



Risen Christ Lutheran Church
5th Sunday after Epiphany Worship
February 6, 2022



*Duccio di Buoninsegna, Sienese, c. 1250/1255 - 1318/1319.
The Calling of the Apostles Peter and Andrew, 1308-1311. Tempera on panel.*

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ABOUT HOLY COMMUNION – (2nd & 4th Sundays) We believe: that Christ’s body and blood are truly present for forgiveness and spiritual strength, that God desires our sincere confession, continuous seeking and giving forgiveness and, that being genuine in taking Communion so that we not harm ourselves by taking it in an unworthy manner. If you believe the above, are a baptized believer who trusts in the death and resurrection of Jesus for the forgiveness of sins, and have examined yourself, you are welcome to commune with us. Please talk to Pastor if you have any questions. The bread is offered before the “individual” and “common” cups of wine. (Note: White Grape Juice is in the center of the tray.)

OFFERING – Through the offerings of His faithful people, our Lord provides for the ongoing work of His Church. If you are a visitor, we are glad that you came to be served by the Lord this day. If you choose to contribute to the ongoing work of the Gospel, we give thanks that God has moved you to contribute toward the work of sharing the Gospel here in Plymouth and around the world! You can also take advantage of Online Giving by visiting www.RisenChrist.info

A WORD TO OUR GUESTS – Welcome and thank you for coming. Please complete a Worship Card and place it in the offering plate. Pastor will send you a welcome card. Please indicate that you “desire” a call for any further contact.

Large Print Bulletins – Available from an usher.

Listening Assistance Devices – Available at the Sound Booth.

Parent Room – A row of seating and plenty of area for standing or walking is available in the Welcome Area/Lobby (“Narthex”)

For Children – Children’s Book Cart for Worship: Available in the Welcome Area.

As We Gather – During the season of Epiphany, which means “shine forth,” the Readings shine forth to us the real, biblical Jesus. So far this season we have seen how Jesus turned water into wine, how He taught with an authority never heard before, and how He cast out demons and healed the sick. Now this week we hear that Jesus calls disciples to be “catching people.” God calls. He calls individual people such as Isaiah and Peter, and groups of people such as the Twelve and the Church today. As God called Isaiah in a spectacular vision to speak God’s Word in a world marred by sin, so He calls us, the Church, to do the same. As Jesus called Peter to go from catching fish to “catching men,” so He calls us, the Church, to do the same. What God has done for all of creation in the death and resurrection of Jesus will not be kept silent. God calls us to speak the Gospel in a sin-marred world and to live in ways that demonstrate the power of the Gospel.

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship “Revelation Song” (*Lyrics projected onto chancel walls*)

Invocation and Opening Sentences

Isaiah 43:1–3

P In the name of the Father and of the $\cdot\ddot{\iota}$ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

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;

G 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.

Holy, Holy, Holy

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!

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.

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 power in love and purity.

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!

Confession and Absolution

Luke 5:10

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

A time of silence is observed.

P Almighty God,

G **captive to sin, we have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed.**

P Our fear has kept us from hearing and responding to Your call.

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

P Our speaking of the Gospel has sometimes lacked clarity or passion.

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

P Our fears have revealed the lesser gods we pursue.

G **Bring us to repentance, Lord. Forgive our sins, those of which we are aware and those we do unwittingly. Have mercy on us. Seek us, for You alone can find us and restore us.**

P Jesus said, "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. **G** **Amen.**

Introit

Psalm 71:15–18; antiphon: v. 12

P O God, be not far from me;

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

P My mouth will tell of your righteous acts, of Your deeds of salvation all the day,

G **for their number is past my knowledge.**

P With the mighty deeds of the Lord God I will come;

G **I will remind them of Your righteousness, Yours alone.**

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.

**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.**

P O God, be not far from me; **C** O my God, make haste to help me!

Salutation and Prayer of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray. You have promised, O Lord, that Your Word will not return empty to You. As You called Isaiah and Peter to speak Your redeeming love to the world, so call pastors into Your Church to proclaim Your mercy for us in Jesus. Guide us all to respond to Your call to speak the Gospel to the people we encounter; 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 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.

Psalm

Psalm 138; antiphon: v 5

L They shall sing of the ways of the Lord, for great is the glory of the Lord.

C I give You thanks, O Lord, with my whole heart; before the gods I sing Your praise;

L 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.

C On the day I called, You answered me; my strength of soul You increased.

L 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.

G For though the Lord is high, He regards the lowly, but the haughty He knows from afar.

L Though I walk in the midst of trouble, You preserve my life;

G You stretch out Your hand against the wrath of my enemies, and Your right hand delivers me.

L The Lord will fulfill His purpose for me; Your steadfast love, O Lord, endures forever.
Do not forsake the work of Your hands.

G They shall sing of the ways of the Lord, for great is the glory of the Lord.

Epistle

1 Corinthians 14:12b–20

¹²So with yourselves, 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. **G** Thanks be to God.

Verse

Luke 5:10b

P Alleluia! **G** Alleluia!

P Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching men. Alleluia! Alleluia!

G Alleluia! Alleluia!

Holy Gospel

Luke 5:1–11

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the fifth chapter. **G** 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. **G** Praise to You, O Christ.

Here I Am, Lord

"I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard My people cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin My hand will save.
I, who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear My light to them? Whom shall I send?"

***Refrain: Here I am, Lord, Is it I, Lord?
I have heard You calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if You lead me.
I will hold Your people in my heart.***

"I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne My people's pain.
I have wept for love of them. They turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love alone.
I will give My word to them. Whom shall I send?" ***Refrain***

"I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give My life to them. Whom shall I send?" ***Refrain***

"Jesus' Simple Message, Mission, and Means haven't Changed"

1. At times it is hard for us to hear someone's correction and direction, especially if you think they don't know what you do and how you do it!
2. Jesus calls out to professional fishermen telling them how to do their job... to go outside the norm and do the opposite of what they and others have always done.
3. They follow his command. In fact, their obedient response might be the bigger miracle than the actual catching of fish!
4. The equipment – the nets of the church today Jesus gives us and wants us to use – His Means of Grace.
5. What God wants is not success the way the world understands it. He wants faithfulness. We respond in grateful obedience, which is directed and enabled by Him... a grateful, obedient response because of all He has done and keeps doing.
6. St. Paul's "five words" (from today's Epistle) could be based on the acrostic in Greek meaning "fish" that the early church used: **ἰησοῦς** - ἔσους Christos theou hyios sōtēr (Jesus Christ God's Son Saviour). This is the mission and message in five words, still!
7. From faithful pulpits, from fonts, from altars of faithful churches is where all genuine missions and evangelism flow from and out into the world. And then all genuine missions and evangelism lead right back to faithful pulpits, fonts, altars of faithful churches... and all flowing from Jesus and flowing back to Jesus Christ, God's Son and Saviour.

Catechism – *The Third Article of the Apostles' 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. 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. In this Christian Church He daily and richly forgives all my sins and the sins of all believers. On the Last Day He will raise me and all the dead, and give eternal life to me and all believers in Christ. This is most certainly true.

Prayer of the Church

P Having heard God's call to follow Jesus, let us bring before Him the needs and concerns of the church, the world, and ourselves.

For all who call on the name of Jesus throughout the world and for our own church body, that those who receive the call to preach do it well by the power of the Holy Spirit, that all who are called to ministry tasks fulfill our callings with humility and grace for the building up of the Body of Christ, that missionaries called to various places in the world, speak the Gospel with clarity and live in ways that draw people to following Christ, Holy God,

C in Your mercy, hear our prayer.

MEN – For nations throughout the world, that governments and leaders strive for peace among nations, that care for the poor and justice for the oppressed never be neglected or forgotten, that those who serve in our armed forces fulfill their responsibilities well, that those victimized by warfare and terrorism find comfort and hope in Christ, that we and our enemies become reconciled, Holy God,

C in Your mercy, hear our prayer.

WOMEN – For the needs of our local community, that businesses flourish for the good of all, that workers do their work with a sense of vocation, giving glory to God, that those with difficult jobs be assured that their labor is not in vain and that God is with them, that corruption and injustice decrease, and integrity, honesty, and responsibility increase, Holy God,

C in Your mercy, hear our prayer.

MEN – For the needs of our church community, that those who are sick, experience healing according to God's will, that those with chronic or terminal diseases find comfort and hope in God's promise never to leave them nor forsake them, that our elders and council lead us not only to consider our own needs, but also the needs of others, that the households of our congregation be places of forgiveness, peace, and genuine love, that we who are gathered here today for worship hear our Lord's call and welcome newcomers in our midst, Holy God,

C in Your mercy, hear our prayer.

WOMEN – In thanksgiving for those who have gone before us in faith and now rest from the labors of this life, that as they heard the call to follow Jesus and received His forgiveness and mercy, so we, too, live in the mercy of Christ now and into all eternity, Holy God,

C in Your mercy, hear our prayer.

P These, and all of our prayers that remain unspoken or are too deep for words, we commend to You, Holy God, in trust that You hear us, You love us, and You desire our well-being; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

**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.**

The Offering - DURING THE OFFERING: Whether you are a visitor or a member, please turn in a Worship Card so we may know whom the Lord has served with His Word.

Mighty To Save

Ev'ryone needs compassion
Love that's never failing
Let mercy fall on me
Ev'ryone needs forgiveness
The kindness of a Saviour
The hope of nations

***CHORUS: Saviour He can move the
mountains
My God is mighty to save
He is mighty to save
Forever Author of salvation
He rose and conquered the grave
Jesus conquered the grave***

So take me as You find me
All my fears and failures
Fill my life again
I give my life to follow
Ev'rything I believe in
Now I surrender ***CHORUS***

BRIDGE: Shine your light and let the whole
world see
We're singing
For the glory of the risen King
Jesus
Shine your light and let the whole world see
We're singing
For the glory of the risen King

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Benediction

Numbers 6:24–26

P Saved, nourished, armed, and equipped by the Word of Christ, you are called by God to give reasons for the hope that is in you whenever anyone asks and to do it with gentleness and respect.

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.

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