

Sweet Lord...  
You have looked into my eyes



*5th Sunday after Epiphany*

*February 6, 2022*



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## Welcome to Worship...

Welcome to all God's guests, including those who call themselves "members" of this church named Ascension Lutheran Church more than 50 years ago.

A special welcome to guests who are here for the first time or who call yourselves "visitors" among the people of this community. It is at God's invitation, through worship, the Holy Spirit calls each of us to come to a place of **community, communion and commitment**. Each of us brings a different lens to worship, and yet, in a worshiping community, these differences become celebrations of diversity.

**Children are always welcome in worship services;**  
**however please know**  
**a nursery is provided for children under 4 years of age.**

### Introduction

*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.*

## Welcome to Worship

### Confession and Forgiveness

*Please stand as you are able.*

*P* Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God,  
who creates us,  
redeems us,  
and calls us by name.

**All Amen.**

*P* Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Most merciful God,

**All we confess that we have sinned against you and your beloved children.**

**We have turned our faces away from your glory  
when it did not appear as we expected.**

**We have rejected your word when it made us confront ourselves.**

**We have failed to show hospitality to those you called us to welcome.**

**Accept our repentance for the things we have done  
and the things we have left undone.**

**For the sake of Jesus Christ, have mercy on us.**

**Forgive us and lead us, that we may bathe  
in the glory of your Son born among us,  
and reflect your love for all creation. Amen.**

*P* Rejoice in this good news:

In ✝ Christ Jesus, your sins are forgiven.

You are descendants of the Most High,  
adopted into the household of Christ,  
and inheritors of eternal life.

Live as freed and forgiven children of God.

**All Amen.**

## Opening Song

### Come, Now is the Time to Worship

#### *Chorus*

Come, now is the time to worship  
Come, now is the time to give your heart  
Come, just as you are to worship  
Come, just as you are before your God, Come. *(2nd time to Ending)*

#### *Verse*

One day every tongue  
Will confess You are God  
One day every knee will bow  
Still the greatest treasure remains  
For those who gladly choose You now.

#### *Ending*

Come, come just as you are come, come.

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## Greeting

*P* 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.**

## Prayer of the Day

*P* Most holy God, the earth is filled with your glory, and before you angels  
and saints stand in awe.

***All* 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.**

[You may be Seated](#)

## A Reading from Isaiah, the 6<sup>th</sup> chapter

*Through a vision in the temple, the eighth-century prophet Isaiah is called by God to announce judgment against Israel. Aware of his sinfulness and shortcomings, Isaiah is initially hesitant. But when God calls, Isaiah responds, "Here am I; send me!"*

<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.

*Isaiah 6:1-13*

*L* Word of God, Word of Light.

**All Thanks be to God**

### A Responsive Reading of Psalm 138

*Please join in a responsive reading of the Psalm. Leader will read the light print while the congregation responds with the bold.*

- <sup>1</sup>I will give thanks to you, O LORD, with my whole heart;  
before the gods I will sing your praise.
- <sup>2</sup>**I will bow down toward your holy temple and praise your name, because  
of your steadfast love and faithfulness;  
for you have glorified your name and your word above all things.**
- <sup>3</sup>When I called, you answered me;  
you increased my strength within me.
- <sup>4</sup>**All the rulers of the earth will praise you, O LORD,  
when they have heard the words of your mouth.**
- <sup>5</sup>They will sing of the ways of the LORD,  
that great is the glory of the LORD.
- <sup>6</sup>**The LORD is high, yet cares for the lowly,  
perceiving the haughty from afar.**

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

<sup>8</sup>**You will make good your purpose for me;  
O LORD, your steadfast love endures forever; do not abandon the works  
of your hands.**

*Psalm 138*

## A Reading from 1 Corinthians, the 15<sup>th</sup> chapter

*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.

*1 Corinthians 15:1-11*

*L* Word of God, Word of Life.

**All Thanks be to God**

*Please stand as you are able.*

♪ ♪ Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? ♪ ♪  
You have the words of eternal life.  
Alleluia. Alleluia, alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia, alleluia.

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## Gospel Reading

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 4<sup>th</sup> chapter.

**All** **Glory to you, O Lord.**

*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.

*Luke 5:1-11*

*P* The Gospel of our Lord.

**All Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon

**Pr. Debra Jimenez**

Hymn of the Day

*Please stand in body or spirit.*

## You Have Come Down to the Lakeshore

- 1 You have come down to the lakeshore  
seeking neither the wise nor the wealthy,  
but only asking for me to follow.

*Refrain*

Sweet Lord, you have looked into my eyes;  
kindly smiling, you've called out my name.  
On the sand I have abandoned my small boat;  
now with you, I will seek other seas.

- 2 You know full well what I have, Lord:  
neither treasure nor weapons for conquest,  
just these my fish nets and will for working. *Refrain*

- 3 You need my hands, my exhaustion,  
working love for the rest of the weary--  
a love that's willing to go on loving. *Refrain*

- 4 You who have fished other waters;  
you, the longing of souls that are yearning:  
O loving Friend, you have come to call me. *Refrain*

## Apostles' Creed

*P* Let us join together with the saints across the ages confessing our faith with the words of the Apostles' Creed.

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

[You may be Seated](#)

## Prayers of the People

*L* The Spirit of the Lord is poured out upon us in abundance; so we are bold to pray for the church, the world, and all that God has made.

**♪ ♪ O Lord, hear our prayer we offer up to you;  
O Lord, hear our prayer. ♪ ♪**

*(each prayer petition ends with)*

**L: God of grace,**

**All: You hear our prayer.**

## Sharing the Peace

*In our continued physical distancing out of love for the health of one another, we will share the peace of our risen Lord by “speaking” that peace through sign language.*

**P** Christ become Peace with you.

**All** And also with you.

## Offering

*While we still will not physically pass the offering plates we will continue to have the plates available at the entrance to receive your offerings and will lift them up in thanksgiving before the throne of grace.*

**♪ ♪ All that we have and all that we offer ♪ ♪  
comes from a heart both frightened and free.**

**Take what we bring now and give what we need,  
all done in your name.**

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## Offertory Prayer

**P** Blessed are you, O God, Sovereign of the universe.  
You offer us new beginnings and guide us on our journey.

**All** Lead us to your table, nourish us with this heavenly food,  
and prepare us to carry your love to a hungry world,  
in the name of Christ our light. Amen.

## The Great Thanksgiving and Words of Institution

*P* The Holy One be with you

**All And also with you.**

*P* Lift up your hearts

**All We lift them up to our God.**

*P* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

**All It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

*P* It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,  
that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you,  
almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ.  
By the leading of a star he was shown forth to all nations;  
In the waters of the Jordan you proclaimed him you beloved Son,  
And in the miracle of water turned to wine he revealed your glory.

Verse 1 (Presider)

♪ ♪ On the night You were betrayed You took the bread. ♪ ♪  
After giving thanks You broke it and said,  
“This is My body broken for you, and as you eat it remember Me.  
This is My body broken for you, and as you eat it remember Me.”

Verse 2 (Presider)

On the night You were betrayed You held the cup.  
After giving thanks You lifted it up  
“This is My blood poured out for you, and as you drink it remember Me.  
“This is My blood poured out for you, and as you drink it remember Me.

Verse 3 (All)

So we thank You for the wine and for the bread;  
For we see the life You gave and the blood You shed.

And we remember Your wondrous love  
You gave Your body You shed Your blood.  
And we remember Your wondrous love  
You gave Your body You shed Your blood.

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## The Lord's Prayer

*P* Let us boldly approach the throne of grace, praying as Jesus taught:

***All* 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 Invitation

*P* Come to God's table.  
There is a place for you and enough for all.

## Post Communion Blessing *and* Prayer

*P* The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you  
and keep you in his grace.

***All* Amen**

*P* We give you thanks, gracious God,  
for we have feasted on the abundance of your house.

***All* Send us to bring good news  
and to proclaim your favor to all,  
strengthened with the richness of your grace  
in your Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

# *Stewardship of Life and Ministry Announcements*

## Benediction

*Please stand in body or spirit.*

*P* God, who leads you in pathways of righteousness,  
who rejoices over you, and who calls you by name,  
✠ bless your going out and your coming in, today and forever.

**All Amen**

## Sending Song

### **We Are Marching in the Light**

We are marching in the light of God,  
we are marching in the light of God.  
We are marching in the light of God,  
we are marching in the light of God.

We are marching, (marching, we are marching, marching,)  
we are marching in the light of God.  
We are marching, (marching, we are marching, marching,)  
we are marching in the light of God.

#### *Additional stanzas :*

We are dancing . . .  
We are praying . . .  
We are singing . . .

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## Dismissal

*P* Go with Christ into a weary world.  
Share the good news.

**All Thanks be to God.**

Readings for next Sunday,  
February 13<sup>th</sup>

**First Reading:**

Jeremiah 17:5-10

**Psalm:**

Psalm 1

**Second Reading:**

1 Corinthians 15:12-20

**Gospel:**

Luke 6:17-26

