

Fifth Sunday after Epiphany



The Least Qualified are the First Sent

Lord of Love Lutheran ChurchWisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod



Welcome! We are so happy you have come to worship today! Someone has described worship as "a joyful dialogue with God." God speaks to us in his Word, and we speak to him in praise and prayer. May God richly bless you through this "joyful dialogue" today!

Restrooms – The restrooms are located straight ahead as you enter the building. You will also find restrooms in the lower level gathering space at the end of the classrooms on the right side before the exit doors.

Parent's Room – The sound of children in the house of the Lord is music to our ears! However there is also a parent room to the right just before you enter the sanctuary if your little one needs a moment. It is accessed as you exit the sanctuary, on the left, next to the seats reserved for families with small children.

Assistance Getting Around – There is a walker and a wheelchair available in the fellowship hall. Anyone who needs them is welcome to use them. Please speak to an usher if you need help accessing them.

Offering Message – An offering will be gathered in the service today. These offerings support the Gospel ministry of Lord of Love locally, and also the global mission of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod. Visitors need not feel obligated to give, but certainly may if you wish.

Holy Communion is celebrated today. Mindful of the Scriptural teaching concerning church fellowship, we practice close (or closed) communion. Communicant members of this congregation, or other congregations of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (or the Evangelical Lutheran Synod), are encouraged to commune this morning. Guests are asked to speak with our pastor, before the service, if they wish to commune.

Explanation of the theme of the day: With important jobs, it is crucial that the person doing that job is well-qualified. There is no more important job than sharing the good news of salvation. So, you would expect Jesus to give that job to those most qualified, like the angels. Nope. The least qualified are the first sent. In love, Jesus calls and equips us to speak on his behalf. How? He draws us to himself and forgives our sin and guilt. Now forgiven, we jump at the opportunity to be the ones through whom God does the same for others. Here is this week's epiphany moment. You might think you are unqualified to share the good news of Jesus. But the least qualified are the first sent.

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February 9, 2025

THE COMMON SERVICE



Text: Reginald Heber, 1783–1826, alt. Tune: NICAEA (11 12 12 10) John B. Dykes, 1823–76. **M:** In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

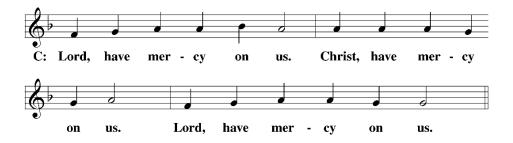


CONFESSION OF SINS

- **M:** Beloved in the Lord: let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.
- C: Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.

LORD, HAVE MERCY

Kyrie



M: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit.



PRAYER AND PRAISE

M: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.



PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Let us pray.

Gracious Lord, you call and appoint us to proclaim the good news of your Son despite our sins and weaknesses. Purify us by your grace, remove our uncertainties, and work through us to fill the nets of your kingdom with those lost in the darkness of death; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



THE WORD

FIRST LESSON Isaiah 6:1-8

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and exalted, and the train of his robe filled the temple. ² Above him stood the seraphim. Each one had six wings. With two they covered their faces. With two they covered their feet. With two they flew. ³ One called to another and said,

Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of Armies! The whole earth is full of his glory!

⁴ The foundations of the thresholds shook at the voice of the one who called, and the temple was filled with smoke. ⁵ Then I said, "I am doomed! I am ruined, because I am a man with unclean lips, and I dwell among a people with unclean lips, and because my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of Armies!"

⁶ Then one of the seraphim flew to me, carrying a glowing coal in his hand, which he had taken from the altar with tongs. ⁷ He touched my mouth with the coal and said, "Look, this has touched your lips, so your guilt is taken away, and your sin is forgiven."

⁸ Then I heard the Lord's voice, saying, "Whom shall I send? Who will go for us?"

Then I said, "Here I am. Send me!"



Psalm tone *

You showed favor to your <u>land</u>, O LORD;* you restored the fortunes of <u>Ja</u>cob.

You forgave the iniquity of your <u>people</u>* and covered all their sins.

Show us your unfailing <u>love</u>, O LORD,* and grant us your sal<u>va</u>tion.

Refrain

I will listen to what God the <u>LORD</u> will say;* he promises peace to his people, his saints.

Surely his salvation is near those who <u>fear</u> him,* that his glory may dwell <u>in</u> our land.

Love and faithfulness meet together;* righteousness and peace kiss each other.

Glory be to the Father and <u>to</u> the Son* and to the Holy <u>Spir</u>it, as it was in the beg<u>in</u>ning,* is now, and will be forever. <u>A</u>men.

Refrain

SECOND LESSON Romans 10:12-17

¹² So there is no distinction between Jew and Greek, because the same Lord is Lord of all, who gives generously to all who call on him. ¹³ Yes, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."

¹⁴ So then, how can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one about whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without a preacher? ¹⁵ And how can they preach unless they are sent? Just as it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news of peace, who preach the gospel of good things!"

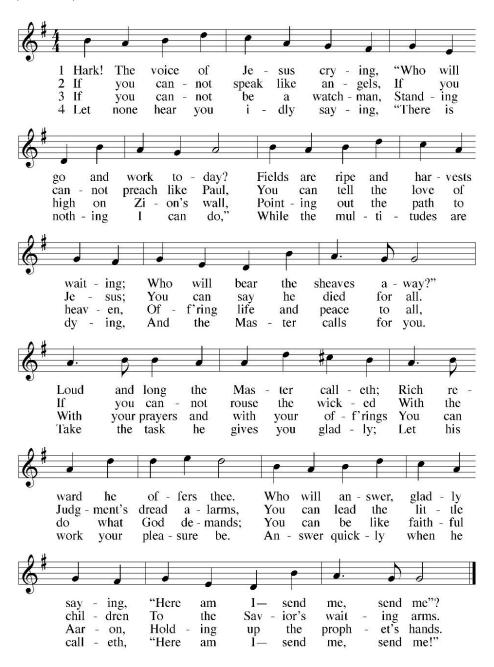
¹⁶ But not all obeyed the gospel. For Isaiah says, "Lord, who believed our message?" ¹⁷ So then, faith comes from hearing the message, and the message comes through the word of Christ.

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his 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 into hell.
The third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty.
From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.



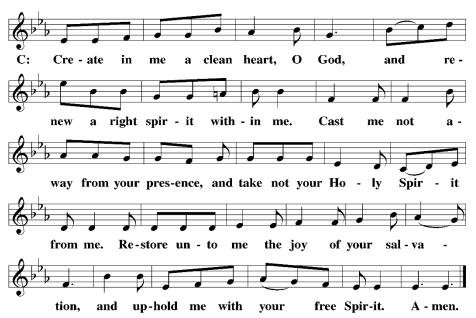
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SERMON Luke 5:1-11

One time, while the crowd was pressing in on Jesus and listening to the word of God, he was standing by the Lake of Gennesaret. ² He saw two boats there along the lakeshore. The fishermen had left them and were washing their nets. ³ Jesus got into one of the boats, which belonged to Simon, and asked him to put out a little from the shore. He sat down and began teaching the crowds from the boat. 4 When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into the deep water, and let down your nets for a catch." 5 Simon answered him, "Master, we worked hard all through the night and caught nothing. But at your word I will let down the nets." ⁶ When they had done this, they caught a great number of fish, and their nets were about to tear apart. ⁷ They signaled their partners in the other boat to come and help them. They came and filled both boats, so that they began to sink. 8 When Simon Peter saw this, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, "Go away from me, because I am a sinful man, Lord." 9 For Peter and all those with him were amazed at the number of fish they had caught, ¹⁰ and so were James and John, the sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. Jesus said to Simon, "Have no fear. From now on you will be catching people." ¹¹ After they brought their boats to the shore, they left everything and followed him.

Where Fears are Stilled

After the sermon, the congregation sings:



GATHERING OF THE THANK-OFFERING

While the offering is being collected, please sign and pass the Friendship Register.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Father of all joy, you have taught us to believe in your righteous acts and deeds of salvation from our youth. Teach us now to proclaim your might to the next generation, that they, too, may rejoice in you. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Lord God of hosts, sustain those called to be fishers of men in Christ's Church. Grant that they would not be discouraged when they toil all night and take nothing, but continue to let down their nets at Christ's Word. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

O Lord, give us faith to let down the nets of your Word in our daily vocations and to trust your Son to do his gracious work through poor sinners like us. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

O God, be not far from us. As you have worked deeds of salvation in Christ Jesus, so make haste to help us now in every trouble. Give healing to the sick, strength to the weak and comfort to the afflicted *[especially ______]*. Do not forsake us nor the generations to come. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Send from your altar, O Lord, the body and blood of Christ. Cleanse us and our lips by this blessed Sacrament and deliver to us the atonement Christ has won for us. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

O Lord, never depart from us. Let your Word rule us and your Spirit revive us to leave behind pride and anxiety alike, that we may follow you in all we do; through the same Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the same Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

C: 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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen

THE SACRAMENT

PREFACE

M: The Lord be with you.



M: Lift up your hearts.

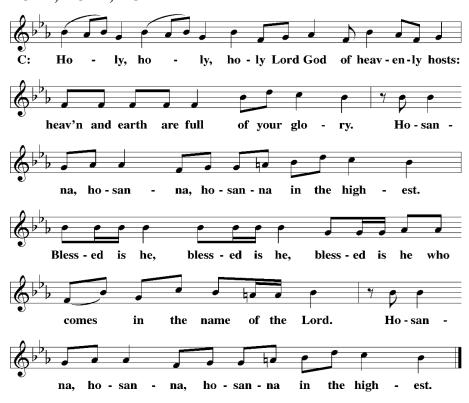


M: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.



M: It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lived among us as a human being and revealed his glory as your only Son, full of grace and truth.

Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:



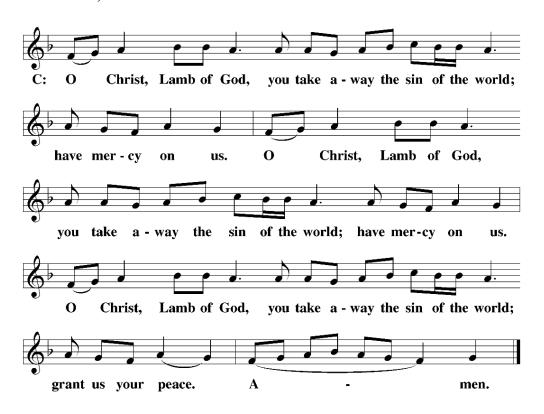
WORDS OF INSTITUTION

M: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

M: The peace of the Lord be with you always.





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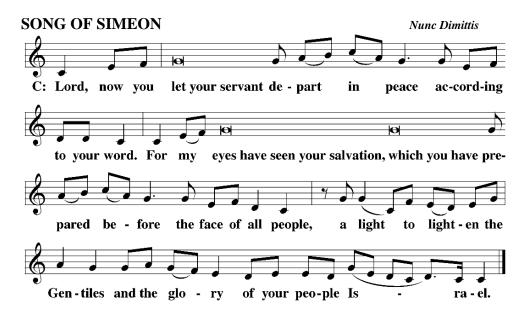
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THANKSGIVING

STAND



M: O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.



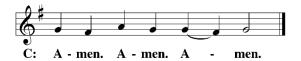
M: We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this holy supper. We pray that through it you will strengthen our faith in you and increase our love for one another. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



M: The Lord bless you and keep you.

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

The Lord look on you with favor and (+) give you peace.



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Personal Prayers for Worship

Before Communion:

Lord, I am not worthy to be a guest at your holy table. But you are the friend of sinners, and you will not cast me out. This bread is your body, which bore my sins upon the tree. This wine is your blood, which purifies me from all guilt. At your invitation, I come rejoicing. Receive me, my Savior.

After Communion:

Thank you, Lord Jesus Christ, for nourishing me in this sacrament with your body and blood. You have given me forgiveness, life, and salvation. Let me always remain in you as a branch remains in the vine. Send me out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory.

O living Bread from heaven, how richly you have fed your guest! The gifts you now have given have filled my heart with joy and rest. Lord, grant me that thus strengthened with heavenly food, while here my course on earth is lengthened, I serve with holy fear. And when you call my spirit to leave this world below, I enter through your merit where joys unmingled flow.

Gluten Free communion wafers: Gluten free communion wafers are available during the Lord's Supper. They are placed on the baptismal font at the start of communion. If you would prefer this wafer, please pick it up as you approach the altar.

Weekly Bible Studies

Sunday 9:15 am: Exodus, sanctuary

<u>Tuesday 9:00 am:</u> The Gospel of John, lower level

Wednesday 6:30 pm: Gospel Motivation, lower level

<u>Thursday 6:30 pm:</u> Christian Doctrine, lower level

Friday 6:00 am: Breakfast 6:00, Bible study 6:45 | The Book of Hebrews

DeForest Family Restaurant (505 W. North Street, DeForest)

Sunday February 9: Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

Worship Service: 8:00 & 10:30 am with Holy Communion 9:15 am: Adult Bible Study, Sunday School and Teen Class

- Pastor Joel Jenswold
- Organist: Sharon Freund
- Councilman: 8:00: Shane Strong, 10:30: Phil Boll
- Ushers 8:00: Dave and Ben Olson
- Ushers 10:30: The Holzman Family
- Counters: Roger LaGrange and Greg Zeman
- Altar Guild: Donna Cotter
- A/V & Recording: Jen Olson
- Refreshments: The LaGrange Family

Sunday February 16: Sixth Sunday after Epiphany

Worship Service: 8:00 & 10:30 am with Holy Communion 9:15 am: Adult Bible Study, Sunday School and Teen Class

- Pastor Joel Jenswold
- Organist: Jennifer Boll
- Councilman: 8:00: Mike Wilson, 10:30: TBA
- Ushers 8:00: Bob Degnan, Gene Freund, and Kourtney and Kayden Zech
- Ushers 10:30: Josh Hodkiewicz and Greg Zeman
- Counters: Kim Bauer and Wayne Kaalberg
- Altar Guild: Donna Cotter
- A/V & Recording: Devin Anderson
- Refreshments: Volunteers needed

<u>Happy Birthday</u> We wish God's blessings to Dillon Kuecker (2/10), Henry Holzman (2/11), Kristen Sullivan (2/11) and Michelle Anna Stachowiak (2/14) as they celebrate their birthdays this week.

<u>Anniversary</u> We wish God's blessings to Russ and Julie Corcoran (12/12), Aaron and RaeLyn Parker (2/12), and Bonnie and Richard Gotzion (2/14), as they celebrate their anniversaries this week.

<u>In Our Prayers</u> Roger LaGrange, Peter Leege, Peg Schroeder, John Schueman, Steve Tobison, and Roger Kovaciny who are experiencing difficulties.

A special prayer for all our men & women who are serving in the Armed Forces. Among them are Carter Chavez (grandson of John & Sherry Hill), and Shannon Garrett.

COMING UP AT LORD OF LOVE

<u>February 20:</u> Ladies Friendship Circle | 6:30 pm – fellowship hall <u>February 27:</u> Fellowship Meeting | 6:30 pm – fellowship hall <u>March 5, Ash Wednesday:</u> Worship at 3:30 pm and 6:30 pm

January Food Pantry Collection Continues

We are continuing to collect food and non-perishable items throughout the month of January to help stock the shelves at our local food pantry. There are collection bins located at both the main and fellowship entrances. You may drop any donations off Tuesday – Friday from 8:30 – 3:30 pm. All donations go to the DeForest Area Needs Network. (DANN)

Cradle Roll Volunteer Needed:

We are looking for a volunteer to coordinate our Cradle Roll program here at Lord of Love. Families with young children receive Christian parenting materials from pre-birth to age 4. Books, pamphlets, parenting tips and music are periodically mailed out to families with young children. The church purchases the materials and covers the cost of mailing. The volunteer simply mails items at specific times as the child grows. The work is completed from home. Training is provided. To learn more, speak with Mary Mundt or contact the church office.

Contribution Statements Available:

The year-end Contribution Statements are available on the glass cabinet. They are filed alphabetically and can be picked up anytime. If you would like your statement mailed, please contact the church office at lolchurchoffice@gmail.com or call (608) 846-9036.

Candles Available:

Church has several boxes of slim 12" 51% beeswax candles that are available to anyone who would like them. They are located in the fellowship hall. Help yourself.



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"I rejoiced with those who said to me, 'Let us go to the house of the LORD.'" Psalm 122:1



Today's 8:00 service will be recorded including the Service of the Sacrament. Individuals taking communion will not be visible in the recording.