

# **Fifth Sunday after Epiphany**

**February 9, 8:30 am & 11:00 am**

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**Welcome to worship!** We are delighted you chose to worship here today. May you be strengthened through God's word and the promise of life in our Lord Jesus Christ.

The mission statement of Messiah Church is: *Drawing in to Christ, Building up in Christ, Sending out for Christ.*

Our aim is to love each other as Christ has first loved us all.

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### ***Concerning the sacrament of Holy Communion***

- “In this sacrament the crucified and risen Christ is present, giving his true body and blood as food and drink. This real presence is a mystery.”<sup>1</sup>
- “Admission to the Sacrament is by invitation of the Lord, presented through the church to those who are baptized.”<sup>2</sup> We welcome to the Lord's table all who commune in other Christian faiths.<sup>3</sup>
- Gluten-free hosts are available for those who need them; ask the pastor as you approach.
- Those not communing, are encouraged to come forward for a blessing, for all are loved by God.
- If you are unable to come forward, please let an usher know you would like to receive communion at your seat.

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<sup>1</sup> The Use of the Means of Grace (ELCA), Part III, Principal 33

<sup>2</sup> Ibid, Part III, Principal 37

<sup>3</sup> Ibid, Part III, Principal 49

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*You are invited to participate at the places marked with **bold** type.*

Prelude: "What Is This Place?"

Anne K. Organ

**----- Gathering -----**

*Please stand as you are able.*

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,  
Our creator, our protector, our wellspring of life.  
**Amen.**

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

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Merciful God,  
**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.**

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.  
**Amen.**

Hymn: "Jesus Calls Us; o'er the Tumult"

ELW 696

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

**And also with you.**

Let us pray. 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.**

*Please be seated.*

----- **Word** -----

First Reading

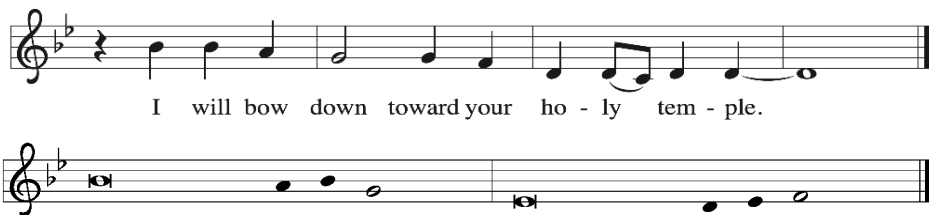
Isaiah 6:1-8 [9-13]

<sup>1</sup> 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. <sup>2</sup> 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. <sup>3</sup> And one called to another and said: "Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory." <sup>4</sup> The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. <sup>5</sup> 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!" <sup>6</sup> Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. <sup>7</sup> 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." <sup>8</sup> 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!" [<sup>9</sup> And he said, "Go and say to this people: 'Keep listening, but do not comprehend; keep looking, but do not understand.'<sup>10</sup> 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."

<sup>11</sup> 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; <sup>12</sup> until the LORD sends everyone far away, and vast is the emptiness in the midst of the land. <sup>13</sup> 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. **Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm 138



*Choir/Cantor sings Refrain; Assembly repeats & sings **bold print**.*

<sup>1</sup> I will give thanks to you, O LORD, with <sup>1</sup> my whole heart;  
before the gods I will <sup>1</sup> sing your praise.

<sup>2</sup> **I will bow down toward your holy temple and praise your name,  
because of your steadfast <sup>1</sup> love and faithfulness; for you have  
glorified your name and your word a- <sup>1</sup>bove all things.** Refrain

<sup>3</sup> When I called, you <sup>1</sup> answered me;  
you increased my <sup>1</sup> strength within me.

<sup>4</sup> **All the rulers of the earth will praise <sup>1</sup> you, O LORD,  
when they have heard the words <sup>1</sup> of your mouth.**

<sup>5</sup> They will sing of the ways <sup>1</sup> of the LORD,  
that great is the glory <sup>1</sup> of the LORD.

<sup>6</sup> **The LORD is high, yet cares <sup>1</sup> for the lowly,  
perceiving the haughty <sup>1</sup> from afar.** Refrain

<sup>7</sup> Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you <sup>1</sup> keep me safe;  
you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies; your  
right <sup>1</sup> hand shall save me.

<sup>8</sup> **You will make good your pur- <sup>1</sup> pose for me;  
O LORD, your steadfast love endures forever; do not abandon the  
works <sup>1</sup> of your hands.** Refrain

## Second Reading

1 Corinthians 15:1-11

<sup>1</sup> 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, <sup>2</sup> 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. <sup>3</sup> 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, <sup>4</sup> and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, <sup>5</sup> and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve.

<sup>6</sup> Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. <sup>7</sup> Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. <sup>8</sup> Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. <sup>9</sup> For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. <sup>10</sup> 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. <sup>11</sup> 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.**

*Please stand as you are able*



Choir/Cantor: Jesus says, <sup>1</sup> Follow me,\* and I will make you <sup>1</sup> fish for people. **All repeat Alleluia.**

Gospel

Luke 5:1-11

The Holy Gospel according to Luke the 5th chapter.

**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 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.

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Please be seated.*

Sermon

Rev. William Weidenbach, Jr.

*Silence for reflection.*

*Please stand as you are able.*

Hymn: "The Son of God, Our Christ"

ELW 584

Let us confess our faith in the words of the 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

*Each portion of the prayers ends with:*

A: Lord in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

*The prayers conclude with:*

Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.  
**Amen.**

The peace of Christ be with you always.  
**And also with you.**

*The assembly may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace*

*You may be seated.*

Offering is received  
*Electronic offerings may be made via:  
text to 855-913-1744, or scan*



(8:30) Jesus Calls Us

Lani Smith

(11:00) Choir: "O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright" M. Praetorius

*Please stand as you are able.*

Offertory: "Isaiah in a Vision Did of Old"

ELW 868

A: Let us pray. 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. Amen.**

----- **Holy Communion** -----

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.  
**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**



It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times . . . we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and  
might, heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est, 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, ho - san - na in the high - est.

In the night in which he was betrayed...Do this for the remembrance of me.

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:  
**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.**

**Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

The joy of the Lord is our strength.

Come, eat this meal of gladness.

**Thanks be to God! Amen!**

*Please be seated.*



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.

# Distribution Hymns: "Making Their Way"

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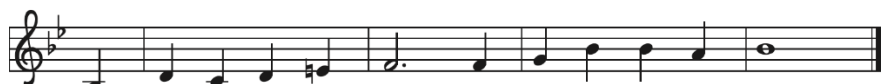
- 1 Mak - ing their way down through the a - ges, sin - ners and saints have
- 2 Mak - ing their way all the world o - ver, Chris - tians as - sem - ble
- 3 Mak - ing our way sea - son by sea - son, pil - grims, we jour - ney



heard God's call: wealth - y and poor, pow - er - ful, low - ly,  
on this day, hear - ing the Word, shar - ing the Ban - quet,  
till life's end, trav - el - ing light, shar - ing the rich - es,



Je - sus' dis - ci - ples, one and all. Gath - ered for wor - ship, of - fer - ing thanks,  
learn - ing to walk in Je - sus' way. Mem - bers of Christ, u - nit - ed in love,  
car - ing for strang - er as for friend, till in the joy of long - ing ful - filled,



the great - est with the least have come to share this feast.  
they seek our God to know, and so to - geth - er grow.  
to - geth - er we will come to our e - ter - nal home.

*Please stand as you are able.*

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

A: Let us pray. 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. Amen.**

Blessing of the Eucharistic Ministers

-----**Sending**-----

The Spirit of the triune God ☩ bless you with joy, anoint you with compassion, and send you in love. **Amen.**

Hymn: "How Clear Is Our Vocation, Lord"

ELW 580

A: Go in peace. Live in hope.  
**Thanks be to God.**

Postlude: Postlude in G

Gerald Peterson

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## **Altar Flowers**

In Loving Memory of Phil Neumann given by Kathy Neumann & family.

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## **Serving Today**

Preaching Minister – Rev. William Weidenbach, Jr.

Presiding Minister – Rev. Seth Bridger

Assisting Minister – Needed (8:30) Needed (11:00)

Communion Assistant – James Quayle (8:30) Needed (11:00)

Deacons – Needed (8:30) Needed (11:00)

Acolyte – Needed (8:30) Needed (11:00)

Choir Director & Coordinator of Music Ministry – Deborah Zudell-Dickey

Principal Organist – Michael Cherup

Trumpet – Adonai Henderson

Altar Guild – Martha Trapp, Marilyn Edwards

Children's Church – Bethany Henderson, Lauren Carge

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## Prayers of the Congregation

- For people the world over who are living in the midst of war and its tumult. That all may strive for peace and reconciliation. That all may ask; What will you have me do, Lord?
- For those lifted up by worshippers last week at all of our on-line and in-person services: Henry, Rita, Sue, Frank, David, Nancy, Maggie, Linda, Amy, Tom, Gayle, Greg, Chris, Richard, Paul, Kvasnicka family, Bob, Walker twins, Jim, Marion, Joyce, Petey, Hill, Victor, Mike, Marilyn, Dory family, Eckert family, Orzech family, Sandy, Charlie, Dolores, Myra, Cathy, George, and Brian.
- Those for whom we quietly pray; those who struggle emotionally and financially, those with family discord, those whose jobs are at risk or unfulfilling, those who are afraid or worried, those with health concerns, and those we have not yet reached with the love of Christ.

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