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Fifth Sunday After Epiphany

Smart Fishing for Men
and Women

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Modified Creative Worship



PRE-SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENTS SERVANT PROCESSIONAL

AS WE GATHER

Today we hear about the “fishing hook” that God used to attract Isaiah as His prophet. Along with Isaiah, we, too, are moved to respond, “Here am I! Send me.” Like the Apostle Paul, we have a “line” to reel in people who might otherwise stray from the LORD. We are called to speak clearly about the task of “building up the church.” But we are not called to introduce them to a “sinker” who will weigh them down, for Jesus has risen! Now He sets us up to “fish” for others, replacing their empty lives with God’s overflowing, eternal bounty. Today we let the Word move us into action, to use the “hook and line” that God provides to follow our Lord and catch others for the One who has risen above our every weighty sin and empty life and calls us to follow. Are we ready to go fishing?

✠ PREPARATION ✠

HYMN “Jesus Shall Reign” *LSB 832*

- 1 Jesus shall reign where'er the sun
Does its successive journeys run;
His kingdom stretch from shore to
shore
Till moons shall wax and wane no
more.
- 2 To Him shall endless prayer be made,
And endless praises crown His head;
His name like sweet perfume shall rise
With ev'ry morning sacrifice.
- 3 People and realms of ev'ry tongue
Dwell on His love with sweetest song;
And infant voices shall proclaim
Their early blessings on His name.
- 4 Blessings abound where'er He reigns:
The pris'ners leap, unloose their
chains,
The weary find eternal rest,
And all who suffer want are blest.
- 5 Let ev'ry creature rise and bring
Honors peculiar to our King;
Angels descend with songs again,
And earth repeat the loud amen.

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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

Psalms 71:12, 17–18

P O God, be not far from me;

C **O my God, make haste to help me!**

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.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Luke 5:8; 1 Corinthians 14:14;

Isaiah 6:5, 7

P Seeing Jesus' power, Peter blurted out, "Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord."

C **Heavenly Father, we confess that we have failed in thoughts, words, and deeds; we are sinful people.**

P Paul lamented, "If I pray in a tongue, my spirit prays but my mind is unfruitful."

C **We confess, Holy Spirit, that we have been content to find peace only for ourselves; we are sinful in our very being.**

P Isaiah cried, "I am lost; for I am a man of unclean lips."

C We confess, Lord Jesus, that we have sinned even in our speaking and doing; we deserve to have You depart from us.

P Despite their failures, Isaiah and Paul were inspired to write parts of the Bible and Peter led the disciples. By the grace of God, Jesus died and rose for you. As the angel told Isaiah, “Your guilt is taken away, and your sin atoned for.” As a called and ordained servant of Christ, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen. Help us, Lord Jesus, to follow, calm and fearless, till our rest is won.

✠ WORD ✠

KYRIE

P Lord, heavenly Father,

C have mercy, and send us wherever You would have us go.

P Lord, Holy Spirit,

C have mercy, and teach us to use all Your gifts for the people around us.

P Lord, Jesus Christ,

C have mercy, and grant us Your peace.

HYMN OF PRAISE “From All The
Dwell Below the Skies”

LSB 816

1 From all that dwell below the skies
 Let the Creator's praise arise;
 Alleluia, alleluia!
 Let the Redeemer's name be sung
 Through ev'ry land by ev'ry tongue.
 Alleluia, alleluia!
 Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

2 Eternal are Thy mercies, Lord;
 Eternal truth attends Thy Word.
 Alleluia, alleluia!
 Thy praise shall sound from shore to
 shore
 Till suns shall rise and set no more.
 Alleluia, alleluia!
 Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

△ 3 All praise to God the Father be,
 All praise, eternal Son, to Thee.
 Alleluia, alleluia!
 Whom with the Spirit we adore
 Forever and forevermore:
 Alleluia, alleluia!
 Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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SALUTATION

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray,
 Heavenly Father, You have given us Your
 Son to die and rise for us and our
 salvation.

C Grant us such strong faith in Him that we may follow wherever He leads;

P through the same 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

God calls Isaiah to be a prophet.

Isaiah 6:1–8 (9–13)

L In 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. Above 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. And one called to another and said:

C “Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; the whole earth is full of His glory!”

L And the foundations of the thresholds shook at the voice of him who called, and the house was filled with smoke. And I said:

C “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!”

L Then one of the seraphim flew to me, having in his hand a burning coal that

he had taken with tongs from the altar. And he touched my mouth and said: “Behold, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away, and your sin atoned for.” And I heard the voice of the Lord saying, “Whom shall I send, and who will go for Us?” Then I said,

C “Here am I! Send me.”

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL *Psalm 117:1–2a; 96:8*

P Praise the LORD, all nations!

C Extol Him, all peoples!

P For great is His steadfast love toward US,

C and the faithfulness of the LORD endures forever.

P Ascribe to the LORD the glory due His name;

C bring an offering, and come into His courts!

EPISTLE Our words must not be for ourselves alone, but for the building up of the church.

1 Corinthians 14:12b–20

... Strive to excel in building up the church. ¹³ Therefore, one who speaks in a tongue should pray for the power to interpret. ¹⁴ For if I pray in a tongue, my spirit prays but my mind is

unfruitful. ¹⁵ What 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.

¹⁶ Otherwise, 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? ¹⁷ For you may be giving thanks well enough, but the other person is not being built up.

¹⁸ I thank God that I speak in tongues more than all of you. ¹⁹ Nevertheless, in church I would rather speak five words with my mind in order to instruct others, than ten thousand words in a tongue. ²⁰ Brothers, 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.**

VERSE *Luke 5:10b*

P Alleluia. Do not be afraid;

C **from now on you will be catching men. Alleluia.**

HOLY GOSPEL Jesus calls Peter to fish for men. *Luke 5:1–11*

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

¹ On one occasion, while the crowd was pressing in on him to hear the word of God, he was standing by the lake of Gennesaret, ² and he saw two boats by the lake, but the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. ³ Getting 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. ⁴ And when he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into the deep and let down your nets for a catch." ⁵ And Simon answered, "Master, we toiled all night and took nothing! But at your word I will let down the nets." ⁶ And when they had done this, they enclosed a large number of fish, and their nets were breaking. ⁷ They 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. ⁸ But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, "Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord." ⁹ For he and all who were with him were astonished 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. And Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching men." ¹¹ And when they had brought their boats to land, they left everything and followed him.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Get the Net! Fish On! Luke 5:1-11

HYMN OF THE DAY "O Christ, Who
Called the Twelve" *LSB 856*

- 1 O Christ, who called the Twelve
To rise and follow You,
Forsaking old, familiar ways
For ventures bold and new:
Grant us to hear Your call
To risk security
And, bound in heart and will to You,
Find perfect liberty.

- 2 O Christ, who taught the Twelve
The truth for ages sealed,
Whose words and works awakened
faith,
The ways of God revealed:
Instruct us now, we pray,
By Your empow'ring Word.
True teacher, be for all who seek
Their light, their life, their Lord.

- 3 O Christ, who led the Twelve
Among the desolate
And broke as bread of life for all
Your love compassionate:
Lead us along the ways
Where hope has nearly died
And help us climb the lonely hills
Where love is crucified.

- 4 O Christ, who sent the Twelve
On roads they'd never trod
To serve, to suffer, teach, proclaim
The nearer reign of God:
Send us on ways where faith
Transcends timidity,
Where love informs and hope sustains
Both life and ministry.

5 O Christ, the apostles' Lord,
 The martyrs' strength and song,
 The crucified and risen King
 To whom the saints belong:
 Though generations pass,
 Our tribute still we bring,
 Our hymns a sacrifice of praise,
 Our lives an offering.

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SERMON

Fish Where the Fish Are!

Luke 5:1-11

CONFESSION OF FAITH

Explanation to the *Third Article of the
 Apostle's Creed*

C 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.

P What does this mean?

C I believe that I cannot by my own reason or strength believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to Him; but the Holy Spirit has called me by the Gospel, enlightened me with His gifts, sanctified and kept me in the true faith.

P In the same way He calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian Church on earth, and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith.

C In this Christian Church He daily and richly forgives all my sins and the sins of all believers.

P On the Last Day He will raise me and all the dead, and give eternal life to me and all believers in Christ.

C This is most certainly true.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P Let us pray for ourselves, the church around the world, and all people in their various circumstances.

For those who grow crops, tend flocks, distribute goods, and share this world's riches, that God would keep them safe and guide them to use their talents wisely, let us pray to the Lord.

C Hear our prayer; bless their use of what they manage.

P For those who protect and defend us at home and abroad, those who work in government and social agencies, and those who go in harm's way to rescue people in danger, let us pray to the Lord.

C Hear our prayer; guide, protect, and strengthen them for the benefit of all.

P For the church here and around the world, wherever the Gospel is preached in its truth and purity, that God would raise up people of faith to be fishers of men and women

wherever they find open ears and hearts, let us pray to the Lord.

G Hear our prayer; grant us grace to grow in faith and numbers.

P For those who do not have enough food, clothing, or shelter, [*especially . . .*], that God would provide them what they need, let us pray to the Lord.

G Hear our prayer; use us and the resources You have given us as part of Your answer.

P These and any other things You would have us ask, heavenly Father, grant to us for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, in whose name we pray.

G Amen.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY HYMN

“Praise and Thanksgiving” *LSB 789*

1 Praise and thanksgiving,
 Father, we offer
 For all things living,
 Created good:
 Harvest of sown fields,
 Fruits of the orchard,
 Hay from the mown fields,
 Blossom and wood.

2 Bless, Lord, the labor
 We bring to serve You
 That with our neighbor
 We may be fed.
 Sowing or tilling,

We would work with You,
Harvesting, milling
For daily bread.

- 3 Father, providing
Food for Your children,
By Your wise guiding
Teach us to share
One with another,
So that, rejoicing
With us, all others
May know Your care.

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LORD'S PRAYER *Matthew 6:9–13*

- ☐ 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 *Numbers 6:24–26*

- ☐** Brothers, do not be children in your thinking. Be infants in evil, but in your thinking be mature.

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.

☐ Amen.

HYMN “Hark, the Voice of Jesus Calling”
LSB 827

- 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”?
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.

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DISMISSAL *Isaiah 6:8*

P And I heard the voice of the Lord saying, “Whom shall I send, and who will go for Us?” Then I said,

C **“Here am I! Send me.”**

P Go in peace as you serve the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God!**

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TWO "HARD SAYINGS" CLASSES are available to those of you who desire to explore some of the more difficult and challenging passages {"sayings"} in the Bible. Group One meets at the church on **Tuesday at 10:00 am** - and will be looking at the "hardening of Pharoah's Heart." Group Two meets at Mike and Kristin Myher's home on Tuesdays at 7:00 pm - and will be looking at "Sons of God and Daughters of Man" .

LAST CALL FOR 'FIT FOR LIFE' CLASS This all-new Adult Instruction Class for membership in the Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod will meet at the church for five **Saturdays from 10:00 - 11:30 am**, starting this coming **Saturday**,

February 15. The class is fast-moving, uncomplicated, humorous, and thoroughly biblical. Members and Friends of Trinity can register to attend this class by contacting Pastor Ruhl at (734) 678.9358 - or by signing the registration form on the bulletin board in the church lobby.

WORSHIP SERVANTS February 9, 2025

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MINISTRY CALENDAR

Sun, Feb 9

11:30 Posse Meeting

Tues, Feb 11

10 am Hard Sayings @ Church

7 pm Hard Sayings @ Myhers'

Thur, Feb 13

7 pm Board of Elders

Sat, Feb 15

10 am Fit for Life

CHARTING OUR COURSE

Attendance week of February 2, 2025

10:00 am Worship in Person: 49/Online plays: 171

Communicants: 45

9:00 am Kids Sunday school In Person: 8

9:00 am Adult Bible Class in Person: 14/Online plays: 181