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Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

February 9, 2025

Setting 3 with Holy Communion

*Congregation please stand as you are able.

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.

Prelude:

Gift of Love

H. Hopson

Welcome & Announcements: Joys and Concerns

Signing of the Pew Register by all present.

***Gathering Song:**

Love, Love, Love

See Insert

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

***Greeting**

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

***Invitation to Worship**

P: I may be able to speak the languages of men and even of angels,

C: but if I have no love, my speech is no more than a noisy gong or a clanging bell.

P: I may have the gift of inspired preaching; I may have all knowledge and understand all secrets;

C: but if I have no love, it does me no good.

P: I may have all the faith needed to move mountains,

C: but if I have no love, I am nothing.

P: I may give away everything I have and even give up my body to be burned,

C: but if I have no love, this does me no good.

P: Love is patient and kind; it is not jealous or conceited or proud.

C: Love never gives up; and its faith, hope, and patience never fail.

P: Meanwhile these three remain:

C: Faith, hope, and love; and the greatest of these is love.

***Confession and Forgiveness**

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

C: Amen.

P: Trusting that God receives our words and the meditations of our hearts,
let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

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.

***Prayer of the Day**

P: Let us pray.

**C: 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

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

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!"

R: A reading from Isaiah, the sixth chapter.

¹ 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. ² 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. ³ And one called to another and said:

“Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts;
the whole earth is full of his glory.”

⁴ The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. ⁵ 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!”

⁶ Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. ⁷ 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.” ⁸ 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!” [⁹ And he said, “Go and say to this people:

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

¹⁰ 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.”

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.]

The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Responsive Reading:

Psalm 138

- 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 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.

R: A reading from 1 Corinthians, the fifteenth chapter.

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.

The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

***Gospel Acclamation:** *Lord, I Lift Your Name on High* TBOB 151

Lord, I lift Your name on high: Lord, I love to sing Your praises.

I'm so glad You're in my life: I'm so glad You came to save us.

Lord, I lift Your name on high.

Near the beginning of Jesus' public ministry, he visits his hometown of Nazareth. In the words of Isaiah, he states and claims his identity, purpose, and mission.

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 4th chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

P: ¹⁴ Then Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country.
¹⁵ He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone.

¹⁶ When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, ¹⁷ and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

¹⁸ "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
because he has anointed me
to bring good news to the poor.
He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives
and recovery of sight to the blind,
to let the oppressed go free,
¹⁹ to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."

²⁰ And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. ²¹ Then he began to say to them, "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing."

The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Children's Sermon

Sermon

***Sermon Hymn:**

Here I Am, Lord

ELW 574

***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**

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

A brief silence.

R: 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,

C: hear our prayer.

R: 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,

C: hear our prayer.

R: 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,

C: hear our prayer.

R: Fill with your compassionate presence all who are suffering from addiction, mental illness, injury, or illness of any kind, *especially those we name at this time (Pause for people to be named)*. Draw helpers to their side so that they find relief from their burdens. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

R: 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,

C: hear our prayer.

R: We thank you for those who have courageously gone before us in the faith. May we too show a deep trust in you throughout our lives. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

R: 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

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

*Sharing of the Peace

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

(10:30) Sr. Choir:

Jesus Calls Us

C. Lane

Offering

We Are an Offering

TBOB 231

**We lift our voices, we lift our hands,
we lift our lives up to you, we are an offering.**

**Lord, use our voices, Lord, use our hands, Lord, use our lives,
they are Yours, we are an offering, we are an offering.**

*Offering Prayer

P: 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.

P: 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.

By the leading of a star he was shown forth to all nations;
in the waters of the Jordan you proclaimed him your beloved Son;
and in the miracle of water turned to wine he revealed your glory.

***Thanksgiving at the Table**

P: Holy One, the beginning and the end, the giver of life:

Blessed are you for the birth of creation.

Blessed are you in the darkness and in the light.

Blessed are you for your promise to your people.

Blessed are you in the prophets' hopes and dreams.

Blessed are you for Mary's openness to your will.

Blessed are you for your Son Jesus,
the Word made flesh.

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.

P: Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

C: Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

P: With this bread and cup
we remember your Word dwelling among us,
full of grace and truth.
We remember our new birth in his death and resurrection.
We look with hope for his coming.

C: Come, Lord Jesus.

P: Holy God, we long for your Spirit.
Come among us. Bless this meal.
May your Word take flesh in us.
Awaken your people.
Fill us with your light.
Bring the gift of peace on earth.

C: Come, Holy Spirit.

P: All praise and glory are yours,
Holy One of Israel,
Word of God incarnate,
Power of the Most High,
one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

***Lord's Prayer**

P: Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

**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.**

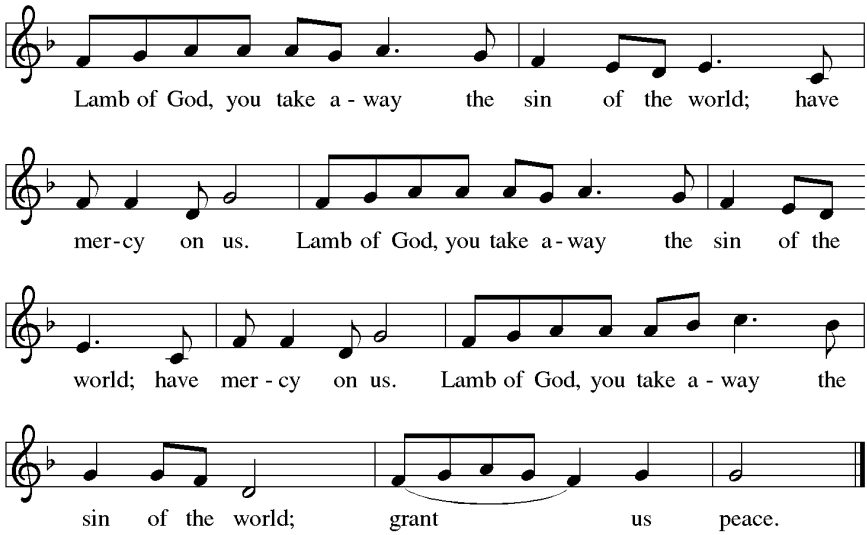
**Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.**

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.

Distribution of Communion

Communion will be continuous. The ushers will invite you to come forward by the center aisle. You will be handed the bread with the words, "The Body of Christ given for you." You may respond with "Amen" or "Thanks be to God!". Step to the Communion Assistant and take the cup. They will speak the words, "The Blood of Christ shed for you." You may respond with "Amen" or "Thanks be to God!" Empty cups may be placed in the basket as you return to your seat by the side aisle.

If you prefer gluten- free bread, please let the Pastor know. If you prefer grape juice, please let the Communion Assistant know. If you prefer not to receive or have children who have not yet received, please let the Pastor know and he will offer a blessing.

(8:00) Flute Solo: *Comes the Winter* **James Michael Stevens**

(10:30) Piano Medley

*Post Communion Blessing

P: May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C: Amen.

***Prayer After Communion**

P: 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.**

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

***Blessing**

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

C: **Amen.**

Sending Song: *They'll Know We are Christians by Our Love

1. We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord,
We are one in the Spirit; we are one in the Lord.
And we pray that all unity may one day be restored. **Refrain**

Refrain:

And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love.
Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love.

2. We will walk with each other; we will walk hand in hand.
We will walk with each other; we will walk hand in hand.
And together we'll spread the news that God is in our land. **Refrain**

3. We will work with each other; we will work side by side.
We will work with each other; we will work side by side.
And we will guard each one's dignity and save each one's pride.
Refrain

4. All praise to the Father from whom all things come,
And all praise to Christ Jesus, His only Son
And all praise to the Spirit who makes us one. **Refrain**

***Dismissal**

P: Go in peace. Live in hope.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

***Postlude: *They'll Know We are Christians by Our Love* P. Scholtes**

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WHEREVER YOU CALL ME TO GO THIS WEEK, LORD, may I respond like Isaiah: “Here I am. Send me” (Isaiah 6:8). And may my time at worship today strengthen me to do just that.

ENDOWMENT COMMITTEE will meet Tuesday, Feb. 11th, at 7:00 p.m.

FAITH FILLED TRAVELERS NEWS

Travelers, are you tired of the white stuff on the roads, sidewalks, and driveways, like I am? There is a solution! If you reserve Feb. 16 from 3:30 to 6, you can come to the Faith Filled Travelers' Party Potluck at the church to see if any of the trips will work for you this year. We talk about our 2024 trips, reveal the 2025 trips and then eat the delicious food everyone brings to share, and you should be home around 6. Plan ahead for the warmer season so you are prepared to enjoy some vacation in our great country! Hope to see you there! Yvonne

There is a copy of the invitation to the party/potluck on the coatroom board and on the Fellowship Hall board. All the details are there or call me - 419 307-1774.

FLCW BAKE SALE – Faith Lutheran Church Women will host a Bake Sale on **TODAY, Sunday, February 9th**, just in time for Valentine’s Day after both services in the Fellowship Hall. Sales will be on a donation basis and all proceeds will go to support the Fellowship & Service Materials fund for the Sewing Ladies. Please come and enjoy some of the delicious baked goods for you and your Sweetheart!

HELLO FAITH FAMILY – I am sending many thanks to you, the Women of the Church, for the cards, gifts and those Special Members who send cards every month. Thanks to the Elders and Pastor Tim for communion and to those Special Members who operate the computer for Sunday services, so we can attend services online. This means so much to me and many other members. Thanks again, as I feel very blessed. Yours in Christ, Joan Bolen.

NEW ADDRESSES:

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Minnie & Jamie Weber, 507 Brentwood Drive, Gibsonburg, OH 43431.

FAITH ACTIVITIES FOR THE WEEK OF – Feb. 9 to Feb. 16

Sunday

Feb. 9-----8 & 10:30 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion
 9:15 a.m. Sunday School & Fellowship Time

Monday

Feb. 10-----8 a.m. Men’s Group in Fellowship Hall
 10 a.m. Valley View Tea Time with God
 11:30 a.m. FLCW Visitation meeting at Bob Evan’s
 6 p.m. Youth & Growth Committee
 7 p.m. Mission & Outreach
 7:30 p.m. Dartball – Away vs. St. John’s

Tuesday

Feb. 11-----7 p.m. Endowment

Wednesday

Feb. 12-----6:30 p.m. Bell Choir
 7:30 p.m. Praise Choir
 7:30 p.m. Sr. Choir

Thursday

Feb. 13-----3 p.m. Christ Care

Saturday

Feb. 15-----9:15 a.m. Christ Care

Sunday

Feb. 16-----8 & 10:30 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion
 9:15 a.m. Sunday School & Fellowship Time
 11:30-6:00 p.m. Hall Reserved – Yvonne Vogel

NEWSLETTER ARTICLES DUE

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