

Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

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WELCOME TO ALL WHO WORSHIP at Grace Church this morning as we gather to worship the Father, + Son and Holy Spirit in truth. As you entered the sanctuary today, you received this bulletin containing the order for worship and announcements. Please also notice the Prayer List where you will find a listing of all the known prayer concerns. You are invited to use this as a guide for your personal prayers throughout the coming week. If you need information about our congregation or if you'd like to update your information, make sure to fill out the yellow Worship Today Form and place it in the offering plate at the time of the offering. If you have a prayer concern, indicate that on your Worship Today Form at the bottom or on the reverse side. If you are seeking a Church Home or would like more information about Grace, please contact Pastor Doug (980)234-8848.

* = Stand Hymnals in Pew Rack: LBW = Green WOV = Blue TCH = Burgundy

PRELUDE *Please observe silence for meditation.*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

The congregation is invited to stand.

* **BRIEF ORDER OF CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

P: In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen

P: God of all mercy and consolation, come to the aid of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that, attentive to your Word, we may confess our sins, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence is kept for reflection and confession.

P: Gracious God,

C: have mercy on us. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone. Uphold us by your Spirit so that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

P: God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

C: Amen.

* **GATHERING HYMN** **Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty** **LBW 165**

* **GREETING**

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: Holy Lord, in your loving kindness you have poured on us grace upon grace. It was by your wisdom that we were created and by your power that we have been called into discipleship in Christ Jesus. Help us to be fishers of people, fully devoted to you, so \ that all will know your abiding love. We pray this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord

C: Amen.

The congregation may be seated.

FIRST READING: Isaiah 6:1-8 {9-13}

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 I am! Send me." [⁹And he said, "Go, and say to this people: 'Keep on hearing, but do not understand; keep on seeing, but do not perceive.'¹⁰Make the heart of this people dull, and their ears heavy, and blind their eyes; lest they see with their eyes, and hear with their ears, and understand with their hearts, and turn and be healed." ¹¹Then I said, "How long, O LORD?" And he said: "Until cities lie waste

without inhabitant, and houses without people, and the land is a desolate waste, ¹²and the LORD removes people far away, and the forsaken places are many in the midst of the land. ¹³And though a tenth remain in it, it will be burned again, like a terebinth or an oak, whose stump remains when it is felled.” The holy seed is its stump.]

L: The Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God

PSALM 138

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

² **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.**

³ On the day I called, you answered me;
my strength of soul you increased.

⁴ **All the kings of the earth shall give you thanks, O Lord,
for they have heard the words of your mouth,**

⁵ and they shall sing of the ways of the Lord,
for great is the glory of the Lord.

⁶ **For though the Lord is high, he regards the lowly,
but the haughty he knows from afar.**

⁷ Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you preserve my life;
you stretch out your hand against the wrath of my enemies,
and your right hand delivers me.

⁸ **The Lord will fulfill his purpose for me;
your steadfast love, O Lord, endures forever.
Do not forsake the work of your hands.**

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 14:12b-20

^{12b}Strive to excel in building up the church. ¹³Therefore, one who speaks in a tongue should pray that he may 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: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God

The congregation is invited to stand.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Lord Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word vs. 1&2 LBW 230

GOSPEL: Luke 5:1-11

P: The holy gospel according to Luke.

C: 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: The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You O Christ!

The congregation may be seated.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON "Jesus Loves You and Wants You on His Dream Team"

Pastor Doug

The congregation is invited to stand.

* **HYMN OF THE DAY**

You Have Come Down to the Lakeshore

WOV 784

* **THE APOSTLES' CREED**

LBW PG. 65

* **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

LBW PG. 65

Response at the end of each petition.

P: Lord in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

* **SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

Worshipers may greet one another with "the Peace of Christ" or similar words.

The assembly may be seated.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Let the Vineyards

LBW PG. 66

* **OFFERTORY PRAYER**

LBW PG. 67

* **DIALOGUE AND PREFACE**

LBW PG. 68

* **HOLY, HOLY, HOLY**

LBW PG. 69

* **WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

LBW PG. 70

* **LORD'S PRAYER**

LBW PG. 71

* **INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

P: The Gifts of God for the People of God.

C: Thanks be to God!

The assembly may be seated.

COMMUNION SONG

Lamb of God

LBW PG. 72

The assembly may be seated.

COMMUNION HYMN

I, the Lord of Sea and Sky (Here I am, Lord)

LBW 197

The congregation is invited to stand.

* **COMMUNION BLESSING AND PRAYER**

LBW PG. 74

* **SENDING HYMN**

Hark the Voice of Jesus Calling

LBW 390

Alt Tune: Hymn to Joy (Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee)

* **DISMISSAL**

P: By grace and through faith, we are God's Dream Team, the Church, called to be fishers of people! Let us go in peace and joy to love and serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

GRACE PRAYER LIST

In the Grace Church Family: Jeffry Bivens, Rick & Cindy Bivens, Glenda Childers, Pat Dietz, Allen and Kay Hatchett, Larry Heavner, Lorene Heavner, Larry & Brenda Jarrett, Martha Johnson, Faye Lane, Harvey Leatherman, Phil & Malinda Leatherman, Tim Leatherman, Betty Matheson, Joe Momier, Jane Moss, Christine Norman, Tricia and Dan Panek, Michael, Debi & Stephen Pisko, Helen Smith, Ethan Starnes, Sandi Tallant, Libby Travis, Shirley Warlick, Scott, Carolyn Whisnant, Nancy Willis

Nursing Home: Juanita Haas (Trinity Village), Ted Whisnant (Trinity Village)

Friends and Relatives in our Prayers: Pray for Peace in Israel and the World, New Covenant Lutheran Mission Church, Bobby Aderholdt, Jimmy Aderholdt, LeAnn Buckwell, Caleb Bumgarner & Family, Becky Cartee, Jessica Cassels & Family, Evelyn Childers, Dennis D'Alessio, Dusty Ferrell, Guy Franzen, Stormy Geter, Wendy Hannah, J.C., Lily Rose, Alyssa McCary, Sgt. Ryan McMullen and shift, Angela Sanford, Anita Sabino, Scott Speagle, Zachary Speagle and Amber, Nathan Starnes, Monica Thomas, United States of America, and especially the families of those who have given their lives in the service of our country and those who continue to protect our freedoms and for all members of our Armed Forces.

Friends and Family of: Irene Heavner & Vicky Costner

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STEPHEN MINISTRY SUPERVISION will resume on **Monday, February 10th at 6pm.** If you need more details, please reach out to Herb Travis.

WEDNESDAY EVENINGS: Vespers and Bible Study 6:30-7:30pm We will begin with the Evening Prayer and Worship Service (Vespers) from the LBW. The Sermon or Homily Time will be a Bible Study. For February Pastor Doug will focus on 1st, 2nd and 3rd John. Please join us during this inspiring time of prayer, worship and growing in God's Word.

THE NEXT MEETING OF THE LEADERSHIP MINISTRY BOARD is scheduled for **Monday, February 17th at 6pm.**

THE GRACE PRAYER LUNCHEON will be held on **Wednesday, February 19th at noon** in the Fellowship Hall. This is a time for all adults from Grace and the community to come together for food and fellowship! The menu for February is pintos, coleslaw, candied yams and a surprise dessert. Please give Betty Wilfong a call at (828) 461-6604 for any questions.

ASHURE MINISTRY FOOD ASK for the month of February is Macaroni, Pasta, or Canned Spaghetti Sauce. We are doing great things at Grace in helping feed the hungry in our own community. So far we have donated 55 pounds in January. Let's try to donate 2,000 in 2025! That would be around 170 pounds per month. We can do it! Let's come together to help reach this goal!

THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God,
in memory of our parents
By: David & Belinda Wilfong

Birthdays This Week:

February: 12 – Gabby Bare

COMING UP AT GRACE

Today: Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

9:15am – Sunday School

10:30am - Worship Celebration

Wednesday: 6:30pm - Vespers and Bible Study

Friday: Church Office Closed

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| ❖ The Ministers: The People of Grace | ❖ Altar Preparation: Herb & Libby Travis |
| ❖ Pastor: Doug Hefner | ❖ Lector: Tim Eckard |
| ❖ Organist: Sandi Tallant | ❖ Communion Assts: Herb & Libby Travis |
| ❖ Administrative Assistant: Kristi Tucker | ❖ Youth Leader: Stormy Shull |
| ❖ Leadership Board President: Tim Eckard | ❖ Tabulators: Todd Childers & Tim Eckard |
| ❖ Ushers: Jeff Scronce & Jack Wilfong | ❖ Custodian: Chris Abernethy |