

**February 9, 2025**

*The 5th Sunday After  
The Epiphany*



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# THE FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

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## ✠ PREPARATION ✠

**Today we will observe The Lord's Supper...** *The Lord's Supper is celebrated at Grace Lutheran Church in the confession and glad confidence that, as he says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but his very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with him and with one another. Our Lord invites to his table those who trust his words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as he forgives and loves us, that they may show forth his death until he comes. Because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm and because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, and yet desire to receive the sacrament, are asked you first to speak with the pastor, an elder or an usher. (For further study, see Matthew 5:23f; 10:32f; 18:15-35; 26:26-29; 1 Cor. 11:17-34). Wine is used in the individual and common cup. It may also be received by intinction. A gluten free wafer is available upon request.*

### PRELUDE

"Trumpet Jubilee"  
"God Himself is Present"

P. Harris  
arr. E. Broughton

### WELCOME

*Stand*

### HYMN

"God Himself Is Present"

**LSB 907**



1 God Him - self is pres - ent: Let us now a - dore Him  
2 God Him - self is pres - ent: Hear the harps re - sound - ing;  
3 Fount of ev - 'ry bless - ing, Pu - ri - fy my spir - it,



And with awe ap - pear be - fore Him. God is in His  
See the hosts the throne sur - round - ing. "Ho - ly, ho - ly,  
Trust - ing on - ly in Your mer - it. Like the ho - ly



tem - ple; All with - in keep si - lence; Hum - bly kneel in  
ho - ly!" Hear the hymn as - cend - ing, Songs of saints and  
an - gels, Wor - ship - ing be - fore You, May I cease - less -

deep - est rev - 'rence. He a - lone On His throne  
 an - gels blend - ing. Bow Your ear To us here:  
 ly a - dore You. Let Your will Ev - er still

Is our God and Sav - ior; Praise His name for - ev - er!  
 Hear, O Christ, the prais - es That Your Church now rais - es.  
 Rule Your Church ter - res - trial As the hosts ce - les - tial.

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## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

**P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C Amen.**

**P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**C who made heaven and earth.**

**P** If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

**C But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.**

**P** Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

**C Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**

**P** Almighty God, merciful Father, in Holy Baptism You declared us to be Your children and gathered us into Your one, holy Church, in which You daily and richly forgive us our sins and grant us new life through Your Spirit. Be in our midst, enliven our faith, and graciously receive our prayer and praise; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C Amen.**

✠ SERVICE OF THE WORD ✠

HYMN

"Glory in Excelsis"

LSB 204



**C** 1 To God on high be glo - ry And peace to all the earth;  
2 To You, O sole - be - got - ten, The Fa - ther's Son, we pray;  
3 For You a - lone are ho - ly; You on - ly are the Lord.



Good-will from God in heav - en Pro - claimed at Je - sus' birth!  
O Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, You take our sins a - way.  
For - ev - er and for - ev - er, Be wor - shiped and a - dored;



We praise and bless You, Fa - ther; Your ho - ly name, we sing—  
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus; Re - ceive our heart - felt cry,  
You with the Ho - ly Spir - it A - lone are Lord Most High,



Our thanks for Your great glo - ry, Lord God, our heav'n - ly King.  
Where You in pow'r are seat - ed At God's right hand on high—  
In God the Fa - ther's glo - ry. "A - men!" our glad re - ply.

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**P** Let us pray. O Lord, keep Your family the Church continually in the true faith that, relying on the hope of Your heavenly grace, we may ever be defended by Your mighty power; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

Sit

**OLD TESTAMENT READING**

Isaiah 6:1-8

The Word is read...

- A This is the Word of the Lord.
- C **Thanks be to God.**

**EPISTLE**

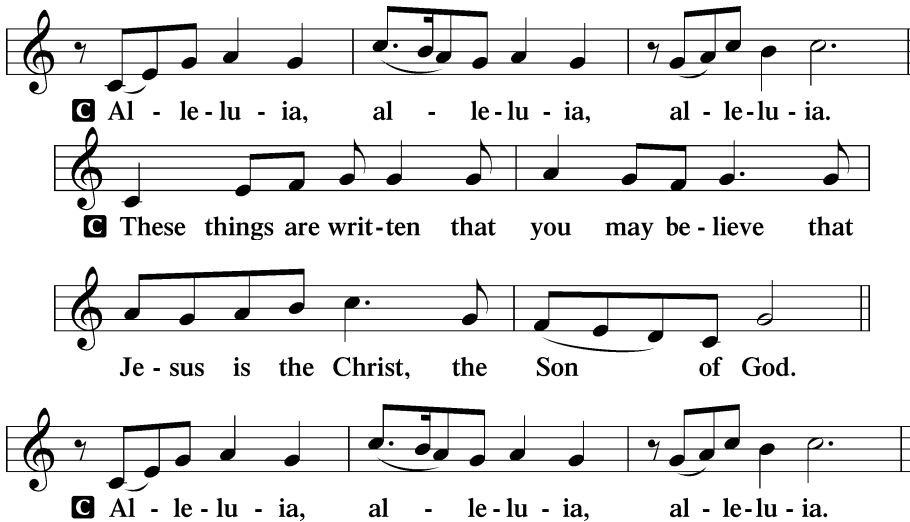
1 Corinthians 14:12b-20

The Word is read...

- A This is the Word of the Lord.
- C **Thanks be to God.**

Stand

**ALLELUIA AND VERSE**



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

These things are writ-ten that you may be - lieve that

Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

The image shows four staves of musical notation in treble clef with a 3/4 time signature. The first staff is for the Alleluia chorus. The second staff is for the beginning of the verse. The third staff continues the verse. The fourth staff is for the final Alleluia chorus. The lyrics are written below the notes.

**HOLY GOSPEL**

Luke 5:1-11

- P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the fifth chapter.
- C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

The Word is read...

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**G** Praise to You, O Christ.

*Sit*

## **THE SERMON**

When the pastor ascends the pulpit, it signifies a pivotal moment; a prophetic act is about unfolding as the minister expounds upon God's word, enriching the spiritual lives of the congregation. Historically, preaching formed the very heart of Christian worship. Figures like John Chrysostom and Saint Ambrose testify to preaching's profound influence in the early church. However, by the Middle Ages, its centrality had waned, a decline that stands in contrast to the importance of the liturgical elements within the service. The Reformation, however, revitalized the central role of God's word in worship.

While distinct differences exist between Lutheran, Anglican, Reformed, and Roman Catholic preaching goals, many liturgical traditions favor shorter sermons. This brevity is justified on several grounds. Firstly, the liturgical elements, interwoven with Scripture, constitute a significant portion of the worship service, fulfilling a key aspect of teaching.

Secondly, practical considerations regarding the overall length of the service inherently influence sermon duration. More elaborate liturgies naturally leave less time allocated to proclaiming God's word.

Thirdly, and critically, a distinction must be drawn between preaching and Bible study. While Bible study is undeniably valuable, preaching transcends mere teaching. The preacher, engaging with the appointed text, applies its principles through the lens of law and gospel to the specific needs and circumstances of the congregation. The preacher's purpose is not primarily exegesis—a detailed explanation encompassing grammar, textual variations, and historical context—but rather the direct, transformative application of the gospel message to the lives of the worshippers. The goal is not scholarly analysis, but spiritual nourishment and practical guidance for the congregants.

**HYMN**

“Arise and Shine in Splendor”

**LSB 396**



1 A - rise and shine in splen - dor; Let night to day sur -  
 2 See earth in dark - ness ly - ing, The hea - then na - tions  
 3 The world's re - mot - est rac - es, Up - on whose wea - ry  
 4 Lift up your eyes in won - der— See, na - tions gath - er  
 5 Your heart will leap for glad - ness When from the realms of



ren - der. Your light is draw - ing near. A - bove, the  
 dy - ing In hope - less gloom and night. To you the  
 fac - es The sun looks from the sky, Shall run with  
 yon - der From sin to be set free. The world has  
 sad - ness They come from near and far. Your eyes will



day is beam - ing, In match - less beau - ty  
 Lord of heav - en— Your life, your hope— has  
 zeal un - tir - ing, With joy Your light de -  
 heard Your sto - ry; Her sons come to Your  
 wake from slum - ber As peo - ple with - out



gleam - ing; The glo - ry of the Lord is here.  
 giv - en Great glo - ry, hon - or, and de - light.  
 sir - ing That breaks up - on them from on high.  
 glo - ry; Her daugh - ters haste Your light to see.  
 num - ber Re - joice to see the Morn - ing Star.

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## SERMON

### INSTALLATION OF ACOLYTES, 11:00 AM Service Only

- P** Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, you are to serve our Lord as Acolytes. Hear what Holy Scripture has to say about those who serve in the Church:
- A** But let each one test his own work, and then his reason to boast will be in himself alone and not in his neighbor. For each will have to bear his own load. And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up. So then, as we have opportunity, let us do good to everyone, and especially to those who are of the household of faith.

- A** For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. For as in one body we have many members, and the members do not all have the same function, so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another. Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, in proportion to our faith; if service, in our serving; the one who teaches, in his teaching; the one who exhorts, in his exhortation; the one who contributes, in generosity; the one who leads, with zeal; the one who does acts of mercy, with cheerfulness.
- A** And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

*The pastor addresses the servants:*

- P** In the presence of God and of this congregation I install you Acolytes, in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C Amen.**

*Stand*

- P** Let us pray. God of all grace and mercy, bless those who serve as acolytes that they may be faithful in serving at Your altar. Grant that through their service Your Church may be built up in faith to the honor of Your most holy name; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C Amen.**

- P** Go in the name of the Lord. Be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain. The almighty and most merciful God, the Father, the ✠ Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve you.

**C Amen.**

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

**P** Almighty God, we give You thanks for Your liberating Word made known especially in the light shining through the glorious cross of Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. Grant that Your Word enlighten our hearts and minds now that we may keep it and bring forth the fruits of faith in all that we say and do. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**A** By Your light of life, rule and govern Your whole Church throughout the world that all those who proclaim Your truth be preserved in the pure doctrine of Your saving Word and that faith and love be strengthened and increased in all Your people. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** Bless our country and all who are in authority. Let Your glory dwell in our land that mercy and truth, righteousness and peace may abound everywhere. We commend to You the care of our schools so that our children grow in useful knowledge and Christian virtue, bringing forth wholesome fruits of life. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**A** Comfort all who are in trouble, sickness, anguish, or any other adversity. Grant courage and strength to all who suffer for Your name's sake. In every time of trouble, show Yourself a very present help, the Savior of all. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** Accept, we pray, our bodies and souls, hearts and minds, all our talents and powers, together with the offerings we bring before You as our humble service. Help us to prepare for the world to come, doing the work You have given us to do while it is day before the night comes when no one can work. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**A** 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.**

## PAX DOMINI

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

**C** Amen.

Sit

**OFFERING**

**VOLUNTARY**

“Arise and Shine in Splendor”

setting: S. Ochsenkuhn

**MISSION MINUTE**

Sowers Oyster Roast

John Kinney

Stand

**OFFERTORY**

“Lord of All Good”

LSB 786 sts. 1-3



1 Lord of all good, our gifts we bring You now;  
2 We give our minds to un - der - stand Your ways;  
△ 3 Fa - ther, whose boun - ty all cre - a - tion shows;



Use them Your ho - ly pur - pose to ful - fill.  
Hands, eyes, and voice to serve Your great de - sign;  
Christ, by whose will - ing sac - ri - fice we live;



To - tens of love and pledg - es they shall be  
Hearts with the flame of Your own love a - blaze—  
Spir - it, from whom all life in full - ness flows:



That our whole life is of - fered to Your will.  
Thus for Your glo - ry all our pow'rs com - bine.  
To You with grate - ful hearts our - selves we give.

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**✠ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT ✠**

**PREFACE**

**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.
- G** **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

## PROPER PREFACE

- P** It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

## SANCTUS

LSB 208

**G** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth a - dored;  
 Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.  
 Sing ho - san-na in the high-est, sing ho- san - na to the Lord;  
 Tru - ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

**LORD'S PRAYER**, *As shown on forward screens*

## THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

- P** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My  $\text{✠}$  body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My  $\dagger$  blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

**AGNUS DEI**

LSB 210

1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
You take the sin of the world a - way;  
You take the sin of the world a - way;  
O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,  
Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.  
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

*Sit*

**DISTRIBUTION HYMN**

"Voices Raised to You We Offer"

LSB 795

1 Voic - es raised to You we of - fer; Tune them, God, for  
2 All cre - a - tion joins to praise You; Earth and sky Your  
3 Christ, the song of Love in - car - nate, Touch - ing earth with  
4 Spir - it, flam - ing through cre - a - tion, Kin - dle faith with -  
5 How can an - y praise we of - fer Mea - sure all the  
songs of praise. Hearts and hands we bring in trib - ute  
works dis - play. Art and mu - sic, gifts You lend us,  
heav - en's grace, For Your liv - ing, suf - f'ring, dy - ing,  
in each heart. Lift our voic - es high in cho - rus;  
thanks we owe? Take our hearts and hands and voic - es—



For Your gifts through all our days. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 We re - turn to You to - day. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 For Your ris - ing, hear our praise! Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Through our hands Your love im - part. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Gifts of love we can be - stow. Al - le - lu - ia!



Al - le - lu - ia! Tri - une God, to You we sing!  
 Al - le - lu - ia! God, Cre - a - tor, source of life!  
 Al - le - lu - ia! Christ, Re - deem - er, Lord of life!  
 Al - le - lu - ia! Spir - it, Help - er, breath of life!  
 Al - le - lu - ia! Tri - une God, to You we sing!

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**VOLUNTARY**

"Voices Raised to You We Offer"

setting: S. Hyslop

*Stand*

**NUNC DIMITTIS**

LSB 211



1 O Lord, now let Your ser - vant De -  
 2 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All



part in heav'n - ly peace, For I have seen the  
 glo - ry to the Son, All glo - ry to the



glo - ry Of Your re - deem - ing grace:  
 Spir - it, For - ev - er Three in One;



A light to lead the Gen - tiles Un -  
 For as in the be - gin - ning, Is



to Your ho - ly hill, The glo - ry of Your  
now, shall ev - er be, God's tri - une name re -  
peo - ple, Your cho - sen Is - ra - el.  
sound - ing Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

## POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

**P** Let us pray. We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## BENEDICAMUS AND BENEDICTION

**P** Let us bless the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

**P** The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

**C** Amen.

## CLOSING HYMN

“Holy, Holy, Holy”

LSB 507



1 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!  
2 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! All the saints a - dore Thee,  
3 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Though the dark - ness hide Thee,  
4 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!



Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to Thee;  
 Cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea;  
 Though the eye of sin - ful man Thy glo - ry may not see,  
 All Thy works shall praise Thy name in earth and sky and sea.



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, mer - ci - ful and might - y!  
 Cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim fall - ing down be - fore Thee,  
 On - ly Thou art ho - ly; there is none be - side Thee,  
 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, mer - ci - ful and might - y!



God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!  
 Which wert and art and ev - er - more shalt be.  
 Per - fect in pow'r, in love, and pu - ri - ty.  
 God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!

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*Sit*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS AND DISMISSAL

- A** Go in peace as you serve the Lord.
- C** **Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE**

"Holy, Holy, Holy"

arr. L. Smith

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