

***Welcome!***

**Fifth Sunday after Epiphany**

***February 10, 2019***

***9:30 a.m.***

**Christ Lutheran Family of Faith  
Cottonwood, Minnesota**



*The fifth Sunday after Epiphany continues to highlight unlikely instruments and circumstances appointed to reveal the glory of the Lord.*

*“Who will go for us?” queries the voice of the Lord. A man 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 the fact that we are also called.*

*(Sundays and Seasons, Augsburg Fortress, 2018)*

## **GATHERING**

*The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.  
Wherever you are on your journey of faith, you are welcome here.*

Prelude

*Please use this time of music to quiet your hearts for worship.*

Call to Worship

Words of Welcome

L: This is the day that the Lord has made,

**C: let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

Community Announcements and Opportunities to Offer Ourselves

*Please stand as you are able.*

Confession and Forgiveness

L: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who creates us and forms us, who redeems us and calls us, who unites us and sends us.

**C: Amen.**

L: Gathered in God's presence, let us confess our sin.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

L: Mighty and loving God,

**C: we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We seek our own way. We divide the body of Christ. In your mercy, cleanse us and heal us. Let the words of our mouths, the thoughts of our hearts, and everything that we do be filled with faith, hope, and love. Amen.**

L: Hear the voice of Jesus: "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me to proclaim release to the captives." In the name of + Jesus Christ, I proclaim to you that your sins are forgiven and you are released. The joy of the Lord is your strength, and the gifts of the Holy Spirit are yours forever.

**C: Amen.**

**Gathering Hymn – "Here I Am, Lord" - - - - - [574]**

Greeting

L: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C: And also with you.**

Prayer of the Day

L: Let us pray. Most holy God,

**C: 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

*God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.*

First Reading – Isaiah 6:1-8

<sup>1</sup>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. <sup>2</sup>Seraphs 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. <sup>3</sup>And one called to another and said: “Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory.” <sup>4</sup>The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. <sup>5</sup>And 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!” <sup>6</sup>Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. <sup>7</sup>The 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.” <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!”

A: Word of God, word of life.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 138 (*Read responsively by whole verse*)

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

**I bow down toward your holy temple and give thanks to your name for your steadfast love and your faithfulness; for you have exalted your name and your word above everything.**

On the day I called, you answered me, you increased my strength of soul.

**All the kings of the earth shall praise you, O Lord, for they have heard the words of your mouth.**

They shall sing of the ways of the Lord, for great is the glory of the Lord.

**For though the Lord is high, he regards the lowly; but the haughty he perceives from far away.**

Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you preserve me against the wrath of my enemies; you stretch out your hand, and your right hand delivers me.

**The Lord will fulfill his purpose for me; your steadfast love, O Lord, endures forever. Do not forsake the work of your hands.**

Second Reading – 1 Corinthians 15: 1-11

<sup>1</sup>Now 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, <sup>2</sup>through 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. <sup>3</sup>For 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, <sup>4</sup>and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, <sup>5</sup>and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. <sup>6</sup>Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. <sup>7</sup>Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. <sup>8</sup>Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. <sup>9</sup>For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. <sup>10</sup>But 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. <sup>11</sup>Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe.

A: Word of God, word of life.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand as you are able.*

**Gospel Acclamation – “Halle, Halle, Hallelujah” - - - - - [172]**

Gospel Reading

L: The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the fifth chapter.

**C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup>Once while Jesus was standing beside the lake of Gennesaret, and the crowd was pressing in on him to hear the word of God, <sup>2</sup>he saw two boats there at the shore of the lake; the fishermen had gone out of them and 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 way from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat. <sup>4</sup>When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, “Put out into the deep water and let down your nets for a catch.” <sup>5</sup>Simon answered, “Master, we have worked all night long but have caught nothing. Yet if you say so, I will let down the nets.” <sup>6</sup>When they had done this, they caught so many fish that their nets were beginning 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 that they began to sink. <sup>8</sup>But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus’ knees, saying,

“Go away from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man!”<sup>9</sup> For he and all who were with him were amazed at the catch of fish that they had taken;<sup>10</sup> and 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.”<sup>11</sup> When they had brought their boats to shore, they left everything and followed him.

L: The Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Please be seated.*

Sermon

Gwen Arneson, Pastoral Assistant

**Hymn of the Day – “Will You Come and Follow Me” ----- [798]**

*Please stand as you are able.*

Profession of Faith (*The Apostles’ Creed is found inside the back cover of the hymnal.*)

Sharing of God’s Peace

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

**C: And also with you.**

*Please share a sign of God’s peace with your neighbors.*

*Please be seated.*

## THANKSGIVING

<i>We respond in gratitude for God’s never-failing love and mercy.</i>
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Offering

Mission Possible and Sunday School Students Offering – “*Fishers of Men*”

*Please stand as you are able.*

Offertory Prayer

A: Let us pray.

Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: our selves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C: Amen.**

Prayers of God's People

*The congregation responds to the prayer petitions with, "hear our prayer."*

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.**

**SENDING**

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

Blessing

L: Eternal God, our beginning and our end, accompany us in this day's journey and in our daily callings. Use our lives as we strive to follow you in ways that bring honor and glory to your name. In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

**Sending Hymn – "We Are Called" ----- [720]**

**Children of all ages are invited to come forward and choose an instrument to play during the hymn while gathered around the piano and altar rail.**

A: Go in peace to serve the Lord. Christ is calling your name.

C: **Thanks be to God!**

Epiphany Blessing for the Journey  
*May the God of glory dwell in you richly, name you beloved,  
and shine brightly on your path.*

**— Thank You For Serving This Sunday, February 10, 2019 —**  
**Ushers:** Scott Boehne, Greg Golberg, Conner Moseng, Corey Moseng, Michelle Moseng, Jonathan Olson, Linda VanUden  
**Worship Presider and Musician:** Gwen Arneson      **Acolyte:** Elly Ramert  
**Video Camera:** Erik Lundberg      **Altar Care:** Anne Isaackson, Michelle Moseng  
**Counting:** Shawn Myers, Linda VanUden      **PA:** Pete Lavin

**Plan to attend this extraordinary event\***

**“Equipping Day”**

**Registration Deadline is February 12;**

**Event is held February 23 in Willmar; planned for you by our SW MN Synod.**

**\* To attend: sign up on the sheet placed on the round table in the Fireside Room — OR contact us in the church office! Deadline: Feb. 12**

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The conference will be held at Vinje and Bethel Lutheran Churches in Willmar. The day begins at 8:30 and concludes at 3:30. Check out at the workshops being offered and other info about the event at [swmnelca.org](http://swmnelca.org)

— This Week: February 10, 2019 —

**Today, Sunday, February 10**

**9 am Fellowship/Refreshments**

**9:00 Preschool Sunday School**

**9:30 Worship; Preschoolers and Mission  
Possible KIDS SING**

**10:45 (approx.) Worship on Cable 180**

**6:30 - 8:30 pm Financial Peace University**

**Monday, February 11**

**5 pm Worship on Cable 180**

**Wednesday, February 13**

**6 pm Mission Possible**

**7:00 Confirmation**

**7:00 Senior High Hang Out with Vicki**

**Saturday, February 16**

**10 am Basement Fellowship Hall &  
Kitchen Reserved for Tusberg Family**

**Next Sunday, February 17**

**9 am Fellowship/Refreshments**

**9:00 Preschool Sunday School**

**9:30 Worship; (no communion)**

**10:45 (approx.) Worship on Cable 180**

**6:30 - 8:30 pm Financial Peace University**

## Prayer Requests

The Apostle Paul reminds us in Philippians 4:6-7 to, “*Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.*” Your prayers are a gift to those requesting them, and encouragement for one another as we experience challenges, sorrows, or thanksgivings of any kind.

### **Health Concerns, as well as Others In Our Hearts and On Our Minds:**

Craig Ahmann	Bishop Jon Anderson	
Bob Bode	Mark Bode	Darleen Cole
Elaine Elston	Adela Espinoza	Norm Evers
Sue Gropel	Gordy Geistfeld	Jon Hakes
Bruce Hoffman	Virginia Isaackson	Bob Kaeter
Pr. Curt Miller	Gretchen Noon	Rodney Olson
Harvey Suer, Sonny Olson’s cousin		Gary Timmerman

Cole Louwagie, infant son of Derek and Kristin (Swope) Louwagie  
Jori Ella Morrison, 2-1/2 year old niece of Crista Olson

All those dealing with illness, addictions, depression, unemployment, under-employment, and any challenges in their lives.

### **Families of our Congregation.**

Pray for: Tami Idso, Tessa, Kaden Greg and Anne Isaackson

**Death:** Wayne Nelson, Sandy Dovre’s father  
Virgil Anderson, father of Bishop Jon Anderson (SWMN Synod)

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