

# Third Sunday after Epiphany

January 26, 2025

*Greetings and Welcome*

*Prelude by Sandi Watts, organ*

## GATHERING

*\*Call to Worship and Confession*

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

**C: Thanks be to God.**

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who looks upon us in compassion, forgives our sin, and heals our lives.

**C: Amen.**

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

*Silence for confession*

P: Have mercy, O God,

**C: against you, you alone, we have sinned. In your compassion, cleanse us from our sin and take away our guilt. Create in us a new heart and give us a steadfast spirit. Do not cast us away, but fill us with your Holy Spirit and restore your joy within us. Amen.**

P: As tender as parent to child, so deep is God's compassion for you. As high as heaven is above earth, so vast is God's love for you. As far as east is from west, so far God removes your sin from you, renewing your life through † Jesus Christ.

Blessed be God who crowns us with mercy and love.

**C: Blessed be God forever.**

- 1 **Oh, worship the King, all-glorious above.  
Oh, gratefully sing God's power and love;  
our shield and defender, the Ancient of Days,  
pavilioned in splendor, and girded with praise.**
- 2 **The earth with its store of wonders untold,  
Almighty, your pow'r has founded of old;  
established it fast by a changeless decree,  
and round it has cast, like a mantle, the sea.**
- 3 **Your bountiful care what tongue can recite?  
It breathes in the air, it shines in the light,  
it streams from the hills, it descends to the plain,  
and sweetly distills in the dew and the rain.**
- 4 **Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail,  
in you do we trust, nor find you to fail;  
your mercies, how tender, how firm to the end,  
our maker, defender, redeemer, and friend.**
- 5 **O measureless might, ineffable love,  
while angels delight to hymn you above,  
the humbler creation, though feeble their lays,  
with true adoration shall sing to your praise.**

*\*Greeting and Prayer of the Day*

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Let us pray ... Lord Jesus of fisher folk,

**C: You taught your disciples to cast a wide net -- not for fish, but for people. Teach us the fishing craft. Make our fingers nimble so we may handle hearts and hands gently; make our minds quiet and patient while we wait for those who are not yet ready to receive you; and make our hearts hungry for your word, for the sake of the one who has captured our hearts already, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

*\*Sharing Christ's Peace*

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C: And also with you.**

*All are invited to share the peace of Christ with one another.*

*Children's Sermon*

## WORD

*\*Gospel Reading:* Luke 5:1-11      Reader: Liddy Stark

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

**C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

<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 to 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.

P: The gospel of the Lord. **C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Hymn of Praise* – "We All Are One in Mission" ELW 576

*(organ)*

- 1 We all are one in mission; we all are one in call,  
our varied gifts united by Christ, the Lord of all.  
A single great commission compels us from above  
to plan and work together that all may know Christ's love.**

- 2 We all are called for service, to witness in God's name.  
Our ministries are diff'rent; our purpose is the same:  
to touch the lives of others with God's surprising grace,  
so ev'ry folk and nation may feel God's warm embrace.
- 3 Now let us be united, and let our song be heard.  
Now let us be a vessel for God's redeeming Word.  
We all are one in mission; we all are one in call,  
our varied gifts united by Christ, the Lord of all.

*Sermon:* "Fish for People"

*Song of the Day* – "Ablaze"

*(piano)*

1. Cold is the wind that blows in the night.  
The darkness is deepest where there's no light.  
Who will You send to carry the flame? Who will proclaim your name?  
People are lost and don't even know it.  
If we know the way, then why don't we show it?  
Ignite the flame, O Lord fan the spark that we may shine in the dark.

*Chorus: Set us ablaze, O Lord. Set us ablaze to tell Your story.  
Shout aloud the hope of glory so that the lost will find the way.  
Set us ablaze, O Lord, and fill your church with holy fire,  
To share your love our one desire All our days. Set us ablaze.*

2. For You, Lord, alone are the one who can save.  
Your cross alone, and Your empty grave.  
Hearts to renew, and sins to forgive that all of the world might live.  
Ignite the flame, O Lord, send your Spirit,  
that we proclaim, and that they may hear it  
Send us to show them the way that is true.  
Send us to lead them to You. *Chorus twice*

I've got a calling. I've got a mission.  
Out of the boat and on with the fishing, Ablaze!  
Hearts that are burning, minds that are learning,  
filled with a yearning to see lives turning. Ablaze!

*\*The Apostles' Creed*

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He 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, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again 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*

*Stewardship Time*

*Jean Welch, piano*

*–Please take a moment to sign into the Welcome Folder in your pew–*

*\*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 ... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



God of might, heav - en and earth are full of your  
glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.  
Bless - ed is the one who comes in the name of the  
Lord. Ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.  
Ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

*\*Eucharistic Prayer and Words of Institution*

*\*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.**

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, grant us peace.

*Communion Songs*

“We Are Called” *(piano)*

- 1. We are called. We are claimed. We are loved by the holy name.  
 We are healed. We are whole. The Savior ransomed our souls**

*Refrain: And we're singing Glory, Glory, Glory Hallelujah! Glory, Gloria.  
 Oh, Glory, Glory, Glory Hallelujah. Glory, Gloria!*

- 2. We are here. To proclaim. God is here; calls us each by name.  
 We are here. To give praise. The love of God will not change. Refrain**

“Will You Come and Follow Me” ELW 798 *(organ)*

- 1. Will you come and follow me if I but call your name?  
 Will you go where you don't know and never be the same?  
 Will you let my love be shown, will you let my name be known,  
 Will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?**

2. **Will you leave yourself behind if I but call your name?  
Will you care for cruel and kind and never be the same?  
Will you risk the hostile stare, should your life attract or scare?  
Will you let me answer pray'r in you and you in me?**
3. **Will you let the blinded see if I but call your name?  
Will you set the pris'ners free and never be the same?  
Will you kiss the leper clean, and do such as this unseen,  
And admit to what I mean in you and you in me?**
4. **Will you love the you you hide if I but call your name?  
Will you quell the fear inside and never be the same?  
Will you use the faith you've found to reshape the world around,  
Through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?**
5. **Lord, your summons echoes true when you but call my name.  
Let me turn and follow you and never be the same.  
In your company I'll go where your love and footsteps show.  
Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.**

*\*Post-Communion Blessing*

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.  
C: **Amen.**

*\*Closing Prayer*

## SENDING

*\*Benediction*

P: The peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, keep your hearts and your minds  
in † Christ Jesus.  
C: **Amen.**



\*Sending Song – “Go, Make Disciples”

(piano)

**Go, make disciples, baptizing them, teaching them.  
Go, make disciples, for I am with you till the end of time.  
Go, be the salt of the earth. Go, be the light for the world.  
Go, be a city on a hill so all can see that you’re serving me. Repeat  
Go, make disciples!**

\*Dismissal

P: Go in peace, serve the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

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## What's Coming Up at Faith?

Sunday, January 26, 9:30am: Worship **Friends from Faith Sunday**

10:45am: Annual Meeting

4:30pm: Bible Boot Camp

5:30pm: Faith Inkubators

Wednesday, January 29, 7:00am: Men's Prayer Group

Friday, January 31, 4:00pm: Discipleship Core Team meeting

Saturday, February 1, 8:00am: Cooking for

9:00am: Men's Breakfast

Sunday, February 2, 9:30am: Worship

11:00am: Bible Study

4:30pm: Bible Boot Camp

Wednesday, February 5, 7:00am: Men's Prayer Group

The altar plants are given today by Connie & Gary Braner  
in memory of Helen & Maurice Driver's wedding anniversary

*and*

by Theresa Savoie in memory of John Savoie's birthday on January 27

## News Updates

### Annual Reports

**Annual Reports** are available in the Gathering Area on the counter by the Coffee Sales. The Annual Meeting will be held today at 10:45am; please take one (1) report per household.

### Faith's Little Flock

This month, Faith's Little Flock will enjoy activities related to Jesus as a boy in the temple, Jesus' Baptism, His love for all people, and calling His disciples to be fishers of people. Faith's Little Flock is for children ages 2-6 and meets in the classroom next to the nursery after the Children's Sermon. "Big Kid Helpers" are welcome and appreciated in our Faith's Little Flock class. Our Big Kid Helpers do just that - they help the little ones with the more difficult parts of the crafts. The children all return to the sanctuary for the communion blessing. Word-finds, crossword puzzles, and other activity sheets are available in the gathering area for the older children to help reinforce the message of the day. We look forward to seeing all of the children in the New Year! (*continued*)

(Note: We would love to have older adult volunteers to read the scripture story to the children. Please contact Melissa Street if you are interested!)

### **Friends from Faith Card Ministry --** A ministry team led by Naomi Hahn

On the last Sunday of each month, everyone is welcome to send a greeting card. In addition to the usual selection of cards, we have some **Valentines** – children are especially encouraged to take and send them. **Today**, visit the tall table just outside the sanctuary where you can select a card, sign a card, or deposit a card in the mailbox to send. Cards and stamps are provided for your use. If you have extra cards or stamps to spare, please bring them and donate them in the provided jar.

### **Bible Boot Camp**

Last Fall, we introduced Bible Boot Camp, a new program for elementary-school-aged children. Pastor Adam warms them up with singing, dancing, and some retelling of Bible stories from recent worship services. Patty Nelson and Shelley McDaniel lead them in some creative play and crafts, and then we all join with parents and older youth for a meal. **Our next events will be today and February 2 from 4:30-6:00.** Spread the word and bring a friend!

### **Faith Inkubators**

Our Faith Inkubators youth nights incorporate all the learning of confirmation, but also some games and activities so that it is open for some upper-elementary-aged kids that are up for the challenge and our high school youth to still be involved. **Future events are scheduled on Sundays, from 5:30-7:30, January 26 and February 23.**

### **Financial Statements**

Financial Statements for 2024 are available in the church office.

**Contribution Envelopes for 2025** are available in the gathering area.

### **Poinsettias**

Please feel free to take a poinsettia home if you would like.

### **Fairly-Traded Coffee/Tea**

Check out the coffee display from Equal Exchange. Simply select the product(s) you would like to purchase, and place the money in the container provided by the display (**\$6.50** regular; **\$7.50** decaf; **\$3.00** tea; **\$2.50** chocolate bars; **\$6.50** cashews). Checks should be made out to Faith Lutheran Church with “*coffee*” designated in the memo area.

## **Sign-Up Sheets**

are available at the podium in the gathering area. Please take a moment to sign up to be an Usher, Reader, Greeter, Communion Assistant, Coffee Host, Chancel Committee volunteer, and to Donate Altar Plants. **Thank You!** *We are Gifted to Serve!*

## **LSSI Foster Care**

Last month we heard about the ministry of Lutheran Social Services of Illinois. With so many in our Faith Family engaged in foster care, we would like to support LSSI's efforts in this ministry. If you would like to make a donation, make your check to Faith Lutheran Church, designate it to "*LSSI Foster Care,*" and drop it in the offering box.