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Fifth Sunday after Epiphany  
Sunday, February 6, 2022

**10:00am**



## **Introduction to the day**

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.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **PRELUDE**

*[Please stand as you are able]*

## **GATHERING**

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

## **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God,  
who creates us,  
redeems us,  
and calls us by name.

**Amen.**

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

Most merciful God,

**we confess that we have sinned against you and your beloved children.**

**We have turned our faces away from your glory when it did not appear as we expected. We have rejected your word when it made us confront ourselves. We have failed to show hospitality to those you called us to welcome. Accept our repentance for the things we have done and the things we have left undone. For the sake of Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us and lead us, that we may bathe in the glory of your Son born among us, and reflect your love for all creation.**

**Amen.**

Rejoice in this good news:

In ✝ Christ Jesus, your sins are forgiven.

You are descendants of the Most High,  
adopted into the household of Christ,  
and inheritors of eternal life.

Live as freed and forgiven children of God.

**Amen.**

## **GATHERING SONG** *Let the Whole Creation Cry* (ELW 876)

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**GREETING** 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**

## CANTICLE OF PRAISE



Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



Lord God, heav-en-ly King, al-might-y God and Fa-ther, we



wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo-ry.



Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,



you take a-way the sin of the world: have mer-cy on us;



you are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther: re-ceive our prayer.



For you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,



you a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it,



in the glo-ry of God the Fa-ther. A-men.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

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.**

*[The assembly is seated]*

### **FIRST READING: Isaiah 6:1-13**

A reading from Isaiah.

<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 The Lord's robe filled the temple. <sup>2</sup>Seraphs were in attendance above the Lord; 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 the glory of the LORD.”

<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 Sovereign, 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 the Lord 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 the Lord 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.

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **PSALM: Psalm 138**

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

<sup>2</sup>**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.**

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

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

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

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

<sup>7</sup>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 <sup>l</sup> hand shall save me.

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

### **SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 15:1-11**

A reading from 1 Corinthians.

<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, Christ 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 God's 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]*

## GOSPEL



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?  
You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

## GOSPEL: Luke 5:1-11

The holy gospel according to Luke.

**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; those who were fishing had gone out of the boats and were washing their nets. <sup>3</sup>Jesus 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

Jesus 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 Simon 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 human beings." <sup>11</sup>When they had brought their boats to shore, they left everything and followed Jesus.

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*[The assembly is seated]*

**SERMON**

*[Please stand as you are able]*

**HYMN OF THE DAY *Heaven Opened to Isaiah* (ACS 1090)  
(in the back of the bulletin)**

**PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

The Spirit of the Lord is poured out upon us in abundance; so we are bold to pray for the church, the world, and all that God has made.

Equip your church to proclaim the good news that we have first received: the forgiveness and grace shown to us through Jesus Christ. Send us out as apostles, sharing the hope of your salvation with a waiting world. God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

Holy are you, O God of hosts. Heaven and earth are filled with your glory. Reveal your splendor in fiery sunsets and in deep blue twilights. Teach us to recognize you in the beauty of our natural world. God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

Soften the hearts of rulers and governments that they perceive and tend to the needs of their people. Remove corruption and the impulse toward violence. Protect first responders and military personnel who risk their lives in service of others. God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

Your steadfast love endures forever; do not abandon those who look to you for hope and healing. Bless doctors, nurses, social workers, therapists, and all caregivers. Draw near to those who are scared, sick, or in pain (*especially*). God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

The disciples received help from partners as they brought in an abundant catch of fish. So strengthen this congregation's partnerships with community organizations and ministries (*especially*). Multiply our shared efforts and bring joy to our relationships. God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

We give thanks for our ancestors in faith who boldly answered your call. By their example give us courage to live in faith and to proclaim your mercy until the day that you gather us into your glory. God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

*(Once Pastor has read the requests written, other prayers may be offered.)*

Since we have such great hope in your promises, O God, we lift these and all of our prayers to you in confidence and faith; through Jesus Christ our Savior.

**Amen.**

**PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you always.

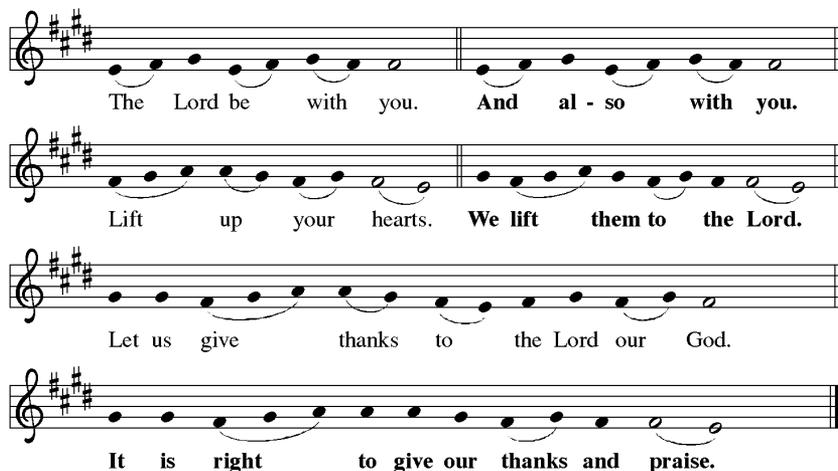
**And also with you.**

## OFFERING PRAYER

Blessed are you, O God, Sovereign of the universe.  
You offer us new beginnings and guide us on our journey.  
Lead us to your table, nourish us with this heavenly food,  
and prepare us to carry your love to a hungry world,  
in the name of Christ our light.

**Amen.**

## GREAT THANKSGIVING



The Lord be with you. And al - so 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.

## PREFACE

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;  
who on this day overcame death and the grave,  
and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of  
everlasting life.

And so, with all the choirs of angels,  
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,  
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

## HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,



heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.



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.

## THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Blessed are you, O holy God:

you are the Life and Light of all.

By your powerful word you created all things.

Through the prophets you called your people to be a light to the nations.

Blessed are you for Jesus, your Son.

He is your Light, shining in our darkness

and revealing to us your mercy and might.

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.

Remembering, therefore,

his preaching and healing,

his dying and rising,

and his promise to come again,  
we await that day when all the universe  
will rejoice in your holy and life-giving light.

By your Spirit bless us and this meal,  
that, refreshed with this heavenly food,  
we may be light for the world,  
revealing the brilliance of your Son.

Through him all glory and honor is yours,  
Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit,  
in your holy Church,  
both now and forever.

**Amen**

**LORD'S PRAYER** Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us  
pray as Jesus taught us.

**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**

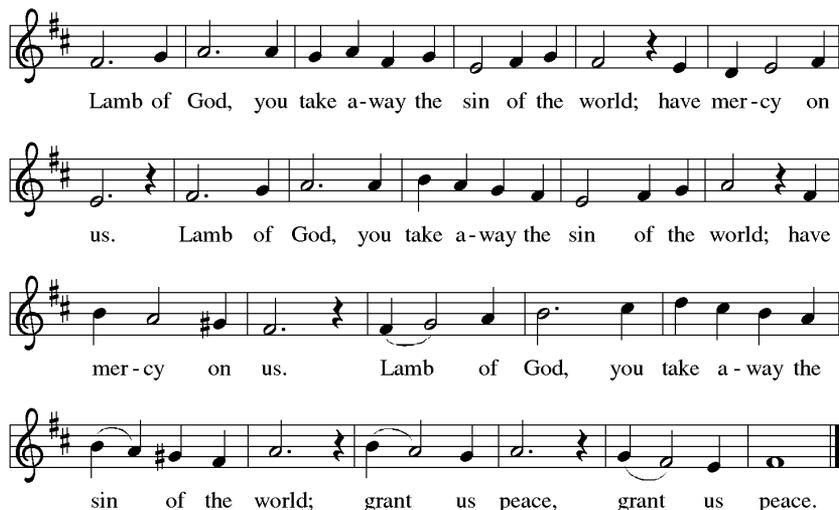
Come to God's table.

There is a place for you and enough for all.

*[The assembly is seated]*

**COMMUNION** *(Everyone is welcome to come to the communion table. You may kneel or stand at the communion rail. If you have not received instruction in the Sacraments, come to the altar for a blessing. If you would like to receive grape juice instead of wine, put one finger up when the worship assistant comes to you. If you would like to receive communion where you are seated in the pews, please tell the usher and at the close of communion you will be served.)*

## COMMUNION SONG



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.

### ***Will You Come and Follow Me: The Summons (ELW 798)***

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### ***The Son of God, Our Christ (ELW 584)***

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*[Please stand as you are able]*

## **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

We give you thanks, gracious God, for we have feasted on the abundance of your house. Send us to bring good news and to proclaim your favor to all, strengthened with the richness of your grace in your Son, Jesus Christ.

**Amen.**

## **SENDING HYMN In Christ Called to Baptize (ELW 575)**

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## **DISMISSAL**

Go with Christ into a weary world.

Share the good news.

**Thanks be to God.**

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## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Today, Sunday February 6th**, Josh Frey, the Fort Wayne Coordinator for Safe Families for Children, a national organization working to empower churches to serve the most vulnerable in the communities. While looking for ways to expand their movement beyond Fort Wayne, they thought that Grace Lutheran might be a good fit. Safe Families works with families in crisis by providing volunteer host homes. Meanwhile, they work with churches, professional staff, and other volunteers to provide the support parents need to make it through the crisis.

**Fundraiser to support the Preschool:** Shop with Scrip through the RaiseRight App or through the website [shopwithscrip.com](http://shopwithscrip.com).

→ Buy gift cards for places you already shop at with reloadable gift cards, e-cards or physical gift cards. There is no extra charge to you.

→ Example: If you shop at Walmart for groceries, you can purchase a gift card for \$100.00. You can purchase a physical gift card that will be sent straight to your house, or you can choose a reloadable card that will be put right on your App. You are already spending that money at the grocery store so why not buy a gift card before you go to the store to help the Preschool?

**Organization name: Grace Lutheran Church Preschool**

**Enrollment Code: AL22LAE586216**

**Save the dates, Important dates for Grace Lutheran  
February 1, 2022  
Preschool registration opens online**

**Shrove Tuesday  
Tuesday March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022**

**Tenderloin fry Drive thru 4pm-7pm**

**Open house /Registration nights**

**March 29,2022 6-7:30pm**

**March 30,2022 6:30-8pm**

**Weekly agenda at Grace Lutheran church**

**Monday February 7,2022**

Parents of addicted loved ones (PAL) 6pm -7:30pm

Cub scouts 3082 6pm-7:30pm

Property 6:30pm

Hanna group 7:00pm

Alcoholics anonymous 7:30-8:30pm

**Tuesday February 8,2022**

T.O.P.S 9-11am

Sigma Eta Fine arts Sorority 7:00pm

**Wednesday February 9,2022**

Men's breakfast 8-9am

Food pantry 12-2pm

Food voucher distribution 4-6pm

**Thursday February 10,2022**

Helping hands 12:30-2pm

AA/AL anonymous 7:30-8:30pm

**Friday February 11,2022**

Pastors day off

Food pantry 12-2pm

**Saturday February 12,2022**

**Sunday February 13,2022**

Worship at Hope 8:15am

Worship at Grace 10am

## Heaven Opened to Isaiah



1 Heav-en o - pened to I - sa - iah, show-ing him God's glo - rious  
 2 Ser - a - phim con - tin - ue sing - ing; cher - u - bim still lift their  
 3 One day heav - en will be o - pened and be - fore the Sav - ior's



throne: Lord of might, high and ex - alt - ed, tem - ple flow - ing  
 praise. Earth and all its crea - tures wor - ship; moon and stars are  
 throne, saints from ev - 'ry time and na - tion will be - gin their



with his robe. Ser - a - phim flew all a - round him,  
 still a - mazed. Now a - bove cre - a - tion's cho - rus  
 end - less song: "To our God of all sal - va - tion,



hum - bled at the ho - ly sight. As they cir - cled they were  
 comes an - oth - er fer - vent cry: all of earth's re - deemed are  
 to the high and ho - ly Lamb, to the bless - ed Ho - ly



sing - ing, call - ing out with all their might.  
 sing - ing, "Glo - ry to the Lord on high!"  
 Spir - it be for - ev - er praise. A - men!"



"Ho - ly, ho - ly, you are ho - ly," ev - 'ry



an - gel voice pro - claims; "All the earth re - flects your



glo - ry; ev - 'ry tongue sings out your praise!"

Text: Anonymous, Rwanda; para. Greg Scheer, b. 1966

Music: URI UWER' UWER' UWERA, Rwandan melody; arr. Greg Scheer

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