

Fifth Sunday after Epiphany



ST. PETER'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Service of the Word

ST. PETER'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

Welcoming all to know and love Jesus.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

GATHERING SONG *Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty!*

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GREETING

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

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.

CHOIR ANTHEM HOW *Can I Keep From Singing?*

Davis

Emily Mathews, flute

CHILDREN'S SERMON

FIRST READING: Isaiah 6:1-13

Isaiah says, Here am I; send me

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

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

⁴The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. ⁵And 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!" ⁶Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. ⁷The 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." ⁸Then 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!" ⁹And he said, "Go and say to this people:

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

¹⁰Make 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."

¹¹Then 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;

¹²until the LORD sends everyone far away,
and vast is the emptiness in the midst of the land.

¹³Even 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: Psalm 138

¹I 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 a- | bove all things.**

³When 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.**

⁵They will sing of the ways | of the LORD,
that great is the glory | of the LORD.

**⁶The LORD is high, yet cares | for the lowly,
perceiving the haughty | from afar.**

⁷Though 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.

**⁸You will make good your pur- | pose 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.

¹Now 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, ²through 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.

³For 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, ⁴and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, ⁵and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. ⁶Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. ⁷Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. ⁸Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. ⁹For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. ¹⁰But 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. ¹¹Whether 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 lead these three fishermen to leave everything behind in order to become apostles.

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

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PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

United as one body in Christ, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need.

We pray for the church. Give us courage to answer your call and keep us faithful to your life-giving word. Send us out to be the good news of your love for all people. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

We pray for the earth. For tundra and forests, grasslands and deserts; for those who fish and those who farm. For ranchers, gardeners, and all whose work brings food to our tables. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

We pray for the nations. Grant wisdom to those in authority. Strengthen peacekeepers, ambassadors, military personnel, and disaster relief workers. Protect families who have to leave their homes because of war, natural disasters, or rejection by their communities. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

We pray for those in need. For those who lack food, clothing, or shelter. For those who are unemployed or underemployed. For those who face discrimination because of race, skin color, gender, or sexual orientation. Satisfy their needs. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for those who suffer. For those whose lives are in turmoil; for those who wrestle with addiction; for those burdened by anxiety and self-doubt. For those who grieve, and those who are ill, especially those on our prayer list and those we name before you in our hearts. Grant them peace and wholeness. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for this assembly. For those who prepare this space for worship and those who mentor others in the faith; for those who nurture fellowship within this congregation and those who reach out in service to our community. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

With thanksgiving, we remember those who have died and now rest in your presence. Sustain us in hope of the resurrection and bring us into the joy of unending life in you. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Receive our prayers and fill us with the radiance of your love; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

PEACE

OFFERING

CANTICLE OF THANKSGIVING

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OFFERING PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER

AFFIRMATION OF CHRISTIAN VOCATION

BLESSING

SENDING SONG *Here I Am, Lord*

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DISMISSAL

ANNOUNCEMENTS

We welcome those who are visiting with us. Please take time to sign the registration book or the guest register in the lobby and introduce yourself to Pastor Ken. We hope that you will find our worship edifying and our congregation warm and receptive. We are glad that you are here.

DVD copies of the 9:30 a.m. worship service can be produced for those who are shut-in or others who would like a copy. Let us know in advance if there is a service that you would like recorded.

After worship on Sunday, we will get together to show Valentine's Day love to our neighbors. All are invited to help tie fleece blankets to be donated so that those who need extra warmth this winter can receive it. The only skill required to make these blankets is to tie a knot. Even if you can stay for 10 minutes the help is appreciated.

The Fellowship/Outreach Committee will meet Sunday after the worship service. We will organize the lunch for the congregational talent/variety show on March 10.

The next Ladies' Lunch outing will be at noon on February 13 at *Black and Bleu BBQ* in St. Clair. Sign up in the lobby if you plan to attend.

The Attic and Bake Sale committee will meet Monday, February 18 at 9 am in the Fireside Room. We will discuss plans for the sale in the spring. Hopefully we will be able to set up the tables in the basement following the meeting. We welcome anyone who wishes to join us. Any questions, please call Jennifer at 329-9656.

ALICE (Alert Lockdown Inform County and Evacuate) is a national program which deals with active threat encounters. We will offer ALICE Training, Saturday, February 23 at 10 am. Adults and teens are welcome (6th grade and up). Please be aware that the nature of this training is to discuss violence and dangerous situations and how our reactions can help minimize the danger and damage. This training will focus on discussion but may include some role play situations. Please RSVP to the church office or to Katy Emerich at (810)824-0495.

Students in grades 9-12 are invited to go to Wittenberg and Capital Universities February 22-24. We will meet at the church at 12:30 on Friday, February 22. If you are interested in going please see Pastor Joyce for details.

On Wednesday, February 27, at 6:30 pm Monnencia Riley from Thrivent, will be leading a Parents, Teens and Money Matters workshop. This workshop is a great opportunity for youth and their parents to learn about financial stewardship. The workshop is open to youth in sixth through twelfth grades (required for St. Peter's Confirmation students). Youth are asked to attend with at least one parent.

St. Peter's is hosting a Scrapbook Crop on March 2 to benefit Youth and Family Ministries. The cost to rent a table is \$35 if you register before February 1, and includes breakfast, lunch and dinner. If you would like to rent a table, contact Pastor Joyce. See the flier in the lobby for details.

Pastor Elizabeth Friedman from University of Michigan Campus Ministry will be here on Sunday, March 3 to talk about their chapel and programs for college students.

Pastor Ken will be teaching First Communion class on Saturday, March 16 from 10 am - 2 pm. First Communion will be celebrated on Sunday, March 17. Children in 2nd grade and older are invited to receive their First Communion. If you would like your son or daughter to participate, please let Pastor Ken know.

Following worship on March 10, we will be having a congregation wide (people of all ages) talent/variety show! Bring your jokes, songs, dances, tricks, and anything else that you would like to share! Anyone is welcome to sign up! It will be an afternoon of exploring the stewardship of gifts that God has given us!

You are invited to join Pastor Ken for a study of *A Clearing Season: Reflections for Lent*. This book shows us how to clear space in our lives for God, identify obstacles that keep us from God, and choose a Lenten practice to help us remove those obstructions. This six-week study begins on Wednesday, March 13 at 10:00 am. Cost of the book is \$11. There is a signup sheet outside of Pastor Ken's office if you are interested. There is a separate signup sheet for anyone who would like to read the book but cannot attend the Wednesday morning study.

The deadline for the March newsletter is February 15.

SERVING TODAY: Greeter: Jon Jones; Ushers: Bob Beier & Dwight Dundas; Acolyte: Kallen Paul; Scripture Reader: Sara Lambrecht; Projectionist: Del Vogel

MONEY COUNTERS: Ron & Gale Meiselbaugh

ATTENDANCE: Saturday, 21; Sunday 76

ANNIVERSARY: 2/15 Jack & Charlotte Boulier 61 years

IN NEED OF PRAYER Dennis Rocker, Mary Forsys, Janice Convis, Guy MacIntosh, Sue Kasemeyer, Paul & Ruth Reyelts, Delores Cook, Vi Dunn, Will Tanner, Clyde Moore, Louis Eisen, Loretta Lukasak, Elizabeth MacDonald, Sharon Ann Wheeler, Adeline Harsch, Pat Greenwood, Patricia Jones, Marc Dease, Stacey Yax, Ruth Morris, Bernie Nummer, Carole Stiefvater, Ed Myers, Jeremy Bryan, James Mitchell, Marlene Hand, Kenneth Eisen, Connie Felstow, Linda Leist, George Eisen, Todd Schwehofer, Alan Freed. (Please call or email the office at speterelca@sbcglobal.net to update information.)

THIS WEEK AT ST. PETER'S

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Ladies' Lunch 12 pm Confirmation 6:30	Happy Valentines' Day! Community Easter Cantata rehearsal 6 pm Choir 7 pm	Pastors' day off	Worship, Communion 5 pm	Worship, Communion 9:30 am