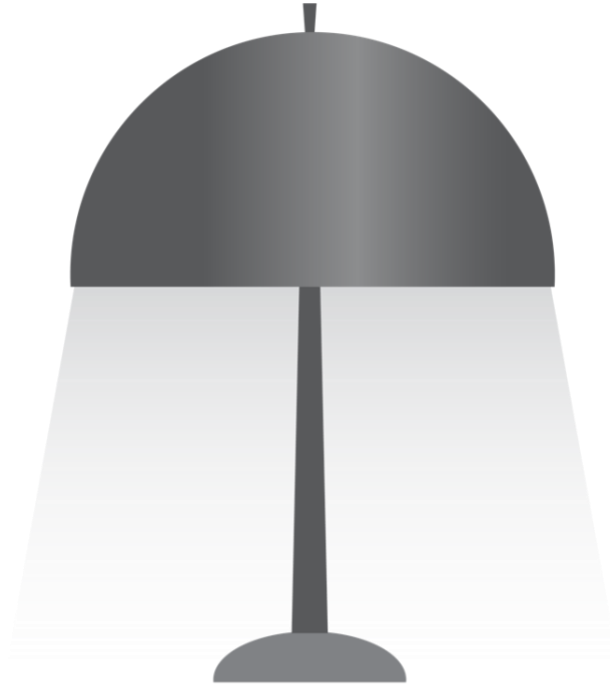


# 5<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

*THE LEAST QUALIFIED ARE THE FIRST SENT*



# EPIPHANY

moments

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**February 9, 2025 – 9:30am**

# WELCOME!

**Welcome to worship!** We are glad that you have joined us today. Our service is printed for you in its entirety in this worship folder. If you need anything, please speak to an usher at the entrance of the sanctuary.

- **Restrooms** are located near the entry to the sanctuary.
- **Infants Room** – If you have a young child or nursing infant and are in need of an infant-room, you will find it to the far right as you enter the sanctuary.
- **The Guest Registry** is found on the wall to the left as you enter the sanctuary. We would appreciate a record of your visit! You may also indicate in the registry if you would like to stay in touch.
- **Foundations Class** – If you are interested in learning more about what we teach and believe, please ask the usher or the pastor about our no-obligation Foundations Class which covers the basic teachings of our biblical faith.
- **Prayer before worship** – Heavenly Father, I have come to worship you. Draw near to me in your gracious Word, and assure me of your loving kindness. Curb my wandering thoughts, that with undivided attention I may hear your voice and sing your praise. Amen.

## ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

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## + SERVICE OF THE WORD +

*This service offers the congregation a form of worship that focuses on the proclamation of God's Word. Believers respond to this divine gift with prayer, praise, and thanksgiving.*

### OPENING HYMN

### 195 | HOLY, HOLY, HOLY, LORD GOD ALMIGHTY



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



might - y! Ear - ly in the morn - ing our  
dore thee, Cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a -  
hide thee, Though the eye of sin - ful man thy  
might - y! All thy works shall praise thy name in



song shall rise to thee; Ho - ly, ho - ly,  
round the glass - y sea; Cher - u - bim and  
glo - ry may not see, On - ly thou art  
earth and sky and sea. Ho - ly, ho - ly,



ho - ly, mer - ci - ful and might - y,  
ser - a - phim fall - ing down be - fore thee,  
ho - ly; there is none be - side thee,  
ho - ly, mer - ci - ful and might - y,



God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!  
Who was and is and ev - er - more shall be.  
Per - fect in pow'r, in love, and pu - ri - ty.  
God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!

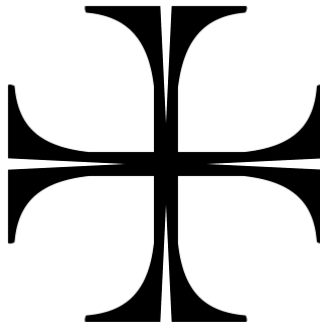
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Tune: NICAEA (11 12 12 10) John B. Dykes, 1823–76.

*Stand*

- M The grace of our Lord (+) Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.
- C **And also with you.**

## **+ CONFESSION OF SINS +**

- M We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.
- C **Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.**
- M God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will.
- C **Amen.**
- M In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.



# + PRAYER AND PRAISE +

## OH, TASTE AND SEE

C: Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good. Bless - ed are  
they who take ref - uge in him. Your Word, O Lord, is e -  
ter - nal; it stands firm in the heav -  
ens. Your faith - ful - ness con - tin - ues for -  
ev - er. Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good.  
Bless - ed are they who take ref - uge in him.

The musical score is written on six staves in treble clef with a key signature of two sharps (D major) and a 4/4 time signature. The lyrics are aligned with the notes on each staff.

## 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.



*Be seated*

## + LESSONS +

### FIRST LESSON

### ISAIAH 6:1-8

*Isaiah admitted he was sinfully unclean, unqualified to stand in God's presence. The LORD not only takes Isaiah's sin away but also sends Isaiah out as a messenger of grace.*

**6** In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord, high and exalted, seated on a throne; and the train of his robe filled the temple. <sup>2</sup>Above him were seraphim, each with six wings: With two wings they covered their faces, with two they covered their feet, and with two they were flying. <sup>3</sup>And they were calling to one another:

“Holy, holy, holy is the LORD Almighty;  
the whole earth is full of his glory.”

<sup>4</sup>At the sound of their voices the doorposts and thresholds shook and the temple was filled with smoke.

<sup>5</sup>“Woe to me!” I cried. “I am ruined! For I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips, and my eyes have seen the King, the LORD Almighty.”

<sup>6</sup>Then one of the seraphim flew to me with a live coal in his hand, which he had taken with tongs from the altar. <sup>7</sup>With it he touched my mouth and said, “See, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away and your sin atoned for.”

<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!”

M The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God!**

# PSALM 67

## *Refrain*



Let the peo - ple praise you, O God.



Let all the peo - ple praise you.

## *Psalm tone*



## *Refrain*

May God be gracious to us and bless us\*  
and make his face shine upon us;

may your ways be known on earth,\*  
your salvation among all nations.

May the nations be glad and sing for joy,\*  
for you rule the peoples justly  
and guide the nations of the earth.

## *Refrain*

Then the land will yield its harvest,\*  
and God, our God, will bless us.

God will bless us,\*  
and all the ends of the earth will fear him.

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son\*  
and to the Holy Spirit,  
as it was in the beginning,\*  
is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

### ***Refrain***

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## **SECOND LESSON**

## **ROMANS 10:12-17**

*God's plan is to equip saved sinners like us to proclaim salvation to other sinners. St. Paul explains that God has no backup plan.*

<sup>12</sup> For there is no difference between Jew and Gentile—the same Lord is Lord of all and richly blesses all who call on him, <sup>13</sup> for, “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.”

<sup>14</sup> How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them? <sup>15</sup> And how can anyone preach unless they are sent? As it is written: “How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!”

<sup>16</sup> But not all the Israelites accepted the good news. For Isaiah says, “Lord, who has believed our message?” <sup>17</sup> Consequently, faith comes from hearing the message, and the message is heard through the word about Christ.

**M** The Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God!**



## VERSE OF THE DAY

## PSALM 71:15

Alleluia. "My mouth will tell of your righteous deeds, of your saving acts all day long."  
Alleluia.



C: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!



These words are writ - ten that we 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!

*Stand*



*Jesus takes simple, self-admittedly sinful fisherman, seemingly unqualified for gospel ministry. He removes their fears, calls them to follow, and makes them fishers of men.*

**5** One day as Jesus was standing by the Lake of Gennesaret, the people were crowding around him and listening to the word of God. <sup>2</sup> He saw at the water's edge two boats, left there by the fishermen, who 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 from shore. Then he sat down and taught the people from the boat.

<sup>4</sup> When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into deep water, and let down the nets for a catch."

<sup>5</sup> Simon answered, "Master, we've worked hard all night and haven't caught anything. But because you say so, I will let down the nets."

<sup>6</sup> When they had done so, they caught such a large number of fish that their nets began 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 full that they began to sink.

<sup>8</sup> When Simon Peter saw this, he fell at Jesus' knees and said, "Go away from me, Lord; I am a sinful man!" <sup>9</sup> For he and all his companions were astonished at the catch of fish they had taken, <sup>10</sup> and so were James and John, the sons of Zebedee, Simon's partners.

Then Jesus said to Simon, "Don't be afraid; from now on you will fish for people."  
<sup>11</sup> So they pulled their boats up on shore, left everything and followed him.

M The Gospel of the Lord.



*Be Seated*



1 Hark! The voice of Je - sus cry - ing, "Who will  
 2 If you can - not speak like an - gels, If you  
 3 If you can - not be a watch - man, Stand - ing  
 4 Let none hear you i - dly say - ing, "There is



go and work to - day? Fields are ripe and har - vests  
 can - not preach like Paul, You can tell the love of  
 high on Zi - on's wall, Point - ing out the path to  
 noth - ing I can do," While the mul - ti - tudes are



wait - ing; Who will bear the sheaves a - way?"  
 Je - sus; You can say he died for all.  
 heav - en, Of - f'ring life and peace to all,  
 dy - ing, And the Mas - ter calls for you.



Loud and long the Mas - ter call - eth; Rich re -  
 If you can - not rouse the wick - ed With the  
 With your prayers and with your of - f'nings You can  
 Take the task he gives you glad - ly; Let his



ward he of - fers thee. Who will an - swer, glad - ly  
 Judg - ment's dread a - larms, You can lead the lit - tle  
 do what God de - mands; You can be like faith - ful  
 work your plea - sure be. An - swer quick - ly when he

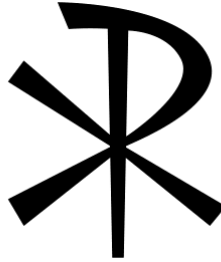


say - ing, "Here am I— send me, send me?"  
 chil - dren To the Sav - ior's wait - ing arms.  
 Aar - on, Hold - ing up the proph - et's hands.  
 call - eth, "Here am I— send me, send me!"

Text: Daniel March, 1816–1909, st. 1-2, 4, abr., alt.; unknown, st. 3, alt.  
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# + SERMON +

## The Least Qualified Are the First Sent



*Stand*

### **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.**

*Be Seated*

# + THANKSGIVING +

## OFFERING

*Stand*

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

M Lord God, our maker and preserver, we praise and thank you for all that you give us day after day.

**C We are not worthy of all the mercies you show us.**

M You have given us your precious Word to nourish our souls and to protect us from the temptations of the devil, the world, and our sinful nature.

**C We thank you for those who teach and preach your saving truth at this place and everywhere. Grant them a rich measure of patience, wisdom, and love.**

M Heavenly Father, we pray that you shield us from every kind of danger: sudden catastrophe, terrors of crime, and the pain of disease. Watch over those who travel by land, sea, and air. Keep our loved ones from whatever perils may threaten them.

**C Heal those who are sick, cheer those who are sad, calm those who are distressed, and comfort all who are old and infirm.**

M Bless our land, our people, and those who hold offices of high trust. Keep our government and schools upright and strong for the advancement of good citizenship and useful vocations, that we may enjoy your gifts of peace, security, and well-being.

**C Grant your blessing to every nation on earth. Where there are wars, may there be peace. Where there is hatred, let it be healed. Where there is poverty, danger, or disaster, come with your almighty power to help and restore.**

*Special prayers and intercessions may follow.*

M Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

*Silent prayer.*

- M** We bring these requests before you in the name of Jesus our Lord, and ask you to hear us. Take all that we have, our bodies and minds, our time and skills, our ministries and offerings, and use them to your glory.
- C** **We give ourselves to you that we may serve you in whatever way is pleasing in your sight. Amen.**

## **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.**

*Be Seated*





1 I hear the Sav - ior call - ing! The gos - pel comes to  
 2 I hear the Sav - ior call - ing! He leads a soul to  
 3 I hear the Sav - ior call - ing! He gives this charge to  
 4 I hear the Sav - ior call - ing! He chang - es hearts for  
 5 I hear the Sav - ior call - ing! His call has ur - gen -



me. My eyes once closed in blind - ness Are o - pened  
 me, A soul in bit - ter an - guish, One need - ing  
 me: To serve the best I'm a - ble, What - e'er the  
 me. From door to door I wit - ness To share my  
 cy! Each mo - ment souls are dy - ing; Soon comes e -



now to see That I my - self was help - less To  
 to be free. The gift I have to of - fer Is  
 call may be. Thus hand in hand with oth - ers Who  
 Sav - ior's plea; Yet noth - ing can be add - ed, No  
 ter - ni - ty. And so, my pre - cious Sav - ior, This



live e - ter - nal - ly, But, dy - ing, Christ did  
 Christ, my Lord's de - cree That all have been for -  
 share the gos - pel key We spread the gos - pel  
 word on bend - ed knee, Be - yond the sim - ple  
 is my hum - ble plea: Pre - pare me for my



save me, And now he calls for me!  
 giv - en— My Sav - ior calls for me!  
 tid - ings— My Sav - ior calls for me!  
 gos - pel— My Sav - ior calls for me!  
 mis - sion For you are call - ing me!

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 Tune: ANTHES (76 76 D) Friedrich K. Anthes, 1812–after 1857.

*Stand*

M O Lord God, our heavenly Father, pour out the Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep us strong in your grace and truth, protect and comfort us in all temptation, and bestow on us your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



**BLESSING**

M Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.

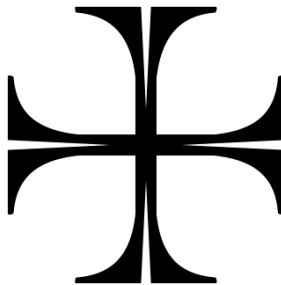
The Lord bless you and keep you.

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

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



*Be Seated*





CLOSING HYMN

770 | OH CHRIST WHO CALLED THE TWELVE

1 O Christ, who called the Twelve To  
 2 O Christ, who taught the Twelve The  
 3 O Christ, who sent the Twelve On  
 4 O Christ, th' a - pos - tles' Lord, The

rise and fol - low you, For -  
 truth for a - ges sealed, Whose  
 roads they'd nev - er trod To  
 mar - tyrs' strength and song, The

sak - ing old, fa - mil - iar ways For  
 words and works a - wak - ened faith, The  
 serve, to suf - fer, and teach, pro - claim The  
 cru - ci - fied and ris - en King To

ven - tures bold and new: Grant  
 ways of God re - vealed: In -  
 near - er reign of God: Send  
 whom the saints be - long: Though

us to hear your call To  
 struct us now, we pray, By  
 us on ways where faith Tran -  
 gen - er - a - tions pass, Our

risk se - cur - i - ty And,  
 your em - pow'r - ing Word. True  
 scends ti - mid - i - ty, Where  
 trib - ute still we bring, Our

bound in heart and will to you, Find  
 teach - er, be for all who seek Their  
 love in - forms and hope sus - tains Both  
 hymns a sac - ri - fice of praise, Our

per - fect lib - er - ty.  
 light, their life, their Lord.  
 life and min - is - try.  
 lives an of - fer - ing.

*This hymn leads us to consider the cost of discipleship and to pray for Jesus' guidance and strength to fulfill his will.*

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# ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Prayer Requests** – Please remember in your thoughts and prayers...

- **Sarah Wolter** and her continued recovery.
- **Fay Jones** as she continues to deal with chronic pain.
- **The Mission of the Church** as we week to share the gospel with our neighbors in Parkville and greater Baltimore.

## Birthdays & Anniversaries

- **Feb 2** – Nancy Pieper
- **Feb 5** – Penny Gerlach
- **Feb 6** – Jensen Galbreath
- **Feb 8** – Karen Fostervold
- **Feb 9** – Kelly Potter
- **Feb 9** – Audrey Scharmann
- **Feb 11** – Steve & Lindsey Backes (8<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary)
- **Feb 19** – McKenzie Galbreath
- **Feb 28** – Steve Backes
- **Feb 28** – Emily Koelpin

## Mark Your Calendars

- **Feb 11** – Pastor will be at a circuit meeting in Falls Church, VA. Feel free to call or text if you need anything.
- **Feb 19** – Church Council Meeting @ 7pm.
- **Feb 25** – PCRC8 meeting @ 7pm at Christus Victor Lutheran Church.

## Volunteer Schedule

<i>Date</i>	<i>Streaming</i>	<i>Music</i>	<i>Usher</i>	<i>Communion Assistant</i>	<i>Greeter</i>
<b>Feb 16</b>	<b>Mark F.</b>	<b>Ellen C.</b>	<b>Steve B</b>	<b>Tim C.</b>	<b>Mary Q.</b>

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