

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

February 6 & 9, 2025

The Least Qualified Are the First Sent

Opening Hymn 483, "Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty"

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Prayer of the Day: Gracious Lord, you call and appoint us to proclaim the good news of your Son despite our sins and weaknesses. Purify us by your grace, remove our uncertainties, and work through us to fill the nets of your kingdom with those lost in the darkness of death; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

FIRST READING

Psalm of the Day (On Insert)..... Psalm 67D

SECOND READING

Gospel Acclamation Verse: Alleluia. *My mouth will tell of your righteous deeds, of your saving acts all day long.* Alleluia.

GOSPEL

Hymn of the Day 702, "Come, Follow Me, the Savior Spoke"

SERMON..... "Let Down Your Nets" Luke 5:1-11

Offering Hymn 750 v. 1, "We Give Thee but Thine Own"

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Prayers/Lord's Prayer

Hymn 707, "Cling Tightly to the Word of God"

Closing Prayer/Benediction

Closing Hymn 743 vv. 1 & 2, "I Hear the Savior Calling"

FIRST READING: Isaiah 6:1-8

Isaiah admitted he was sinfully unclean, unqualified to stand in God's presence. The LORD not only takes Isaiah's sin away but also sends Isaiah out as a messenger of grace.

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and exalted, and the train of his robe filled the temple. Above him stood the seraphim. Each one had six wings. With two they covered their faces. With two they covered their feet. With two they flew. One called to another and said, Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of Armies! The whole earth is full of his glory! The foundations of the thresholds shook at the voice of the one who called, and the temple was filled with smoke. Then I said, "I am doomed! I am ruined, because I am a man with unclean lips, and I dwell among a people with unclean lips, and because my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of Armies!" Then one of the seraphim flew to me, carrying a glowing coal in his hand, which he

had taken from the altar with tongs. He touched my mouth with the coal and said, "Look, this has touched your lips, so your guilt is taken away, and your sin is forgiven." Then I heard the Lord's voice, saying, "Whom shall I send? Who will go for us?" Then I said, "Here I am. Send me!"

SECOND READING: Romans 10:12-17

God's plan is to equip saved sinners like us to proclaim salvation to other sinners. St. Paul explains that God has no backup plan.

So there is no distinction between Jew and Greek, because the same Lord is Lord of all, who gives generously to all who call on him. Yes, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved." So then, how can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one about whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without a preacher? And how can they preach unless they are sent? Just as it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news of peace, who preach the gospel of good things!" But not all obeyed the gospel. For Isaiah says, "Lord, who believed our message?" So then, faith comes from hearing the message, and the message comes through the word of Christ.

GOSPEL: Luke 5:1-11

Jesus takes simple, self-admittedly sinful fishermen, seemingly unqualified for gospel ministry. He removes their fears, calls them to follow, and makes them fishers of men.

One time, while the crowd was pressing in on Jesus and listening to the word of God, he was standing by the Lake of Gennesaret. He saw two boats there along the lakeshore. The fishermen had left them and were washing their nets. Jesus got into one of the boats, which belonged to Simon, and asked him to put out a little from the shore. He sat down and began teaching the crowds from the boat. When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into the deep water, and let down your nets for a catch."

Simon answered him, "Master, we worked hard all through the night and caught nothing. But at your word I will let down the nets." When they had done this, they caught a great number of fish, and their nets were about to tear apart. They signaled their partners in the other boat to come and help them. They came and filled both boats, so that they began to sink. When Simon Peter saw this, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, "Go away from me, because I am a sinful man, Lord." For Peter and all those with him were amazed at the number of fish they had caught, and so were James and John, the sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. Jesus said to Simon, "Have no fear. From now on you will be catching people."

After they brought their boats to the shore, they left everything and followed him.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HEAD USHERS: Lyle Moldenhauer/Chris Zwygart; next Sunday: Don Koch/Doug Schulz

PASTOR SCHULTE ACCEPTS CALL! We are excited to announce that Pastor Nathan Schulte has accepted our call! While no specific details are worked out yet, we hope Pastor Schulte and his wife, Alyssa, will be here by sometime this spring. Please keep Pastor & Mrs. Schulte in your prayers as they relocate from their ministry in Ecuador to serve the Lord here at St. Matthew's.

CHILI/BINGO/DONUTS! The PTL will be hosting their second annual chili luncheon & bingo event on **Sunday, February 23, 2025**, immediately following our 9:00 AM worship service. There is a sign-up sheet posted on the **SCHOOL** bulletin board for food items which are needed for the chili luncheon. Please look at it and sign up for what you may be willing to donate. Food donations will need to be here by **February 19!**

For those who plan on playing Bingo, we would ask that you consider bringing along a Bingo prize somewhere in the \$5.00 - \$10.00 range. While this isn't mandatory to participate, as PTL is supplying some Bingo prizes, we are asking for some additional prizes as the more we have, the longer we can play! Let's mingle and BINGO!

EVERYONE OUTREACH: The time is fast approaching for the *Everyone Outreach* program which our congregation is hosting. *Everyone Outreach* is designed to help our congregation build a culture of outreach so that every ministry and every member is thinking about and participating in outreach. There is no cost to attend! It is scheduled for **March 1, 2025**, from **9:00 AM – 2:30 PM**. If you plan to attend, please sign up on the sheet located on the church bulletin board. We would like to have as much participation from our members as possible! Any questions about this program may be directed to **Scott Mittelstadt**.

WE THANK the students in Gr. 1-2 for their wonderful song on Sunday!

OUR GIFTS TO THE LORD

Attendance: Thursday: 24; Sunday: 134

Offerings: \$5,878.70

(Budget Amount Needed Each Week: \$7,355.00)

Special Funds: Debt Retirement: \$332.00; Church Refurbishment: \$335.00; Lutherans for Life: \$25.00; Christian Life Resources: \$25.00

Memorials: In Memory of Allan Musack: \$15.00 (*Church Refurbishment*); In Memory of Jerome Bilgrien: \$220.00 (*Church Refurbishment*); In Memory of Ronald Davidson & Joe Davidson: \$100.00 (*Church Refurbishment*)



We invite you to support this ministry through financial offerings out of thanksgiving for the Gospel you have received here. Offerings may be placed in the plate located on the table at the back of church, or you may scan the QR code to give electronically.

OUR WEEK AT ST. MATTHEW'S

Sunday:	Worship Service	9:00 AM
	Adult & Teen Bible Class/Sunday School	10:15 AM
Tuesday:	School Board Meeting	7:15 PM
Wednesday:	Elders' Meeting.....	6:30 PM
	Church Council.....	7:00 PM
Thursday:	Communion Worship Service	7:00 PM
	Adult Choir.....	8:00 PM
Sunday:	Communion Worship Service	9:00 AM
	Adult & Teen Bible Class/Sunday School	10:15 AM

67D Let the People Praise You, O God.....Psalm 67D

Refrain



Let the peo - ple praise you, O God, let all the peo - ple praise you.

Tone



May God be gracious to us and / bless us
and make his face / shine on us—
so that your ways may be / known on earth,
your salvation among all / nations.
May the peoples / praise you, God;
may all the peoples / praise you.
May the nations be glad and / sing for joy,
for you rule the peoples with equity and guide the nations / of the earth. *Refrain*

The land yields its / harvest;
God, our God, / blesses us.
May God / bless us still,
so that all the ends of the earth will / fear him.
Glory be to the Father and / to the Son
and to the Holy / Spirit,
as it was in the be- / ginning,
is now, and will be forever. / Amen. *Refrain*

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