# So they pulled their Boats up on Shore, Left everything and followed Him



### THE 5<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

February 9, 2025 | 8:00 and 10:30am

#### **GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH**

Thornville, Ohio

#### **VISITORS**

We welcome you in the name of Christ and hope his word of forgiveness and freedom finds you while you are with us this morning. If you are visiting or are new to our church, we ask that you complete a yellow Connection Card and pass it to the center isle for collection during the Entrance Hymn. We would like to be in touch with you and to let you know more about Grace Lutheran. We are glad you are with us.

#### **OUR WORSHIP**

Lutherans think of worship not in terms of something we do for God, but rather what God does for us. We often call our worship a "service," and that means that God serves us in our need. At the end of his life in 1546, Martin Luther famously said, "We are beggars" before God. In our liturgy (order of worship), which includes hymns and songs, specially selected Bible readings, preaching, and Holy Communion, God serves us by delivering to us sinful human beings the good news of Jesus Christ as Savior, which we grasp by faith. We respond with prayer, praise, and thanksgiving, which carries over into our everyday lives.

#### PARENTS AND YOUNG CHILDREN

Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me." The presence of children in worship, even when they are noisy, is a gift to the Church and a reminder that our parish is growing. If you have to leave worship with your children, feel free to do so, but even more so, feel free to come back in!

#### PRAYER BEFORE HOLY COMMUNION

We do not presume to come to your table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in your manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy to gather up the crumbs under your table. But you are the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of your dear Son, Jesus Christ, and so to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him and he in us. Amen

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#### ORDER FOR WORSHIP - BLUE BOOK SETTING 5

Watchword: Come and see what God has done: he is awesome in his deeds toward the children of man. - Psalm 66:5 ESV

#### PRELUDE | WELCOME | OPENING PRAYER



## Confession and Absolution

#### INVOCATION

The people stand.

P: In the Name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

#### PRAYER OF PREPARATION

P: God of all mercy and consolation, come to the aid of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that, attentive to your Word, we may confess our sins, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

#### **CONFESSION**

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

The people kneel for silent reflection and self-examination.

- P: Gracious God,
- C: Have mercy on us. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone. Uphold us by your Spirit so that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### **ABSOLUTION**

The pastor stands and addresses the assembly.

- P: Almighty God has mercy on you, forgives you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthens you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keeps you in eternal life.
- C: Amen.

The people stand.



**ENTRANCE HYMN** 

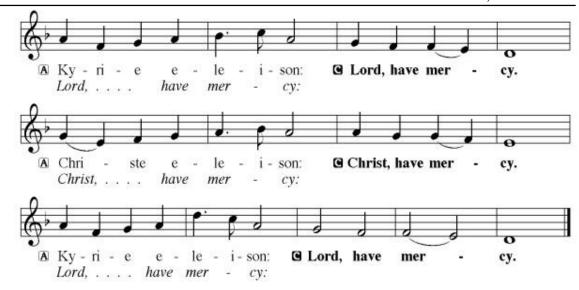
Holy, Holy, Holy

Green Book 165

Connection Cards/Prayer Requests should be passed to the center isle at this time.

#### **APOSTOLIC GREETING**

- P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- C: And also with you.

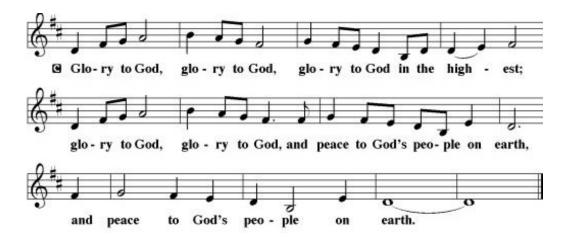


#### THE HYMN OF PRAISE

C=all voices; I=female voices; II=male voices







#### PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray. Almighty God, you sent your only Son as the Word of life for our eyes to see and our ears to hear. Help us to believe with joy what the Scriptures proclaim, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

The people may be seated.



# The Liturgy of the Word

#### THE FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 6:1-8

L: A reading from Isaiah.

God calls Isaiah, the reluctant prophet, to speak. God forgives his sin and sends him out.

<sup>1</sup>In the year that King Uzziah died I saw the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up; and the train of his robe filled the temple. <sup>2</sup>Above him stood the seraphim. Each had six wings: with two he covered his face, and with two he

covered his feet, and with two he 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>And the foundations of the thresholds shook at the voice of him who called, and the house was filled with smoke. <sup>5</sup>And I said: "Woe is me! For I am lost; for I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; for my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts!" <sup>6</sup>Then one of the seraphim flew to me, having in his hand a burning coal that he had taken with tongs from the altar. <sup>7</sup>And he touched my mouth and said: "Behold, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away, and your sin atoned for." <sup>8</sup>And I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" Then I said, "Here I am! Send me."

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALMODY Psalm 138

The verses chanted alternately by the cantor and the congregation.



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

<sup>2</sup>I will bow down toward your holy temple and | praise your name,\* because of your | love and faithfulness;

<sup>3</sup>for you have glori- | fied your name\* and your word a- | bove all things.

<sup>4</sup>When I called, you | answered me;\* you increased my | strength within me.

<sup>5</sup>All the kings of the earth will praise | you, O Lord,\* when they have heard the words | of your mouth.

<sup>6</sup>They will sing of the ways | of the Lord,\* that great is the glory | of the Lord.

<sup>7</sup>Though the Lord be high, he cares | for the lowly;\* he perceives the haughty | from afar.

<sup>8</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 | hand shall save me.

<sup>9</sup>The Lord will make good his pur- | pose for me;\*O Lord, your love endures forever; do not abandon the works | of your hands.

#### THE SECOND LESSON

1 Corinthians 15:1-11

L: A reading from 1 Corinthians.

Our faith is founded on the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. By the grace of God, we are what we are.

<sup>1</sup>Now I would remind you, brothers, of the gospel I preached to you, which you received, in which you stand, <sup>2</sup>and by which you are being saved, if you hold fast to the word I preached to you—unless you believed in vain.

<sup>3</sup>For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, <sup>4</sup>that he was buried, 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 at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have fallen asleep. <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, unworthy 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 was not 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 preach and so you believed.

L: The Word of the Lord. C: Thanks be to God.

#### THE VERSE

The people please stand.



THE GOSPEL Luke 5:1-11

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

C: Glory to you, O Lord

P: ¹On one occasion, while the crowd was pressing in on him to hear the word of God, he was standing by the lake of Gennesaret, ²and he saw two boats by the lake, but the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. ³Getting into one of the boats, which was Simon's, he asked him to put out a little from the land. And he sat down and taught the people from the boat. ⁴And when he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into the deep and let down your nets for a catch." ⁵And Simon answered, "Master, we toiled all night and took nothing! But at your word I will let down the nets." ⁵And when they had done this, they enclosed a large number of fish, and their nets were breaking. ¹They signaled to their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both the boats, so that they began to sink. ³But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, "Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord." ³For he and all who were with him were astonished at the catch of fish that they had taken, ¹oand so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with

Simon. And Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching men." <sup>11</sup>And when they had brought their boats to land, they left everything and followed him.

P: The Gospel of our Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

#### CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

The people may be seated.

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

Jesus, Savior, Pilot Me

Green Book 334

Pastor Tom Jacobson

The people stand.

#### 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 into hell. 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.

#### THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

After each petition: A: Hear us, O God; C: your mercy is great.

P: Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.



# The Liturgy of Holy Communion

#### THE PEACE

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

C: And also with you.

The people greet one another in the name of the Lord and then are seated.

#### **OFFERING**

Stationary plates have been placed in the sanctuary for giving offerings before or after service. Online giving through the church's website is also highly encouraged. Music will play to provide a time for prayer and reflection.

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### **OFFERTORY RESPONSE**

The people stand.



#### THE OFFERTORY PRAYER

A: Let us pray. Merciful God,

C: we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us - our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### THE 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.

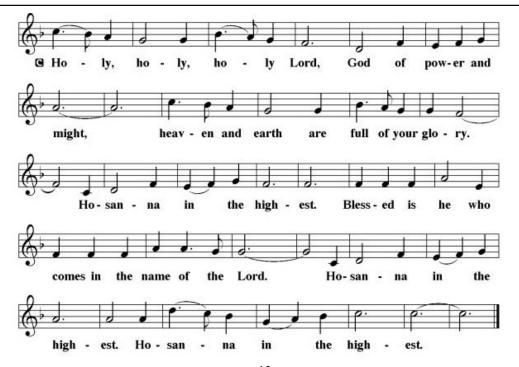
P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

#### THE PREFACE

P: It is indeed right .... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

#### THE SANCTUS



#### THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

- P: Blessed are you, Lord of heaven and earth. In mercy for our fallen world you gave your only Son, that all those who believe in him should not perish, but have eternal life. We give thanks to you for the salvation you have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Send now your Holy Spirit into our hearts, that we may receive our Lord with a living faith as he comes to us in his holy supper.
- C: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.
- P: 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.

#### THE LORD'S PRAYER

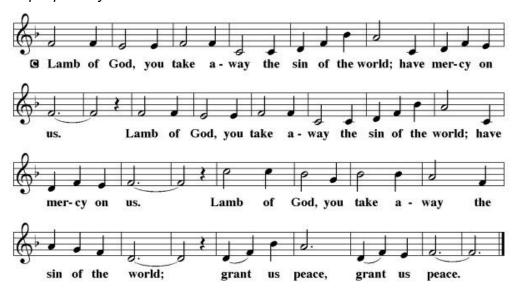
- P: Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.
- C: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

#### THE FRACTION

- P: God brings forth wine to gladden us.
- C: and bread to strengthen the human heart.

#### LAMB OF GOD

The people may be seated.



#### **DISTRIBUTION**

Lutherans teach that Holy Communion (the Lord's Supper) was instituted by Jesus Christ himself for us to eat and drink. As his words declare, with bread and wine, he imparts to us his body and blood, and with it the grace of God. This sacrament is God's way of giving us the good news of Jesus in a concrete, physical way as we continue our pilgrimage on earth. We are rightly prepared to receive this great gift when we come before God with humility and faith. All are welcome to receive the Lord's Body and Blood who are baptized and believe that Jesus Christ, crucified and risen, is truly present in, with and under the forms of bread and wine for the forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation.

To receive Holy Communion, come forward in two lines (10:30) or one line (8:00) as the ushers direct you. With open hands, you will receive the bread from the pastor or assisting minister. For those not able to receive regular bread, some gluten free wafers are available. Then proceed to receive the wine from an assistant on your side of the sanctuary. Take an empty cup, which will be filled using a pouring chalice. For those not able to receive wine, there are some pre-filled cups of grape juice available. After receiving the Lord's Supper, the communicant may say "Amen" and return to your pew

for prayer. Those choosing not to receive Holy Communion may come forward for a brief prayer and blessing. You may indicate that by crossing your arms over your chest.

Hymns during distribution: Green Book 494, 242

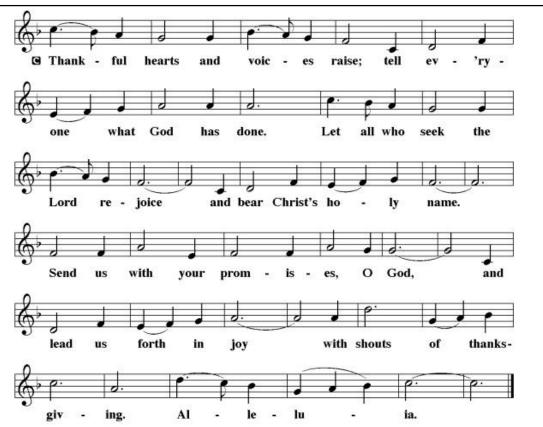
#### POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

The people please stand.

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

C: Amen.

#### **POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE**



#### **POST-COMMUNION PRAYER**

A: Let us pray. Almighty God, you provide the true bread from heaven, your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant that we who have received the Sacrament of his body and blood may abide in him and he in us, that we may be filled with the power of his endless life, now and forever.

C: Amen.



## Sending

#### THE BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

P: Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

C: Amen.

A: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

**SENDING HYMN** 

I, the Lord of Sea and Sky

Blue Book 752

#### THE POSTLUDE

We are sent into the world to proclaim God's grace in word and deed.

#### PRAYER AFTER WORSHIP

Almighty God, grant that the words we have heard this day with our ears may be grafted onto our hearts through your grace, that they may produce in us the fruit of a good life, to the praise and honor of your name, through Jesus Christ, your Son our Lord. Amen

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#### **COMMEMORATIONS:**

As Christians in the twenty-first century, we are called to remember that God's people of the past form a great "cloud of witnesses" (Hebrews 12:1). In that spirit, we commemorate memorable Christians of the past, usually on the day of their death. Though imperfect, their witness inspires us today as we run the race of faith. This week, the Church commemorates:

Feb.14 Cyril, monk, 869; Methodius, bishop, 885; missionaries to the Slavs

#### **SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR 6 EPIPHANY (FEB. 16)**

Jeremiah 17:5-10 1 Corinthians 15:12-20 Psalm 1 Luke 6:17-26