FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY FEBRUARY 9, 2025 IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH Missouri Synod



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10:30 A.M. Adult Bible Class/ Sunday School

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"But Simon answered and said to Him, "Master, we have toiled all night and caught nothing, nevertheless at Your word I will let down the net." And when they had done this, they caught a great number of fish, and their net was breaking. (Luke 5:6-7)

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WELCOME to IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

We wish to extend a warm welcome to all our visitors this morning. It is our hope that you will benefit by your worship here with us, and that you will return again soon. We would greatly appreciate it if everyone would fill out an Attendance/Communion card so that we can keep track of our attendance. They are located in the pew racks in front of you.

The Lord's Supper is celebrated every Sunday at this congregation in the confession and glad confidence that, as Christ our Lord says, He gives into our mouths not only bread and wine, but His very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins (Matthew 26:26-29). And through this sacrament, He strengthens us for new life in Him (Romans 8:10;1 Peter 2:4). Jesus personally invites weak sinners (Mark 9:24) who trust His words, "This is My body which is given for you... this cup is the new covenant in My blood which is shed for you" (Luke 22:19-20), to receive His blessings of forgiveness, life and salvation. (Romans 8:31-32).

Because "he who eats and drinks our Lord's body and blood in an unworthy manner drinks judgement to oneself" (1 Corinthians 11:29), and because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith by those gathered at this altar (1 Cor.10:17;11:26), any who have not been instructed, or who hold a confession and church fellowship differing from that of this congregation, and The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, and desire to receive the Sacrament, should first arrange to speak with the pastor. For further study, see Matthew 10:32f.; 18:15–35; 26:26–29; Mark 14:22-26; Luke 22:14-20; Acts 2:42; 20:7; 1 Cor. 10:14-21;11:17–34.

A Prayer Upon Entering Church - Heavenly Father, You have given me Your Son to die and rise for me and my salvation. Grant me such strong faith in Him that I may follow wherever He leads; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, my Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

AS WE GATHER - Today we hear the "hook" God used to attract Isaiah as His prophet. With him, we are moved to respond, "Here am

I! Send me." Like Paul, we have a "line" to reel in people who might otherwise stray; we are called to speak clearly to be about the task of "building up the church." But we are not called to introduce them to a sinker who will weigh them down, for Jesus has risen! Now He sets us up to "fish" for others, replacing their empty lives with God's overflowing, eternal bounty. Today we let the Word move us into action, to use the hook and line God provides to follow our Lord and catch others for the One who has risen above our every weighty sin and empty life and calls us to follow.

DIVINE SERVICE, SETTING THREE PAGE 184 PRELUDE (A quiet time for prayer and meditation) **WELCOME** O Sisters and Brothers John Payne LSB 609 vs. 1-6 **OPENING HYMN** *Jesus Sinners Doth Receive* doth this 1 Je re - ceive; Oh, all sus sin - ners may 2 We de serve but grief and shame, Yet His words, rich 3 Sheep that did No shep - herd from the fold stray true pen - i -4 I. a sin - ner, come to Thee With a say - ing Who sin's lu - sions live der in de pon re - veal grace ing, Par - don, peace, and life pro-claim; Wea - ry e'er for - sak that eth; souls lost their way Sav - ior, con - fes tent sion. mer - cy show to me; And from God and heav - en wan der! Here is hope for Firm - ly Here our ills have per - fect heal ing. in these gent - ly Christ, the Shep-herd, tak eth In His arms that Grant for all my sins re - mis sion. Let these words my _ who grieve: all sin - ners doth re - ceive. Je sus words be - lieve: doth Je sin - ners sus re - ceive. they may live: Je sus sin - ners doth re - ceive. soul re - lieve: Je doth re - ceive. sus sin - ners (Continue on next page)

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- 5 Oh, how blest it is to know:
 Were as scarlet my transgression,
 It shall be as white as snow
 By Thy blood and bitter passion;
 For these words I now believe:
 Jesus sinners doth receive.
- 6 Now my conscience is at peace; From the Law I stand acquitted. Christ hath purchased my release And my ev'ry sin remitted. Naught remains my soul to grieve:

Jesus sinners doth receive.

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INVOCATION

- P In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

- P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness. Our help is in the name of the Lord,
- C who made heaven and earth.
- P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,
- **C** and You forgave the iniquity of my sin. (Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination)
- P 0 almighty God, merciful Father,
- C I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved

Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

- P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

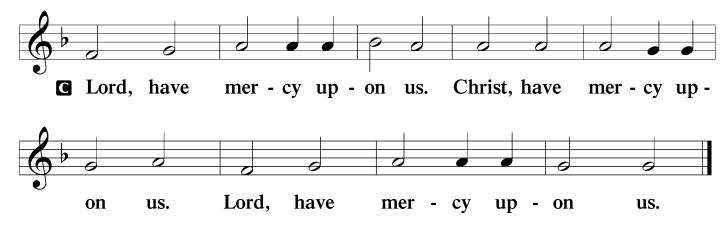
+ SERVICE OF THE WORD +

- **INTROIT** *Psalm 71:15–18; antiphon: v. 12*
- P O God, do not be far from me; O my God, make haste to help me!
- C My mouth shall tell of Your righteousness and Your salvation all the day, for I do not know their limits.
- P I will go in the strength of the Lord God; I will make mention of Your righteousness, of Yours only.
- C O God, You have taught me from my youth; and to this day I declare Your wondrous works.
- P Now also when I am old and gray headed, O God, do not forsake me, until I declare Your strength to this generation, Your power to everyone who is to come.
- C O God, do not be far from me; O my God, make haste to help me!

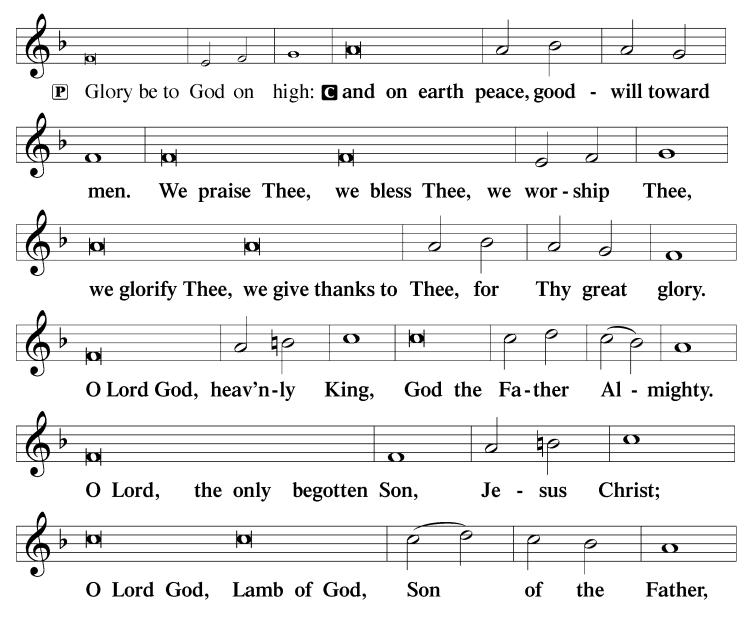
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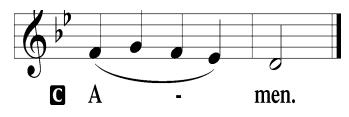






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P O Lord, keep Your family the church continually in the true faith that, relying on the hope of Your heavenly grace, we may ever be defended by Your mighty power; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



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

1 In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lifted up, and the train of His robe filled the temple. 2 Above it stood seraphim; each one had six wings: with two he covered his face, with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew. 3 And one cried to another and said:

"Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth

is full of His glory!"

4 And the posts of the door were shaken by the voice of him who cried out, and the house was filled with smoke.

5 So I said:

"Woe is me, for I am undone! Because I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; for my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts."

6 Then one of the seraphim flew to me, having in his hand a live coal which he had taken with the tongs from the altar. 7 And he touched my mouth with it, and said:

"Behold, this has touched your lips; your iniquity is taken away, and your sin purged."

8 Also I heard the voice of the Lord, saying:

"Whom shall I send, and who will go for Us?"

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Then I said, "Here am I! Send me."

- P This is the Word of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

PSALM *Psalm 138; antiphon: v. 5*

- P Yes, they shall sing of the ways of the Lord, for great is the glory of the Lord.
- C I will praise You with my whole heart; before the gods I will sing praises to You.
- P I will worship toward Your holy temple, and praise Your name for Your lovingkindness and Your truth; for You have magnified Your word above all Your name.
- C In the day when I cried out, You answered me, and made me bold with strength in my soul.
- P All the kings of the earth shall praise You, O Lord, when they hear the words of Your mouth.
- C Yes, they shall sing of the ways of the Lord, for great is the glory of the Lord.
- P Though the Lord is on high, yet He regards the lowly; but the proud He knows from afar.
- C Though I walk in the midst of trouble, You will revive me; You will stretch out Your hand against the wrath of my enemies, and Your right hand will save me.
- P The Lord will perfect that which concerns me; Your mercy, O Lord, endures forever; do not forsake the works of Your hands.
- C Yes, they shall sing of the ways of the Lord, for great is the glory of the Lord.

EPISTLE 1 Corinthians 14:12b–20

(Our words must not be for ourselves alone, but for the building up of the church.)

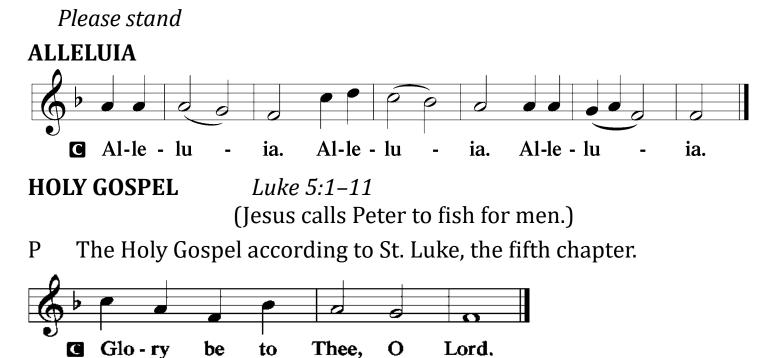
12 Even so you, since you are zealous for spiritual gifts, let it be for the edification of the church that you seek to excel.

13 Therefore let him who speaks in a tongue pray that he may interpret. 14 For if I pray in a tongue, my spirit prays, but my understanding is unfruitful. 15 What is the conclusion then? I will pray with the spirit, and (Continue on next page) 9 I will also pray with the understanding. I will sing with the spirit, and I will also sing with the understanding. 16 Otherwise, if you bless with the spirit, how will he who occupies the place of the uninformed say "Amen" at your giving of thanks, since he does not understand what you say? 17 For you indeed give thanks well, but the other is not edified.

18 I thank my God I speak with tongues more than you all; 19 yet in the church I would rather speak five words with my understanding, that I may teach others also, than ten thousand words in a tongue.

20 Brethren, do not be children in understanding; however, in malice be babes, but in understanding be mature.

- P This is the Word of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.



1 So it was, as the multitude pressed about Him to hear the word of God, that He stood by the Lake of Gennesaret, 2 and saw two boats standing by the lake; but the fishermen had gone from them and were washing their nets. 3 Then He got into one of the boats, which was Simon's, and asked him to put out a little from the land. And He sat down and taught the multitudes from the boat.

4 When He had stopped speaking, He said to Simon, "Launch out into the deep and let down your nets for a catch."

5 But Simon answered and said to Him, "Master, we have toiled all night

and caught nothing; nevertheless at Your word I will let down the net." 6 And when they had done this, they caught a great number of fish, and their net was breaking. 7 So they signaled to their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both the boats, so that they began to sink. 8 When Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, "Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord!" 9 For he and all who were with him were astonished at the catch of fish which they had taken ;

10 and so also were James and John, the sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. And Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid. From now on you will catch men." 11 So when they had brought their boats to land, they forsook all and followed Him.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



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All: I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I (Continue on next page)¹¹

acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

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SERMON

"At Your Word, we too are astonished!"

Luke 5:5-9

OFFERING Choir......What Wondrous Love is This Ja

James Denton

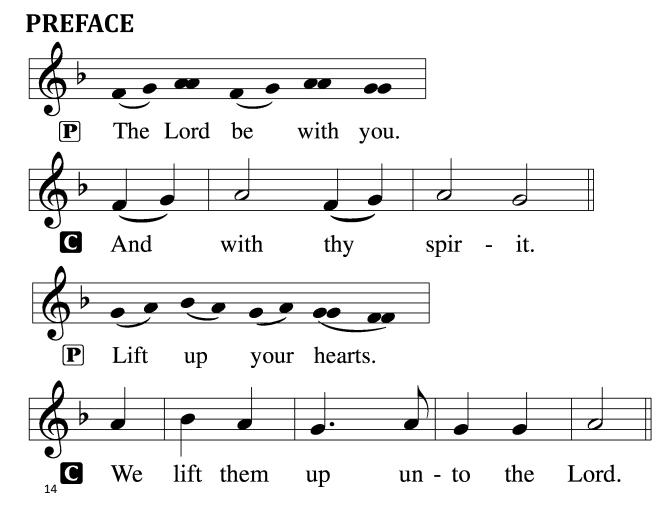


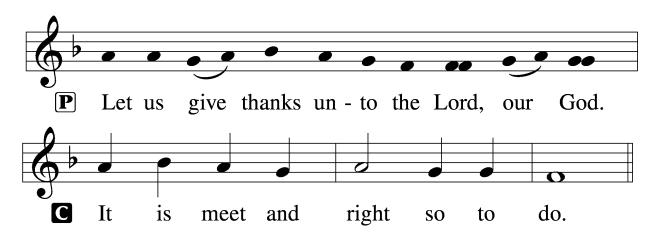
SHARING OF THE PEACE "Peace be with you" [American Sign Language]RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERSJerald (Jerry) and Brenda FresePRAYER OF THE CHURCH

- P 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, thatGod would keep them safe and guide them to use their talents wisely, let us pray to the Lord.
- C Hear our prayer; bless their use of what they manage.
- P For those who protect and defend us at home and abroad, those who work in government and social agencies, and those who go in harm's way to rescue people in danger, let us pray to the Lord.

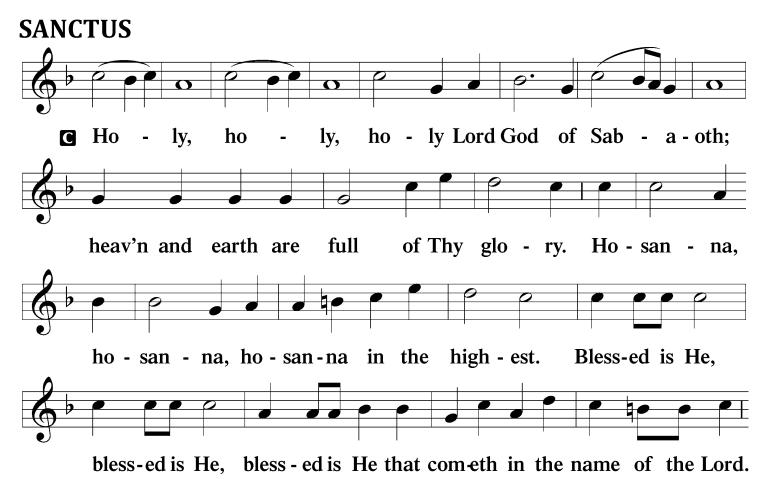
- С Hear our prayer; guide, protect, and strengthen them for the benefit of all.
- Р For the church here and around the world, wherever the Gospel is preached in its truth and purity, that God would raise up people of faith to be fishers of men and women wherever they find open ears and hearts, let us pray to the Lord.
- С Hear our prayer; grant us grace to grow in faith and numbers.
- Ρ For those who are ill or who do not have enough food, clothing, or shelter, [especially...], that God would provide them with their bodily needs, let us pray to the Lord.
- С Hear our prayer; use us and the resources You have given us as part of Your answer.
- Р 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.
- С Amen.

+ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT +





P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lived among us, revealing Your glory and love, that our darkness should give way to His own brilliant light. Therefore with angels and archangels and all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify Your holy name, evermore praising You and saying:





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LORD'S PRAYER (*Matthew 6:9–13*)

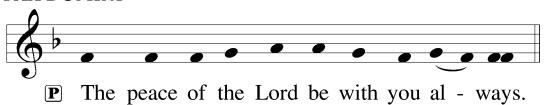
C Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.



THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

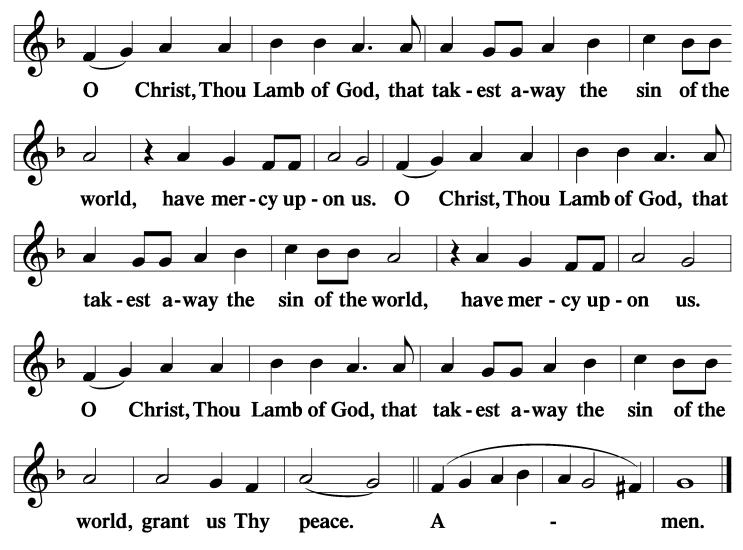
- P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."
- P In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

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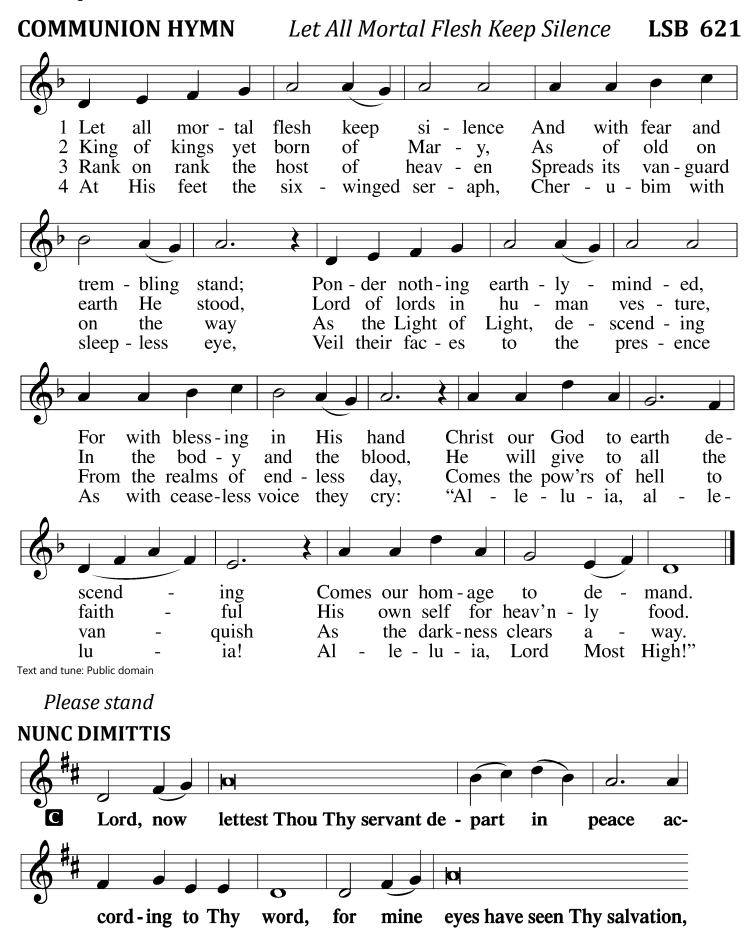


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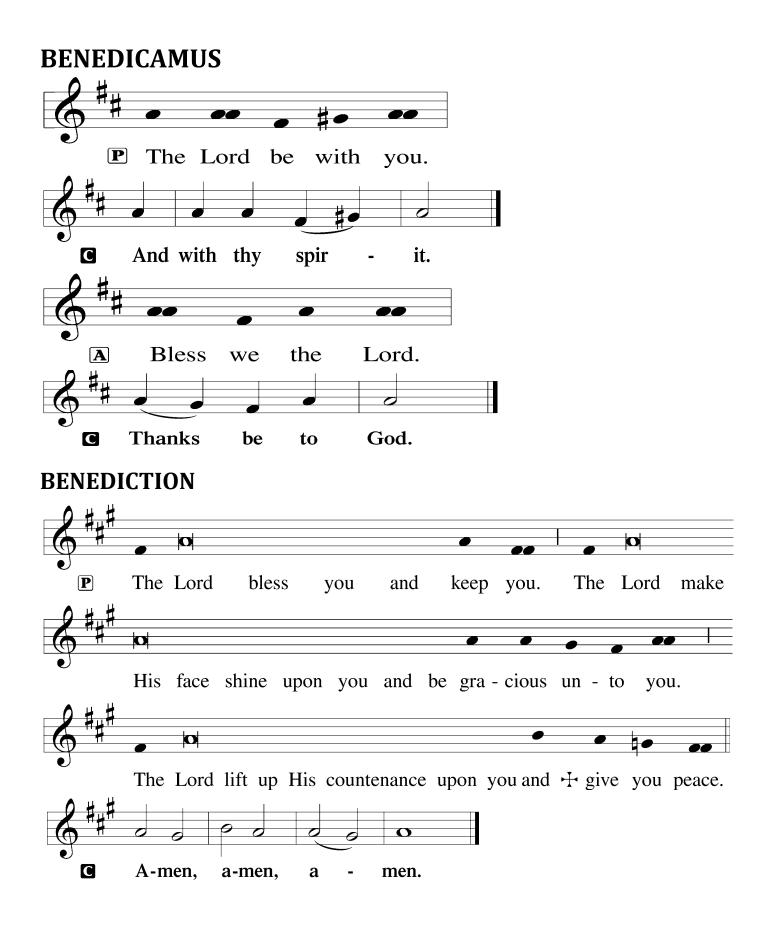
Heavenly Father, in my Holy Baptism you have called me to be Your own possession. Prepare my heart to receive the most holy body and blood of Christ for the forgiveness of all my sins. Strengthen my faith, increase my love and hope, and assure me a place at Your heavenly table, where I will eat eternal manna and drink of the river of the water of life freely, through Jesus Christ, Your Son, my Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever. Amen.





P Let us pray. We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

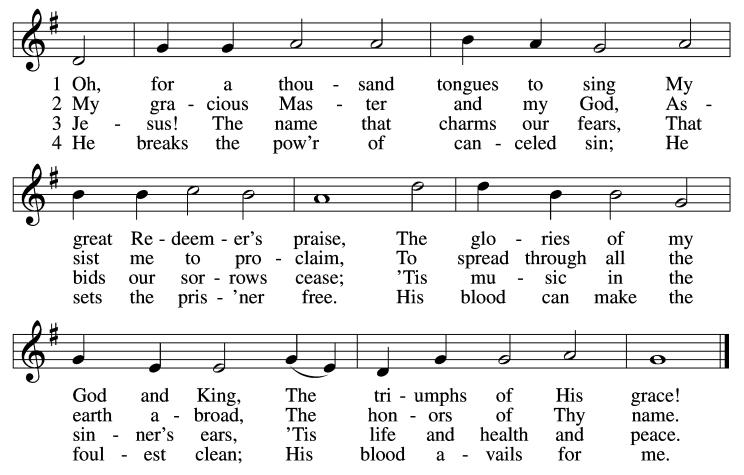




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SENDING HYMN

Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing



- 5 Look unto Him, ye nations; own Your God, ye fallen race.
 Look and be saved through faith alone, Be justified by grace.
- 6 See all your sins on Jesus laid;
 The Lamb of God was slain.
 His soul was once an off'ring made
 For ev'ry soul of man.
- 7 To God all glory, praise, and love Be now and ever giv'n By saints below and saints above, The Church in earth and heav'n.

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DISMISSAL

Isaiah 6:8

- P And I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for Us?" Then I said,
- C "Here am I! Send me."
- P Go in peace! Serve the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for men. Colossians 3:23

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Portals of Prayer for <u>January to March 2025</u> are available in the Narthex or office.

Join us for **sunday school and Bible study** at 10:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Rev. Goetz is leading the class.

February Activities

Family Confirmation Class on Thursdays @ 6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

Pastors' Circuit Meeting Tuesday, February 11th, 2025 9:00 a.m.

Men's Steak Night/Bible Study

Tuesday, February 25th, 2025 6:00 p.m.

March Activities

Begins; Lent Season

Ash Wednesday Service March 5th, 2025 @ 6:00 p.m. with Soup Supper @ 5:00 p.m.

Annual LWML Retreat 2025 South Texas Retreat Mid Coast, Coastal Bend, North Alamo, Rio Grande Valley Zones March 7 - 8, 2025 <u>Spiritual Retreat Center, Victoria, Texas.</u>

* Complete Registration Form (including this info); is available in the Narthex.



1 Chronicles 16:25-26

For great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised, and he is to be feared above all gods. For all the gods of the peoples are worthless idols, but the Lord made the heavens.

> Though I walk in the midst of trouble, You will revive me; You will stretch out Your hand against the wrath of my enemies, and Your right hand will save me.

> > Psalm 138:7

Sermon Notes

2/2/2025	02	
Sunday Worship	82	
Plate:	\$ 627.00	
Envelopes:	\$ 1,163.00	Sixth Sunday after Epiphany
Envelopes-Other:		
On Line	\$ 750.00	Jeremiah 17:5–8
Donation:	\$ 1,000.00	Psalm 1
Memorial:		1 Corinthians 15:(1–11) 12–20
		Luke 6:17–26
Total:	\$ 3 <i>,</i> 540.00	
Bible Class: 18	\$ 17.00	

Jesus Comforts His People and Builds Up His Church by the Ministry of His Gospel

When Isaiah "saw the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up," he was overcome with an awareness of his sin and "unclean lips" (Is. 6:1, 5). But the Lord atoned for his sin, took away his guilt and sanctified his lips with "a burning coal" from the altar (Is. 6:6–7). Not only was he rescued from death, but he was called and sent as a prophet of the Lord's Word (Is. 6:8–9). Similarly, when Simon Peter and his companions "enclosed a large number of fish" at the Word of Jesus, he humbled himself and said, "Depart from me, for I am a sinful man" (Luke 5:4-8). But Jesus comforted Simon, called him to discipleship and declared that he would be "catching men" (Luke 5:10 -11). So in the Office of the Ministry, the Church remains the little boat from which Jesus teaches His people (Luke 5:3). Thus are we instructed in the faith, so that we say "Amen" and return thanks with heart, mind, tongue and life. For the preaching of Christ Jesus is a manifestation of the Holy Spirit, by which He builds up His Church on earth (1 Cor. 14:12–19).

	Bi-Weekly Church Activity Schedule February Sunday Servants:					
Elder:	Earl Neuhaus					
Altar Guild:	Suzanne Wehling/Rose Ann Cisneros/Maribel Perez					
Music:	Doris Pickering/Pam Terral/ Bob Kaemmerer					
This Week	Fifth Sunday after Epiphany					
Usher:	Ken Eilers					
Sunday:	Holy Communion Worship Service	9:00 am				
	Sunday School & Adult Bible Study	10:30 am				
Next Week	Sixth Sunday after Epiphany					
Usher:	Don Vogel					
Sunday:	Holy Communion Worship Service	9:00 am				
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