

# *10:45 am Celebration Worship Service*



*February 9, 2025*



Welcome to all, especially visitors! It is no accident that you are here! We've been praying for you. We believe God has brought you here and wants to touch your life. You are among friends.

- ◆ If you are visiting, please sign in on our guest sign in sheet in the Narthex Hallway.
- ◆ ***At our 10:45 service:*** words for the hymns are projected on the screens at the front of the sanctuary.
- ◆ ***For the hearing impaired:*** hearing devices are available in the Narthex outside the sanctuary.
- ◆ ***Restrooms:*** To locate a restroom, exit the back of the worship area. Take two rights and proceed down the hallway. At the stairs, go left. The Women's Room is on the left, the Men's Room is straight ahead.
- ◆ ***Holy Communion at ELC:*** We welcome to the Lord's Table all the baptized people of God. Gluten free options and grape juice are available.
- ◆ ***Nursery:*** We have a fully staffed nursery for infants through children six years of age or children of any age with special needs. The nursery opens at 10:30 AM on Sunday morning for our 10:45 AM worship service. The nursery is equipped with a pager system to help parents feel at ease.
- ◆ ***Photo Release Form:*** Our 10:45 service is live-streamed to our Facebook Page and YouTube Channel. All children coming to the front for the Children's Message or Holy Communion will be visible on the live-feed. If you do not want your child's image online, please do not send them up to the front. If you are ok with it, please fill out a Photo Release Form located on the sign-up table in the Narthex and put it in the offering box.

**\*Criminal Background Checks have been done for all of our Nursery & Children's Ministry Volunteers.\***

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*Fifth Sunday after Epiphany*

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.

## **GATHERING**

### **PRELUDE**

### **WELCOME AND COMMUNITY SHARING**

*Please stand*

### **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

**P** Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God, our creator, our protector, our wellspring of life.

**C** Amen.

**P** Trusting that God receives our words and the meditations of our hearts, let us confess our sin.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

**P** Merciful God,

**C** 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.

**P** 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.

**C** Amen.

### **GATHERING HYMN**

*Open the Eyes of My Heart*

## 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.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

**P** 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.

**C** Amen.

*Please be seated*

## WORD

### FIRST READING

**Isaiah 6:1-8**

*Through a vision in the temple, the eighth-century prophet Isaiah is called by God to announce judgment against Israel. Aware of his sinfulness and shortcomings, Isaiah is initially hesitant. But when God calls, Isaiah responds, "Here am I; send me!"*

<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!"

**L** The word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## 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.*

<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.

**L** The word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

*Please Stand*

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*Congregation:*

Al - le - lu - ia, 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

*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 leads these three fishermen to leave everything behind to become apostles.*

**P** The holy gospel according to St. Luke the 5th 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 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.

*Please be seated*

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

*Donkey*

## CHILDREN'S WORSHIP

*After the children's message, the children are welcomed to be a part of the Children's Worship that takes place in our Sunday School Room #105. Children return from Children's Worship during the sharing of the peace.*

## SERMON

*Pastor D*

*Please stand*

## HYMN OF THE DAY

*Here I Am, Lord*

**ELW 574**

## 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.**

## INSTALLATION OF COUNCIL MEMBERS

Linda Bennett, Gary Biesecker, Ron Cordell, Bobbi Kelso, Sean McDonald, Chuck Morningstar, Laura Oslik, Janene Petrie, Amy Pitts, Andy Rovelstad, Pauline Stoops and Brian Walker.

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

***Members of Our Congregation:*** *Mary Jane Collins, Don Cool, Carol Hughes, Pastor Carol Kipe, Paula Kline, Karla Oller, Gary Radtke, and Pam Wagaman*



***Friends of the Congregation:*** *Anna Batson, Rosanna Biesecker, Matthew Bohn, Dennis Bingaman, Annette Fillmore, Ryan Foster, Cullen Gaston, Jim Gleason, Naziha & Abraham Hanna, Fred & Debbie Monette, Sue Oakes, Crystal Pinkston, Eda Pinkston, Bonnie Rausch, Dan Rovelstad, Susan Sees, Jenny Servinsky, Regina, Susie & John Spahnolgtli, Sherry Toomey, Lubomira Uhliarova, Joe Vance, Mrs. Viscusi and the family of Pierce Cradwell,*

*(Names will be posted for a month.*

*If you would like to have them on longer, please contact the church office.)*

## PEACE

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

**C** And also with you.

*Please be seated.*

## ANTHEM

*Follow Me*  
Celebration Choir

**John Carter**

*Please stand*

## MEAL

### OFFERING

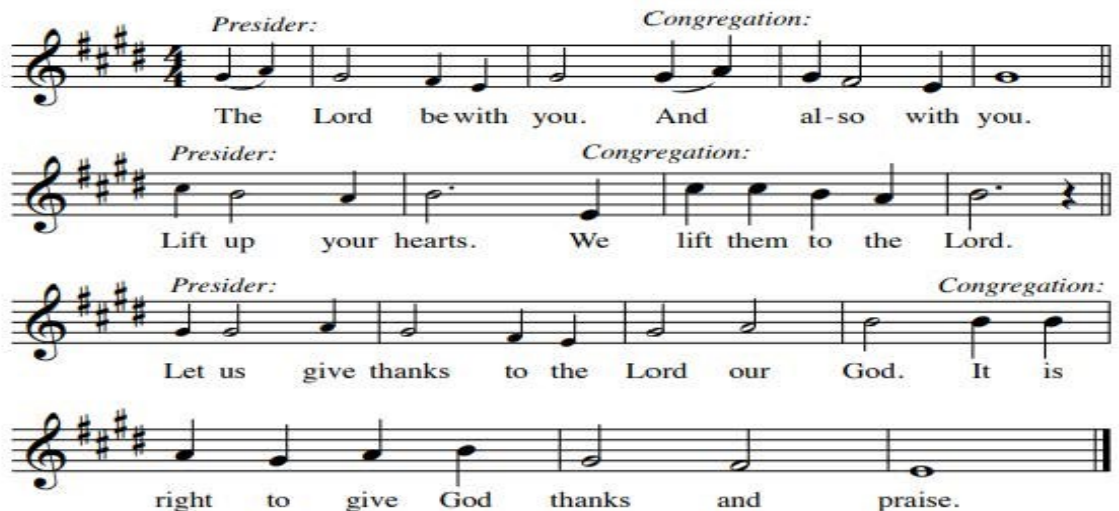
*Thank you for your continuous support of ELC ministries. Your generosity is making a difference. Please place your offering in one of the boxes at the entrance to the Sanctuary. You are a blessing!*

### OFFERING PRAYER

**P** 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..

**C** Amen.

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING DIALOGUE



*Presider:* The Lord be with you. *Congregation:* And al-so with you.

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

*Presider:* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. *Congregation:* It is

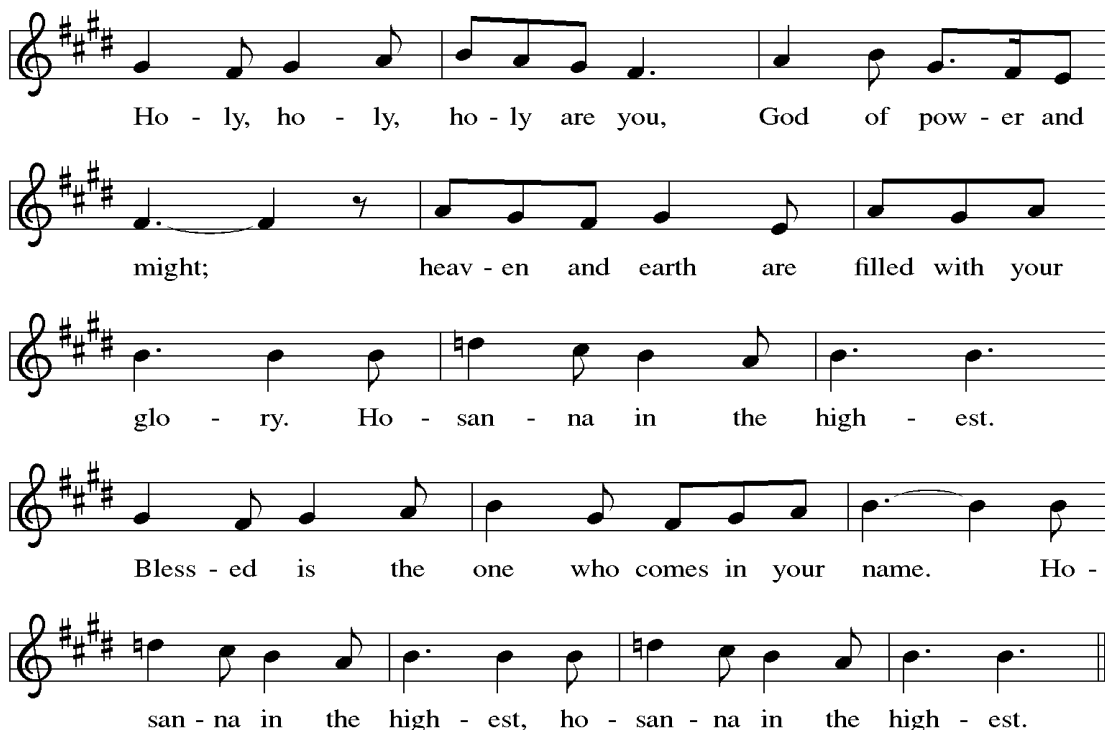
right to give God thanks and praise.



## PREFACE

**P** 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. By the leading of a star he was shown forth to all nations; in the waters of the Jordan you proclaimed him your beloved Son; and in the miracle of water turned to wine he revealed your glory. 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 are you, God of pow - er and  
might; heav - en and earth are filled with your  
glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.  
Bless - ed is the one who comes in your name. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

## THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

**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.

## 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.

## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P The joy of the Lord is our strength. Come, eat this meal of gladness.

*Please be seated*

## COMMUNION SONG

*Lamb of God*



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the



world: have mer-cy on us, mer-cy on us,



mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you



take a-way the sin of the world: grant us peace,



grant us peace, grant us peace.

*Please stand*

## COMMUNION BLESSING

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

**C Amen.**

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

**P** 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,

**C Amen.**

## ***SENDING***

### BENEDICTION

SENDING HYMN

*In Christ Called to Baptize*

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### DISMISSAL

**P** Go in peace. Live in hope.

**C Thanks be to God**

### POSTLUDE

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Altar Flowers

*In Memory of Eleanor Pfersch,  
Ellie's Mother, on her birthday,  
by Ellie*



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