

St. Matthew's Ev. Lutheran Church

1615 N. Wauwatosa Ave., Wauwatosa, WI 53213

February 6th, 2022

11:00 am Service

5th Sunday After Epiphany

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.

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Pastor Karen Natterstad

Gathering

Call to Worship

Grand March Redux by Kevin McChesney –
Bells Angels

This piece, in its first version, was performed and recorded on the CD "A Lyrical Tapestry of Praise" by the Bell Angels for the 75th Anniversary of St. Matthew's in 1995. We present this updated version in celebration of the 100th/102nd Anniversary.

Please stand as you are able.

Order of Confession and Forgiveness

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

Amen.

The Lord of hosts who calls us is the holy, holy, holy One, and we are people of unclean lips.

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

[Silence for reflection and self-examination.]

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.

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

#798 Will You Come and Follow Me

Litany for the Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

Like Isaiah before us,

we are amazed by what the Lord has done.

As so many followers have done before,

may we respond to his call by saying, "Here I am! Send me!"

As time spreads before us,

may our eyes be open to the opportunities we have to share the Gospel with others.

And as more people seek to know the Lord,

may news of him be made known to them all, so that they, too, may know the joy of the Lord. Amen.

Apostolic Greeting

Arise shine; for the Light has come!

The glory of the Lord has risen upon us!

The grace of God that extends to all nations in Christ Jesus through the work of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

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.

Please be seated.

Word

First Reading

Isaiah 6:1-8 [9-13]

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!”

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm

Psalm 138

I will bow down toward your holy temple. (Ps. 138:2)

Let us read responsively and sing from Psalm 138.



Great is the glo - ry of the Lord.

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I will give thanks to you, O LORD, with my whole heart; before the gods I will sing your praise.

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. *Refrain.*

When I called, you answered me; you increased my strength within me.

All the rulers of the earth will praise you, O LORD, when they have heard the words of your mouth.

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

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

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.

You will make good your purpose for me; O LORD, your steadfast love endures forever; do not abandon the works of your hands. *Refrain.*

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.

Word of God, word of life.
Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia! Glory Be

Al - le - lu - ia! Lo, the Light of the world is shin - ing bright.
 Those who fol - low faith - ful - ly fish - ers in the world shall be.
 Al - le - lu - ia! Glo - ry be to the Lord e - ter - nal - ly.

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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.

The holy gospel according to Luke, the 5th chapter.
Glory to you, O Lord.

The Gospel of the Lord for you this day.
Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.
 Sermon

Pastor Karen Natterstad

Please stand as you are able.

Hymn of the Day

#817 You Have Come Down to the Lakeshore

(Prayer Cards will be collected during the Hymn of the Day)

Profession of Faith

Nicene Creed

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father, God from God,
Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.**

For us and for our salvation

**he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures;
he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the
Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.**

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

**We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

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.

...God of grace,
hear our prayer.

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.

Sharing the Peace of Christ

The peace of the Lord be with you all.

And also with you.

Please be seated.

Meal

Musical Offering

Shall We Gather at the River by Karen Buckwalter –
Bells Angels

Offertory Response

#465 As the Grains of Wheat [Refrain]

As the grains of wheat once scat - tered on the hill were
gath-ered in - to one to be - come our bread; so may all your peo-ple from
all the ends of earth be gath-ered in - to one in you.

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Please stand as you are able.

Offertory Prayer

O God, from the vast ocean of your grace we have been granted all things. Accept now these humble gifts. And with them accept our lives of ever-streaming praise, that we might be bold to be good fishers of people. Through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Words of Institution

Lord's Prayer

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.**

Give us today our daily bread.

**Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.**

Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.

**For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

Invitation to Communion

Come to God's table.

There is a place and enough for all.

The gifts of God for the people of God.

Please be seated.

Lamb of God

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Communion Hymn

#474 Bread of Life from Heaven

Please stand as you are able.

Communion Response

May the body of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and keep you in His light and grace.

Amen.

Prayer after Communion

Lord Jesus Christ, what sort of fisherman are you? You have netted us and gathered us together. We thank you for this gift of life. Now open us up, Lord, to your abundant goodness. And open up our nets, as well. Ready us for an amazing catch. "Here we are, Lord; send us." We praise you now and evermore.

Amen.

Sending

Blessing

God, who leads you in pathways of righteousness, who rejoices over you, and who calls you by name, + bless your going out and your coming in, today and forever.

Amen.

Sending Song

#548 Rise, O Church, like Christ Arisen
[stanzas 2 and 4]

2. Rise, trans - formed, and choose to fol - low af - ter
4. Ser - vice be our sure vo - ca - tion; cour - age

Christ, though wound - ed, whole; bro - ken, shared, our lives are
be our dai - ly breath; mer - cy be our des - ti -

hal - lowed to re - lease and to con - sole. Al - le -
na - tion from this day and un - to death. Al - le -

lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia; Christ, our pres - ent, past, and goal.
lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Rise, O church, a liv - ing faith.

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Dismissal

Go forth as light into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.
Thanks be to God.

Postlude

FIRST READING: Isaiah 6:1-8 [9-13]

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. 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.]

Psalm 138**SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 15:1-11**
[not printed]**GOSPEL: Luke 5:1-11**

Once 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.

Next Sunday’s Readings: Jeremiah 17:5-10; Psalm 1; 1 Corinthians 15:12-20; Luke 6:17-26.

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