

Sunday February 9, 2025

Fifth Sunday after Epiphany



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MISSION STATEMENT

*We will **LIVE** and **SERVE** through **FAITH**
we will **ACT** with **LOVE** and **KINDNESS**
we will **GIVE** hope and **SUPPORT** to all.*

CALL TO WORSHIP: “Change My Heart, O God” CCLI# 1565

Change my heart, O God. Make it ever true.
Change my heart, O God. May I be like you. (repeat)

You are the potter, I am the clay
Mold me and make me, this is what I pray

Change my heart, O God. Make it ever true.
Change my heart, O God. May I be like you. (repeat)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER & CARE LIST: Ron & Jan Aho, Noah Elias.

COFFEE SERVERS NEEDED Please sign up so we may continue to enjoy coffee & fellowship after service. The signup sheet is on the bulletin board mounted in the Fellowship Hall next to the serving window.

LECTORS NEEDED we are looking for volunteers to read aloud the scriptures on Sunday mornings. Sign-up sheets are in the Narthex and include the weekly readings.

OFFERING ENVELOPES for 2025 are here! Please pick up your envelopes from the table in the Narthex heading into the Fellowship Hall. There are also “Direct Deposit” forms available on the table also.

YEAR END TAX GIVING STATEMENTS are available in the Narthex on the table heading into the Fellowship Hall.

WOMEN’S DEVOTION – Monday, February 10th at 9:00am in the Fellowship Hall.

TURN THE HEAT DOWN! If you turn the heat up in the Fellowship Hall (or any other room), please turn it back down when you leave. Last Monday the temp was set at 75°, all night long.

SOUPER BOWL SUNDAY today we will have a “soup kettle” out to accept donations to our local food shelves in honor of “Souper Bowl” Sunday.

JUNK BINGO – Next Sunday! From 2-4 pm. Free will donation for Bingo Cards. Bring an appetizer to share. If you have some junk (treasures) to donate, keep Junk Bingo in mind. Drop off items at the table near the piano in the Fellowship Hall.

THIS WEEK AT Bethesda February 10, 2025 – February 16, 2025

Monday	2/10	9:00 am	Women's Devotion
			NO Property Meeting this month
		11:30 am	Cards
		7:00 pm	AA/Alanon
Tuesday	2/11	9:00 am	Chair Yoga
Wednesday	2/12	9:00 am	Women's Bible Study
Thursday	2/13	8:00 am	ROMEOS
		9:15 am	Chair Yoga
Sunday	2/16	9:00 am	Worship in Person & live stream <i>(with communion)</i>
		2:00-4:00 pm	Junk Bingo!

OPENING HYMN: "Jesus Loves Me/Alleluia"

(Please Stand on the last Verse)

Jesus loves me this I know
For the bible tells me so
Little ones to him belong
They are weak but he is strong!

Chorus: Alleluia Al-le-lu
Allelu-ia Alleluia,
Allelu-ia Al-le-lu
Alleluia Al-le-lu Alleluia,

Jesus loves me this I know
As he loved so long ago
Taking children on his knee
Saying, "Let them come to me"

Jesus loves me still today
Walking with me on my way
Wanting as a friend to give
Light and love to all who live.

Chorus

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, our creator, our protector, our wellspring of life.

Amen.

Trusting that God receives our words and the meditations of our hearts, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection

Merciful God,

you speak blessing and compassion into the world. Forgive us for the ways we act with judgment, cruelty, or indifference. We ignore the needs of our neighbors; we resist your call to oppose injustice; we give in to scarcity and fear; we assume the worst about one another. Cleanse us from our faults and release us from their grasp. Show us your lovingkindness. Restore our hearts and repair your world, that we may live in Christ's ways.

Amen.

God proclaims these words of assurance: "Do not fear, for I have redeemed you. I have called you by name. You are mine." In † Christ, you are forgiven.

In the Spirit, you are made free. Refreshed by the waters of mercy, live anew as beloved children of God.

Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Most holy God,

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.

PRAISE TEAM ANTHEM: "You Are My King (Amazing Love)" CCLI# 26797

SCRIPTURE

FIRST READING: Isaiah 6:1-8

¹ 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. ² 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. ³ And one called to another and said:

“Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory.”
⁴ The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. ⁵ 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!”

⁶ Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. ⁷ 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.” ⁸ 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!”

Word of God, Word of Life. **Thanks be to God**

PSALM: Psalm 138

¹ I will give thanks to you, O Lord, with my whole heart; before the gods I will sing your praise.

² **I 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.**

³ When I called, you answered me; you increased my strength within me.

⁴ **All the rulers of the earth will praise you, O Lord, when they have heard the words of your mouth.**

⁵ They will sing of the ways of the Lord, that great is the glory of the Lord.

⁶ **The Lord is high, yet cares for the lowly, perceiving the haughty from afar.**

⁷ Though 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.

⁸ **You 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

¹ 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, ² 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.

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

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GOSPEL: Luke 5:1-11

Glory to you, O Lord

¹ Once while Jesus was standing beside the lake of Gennesaret, and the crowd was pressing in on him to hear the word of God, ² he saw two boats there at the shore of the lake; the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. ³ 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. ⁴ When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, “Put out into the deep water and let down your nets for a catch.” ⁵ Simon answered, “Master, we have worked all night long but have caught nothing. Yet if you say so, I will let down the nets.” ⁶ When they had done this, they caught so many fish that their nets were beginning to break. ⁷ 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. ⁸ But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, "Go away from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man!" ⁹ For he and all who were with him were amazed at the catch of fish that they had taken; ¹⁰ 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." ¹¹ When they had brought their boats to shore, they left everything and followed him.

The gospel of the Lord ~ **Praise to you, O Christ**

SERMON

HYMN: "They Will Know We Are Christians By Our Love" CCLI#26797

We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord,
We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord,
And we pray that all unity may one day be restored:

Chorus: And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love
Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand,
We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand,
And together we'll spread the news that God is in our land: **Chorus**

We will work with each other, we will work side by side,
We will work with each other, we will work side by side,
And we'll guard each one's dignity and save each one's pride: **Chorus**

All praise to the Father, from whom all things come,
And all praise to Christ Jesus, His only Son,
And all praise to the Spirit who makes us one: **Chorus**

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.* On the third

day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS of INTERCESSION

With the Spirit of Christ shining upon us, let us boldly pray for the church, the world, and all of creation.

A brief silence.

God of surprising abundance, you call your people to enter deeply into the world. Equip us to respond to your call, gather up what we have, and offer it to all. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

God of creation, provide protection from the elements and other hazards to all whose work brings them outside: for fishers, ranchers, line workers, and construction crews. Guide us to live carefully alongside the wonders of the land and waters. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Open the hearts of all leaders, especially those who serve in the armed forces, that they respond to their commission with wisdom and patience. Ensure that all who serve are kept safe in body, mind, and spirit. We pray for an end to all war and armed conflict. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Fill with your compassionate presence all who are suffering from addiction, mental illness, injury, or illness of any kind (*especially*). Draw helpers to their side so that they find relief from their burdens. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Call our faith communities to do marvelous things. Bless the labor and efforts of this congregation, that we may be a sign of your presence in the world. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

We thank you for those who have courageously gone before us in the faith (*especially*). May we too show a deep trust in you throughout our lives. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

We entrust our prayers to you, O God, in the sure and certain hope that your promise is revealed among the people.

Amen.

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

Please be seated for the passing of the offering plate.

OFFERING - *Please stand as the ushers bring the offering to the altar.*

OFFERTORY PRAYER

God of grace,

your love reaches to the heavens, and your abundance to the depths of the seas. Bless what we offer to your service: our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts. Let us overflow with gratitude and generosity, now and always.

Amen.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE LORD'S PRAYER – Lead by The Praise Team

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

The joy of the Lord is our strength. Come, eat this meal of gladness.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Nourishing God,

at this table you have refreshed us with holy gifts of food and drink.

Strengthen us for service, and send us out to embody your good news of liberation and healing for the sake of the world. In the name of Christ we pray, Amen.

BLESSING

The Spirit of the triune God ☩ bless you with joy, anoint you with compassion, and send you in love.

Amen.

CLOSING HYMNS:

“Love the Lord

–

Love the Lord your God,
With all your heart and all your
Soul and all your mind
And love all humankind as
You would love yourself and...

Love the Lord your God,
With all your heart and all your
Soul and mind
And love all humankind...

We've got Christian lives to live,
We've got Jesus' love to give,
We've got nothing to hide
Because in Him we all have love...

(Repeat)

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Live in hope.

Thanks be to God.

*Visitors! It has been great having you
join us for worship!
Please come again.*

THOSE SERVING THIS WEEK

Music: Praise Team

Ushers: Barry & Donna Ansell

Greeters: Larry & Carol Pantsari

Lector: Karen Elias

Jesus Is the Rock”

Chorus:

Jesus is the Rock 'n' He rolls my blues away
(Bop-Shoo-Bop-Shoo-Bop-Woo!)

Jesus is the Rock 'n' He rolls my blues away
(Bop-Shoo-Bop-Shoo-Bop-Woo!)

Jesus is the Rock 'n' He rolls my blues away

When you're out on the street
And you really feel down and low

When you're out on the street
And there's really no place to go

When you're out on the street
Well, Jesus gonna' save your soul 'cause

Chorus

When you wake up in the mornin'

And the sky ain't bright 'n' blue

When you wake up in the mornin'

And the big world is after you

When you wake up in the mornin'

Jesus gonna' pull you through 'cause

Chorus

When you look in the mirror

And your face causes it to crack

When you're thru with your day

And you fell like you've been attacked

Well, Jesus gonna' love you

And, baby, now that's a fact 'cause

Chorus

Thank you for your service!

Response to God's Word Last Week

Sunday, February 2, 2025: In Person: 9:00am 45 Online: 0

(nobody turned on live_stream)