout our lives. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

We entrust our prayers to you, O God, in the sure and certain hope that your promise is revealed among the people.

**Amen.**

## **SHARING OF PEACE**

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

## **OFFERING PRAYER**

Let us pray.

**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.**

## **WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

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 in 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 in remembrance of me.

## **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**

The joy of the Lord is our strength.  
Come, eat this meal of gladness.

*All who desire communion on this day are welcome to commune with us and partake in the promise of eternal life by Jesus Christ himself. In solidarity with our siblings in recovery, we use non-alcoholic wine. Please indicate if you would like a gluten free communion wafer. If you do not wish to take communion, you are still invited to ask the Vicar for a blessing before you leave. Traditionally, those who commune are baptized into the Christian faith. If you are not baptized and would like to learn more about what it means to be baptized and share in the meal at the Lord's Supper Table, please talk with Vicar Elaine Robbins.*

## **COMMUNION HYMN – #496 One Bread, One Body - Sunday**

### **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Let us pray.  
Nourishing God,  
at this table you have refreshed us  
with holy gifts of food and drink.  
Strengthen us for service,  
and send us out to embody your good news  
of liberation and healing for the sake of the world.  
In the name of Christ we pray, **Amen.**

### **SENDING**

#### **Blessing**

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

## **SENDING HYMN - # 575 In Christ Called to Baptize**

### **DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Live in hope.

#### **Thanks be to God.**

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***Nursing Home:*** Norma Secreast, Pauline Elavsky  
***Assisted Living:*** Pepper Van Landschoot (Jacobetti)



**In Service:** Craig Oas, Zac Culter, Mike Knickerbocker, Peter Peterson, Mathew Moilanen, Mikala Robinson, and our veterans who have returned to their communities.

**PRESIDING MINISTER:** Vicar Elaine Robbins  
**ASSISTING MINISTER:** George – Saturday      Volunteer - Sunday  
**USHERS:** Volunteer – Saturday      Volunteer - Sunday  
**ALTAR GUILD:** Joanie Hinsa  
**MUSICIAN:**  
**FELLOWSHIP HOST:** Lynn D. & Donna L.

### **EVENTS OF THE WEEK**

**Saturday, Feb. 15<sup>th</sup> – Saturday Worship Service 3:30pm – In person**

**Sunday, Feb. 16<sup>th</sup> - Sunday Worship Service 10:30am-In person & Facebook**

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**The Prayer Group meets on Tuesdays at 10:00am.**

**The Quilters will meet on Thursday, February 13<sup>th</sup> @ 10a.m.**

**The Book Club will meet on Wednesday, February 19<sup>th</sup> at 12p.m.**

**The Free Store will be open on Thursday, February 20<sup>th</sup> at 1-3 & 4-6p.m.**

**Support our Youth Fund by dropping off returnable cans and bottles to the church. Thank you.**

**VOUNTEERS NEEDED** – Eden is looking for two volunteers who would like to join the offering counters team. This involves one Sunday a month following the worship service. Please contact Joanie Hinsa or the office.

**CHURCH CONTACT INFO:** Please note the email addresses you should use for contacting the office and the pastor.

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