

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY
February 6, 2022

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You will know as much of God, and only as much of God,
As you are willing to put into practice

Olympic Champion, Eric Liddell, The Disciplines Of The Christian Life

GATHERING

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PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

TEMPLE TALK—SCHOLARSHIP

Abby Strom

OPENING REFLECTION

“What If?”

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

OPENING HYMN

“Holy, Holy Holy, Lord God Almighty” ELW #413
(Vs. 1 & 2)

CONFESSION

Most merciful God,

We confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbor as ourselves. For the sake of your son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the

glory of your holy name.
Amen.

FORGIVENESS

RESPONSE

“I Love to Tell the Story” **ELW #661**
(Vs. 1 & 3)

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

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.

A brief silence.

Equip your church to proclaim the good news that we have first received: the forgiveness and grace shown to us through Jesus Christ. Send us out as apostles, sharing the hope of your salvation with a waiting world.

God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Holy are you, O God of hosts. Heaven and earth are filled with your glory. Reveal your splendor in fiery sunsets and in deep blue twilights. Teach us to recognize you in the beauty of our natural world.

God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Soften the hearts of rulers and governments that they perceive and tend to the needs of their people. Remove corruption and the impulse toward violence. Protect first responders and military personnel who risk their lives in service of others.

God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Your steadfast love endures forever; do not abandon those who look to you for hope and healing. Bless doctors, nurses, social workers, therapists, and all caregivers. Draw near to those who are scared, sick, or in pain.

God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

The disciples received help from partners as they brought in an abundant catch of fish. So strengthen this congregation's partnerships with community organizations and ministries. Multiply our shared efforts and bring joy to our relationships.

God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

We give thanks for our ancestors in faith who boldly answered your call. By their example give us courage to live in faith and to proclaim your mercy until the day that you gather us into your glory.

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.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE - A TIME FOR THE CHILD IN ALL OF US

WORD

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SCRIPTURE—Psalm 138

¹I will give thanks to you, O Lord, with my whole heart;
before the gods I will sing your praise.

²I 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.

³When I called, you answered me;
you increased my strength within me.

⁴All the rulers of the earth will praise you, O Lord,
when they have heard the words of your mouth.

⁵They will sing of the ways of the Lord,
that great is the glory of the Lord.

⁶The Lord is high, yet cares for the lowly,
perceiving the haughty from afar.

⁷Though 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.

⁸You will make good your purpose for me;
O Lord, your steadfast love endures forever; do not abandon the works of your hands.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SCRIPTURE—1 Corinthians 15:1-11

¹Now 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, ²through 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.

³For 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, ⁴and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, ⁵and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. ⁶Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. ⁷Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. ⁸Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. ⁹For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. ¹⁰But 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. ¹¹Whether

then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

“Alleluia” ELW page 142

The Holy Gospel according to Luke , the fifth chapter.
Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL—Luke 5:1-11

¹Once 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.

The gospel of the Lord.
Praise to You, O Christ.

MESSAGE

"The One that (Almost) Got Away"

HYMN
#817

OF THE DAY

“You Have Come Down to the Lakeshore” ELW

(Vs. 1 & 3)

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

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OFFERING

OFFERTORY RESPONSE

“Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful” ELW #184

**THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION
THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Come to God’s table.

There is a place for you and enough for all.

*All who accept Christ as Lord and Savior are welcome at the table.
Please wait for the usher to come forward. When all have received,
we will partake of the elements together.*

THE LORD’S PRAYER

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

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

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BLESSING

SENDING HYMN

“Here I Am, Lord” ELW #574
(Vs. 1 & 3)

SENDING FORTH

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

SHARING THE PEACE

POSTLUDE

Welcome to First Lutheran Church

*Whether you are looking for a place of worship
or are just passing through, we hope our service has blessed you
on your journey as your presence has been a blessing to us.*

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