



**The Fifth Sunday after Epiphany
Grace Lutheran Church
Worship with Holy Communion
February 9, 2025**

Good morning & welcome to Grace!

***Our mission is to invite and welcome all
to the fellowship of Christ in service to our community.***

Week after week, Christians gather together, hear the word proclaimed, share a meal, and are sent out to bear the good news of God in Christ Jesus to a hungry, needy world. Inside though, we wonder why God has entrusted such an important mission to people like us. God's trust in our capacities seems imprudent, even irrational. But notice, Jesus precedes a call to discipleship with a miracle pointing to God's abundant provision, signaling that we will be given all we need. Jesus meets us at the shorelines of our own lives, going about our daily work, and calls us to lifelong discipleship. Caught up in God's abundant grace, and fed out of that bounty, we are commissioned to go catch others.

We are glad you are with us for worship today, and we offer a special welcome to any guests who may be with us this morning, and to all those who are joining us via Live-Stream.

Children are welcome in worship at Grace! The voices of children only enhance worship, and they are welcome in this space! There is a Children's Corner in the sanctuary and, if needed, a nursery off the lobby.

In thanksgiving to God for the saving grace shown to all of us in the death and resurrection of Christ, we celebrate the sacrament of Holy Communion each week. All are welcome at the Table. We do come forward to the front of the sanctuary for communion. The Pastor stands in the center of the aisle with the bread. Gluten free bread is available – just ask when you come forward. Communion assistants are located on both sides of the sanctuary, with both **wine (red)** and **juice (white)**.

For those participating from home, please have a small glass of wine or juice and a small piece of bread available for all who are planning to commune. When you see people here coming forward for communion, you may share the meal where you are, saying: This is the body of Christ, given for you and This is the blood of Christ, shed for you.

If you have questions about our worship service, please don't hesitate to ask someone around you. For more information about Baptism or Communion, about what Lutherans believe, or even about Grace Lutheran Church, please do not hesitate to reach out to our pastor.

Again, we're glad you're here! Welcome to worship!

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

⌘ See Screens Up Front

PRELUDE

"I Hear Thy Welcome Voice"

arr. Gerald Peterson

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

⌘ CONFESSIOIN & FORGIVENESS

GATHERING HYMN

"Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty!"

ELW 413

⌘ GREETING & PRAYER OF THE DAY

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

FIRST READING

Isaiah 6.1 – 8

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!" And we read:

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!"

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

⌘ PSALM 138

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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. And we read:

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. **Thanks be to God.**

⌘ GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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GOSPEL

Luke 5:1 – 11

The Holy Gospel according to Luke. Glory to you, O Lord.

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. And we read:

¹ Once, while Jesus was standing beside the Lake of Gennesaret and the crowd was pressing in on him to hear the word of God, ² he saw two boats there at the shore of the lake; the fishermen had gotten out of them and were washing their nets. ³ 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 [Jesus] sat down and taught the crowds from the boat. ⁴ When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into the deep water and let down your nets for a catch." ⁵ Simon answered, "Master, we have worked all night long but have caught nothing. Yet if you say so, I will let down the nets." ⁶ When they had done this, they caught so many fish that their nets were beginning to burst. ⁷ 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. ⁸ But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus's knees, saying, "Go away from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man!" ⁹ For he and all who were with him were astounded at the catch of fish that they had taken, ¹⁰ 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." ¹¹ 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

“Here I Am, Lord”

ELW 574

⌘ **THE CREED** ~ *Let us affirm our faith with the words of the Apostles Creed*

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION & THE PEACE

MEAL ~ God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

CHANCEL CHOIR

“O Lord Most Holy”

by Jay Althouse

⌘ **OFFERING & OFFERTORY RESPONSE** *“Create in Me a Clean Heart”* **ELW 186**

⌘ **OFFERING PRAYER**

⌘ **THE GREAT THANKSGIVING** (Those moved to do so may rise.)

⌘ **HOLY, HOLY, HOLY (THE SANCTUS)** **ELW 191**

⌘ **THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE & THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

⌘ **INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

COMMUNION ~ *Those on live stream may commune at this time.*

⌘ **LAMB OF GOD** **ELW 195**

COMMUNION HYMNS

“Will You Come and Follow Me”

ELW 798

“Come, Let Us Eat”

ELW 491

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

⌘ **BLESSING**

SENDING HYMN

“Holy God, We Praise Your Name”

ELW 414

⌘ **DISMISSAL**

POSTLUDE

“How Majestic is Your Name”

arr. Jerry Ray

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