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Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

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The season of Epiphany has begun and marks the revelation of Jesus as the Son of God. The Epiphany season, therefore, celebrates the spread of the Good News from its source in the Jewish community to all nations on earth. The color is green, for growth, as Scripture texts explore the mission of the church in the world.

Welcome/Announcements

Holy Silence is observed as we enter to worship.

Gathering Music

Arise in body or spirit.

Greeting

P The light of God given, experienced and shared be with you all.

C **And also with you.**

A The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light.

C **The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.**

P Those who dwell in the land of deep darkness – on them light shined.

C **We have seen Christ's light, the light from God is Jesus.**

A Jesus said, "I am the light of the world...."

C **Those who follow me will not walk in darkness but will have the light of life."**

Gathering Song

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty

ELW 413

Prayer of the Day

A Let us pray..... Most holy God, the earth is filled with your glory, and before you angels and saints stand in awe.

C **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.

First Reading

Isaiah 6:1-8

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!"

📖 A reading from **Isaiah**.

¹In 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!”

📖 The Word of the Lord.

🙏 **Thanks be to God.**

The psalm is spoken. The leader will read the light text. The assembly will read the bold.

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.**

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.

📖 A reading from **First Corinthians**.

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.**

Arise in body or spirit. All speak the Gospel Acclamation in unison.

Gospel Acclamation Spoken

Alleluia!

Alleluia. Alleluia. Jesus says, Follow me, and I will make you fish for people. Alleluia.

Gospel Reading

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**.

👏 **Glory to you, O Lord.**

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.**

Children's Time

Message

Silence for reflection

Song of Day

You Have Come Down to the Lakeshore

ELW 817

Prayers of Intercession

We pray the prayer response after each petition. You will hear, **Radiant God**. The assembly responds in prayer.
Let you light shine upon us.

- Ⓐ 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. Empower our church leaders especially, *Bishops Elizabeth and Craig, Assistants David and Roseanne, our synod companion Harbor of Grace Lutheran Church, Muskegon, Free Methodist, Hastings, Minister of Music Cindy, and Pastor Ken*. Radiant God,

☑ **Let your light shine upon us.**

- Ⓐ 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. Radiant God,

☑ **Let your light shine upon us.**

- Ⓐ 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. Be with those who serve in the military, especially *Parker Stancil (Freedlunds), Cody and Myrina Crawford (Clements), Brady and Cynthia Rudesill (Hansen), Joel Taggart (Varkulas) and Julia Ehredt (Schrieners, Halsteads)*. Radiant God,

☑ **Let your light shine upon us.**

- Ⓐ 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 especially *Doris Allerdig, Amber Andrews, Vickey Argo, Gerrie & Veronica Baarson, Ron Bush, Cherie Clements, Ann Cusack, The family of Mary Dawson, Bob & Bonnie Ehredt, Mike Fruth, Greg Franks, Lorie Gladyness, Karl Golnek, Lisa Golnek, Hannah Gutenmorgen, Larry Hansen, Mike Hoppe, The family of Tom Knoche, Mindi Longcor, Bill Melcher, The family of Karlton Neil, Gloria & Ron O'Beirne, Darlene Olson, Jane Secor, Mike Shoemaker, George Ulrich Jr., Sharon Varkula, Cheri Wilke, Deborah Wilke, Eve Wright, Lynnze*. Radiant God,

☑ **Let your light shine upon us.**

- Ⓐ The disciples received help from partners as they brought in an abundant catch of fish. So strengthen Grace Lutheran's partnerships with community organizations and ministries especially *Green Street Food Pantry, Family Promise, Alpha Women's Center, Hastings Area School System, Family Support Center, Green Gables Haven, and The Rack*. Multiply our shared efforts and bring joy to our relationships.

*(You may share your prayers at this time)
Here other intercessions may be offered.*

- Ⓐ 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. Radiant God,
- ☑ **Let your light shine upon us.**
- Ⓟ 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.**

Arise in body or spirit. The pastor and the assembly greet each other giving a sign of Christ's peace.

Sharing the Peace

- Ⓟ The peace of Christ be with you always.
- ☑ **And also with you.**
(We share the peace of the newborn Lord with one another.)

After a sign of Christ's peace is given the prayer is prayed, as the assembly continues to stand.

Offering Prayer

- Ⓐ Let us pray....Good and loving God, we rejoice in the coming of Jesus, who moved among the poor to bring the riches of your grace.
- ☑ **As you have blessed us with your gifts, let them be blessing for others. With the trees of the field, with all earth and heaven, we shout for joy at the coming of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

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.**

☞ In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

☛ **Amen.**

Lord's Prayer

☞ Gathered by the Holy Spirit, let us pray how Jesus first taught:

☛ **Our Father in heaven, holy 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

☞ Holy food for Holy people.

☛ **Thanks be to God.**

We partake of the Body and Blood of Christ

Please be seated. You are invited to come forward to receive the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ. At this time, we only offer the pouring chalice and prefilled grape juice cups. There is a gluten-free option for the bread. Please let the pastor know.

Please remain seated.

Prayer after Communion

- Ⓐ Let us pray . . . Lord of life, in the gift of your body and blood you turn the crumbs of our faith into a feast of salvation.
- ☒ **Send us forth into the world with shouts of joy, bearing witness to the abundance of your love in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

Mission Minutes

After the Mission Minutes are shared, we arise in body or spirit, as the pastor shares the blessing.

Blessing

- Ⓟ Live your lives in the Light of Christ, sharing God's rich love and grace. The blessing of the holy Trinity, ✠ one God, be upon you and remain with you forever.
- ☒ **Amen.**

Sending Song

Lift High the Cross

ELW 660

Dismissal

- Ⓐ Go in peace. Be light for the world.
- ☒ **Thanks be to God.**

Ripple Effect

The word of God has the power to transform even the most impossible circumstances into new life. Exasperation gives way to awe. Scarcity is transformed into abundance. Discouragement is replaced by hope. Ordinary lives are transformed by God's holy call to discipleship.

Jesus steps into the lives of these ragtag fishermen and settles in, quite literally meeting them right where they are. A masterful teacher, Jesus uses language and circumstances these men are familiar with and invites them to pay attention to God's work within their own context. With a simple request to once again cast out their nets, Jesus reveals to them the abundant power of God. This kind of power doesn't wait for these fishermen to feel holy or capable. It doesn't wait for a full profession of faith or a carefully curated list of beliefs. It only requires a drop of faith and a single act of obedience, and suddenly there are enough fish not just for these fishermen but for the entire community!

This encounter sets off a ripple effect: these new disciples begin to follow Jesus, bringing in more people and eventually bearing witness to his life, death, and resurrection. The movement that began during a conversation and an act of divine abundance in a simple fishing boat reaches out to us today. We too are invited to examine the ways God's Spirit stirs among us in our own lives: in our churches, schools, workplaces, and homes. And then, with Christ at work in us, we are encouraged to take the next faithful step of discipleship—to take what we know, what we've heard, and what we've experienced of God's love, and use it to embody God's reign of justice, mercy, and truth for the sake of the whole world.

The impact may be bigger than we could ever imagine.

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Community Outreach Committee meets tomorrow, February 7th at 4:30 pm.

Want some soup on a cold winter's day? The Community Outreach Committee is having a soup fundraiser for Family Promise on February 27th. We are having soup, crackers, bread, fruit, desserts, and beverages. The suggested donation is \$8 for eating in. You are also invited to sign up for takeout soup at \$5.00 for each 16 oz. container of CREAMY POTATO (no meat) or CHICKEN VEGETABLE. Pick up between NOON and 1PM. *Look for more details on bulletin board.*

Grace is seeking a Parish Administrator. Seeking an individual who enjoys working with the public, comfortable using technology, a team player, maintains confidentiality of member giving records, prepares and proof-reads reports, and publications as directed and prepare copies for distribution and coordinates facility use and calendar. If you are looking for part time employment, please contact Grace Lutheran Church at parishadmin@grace-hasting.org or call 269-945-9414.

Stewardship Information

Attendance: 44 Views: 104
Weekly Giving: \$5,836.95 Budget Amount: \$4,163.28
Grace Project: \$50.00 CPR: \$505.00

Welcome to worship today! We hope you find what we have found - a loving Jesus who welcomes all. No matter your background or faith tradition, you will find that Grace Lutheran Church is a place that is full of love, care, and support. We are pleased that you are here among us to worship our great TEACHER.

Worship Committee meets today after the 10:45 am worship service.

Let your light so shine before others. Thank you for bringing in your votive candle holders. If you have not brought your holder you are still able to it to the cross.

Adult Forum continues to gather in the Gathering Area and will continue its study on the book of **Genesis** at 9:30 am. Hope to see you there!

Mask wearing. The Worship Committee is asking you to wear your mask during singing. You are welcome to wear your mask at all times.

Social Activities Committee meets tomorrow, February 7th at 4:30 pm.

Grace invites those who are considering joining the church to contact Pastor Ken. After hearing from a couple people, we will be having a new member class during the Adult Forum Class time in the near future. Even if you are a member of Grace, please consider coming to these classes.

The youth are going tubing at Cannonsburg Ski on February 26th. Please sign up by Sunday, February 20th. We hope that you are able to come out and enjoy this winter season with friends who are just getting to know each other.



The 2022 ELCA Youth Gathering has been cancelled.

8:00 am

Assisting Minister – Mark Anton
Lector – Dave Neeb
Cantor – Cindy Olson
Musician – Cindy Olson
Pastor – Ken Scheck

10:45 am

Assisting Minister – Traci Wales
Lector – Jack Vos
Cantor – Cindy Olson
Musician – Cindy Olson
Pastor – Ken Scheck
Fellowship – Doug & Diane Neeb