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Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

February 9, 2025

MISSION STATEMENT: Nourished by Word and Sacrament, the mission of the members of St. Mark's Evangelical Lutheran Church is to spread God's Word in Jesus Christ through our thoughts, words, and actions, proclaiming God's good news for all to hear and live.

Please silence all electronic devices.

WELCOME! Please observe Silent Meditation during the Prelude.

PERSONAL HEARING ASSISTANCE DEVICES ARE AVAILABLE. Please see an usher if you have trouble hearing the service.

CONSIDER THIS

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.

GATHERING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE— *Here I Am, Lord* *Schutte, arr. Larson*



Stand/Spoken **Gospel Acclamation**

C Alleluia. Jesus says, Follow me, and I will make you fish for people. Alleluia.

8:15 Sermon Lesson—Gospel: Luke 5:1-11

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P The Gospel of the Lord
C Praise to you O Christ

Sit **8:15**— **Sermon**

Stand **8:15 Sermon Hymn LBW#381** *Hark, the Voice of
Jesus Calling*

Hark, the Voice of Jesus Calling



1 Hark, the voice of Je - sus call - ing, "Who will go and work to - day?
2 If you can - not speak like an - gels, if you can - not preach like Paul,
3 If you can - not be a watch - man, stand - ing high on Zi - on's wall,
4 Let none hear you i - dly say - ing, "There is noth - ing I can do,"



Fields are white and har - vests wait - ing, who will bear the sheaves a - way?"
you can tell the love of Je - sus; you can say he died for all.
point - ing out the path to heav - en, of - f'ring life and peace to all,
while the mul - ti - tudes are dy - ing and the mas - ter calls for you.



Loud and long the mas - ter calls you; rich re - ward he of - fers free.
If you can - not rouse the wick - ed with the judg - ment's dread a - larms,
with your prayers and with your boun - ties you can do what God de - mands;
Take the task he gives you glad - ly; let his work your plea - sure be.



Who will an - swer, glad - ly say - ing, "Here am I. Send me, send me?"
you can lead the lit - tle chil - dren to the Sav - ior's wait - ing arms.
you can be like faith - ful Aar - on, hold - ing up the proph - et's hands.
An - swer quick - ly when he calls you, "Here am I. Send me, send me!"

Text: Daniel March, 1816–1909, alt.
Music: GALILEAN, Joseph Barnby, 1838–1896



11:00 Stand **Hymn #876** *Let the Whole Creation Cry*

The Ten Commandments

(According to Luther's Small Catechism)

P God promises grace and every good thing to all those who keep God's commandments.

Therefore, we are to love and trust God and gladly act according to God's commands.

C You shall have no other Gods

You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the Lord your God

Remember the sabbath day and keep it holy

Honor your father and your mother

You shall not murder

You shall not commit adultery

You shall not steal

You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor

You shall not covet your neighbor's house

You shall not covet your neighbor's spouse... or anything that belongs to your neighbor

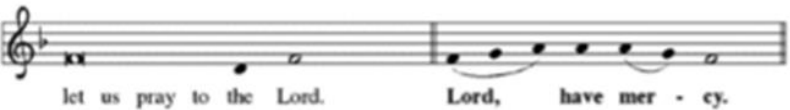
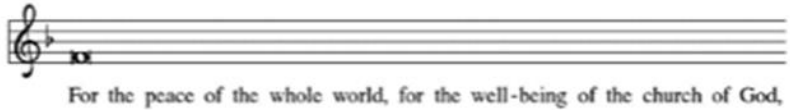
Having been reminded of God's perfect law, we now confess our sins, seek and receive forgiveness by God's grace.

Kyrie



In peace, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.

For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



Confession and Forgiveness

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

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God,
our creator,
our protector,
our wellspring of life.

C Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God
and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Sit or kneel as able

P Merciful God,

C 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.

P 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.

C Amen.

Hymn of the Season ACS #1062 *Build a Longer Table vs 2*



1 Build a long - er ta - ble, not a high - er wall,
2 Build a saf - er ref - uge, not a larg - er jail;
3 Build a broad - er door - way, not a long - er fence.
4 When we lived as ex - iles, ref - u - gees a - broad,



feed - ing those who hun - ger, mak - ing room for all.
where the weak find shel - ter, mer - cy will not fail.
Love pro - tects all peo - ple, spar - ing no ex - pense.
Christ be - came our door - way to the reign of God.



Feast - ing to - geth - er, strang - er turns to friend,
For an - y place where jus - tice is de - nied,
When we em - brace com - pas - sion more than fear,
So must our ta - bles wel - come those who roam.



Christ breaks walls to piec - es; false di - vi - sions end.
Christ will breach the jail wall, free - ing all in - side.
Christ tears down our fenc - es; all are wel - come here.
None can be ex - clud - ed; all must find a home.

Text: David Bjorlin, b. 1984

Music: NOËL NOUVELET, French carol

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Stand **Salutation**

P The Lord be with you

C And also with you

Prayer of the Day—Let us pray...

A 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.

C Amen.

Sit **First Lesson: 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!"

A reading from Isaiah

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!" [⁹And he said, "Go and say to this people:

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

¹⁰Make 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.]

A The Word of the Lord

C Thanks be to God

Psalm: Psalm 138

READ RESPONSIVELY BY WHOLE VERSE

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 above 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 purpose for me;
O Lord, your steadfast love endures forever; do not
abandon the works of your hands.**

Second Lesson: 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.

A reading from 1 Corinthians

¹ 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.

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11:00 SERMON

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If you can - not rouse the wick - ed with the judg - ment's dread a - larms,
with your prayers and with your boun - ties you can do what God de - mands;
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you can be like faith - ful Aar - on, hold - ing up the proph - et's hands.
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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.**

THE PRAYERS

P God of grace

C hear our prayer.

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

C Amen

MEAL

PEACE

The Peace is the link between the proclamation of the Word and the sharing of the Eucharistic meal. Our unity and mutual forgiveness come from Christ whose Word has just been

proclaimed and whose meal we now prepare to share.

We pray for the peace of the Lord for each other.

P Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another."

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C And also with you

Sit **OFFERTORY** *Boundless Love*

Aune, Perry

Stand **OFFERTORY HYMN #677** *This Little Light of Mine* Vs 1



1 This lit - tle light of mine, I'm goin' - a let it shine;
2 Ev - 'ry - where I go, I'm goin' - a let it shine;
3 Je - sus gave it to me, I'm goin' - a let it shine;



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let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Text: African American spiritual
Music: THIS JOY, African American spiritual

OFFERTORY PRAYER— Let us Pray

A 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.

C Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them to the Lord.

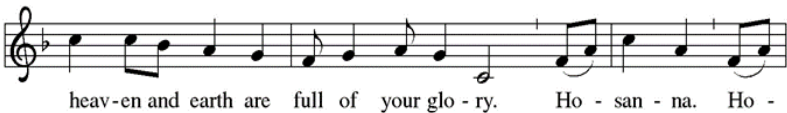
P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give our thanks and praise..

PREFACE

P It is indeed right, our duty and our joy.....we praise your
name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

LORD'S PRAYER

Invitation to Communion

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

LAMB OF GOD

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.

Communion Distribution

We invite all Christians who believe that Jesus gives his body and blood for the forgiveness of sins to receive the sacrament with us, the communion assistant will distribute the wine from a pouring chalice into a cup you may pick up at the front of the aisle. If you are unable to take either the bread or wine, be assured that the sacrament is complete. Those not receiving communion are invited to come to the rail to receive a blessing. Parents of young children; please direct the pastor as to whether your child usually receives communion or not.

Communion Hymns

#584 *The Son of God, Our Christ*

#574 *Here I Am, Lord*

Stand **COMMUNION BLESSING**

POST COMMUNION PRAYER—Let us pray.

A 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,
C Amen

Blessing

P The Spirit of the triune God
+ bless you with joy,
anoint you with compassion,
and send you in love.
C Amen.

Hymn #580 *How Clear Is Our Vocation, Lord*

DISMISSAL

P Go in peace. Live in hope.

C **We will. Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE ~ *Holy God, We Praise Thy Name* I. Franz

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Stewardship Snippet February 9, 2025 - 5th Sunday after the Epiphany, Year C **Luke 5:5,6** – Simon answered Jesus, "Master, we have worked all night long but have caught nothing. Yet if you say so, I will let down the nets." When they had done this, they caught so many fish that their nets were beginning to break. *Jesus's instructions make no sense to Simon, but following them leads him to make an enormous catch of fish. Steward/disciples often find that God's guidance leads to greater abundance. When have you seen this in your life?*

THOSE WHO SERVE TODAY

CO-MINISTERS OF MUSIC - Jenny Sustak & Faith Smeck

YOUTH/FAMILY MINISTER - Kellen Michalowski

ALTAR CARE - Sue Bennick; Marian Person/Donna Woodrow

USHERS - Doug Womer, Ed Shadle, Rick Frazier,

Chris Bair, Joe Boslet, Dave Featherman

COMMUNION ASST - Randy Whitaker; Shelley Lindner

WORSHIP ASST— 11:00 Sandy Sherwood

LECTOR - Randy Whitaker; Sandy Sherwood

FLOWER DELIVERY - Sandy Dinger

COUNCIL PRESIDENT - Dave Stanton

NURSERY SCHL DIR. - Jessica Broome 717-652-6700 ext 3

SEXTON - Don Young

OPPORTUNITIES AT ST. MARK'S THIS WEEK

SUNDAY	02/09	8:15 am Worship
		9:45 am Intergenerational Sunday School
		11:00 am Worship
		7:00 pm AA
		7:00 pm Gambler's Anonymous
MONDAY	02/10	6:30 pm Lioness Board Meeting
TUESDAY	02/11	2:00 pm Esther & Eve Circle
		2:00 pm Men's Bible Study
		5:00 pm Nursery Board Meeting
		6:30 pm Property Meeting
WEDNESDAY	02/12	10:00 am Bible Study
THURSDAY	02/13	1:00 pm Craft Artisans
FRIDAY	02/14	Valentines Day
SATURDAY	02/15	
SUNDAY	02/16	8:15 am Worship
		9:45 am Intergenerational Sunday School
		11:00 am Worship
		7:00 pm AA
		7:00 pm Gambler's Anonymous

Join Ruth in Romania for a Habitat for Humanity/Thrivent Builds project in May! Must be at least 18 years old and willing to learn how to help those in need in His service. Email Ruth for information: liftupmysoul2017@gmail.com

Altar Flowers are in memory of my mother Dorothy Kitzmiller and my husband Joe Mariner. Given by Loraine Mariner.

READING LESSONS for February 16, 2025:

First Lesson:	Jeremiah 17:5-10
Psalm:	Psalm 1
Second Lesson:	1 Corinthians 15:12-20
Gospel:	Luke 6:17-26