FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY
Order of Worship – 9 AM

AS WE GATHER – During the season of Epiphany, which means “shine forth,” the Readings shine forth to us the real, biblical Jesus. So far this season we have seen how Jesus turned water into wine, how He taught with an authority never heard before, and how He cast out demons and healed the sick. Now this week we hear that Jesus calls disciples to be “catching people.” God calls. He calls individual people such as Isaiah and Peter, and groups of people such as the Twelve and the Church today. As God called Isaiah in a spectacular vision to speak God’s Word in a world marred by sin, so He calls us, the Church, to do the same. As Jesus called Peter to go from catching fish to “catching men,” so He calls us, the Church, to do the same. What God has done for all of creation in the death and resurrection of Jesus will not be kept silent. God calls us to speak the Gospel in a sin-marred world and to live in ways that demonstrate the power of the Gospel.

PRESERVICE MUSIC / ECC CHILDREN SINGING
Love, Love, Love; Love in a Box; Jesus Loves Me; Jesus Is the Rock

WELCOME

OPENING HYMN

God Himself Is Present

1 God Him-self is pres-e nt: Let us now a-dore Him
2 God Him-self is pres-e nt: Hear the harps re-sound-ing;
3 Fount of ev-ery bless-ing, Pu-ri-fy my spir-it,

And with awe ap-pear be-fore Him. God is in His
Sec the hosts the throne sur-round-ing. “Ho-ly, ho-ly,
Trust-ing on-ly in Your mer-it. Like the ho-ly

(continued)
INVOCATION & OPENING SENTENCES

P In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C Amen.
P But now thus says the Lord, He who created you, O Jacob, He who formed you, O Israel:
C "Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are Mine.
P When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you;
C when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you.
P For I am the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior.

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

P Mighty and merciful Lord, with heavy hearts we confess our sin to You.

[A time of silence is observed.]

P Almighty God,
C captive to sin, we have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed.
P Our fear has kept us from hearing and responding to Your call.
C We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed.
P Our speaking of the Gospel has sometimes lacked clarity or passion.
C We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed.
P Our fears have revealed the lesser gods we pursue.
C Bring us to repentance, Lord. Forgive our sins, those of which we are aware and those we do unwittingly. Have mercy on us. Seek us, for You alone can find us and restore us.
P Jesus said, "Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching men." Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C Amen.
INTROIT

P  O God, be not far from me;
C  O my God, make haste to help me;
P  My mouth will tell of your righteous acts, of Your deeds of salvation all the day,
C  for their number is past my knowledge.
P  With the mighty deeds of the Lord God I will come;
C  I will remind them of Your righteousness, Yours alone.
P  O God, from my youth You have taught me,
C  and I still proclaim Your wondrous deeds.
P  So even to old age and gray hairs, O God, do not forsake me,
C  until I proclaim Your might to another generation, Your power to all those to come.
  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.
P  O God, be not far from me;
C  O my God, make haste to help me!

HYMN OF PRAISE

O Sing to the Lord

1. O sing to the Lord. O sing God a new song. O sing to the

2. For God is the Lord! And God has done wonders. For God is the
   Lord! And God has done wonders. For God is the Lord! And
   God has done wonders. O sing to our God, O sing to our God.

3. So dance for our God
   And blow all the trumpets.
   So dance for our God
   And blow all the trumpets.
   So dance for our God
   And blow all the trumpets.
   And sing to our God,
   And sing to our God.

4. O shout to our God,
   Who gave us the Spirit.
   O shout to our God,
   Who gave us the Spirit.
   O shout to our God,
   Who gave us the Spirit.
   O sing to our God,
   O sing to our God.

5. For Jesus is Lord!
   Amen! Alleluia!
For Jesus is Lord!
   Amen! Alleluia!
For Jesus is Lord!
   Amen! Alleluia!
   O sing to our God,
   O sing to our God.

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PRAYER OF THE DAY
P The Lord be with you.
C And also with you.
P Let us pray.
All: From Isaiah to Peter to us, Lord God, You call people to speak Your Word. Empower us by Your Holy Spirit to hear Your call anew, and to overcome our fears, so that we let our light so shine before others that they see our good works and glorify You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever. Amen.

SHARING OF THE PEACE
P The peace of the Lord be with you always.
C And also with you.
P Let us share this peace with one another.
(People greet one another saying: "Peace be with you. And also with you.")

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON
(lesson is on the last page of the bulletin)
L This is the Word of the Lord. C Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE LESSON
(lesson is on the last page of the bulletin)
L This is the Word of the Lord. C Thanks be to God.

VERSE
All: Alleluia! Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching men. Alleluia!

HOLY GOSPEL
P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the fifth chapter.
C Glory to You, O Lord.
(lesson is on the last page of the bulletin)
P This is the Gospel of the Lord. C Praise to You, O Christ.

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE
[Prayer requests will be collected at this time.]

HYMN OF THE DAY
Hail to the Lord’s Anointed

1 Hail to the Lord’s anointed, Great David’s greater Son!
2 He comes with rescue speedy To those who suffer wrong,
3 He shall come down like showers Upon the fruitful earth;
4 Kings shall fall down before Him And gold and incense bring;

(continued)
Hail, in the time appointed, His reign on earth begun!
To help the poor and needy And bid the weak be strong;
Love, joy, and hope, like flowers, Spring in His path to birth.
All nations shall adore Him, His praise all peoples sing.

He comes to break oppression, To set the captive free,
To give them songs for sighing, Their darkness turn to light,
Before Him on the mountains Shall peace, the herald, go;
To Him shall prayer unceasing And daily vows ascend;

To take a-way transgression And rule in equity,
Whose souls, condemned and dying, Were precious in His sight.
And righteous- ness in fountains From hill to valley flow.
His kingdom still increas-ing, A kingdom with out end.

5. O'er ev'ry foe victorious,
He on His throne shall rest,
From age to age more glorious,
All blessing and all-blest.
The tide of time shall never
His covenant remove;
His name shall stand forever—
That name to us is Love.

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SERMON
“YOUR GUILT IS TAKEN AWAY” Isaiah 6:1-13
I. On our own, none of us can come before God and live.
II. Like Isaiah, we can only stand before God because our guilt is taken away through Jesus.

 Apostles CREED
I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. And 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 sits 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.

OFFERING / HANDBELL SELECTION "Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing"
OFFERTORY

Daniel L. Schutte

1 "I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard My people cry. All who dwell in dark and sin.
2 "I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne My people's pain. I have wept for love of them.
3 "I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame. I will set a feast for them.

My hand will save. I, who made the stars of night, They turn away. I will break their hearts of stone, My hand will save. Finest bread I will provide

I will make their darkness bright. Who will bear My light to them? Whom shall I send?"
give them hearts for love alone. I will give My word to them. Whom shall I send?"
till their hearts be satisfied. I will give My life to them. Whom shall I send?"

Refrain

Here I am, Lord, Is it I, Lord? I have heard You calling in the night. I will go, Lord, if You lead me. I will hold Your people in my heart.
PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Having heard God's call to follow Jesus, let us bring before Him the needs and concerns of the church, the world, and ourselves. For all who call on the name of Jesus throughout the world and for our own church body, that those who receive the call to preach do it well by the power of the Holy Spirit, that all who are called to ministry tasks fulfill our callings with humility and grace for the building up of the Body of Christ, that missionaries called to various places in the world, speak the Gospel with clarity and live in ways that draw people to following Christ, Holy God,

C in Your mercy, hear our prayer.

For nations throughout the world, that governments and leaders strive for peace among nations, that care for the poor and justice for the oppressed never be neglected or forgotten, that those who serve in our armed forces fulfill their responsibilities well, that those victimized by warfare and terrorism find comfort and hope in Christ, that we and our enemies become reconciled, Holy God,

C in Your mercy, hear our prayer.

For the needs of our local community, that businesses flourish for the good of all, that workers do their work with a sense of vocation, giving glory to God, that those with difficult jobs be assured that their labor is not in vain and that God is with them, that corruption and injustice decrease, and integrity, honesty, and responsibility increase, Holy God,

C in Your mercy, hear our prayer.

For the needs of our church community, that those who are sick, especially . . . , experience healing according to God's will, that those with chronic or terminal diseases find comfort and hope in God's promise never to leave them nor forsake them, that our elders and council lead us not only to consider our own needs, but also the needs of others, that the households of our congregation be places of forgiveness, peace, and genuine love, that we who are gathered here today for worship hear our Lord's call and welcome newcomers in our midst, Holy God,

C in Your mercy, hear our prayer.

These, and all of our prayers that remain unspoken or are too deep for words, we commend to You, Holy God, in trust that You hear us, You love us, and You desire our well-being; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

O Lord Jesus Christ, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

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.

BENEDICTION

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you His peace.

C Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

"Come, Follow Me," The Savior Spake

1 "Come, follow Me," the Savior spake, "All in My
2 "I am the light, I light the way, A god ly
3 "My heart a bounds in low li ness, My soul with
4 "I teach you how to shun and flee What harms your

7
way a-bid-ing; De-ny your-selves, the world for-sake,
life dis-play-ing; I bid you walk as in the day;
love is glow-ing; And gra-cious words My lips ex-press,
soul's sal-va-tion, Your heart from ev'-ry guil-te to free,

O-bey My call and guid-ing. O bear the cross, what-
I keep your feet from stray-ing. I am the way, and
With meek-ness o-ver-flow-ing. My heart, My mind, My
From sin and its temp-ta-tion. I am the ref-uge e'er be-tide, Take My ex-am-ple for your guide.
well I show How you must so-journ here, be-low.
strength, My all, To God I yield, on Him I call.
of the soul And lead you to your heav'n-ly goal.

5 Then let us follow Christ, our Lord,
And take the cross appointed
And, firmly clinging to His Word,
In suff'ring be undaunted.
For those who bear the battle's strain
The crown of heav'n-ly life obtain.

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