

# Welcome to Bethania Lutheran Kirke



## Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

February 9, 2025

**Order of Worship  
for  
Sunday, February 9, 2025**

The fifth Sunday after Epiphany continues to highlight unlikely instruments and circumstances appointed to reveal God’s glory. “Who will go for us?” God asks. A person of unclean lips, a former persecutor of the church of God, and three fishermen who couldn’t catch a thing. More surprising still, perhaps, is that we are also called.

**PRELUDE**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**SHARING JOYS & CONCERNS**

**GATHERING**

*(Please rise )*

## CENTERING WORDS

P: In this season of light, God's grace has been given to strengthen and enlighten us. May our epiphanies and jolts of wisdom lead us to a path free from shame.

## CALL TO WORSHIP

P: Great is the grace and glory of God.

**C: We give thanks with hearts of joy.**

P: Great is the strength and mercy of our creator.

**C: We give thanks with hearts of hope.**

P: Great is the courage and hope of our Lord.

**C: We give thanks with hearts of faith.**

P: Great is the mercy and compassion of the Holy One.

**C: We give thanks with hearts of love.**

## OPENING PRAYER

P: Let us pray,

**C: Divine Deliverer of compassion, you call us to follow your voice. "Whom shall I send?" you asked us. With hearts of hope and souls filled with courage, we respond, "Here I am. Send me." You evaporate our shame, and joyously embrace our authentic selves. May we continue to open ourselves to you, and may we embrace our full humanity as you do. Amen.**

## **PROCESSIONAL & GATHERING HYMN**

“ Rise, Shine, You People!” #393  
*Lutheran Book of Worship –Green Hymnal*

## **SALUTATION**

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

**C: And also with you.**

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P: Almighty and ever-living God, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and love; and that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C: Amen**

*(Please be seated)*

## **WORD**

**OUR FIRST LESSON** is from the book of Isaiah, chapter 6, verses 1 through 13.

<sup>1</sup>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. <sup>2</sup>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. <sup>3</sup> And one called to another and said:

“Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory.”

<sup>4</sup> The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. <sup>5</sup> 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!”

<sup>6</sup> Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. <sup>7</sup> 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.” <sup>8</sup> 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!” <sup>9</sup> And he said, “Go and say to this people:

‘Keep listening, but do not comprehend;  
keep looking, but do not understand.’

<sup>10</sup> Make the mind of this people dull, and stop their ears, and shut their eyes,  
so that they may not look with their eyes, and listen with their ears, and comprehend with their minds, and turn and be healed.”

<sup>11</sup> Then I said, “How long, O Lord?” And he said:

“Until cities lie waste without inhabitant, and houses without people, and the land is utterly desolate;

<sup>12</sup> until the LORD sends everyone far away,  
and vast is the emptiness in the midst of the land.

<sup>13</sup> Even if a tenth part remain in it,  
it will be burned again, like a terebinth or an oak  
whose stump remains standing when it is felled.”

The holy seed is its stump.

L: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God!**

## **OUR SECOND LESSON is from the book of First Corinthians; chapter 15, verses 1 through 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.*

<sup>1</sup> 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, <sup>2</sup> 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.

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

L: This is the Spirit speaking to the church.

**C: Thanks be to God!**

*(Please rise)*

## **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

*(WOV #783)*

We do not live by bread alone  
But by every word,  
That proceeds from the mouth of god  
Al-le-lu, Al-le-lu-ia

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke the 5th chapter.

**C: Glory to you O Lord.**

## **GOSPEL: 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.*

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

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to you O Christ.**

*(Please be seated)*



## MESSAGE

*(Please rise)*

## HYMN OF THE DAY -

" Here I Am Lord" # 752

*With One Voice—Blue Hymnal*

## PRAYER SONG

(WOV #772 )

O Lord, hear my prayer,  
O Lord, hear my prayer:  
when I call, answer me.  
O Lord, hear my prayer,  
O Lord, hear my prayer:  
come and listen to me.

## PRAYERS

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

*A brief silence.*

P: 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,

**C: hear our prayer.**

P: 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,

**C: hear our prayer.**

P: 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,

**C: hear our prayer.**

P: Fill with your compassionate presence all who are suffering from addiction, mental illness, injury, or illness of any kind *especially* Jeff & Sue O., Bonnie, Anita, Grete L., Bettie, Jean D., Brad L., Tom N., Cathi, Jim & Sharon L., Kim D, Melanie W., Ingaborg, Ed & Jacci, Mark, Leo, Irene, Este, Gramma Flo and all those we name in our hearts. Draw helpers to their side so that they find relief from their burdens. God of grace,

**C: hear our prayer.**

P: 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,

**C: hear our prayer.**

P: We thank you for those who have courageously gone before us in the faith *especially* James Thornton, Sheri Parrish, Clara Langdon, Irene Seippel, and all those we name in our hearts. May we too show a deep trust in you throughout our lives. God of grace,

**C: hear our prayer.**

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

**C: Amen.**

## **PRAYER SONG (repeated)**

(WOV #772 )

O Lord, hear my prayer,  
O Lord, hear my prayer:  
when I call, answer me.  
O Lord, hear my prayer,  
O Lord, hear my prayer:  
come and listen to me.

## **SHARING OF THE PEACE**

P: May the peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: "And also with you."

*( Shaking of hands and sharing the peace with others around you.)*

## OFFERTORY

(TFF#286)

English I am thank-ing Je - sus, I am thank-ing Je - sus, I am thank-ing  
Je - sus from my heart. I am thank - ing Je - sus,  
I am thank-ing Je - sus, I am thank-ing Je - sus from my heart.

## OFFERING PRAYER

P: 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.

**C: Amen**

## INTRODUCTION TO THE MEAL

P: Christ be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

**C: We lift them up to God.**

P: Let us give our thanks to the Holy One.

**C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

## **WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

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

## **LORD'S PRAYER**

P: Reaching out to one another let us join our hands and hearts together in the prayer that our Lord taught us to pray:

**C: 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.**

## **INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

P: The joy of the Lord is our strength.

Come, eat this meal of gladness.

All are welcome

*(Please be seated)*

## **SHARING THE MEAL**

*For in person, come up the center aisle, receive your communion wafer, carefully dip your wafer into the wine. If grape juice/ covid safe is preferred let the assistant know.*

*For at home using plain bread/crackers and wine/grape juice.*

## **COMMUNION HYMN -**

“ There Is A Balm In Gilead” # 737

*With One Voice—Blue Hymnal*

*(Please rise)*

## **COMMUNION BLESSING**

L: May the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

**C: Amen**

## **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

P: 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,

**C: Amen.**

## **BLESSING**

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

**C: AMEN!**

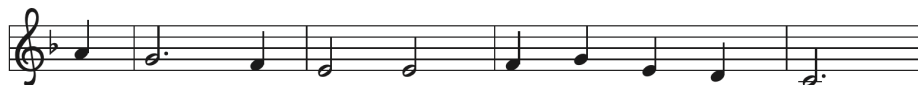
# SENDING HYMN -

(ACS#991)

## Go to the World!



1 Go to the world! Go in - to all the earth.  
2 Go to the world! Go in - to ev - 'ry place.  
3 Go to the world! Go strug - gle, bless, and pray;  
4 "Go to the world! Go as the ones I send,



Go preach the cross where Christ re - news life's worth,  
Go live the word of God's re - deem - ing grace.  
the nights of tears give way to joy - ous day.  
for I am with you till the age shall end,



bap - tiz - ing as the sign of our re - birth.  
Go seek God's pres - ence in each time and space.  
As ser - vant church, you fol - low Christ's own way.  
when all the hosts of glo - ry cry, A - men!"



Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

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Music: SINE NOMINE, Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1872–1958

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## RECESSIONAL

A: We follow the cross of Christ into the world.

(Congregation turns as the cross passes them—so they are facing the back of the church)



## **DISMISSAL**

P: Go in peace. Live in hope.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## **POSTLUDE**



Jeff & Sue O., Bonnie, Anita, Grete L., Bettie, Jean D.,  
Brad L. , Tom N., Cathi, Jim & Sharon L., Kim D,  
Melanie W., Ingaborg, Ed & Jacci, Mark, Leo, Este.  
Gramma Flo, Susan, Heather, family & friends of Irene

**TODAYS WORSHIP LEADERS:**

Worship Leader: Pastor Brad Brown

Lector: Anita Nielsen

Communion Assistants: Brad Larsen & Jeff Alderson

Building Host, Offering Presenter: Brad Larsen

Coffee Hour: Altar Guild                      Altar Flowers: Open

Live Stream Tech: A Volunteer

Musician: William Mueller

**WORSHIP LEADERS NEXT WEEK (Sunday 2/16):**

Worship Leader: Pastor Paul Nuechterlein

Lector: Jeff Alderson

Communion Assistants: Jeff Alderson & Brad Larsen

Building Host, Offering Presenter: Jeff Alderson

Coffee Hour: Open                      Altar Flowers: Open

Live Stream Tech: A Volunteer

Musician: William Mueller

**COFFEE HOUR HOSTS NEEDED**

Please consider hosting coffee hour. The coffee will be started by the building opener. Treats maybe store bought or homemade.

Sign up sheet is on the bulletin board outside Pastors office.

# Come Celebrate "Fat Sunday" with Ableskivers

Sunday, March 2, 2025

10:30 a.m. (following worship)

Hearth room

Bring your favorite jam/jelly to share.

## EMPTIES FOR CASH

*"one persons junk is another persons treasure"*

★ Bring in your empty **inkjet** cartridges—black or color.

★ Do not put any tape on the cartridge.

★ Place your empty cartridge in a zip type plastic bag. (ex: ziplock)

Bethania will receive \$2 per cartridge.

**NO Toners please.**

# The Calendar....

Sunday, February 9, 2025—Fourth Sunday After Epiphany

**9:30a.m. . -Worship In Person & on Facebook Live**

**10:30a.m. – Coffee Hour**

Friday, February 7, 2025

8:00am to 3:00p.m. —RUSD Fell. Hall

Sunday, February 16, 2025—Fourth Sunday After Epiphany

**9:30a.m. . -Worship In Person & on Facebook Live**

**10:30a.m. – Coffee Hour**

*Note: The church office is closed for health reasons unless otherwise noted.*