

**When they had brought
their boats to shore,
they left everything and
followed him.**

~ Luke 5:11



Sunday, February 9, 2025
Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

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HOLY COMMUNION

Setting Three

Regular font: Worship Leader; Bold font: Congregation

GATHERING

WELCOME

Please stand

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.

OPENING HYMN “Holy Holy Holy Lord God Almighty” **ELW 413**

GREETING

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

And also with you.

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GLORY TO GOD

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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.**

WORD

Please be seated

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 138

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

² **I will bow down toward your holy temple and praise your name, because of your steadfast ¹ love and faithfulness; for you have glorified your name and your word a- ¹bove all things.**

³ When I called, you ¹ answered me;
you increased my ¹ strength within me.

⁴ **All the rulers of the earth will praise ¹ you, O LORD, when they have heard the words ¹ of your mouth.**

⁵ They will sing of the ways ¹ of the LORD,
that great is the glory ¹ of the LORD.

⁶ **The LORD is high, yet cares ¹ for the lowly, perceiving the haughty ¹ from afar.**

⁷ Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you ¹ keep me safe;
you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies; your right ¹ hand shall save me.

⁸ **You will make good your pur- ¹pose for me; O LORD, your steadfast love endures forever; do not abandon the works ¹ 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.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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GOSPEL READING

Luke 5:1-11

The holy gospel according to Luke the 5th chapter.

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.

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

SERMON

Pastor Sara Stall-Ryan

One Minute of Silence is kept for reflection.

Please stand

HYMN OF THE DAY

“Here I Am Lord”

ELW 574

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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

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MEAL

Please be seated

OFFERING

OFFERTORY HYMN

OFFERING 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.**

Please Stand

GREAT THANKSGIVING

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It is indeed right...

SANCTUS

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Please kneel or sit

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER *(Traditional)*

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INVITATION TO COMMUNION

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

Please be seated

LAMB OF GOD

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Please kneel or sit

COMMUNION HYMNS

“As We Gather At your Table”

ELW 522

“You Are Holy ”

ELW 525

BLESSING AFTER COMMUNION

Please stand

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.**

SENDING HYMN "Amazing Grace How Sweet The Sound"

ELW 779

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Live in hope.
Thanks be to God.

Postlude:

SERVING TODAY

Howard Swanson - Lector
Donna Berndtson - Worship Assistant
Rick Borg, Donna Berndtson, Adam Stall-Ryan
- Ushers/Greeters
Donna Marlow - Altar Guild
Sarah Dzialo - Organist

Prayer List

For Health:	Helen A	Phil O	For Safety:
Clara W	Allen H	Peter W	Andrew C
Joyce G	Matthew A	Milluzzo and	Todd S
Bill B	Bud J	Neri families	Michael C
Cathy L	Marjorie F	Joan A	Tyler G
Marion B	Jessica A	Shirley C	Erik B
Lily V	Charlotte D	Diane E	Justin Earl B
Holly N	Jonathan A	Dick C	Evan G
Dylan G	Pauline N	Karen R	David P
Lisa A	Curt R	Stacey T	
Aiden J	Matthew S	Nancy G.	

Council Members:

Kathy Richards- President
Geri Pearson - Vice President
Barbara Helming - Secretary
Richard Borg, Jr. - Treasurer

Other members: Paula Brown Beth Keser, Phil Olson,
Robert Redman, Peter Willse, Pamela Nordstrom,
Christine Kelsey

Mark your calendar for a special event!

On **Sunday Feb. 23rd** after the worship service the Anniversary Committee will be holding their final event. A coffee hour with a slide show presentation put together by Tom Keser will be shown. It only lasts about 30 minutes so we hope that you will be able to join us. It will be a great opportunity not only for fellowship but to reminisce and learn a lot about our amazing church.

Also, The History Room (library) will be open until Sunday March 2nd. If you haven't seen it yet or would like to see it again now is the time. Thanks again to everyone who helped make 2024 a year to remember.

Join the celebration of Portland's Black History

The Portland Historical Society, Committee on
Solidarity and Public Library present:

Voices of Portland, A Black History Month Panel
February 22 at Portland Middle School at 1:00 p.m.

Register/Questions: 860-342-6770

portlandlibraryct.org/voices-of-portland



Make sure to use a **Goodwill Good Neighbor Donation Card** whenever you donate to Goodwill.

See Donna Berndtson for the donation cards and details.



The **Word in Season Daily Devotions for January, February and March** are available in the Narthex and the Red Box outside the door with the doorbell.

Women ^{of the} **ELCA** 

SPRING GATHERING 2025

You're Invited! With a special invitation to the ELCA women of eastern Connecticut to the Rhode Island and Southeast Massachusetts Conference of the New England WELCA.

April 5, 2025, 9:00-1:45 p.m. Doors open at 8:30 a.m.

Hosted by the Lutheran Church of Our Redeemer

212 Main St. Foxboro, MA 02035

Breakfast and lunch provided.

Fee: \$20 per person, RSVP to office@lcor.org before 4/1

Send questions to Loni Ivanovskis at lonibelle63@yahoo.com

We will also be collecting a gift-in-kind of new or gently-used small kitchen appliances (drip coffee makers particularly needed)

A free-will offering during worship for NEWELCA will also be gathered.

Spiritual Salon

Sunday, February 23rd at 4:00 pm in the Sanctuary

In these last dark days of winter, Zion would like to brighten things up with our first ever Spiritual Salon! Church members young and old are invited to share a Bible passage, a meaningful poem, a piece of spiritual trivia, a song or piece of music, or an anecdote about something spiritually meaningful to you. Each participant will have a few minutes to share, and while you are welcome to just sit back and enjoy the show, the more of us who contribute, the more enjoyable the event will be. Refreshments will follow. Please let Sylvia LeShane know if you will participate!

Email: sleshane98@gmail.com or Text/Call: 860-759-6418.



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Today: February 9, 2025

5th Sunday after Epiphany

9:00 a.m. Worship/Communion

10:30 a.m. Adult Education

11:30 a.m. True Vine Church

This Week:

Monday: **6:00 p.m.** N/A

Thursday: **12:00 Noon** Interfaith Meeting

Friday: **7:00 p.m.** N/A

Saturday: **9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.** Happy Handz

Next Sunday:



February 16, 2025

6th Sunday after Epiphany

9:00 a.m. Worship/Communion

10:15 a.m. Sunday School

10:30 a.m. The Chosen video

11:30 a.m. True Vine Church

Attendance: Last week - 50; Last year - 46

Next weeks readings: Jeremiah 17:5-10; Psalm 1;
1 Corinthians 15:12-20; Luke 6:17-26

MISSION STATEMENT

As members of Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church, we exist to honor and proclaim the life of Jesus Christ through our words, actions and deeds.

VISION STATEMENT

Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church shall be a prominent magnet in the community to draw people to a new life in Jesus Christ.

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