



THE 5TH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY
FEBRUARY 6, 2022

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As We Gather

The word “*Epiphany*” means to “*shine forth.*” God's Word shines with the pure light of Jesus. Through that Word, so far during this season of Epiphany we’ve seen Jesus’ first miracle of turning water into wine. We’ve seen Him teach with authority never heard before, cast out demons and heal the sick. This week we hear as Jesus calls His first disciples to be “*catching people*” for the Kingdom of Heaven. Now today, just as He called people like Isaiah, Peter, James and John, and the rest of the twelve, He calls the Church to bring God’s Word to a world marred by sin.

Prelude

“Holy, Holy, Holy”

A. Beck

Opening Hymn

“Holy, Holy, Holy”

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| <p>1 Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning
our song shall rise to Thee;
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!</p> <p>2 Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore Thee,
Casting down their golden crowns around
the glassy sea;
Cherubim and seraphim
falling down before Thee,
Which wert and art and evermore shalt be.</p> | <p>3 Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide
Thee,
Though the eye of sinful man
Thy glory may not see,
Only Thou art holy; there is none beside Thee,
Perfect in pow’r, in love, and purity.</p> <p>4 Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All Thy works shall praise Thy name
in earth and sky and sea.
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!</p> |
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Invocation

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Opening Sentences

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 and Absolution

We pause to remember and confess our sins before Almighty God...

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

C **we are captive to sin, and 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 often lacked clarity or passion.

C **We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed.**

- P** Our fears have revealed the lesser gods that we pursue.
- C** **Bring us to repentance, Lord, and forgive our sins—those of which we are aware and those we do unknowingly. Have mercy on us and seek us, for You alone can find and restore us.**
- P** After Peter had witnessed Jesus' power for the first time in the miraculous catch of fish, he was afraid. But Jesus told him, "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.**

✠ WORD ✠

Psalm

Psalm 138

- P** I give You thanks, O LORD, with my whole heart; before the gods I sing Your praise;
- C** **I bow down toward Your holy temple and give thanks to Your name for Your steadfast love and Your faithfulness, for You have exalted above all things Your name and Your word.**
- P** On the day I called, You answered me; my strength of soul You increased.
- C** **All the kings of the earth shall give You thanks, O LORD, for they have heard the words of Your mouth, and they shall sing of the ways of the LORD, for great is the glory of the LORD.**
- P** For though the LORD is high, He regards the lowly, but the haughty He knows from afar.
- C** **Though I walk in the midst of trouble, You preserve my life; You stretch out Your hand against the wrath of my enemies, and Your right hand delivers me.**
- P** The LORD will fulfill his purpose for me; Your steadfast love, O LORD, endures forever. Do not forsake the work of Your hands.
- C** **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.**
- I give You thanks, O LORD, with my whole heart; before the gods I sing Your praise.**

Prayer of the Day

- P** The Lord be with you.
- C** **And also with you.**
- P** Let us pray.
- O Lord God, our loving Father, through the grace of Your Holy Spirit You call us, as You called the first disciples, to follow You as fishers of men. Make us to love You with our whole strength and with our whole heart and do the things that are pleasing in Your sight; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** **Amen.**

Old Testament Reading

✠ Isaiah's Vision of the Lord ✠

Isaiah 6:1-8

¹In the year that King Uzziah died I saw the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up; and the train of his robe filled the temple. ²Above him stood the seraphim. Each had six wings: with two he covered his face, and with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew. ³And one called to another and said: "Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory!" ⁴And the foundations of the thresholds shook at the voice of him who called, and the house was filled with smoke. ⁵And I said: "Woe is me! For I am lost; for I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; for my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!"

⁶Then one of the seraphim flew to me, having in his hand a burning coal that he had taken with tongs from the altar. ⁷And he touched my mouth and said: "Behold, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away, and your sin atoned for." ⁸And I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" Then I said, "Here am I! Send me."

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Antem – Celebration Ringers

"Beautiful Savior"

J. Klein

Epistle

✠ Prophecy and Tongues ✠

1 Corinthians 14:12b-20

Since you are eager for manifestations of the Spirit, strive to excel in building up the church. ¹³Therefore, one who speaks in a tongue should pray for the power to interpret. ¹⁴For if I pray in a tongue, my spirit prays but my mind is unfruitful. ¹⁵What am I to do? I will pray with my spirit, but I will pray with my mind also; I will sing praise with my spirit, but I will sing with my mind also. ¹⁶Otherwise, if you give thanks with your spirit, how can anyone in the position of an outsider say "Amen" to your thanksgiving when he does not know what you are saying? ¹⁷For you may be giving thanks well enough, but the other person is not being built up. ¹⁸I thank God that I speak in tongues more than all of you. ¹⁹Nevertheless, in church I would rather speak five words with my mind in order to instruct others, than ten thousand words in a tongue. ²⁰Brothers, do not be children in your thinking. Be infants in evil, but in your thinking be mature.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Holy Gospel

✠ Jesus Calls the First Disciples ✠

Luke 5:1-11

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the fifth chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

¹On one occasion, while the crowd was pressing in on [Jesus] to hear the word of God, he was standing by the lake of Gennesaret, ²and he saw two boats by the lake, but the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. ³Getting into one of the boats, which was Simon's, he asked him to put out a little from the land. And he sat down and taught the people from the boat. ⁴And when he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into the deep and let down your nets for a catch." ⁵And Simon answered, "Master, we toiled all night and took nothing! But at your word I will let down the nets." ⁶And when they had done this, they enclosed a large number of fish, and their nets were breaking. ⁷They signaled to their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both the boats, so that they began to sink. ⁸But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, "Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord." ⁹For he and all who were with him were astonished at the catch of fish that they had taken, ¹⁰and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. And Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching men." ¹¹And when they had brought their boats to land, they left everything and followed him.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

✠ Confession of Faith ✠

The First Article of the Apostle's Creed

P In the First Article of the Apostles' Creed, our confession is focused on God our Creator, who is completely holy. It is the blessed work of God the Father to give us life, direct the plan of our span of days, and preserve us throughout our earthly journey. We confess:

C **I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.**

P What does this mean?

C **I believe that God has made me and all creatures; that He has given me my body and soul, eyes, ears, and all my members, my reason and all my senses, and still takes care of them.**

He also gives me clothing and shoes, food and drink, house and home, wife and children, land, animals, and all I have. He richly and daily provides me with all that I need to support this body and life.

He defends me against all danger and guards and protects me from all evil. All this He does only out of fatherly, divine goodness and mercy, without any merit or worthiness in me. For all this it is my duty to thank and praise, serve and obey Him. This is most certainly true.

Sermon Hymn

“Hark, the Voice of Jesus Calling”

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| <p>1 Hark, the voice of Jesus calling,
“Who will go and work today?
Fields are white and harvests waiting—
Who will bear the sheaves away?”
Loud and long the Master calleth;
Rich reward He offers thee.
Who will answer, gladly saying,
“Here am I, send me, send me”?</p> <p>2 Some take up His task in morning,
To their Lord responding soon;
Some are called in heat of midday,
Others late in afternoon;
Even as the sun is setting,
Some are sent into the fields,
There to gather in the bounty
That God's Word so richly yields.</p> | <p>3 For as rain and snow from heaven
Water seeds in dusty soil,
Causing them to bud and flower,
Giving bread to those who toil;
So the Lord sends forth His promise,
Words of life and joy and peace—
Never void to Him returning,
Bearing fruit with great increase.</p> <p>4 Hearken to the Lord whose coming
Marks the time when grace shall end,
When with His angelic reapers
He in glory shall descend.
Soon the night, the final harvest;
Soon the time for work shall cease.
Then the souls His grace has garnered
Shall enjoy His Sabbath peace.</p> |
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Sermon

Prayer of the Church

Recognition and Thanks for Those Who Serve

Volunteer Appreciation

Offering—*may be left in the offering plates near the doors as you leave. Those worshipping at home may continue to mail or drop off offerings at the church office, and on-line giving is available to everyone on our website at www.stpauloaklawn.org. For information about regular electronic giving, please contact the church office.*

Offertory Meditation

✠ SERVICE of the SACRAMENT ✠

Preface

- P** The Lord be with you.
C **And also with you.**
P Lift up your hearts.
C **We lift them to the Lord.**
P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
C **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

Proper Preface

Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord's Prayer

- P** Hear us now as we pray together in His name,
C Our Father who art in heaven...

Words of Our Lord

Pax Domini

- P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.
C **Amen.**

✠ DISTRIBUTION of the SACRAMENT ✠

"Jesus Sinners Doth Receive"

#609 sts. 1-4

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| 1 | Jesus sinners doth receive;
Oh, may all this saying ponder
Who in sin's delusions live
And from God and heaven wander!
Here is hope for all who grieve:
Jesus sinners doth receive. | 3 | Sheep that from the fold did stray
No true shepherd e'er forsaketh;
Wearied souls that lost their way
Christ, the Shepherd, gently taketh
In His arms that they may live:
Jesus sinners doth receive. |
| 2 | We deserve but grief and shame,
Yet His words, rich grace revealing,
Pardon, peace, and life proclaim;
Here our ills have perfect healing.
Firmly in these words believe:
Jesus sinners doth receive. | 4 | I, a sinner, come to Thee
With a penitent confession.
Savior, mercy show to me;
Grant for all my sins remission.
Let these words my soul relieve:
Jesus sinners doth receive. |

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- 1 “Come, follow Me,” the Savior spake,
“All in My way abiding;
Deny yourselves, the world forsake,
Obey My call and guiding.
O bear the cross, whate’er betide,
Take My example for your guide.
- 2 “I am the light, I light the way,
A godly life displaying;
I bid you walk as in the day;
I keep your feet from straying.
I am the way, and well I show
How you must sojourn here below.
- 3 “My heart abounds in lowliness,
My soul with love is glowing;
And gracious words My lips express,
With meekness overflowing.
My heart, My mind, My strength, My all,
To God I yield, on Him I call.
- 4 “I teach you how to shun and flee
What harms your soul’s salvation,
Your heart from ev’ry guile to free,
From sin and its temptation.
I am the refuge of the soul
And lead you to your heav’nly 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’nly life obtain.

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Communion Blessing

- P** The Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart ✠ in peace.

Closing Prayer

- P** Let us pray.
Almighty and ever-living God, we thank You for having fed us with the body and blood of our Savior Jesus Christ, assuring us by it that we are truly members of His Body, the Church. And we ask You to help us by Your Holy Spirit, that we may continue in this fellowship and do the good works that You have set before us; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, to whom with You and the Holy Spirit be all honor and glory, forever and ever.

C Amen.

Benedicamus and Benediction

- P** Let us bless the Lord.
- C** Thanks be to God.
- P** The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.
- C** Amen.

Closing Hymn

“On Galilee’s High Mountain”

#835 sts. 1, 3-4 & 5

1 On Galilee’s high mountain
Christ gave the great command
In words of strength and promise
Which all can understand:
“All pow’r to Me is given
To do what I shall choose;
Therefore I send My children,
Their witness I will use.”

4 And not alone to nations
In faraway retreats,
But ev’rywhere I broadcast
His love through crowded streets:
The lives that my life touches,
However great or small—
Let them through me see Jesus,
Who served and saved us all.

3 His strength within my weakness
Will make me bold to say
How His redeeming power
Transforms my stubborn clay;
His touch of fire ignites me,
With courage I am sent,
My tongue-tied silence broken,
With grace made eloquent.

5 That ev’ryone He chooses,
For reasons of His own,
Will find in Christ his calling
To live His love alone.
His presence always leads us
Till time no more shall be;
Christ’s strength, His love, His comfort
Give us His victory.

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Postlude

“On Galilee’s High Mountain”

T. Stelzer



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*Lois Filipiak, the aunt of Marian Strassner
Angela Duncan, step-sister of Sandy Barry*

Please pray for these friends and family of our members:

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Announcements & Notes:

- **Volunteer Appreciation is today!** A continental breakfast will be served in Fellowship Hall following this service. **EVERYONE is invited!**
- **Evangelism / Parish Ed** continues collecting diapers, wipes, and any new or gently used baby items—there's a printed list of some specific needs on the display table—to help support the Southside Pregnancy Center through February 20th. Monetary gifts are also appreciated.
- **Remember to RSVP and turn in your payment** for the Elders Dinner on February 25th.
- **The next Voters' meeting is Tuesday, February 22nd at 7pm in the Church.**
- **It's time to renew or to begin a new subscription to The Lutheran Witness magazine.** Call the church office by Feb. 25th and talk with Sandy.

Please let the church office know when your need for our congregational prayers is over (708) 423-1040.

The Elders Present
An After the Holidays Dinner
Friday, February 25th
6pm to 10pm

At

The Worth American Legion Hall

110th and Depot

Worth, IL

\$20.00 PER PERSON

BUFFET MENU

Slow Roasted Pork Loin and Gravy

Polish Sausage w/Sauerkraut

Italian Sausage w/Peppers

Potato Dumplings

Baby Glazed Carrots

Salad & Dinner Rolls

Dessert

Coffee or Tea; Free Soda

CASH BAR

(Catered by Jack & Pats)

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