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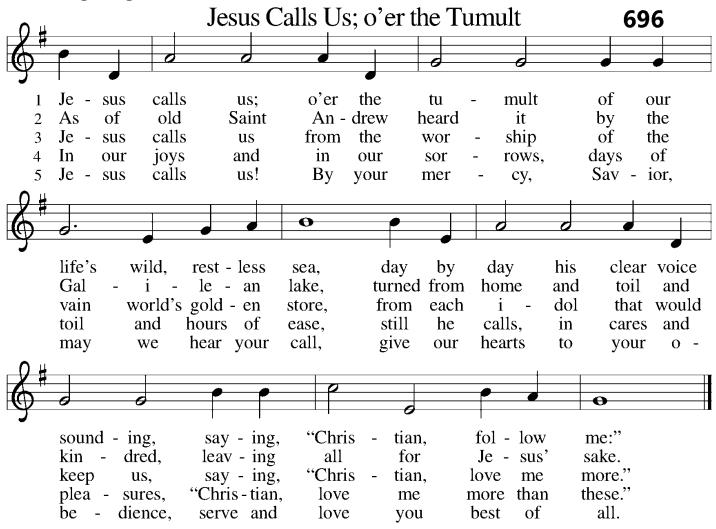
#### Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

#### February 9, 2025

NOTE: Hearing assist devices are available in the narthex for worship services. Please see an Usher or Greeter if needed.

Prelude Welcome & Announcements

#### \*Gathering Song:



Text: Cecil Frances Alexander, 1818–1895 Music: GALILEE, William H. Jude, 1851–1922 Remembering that Jesus the Christ died on the cross for the forgiveness of our sins, and was raised on the third day giving us eternal life. We continue with confession and forgiveness.

# \* CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever. Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

# C: Amen.

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another, trusting in God's endless mercy and love.

#### Silence is kept for reflection.

#### P: Merciful God,

you speak blessing and compassion into the world. Forgive us for the ways we act with judgment, cruelty, or indifference. We ignore the needs of our neighbors; we resist your call to oppose injustice; we give in to scarcity and fear; we assume the worst about one another. Cleanse us from our faults and release us from their grasp. Show us your lovingkindness. Restore our hearts and repair your world, that we may live in Christ's ways.

#### Amen.

P: God proclaims these words of assurance: "Do not fear, for I have redeemed you. I have called you by name. You are mine." In + Christ, you are forgiven. In the Spirit, you are made free. Refreshed by the waters of mercy, live anew as beloved children of God. **C: Amen.** 

# \* SHARING THE PEACE

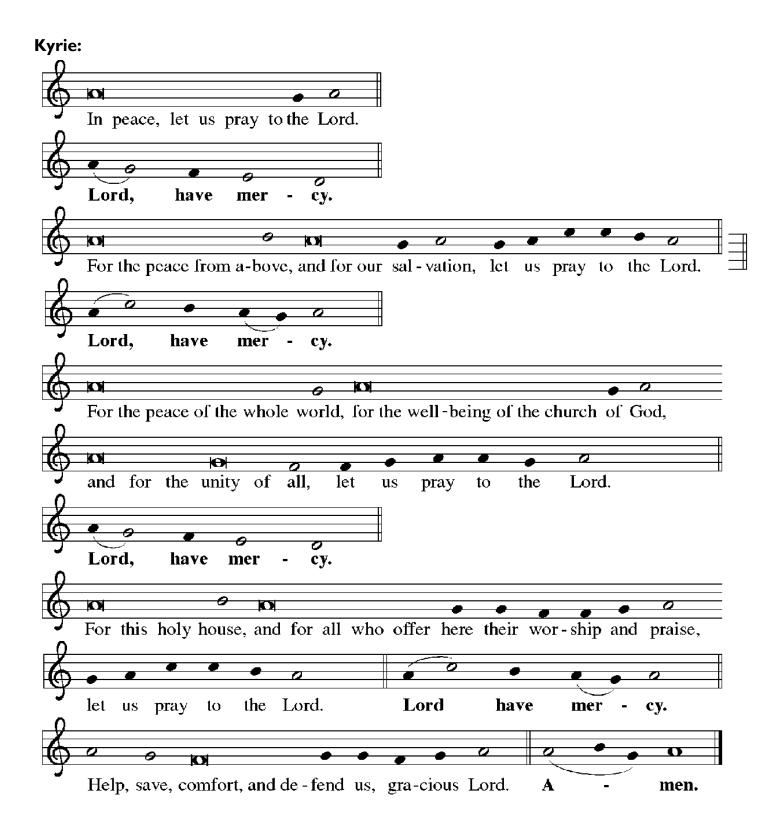
P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

## C: And also with you.

# **GREETING** (Please be seated)

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.



#### Hymn of Praise:



### **Prayer of the Day:**

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

C: Amen.

## Choir: Psalm 138

## **Children's Sermon**

# WORD

#### The 1st lesson is a reading from Isaiah, the 6<sup>th</sup> chapter.

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. 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. And one called to another and said: "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory." The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. 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!"

Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. 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." 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!" And he said, "Go and say to this people: 'Keep listening, but do not comprehend; keep looking, but do not understand.' 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." 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; until the Lord sends everyone far away, and vast is the emptiness in the midst of the land. 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.

## The Word of the Lord. C: Thanks be to God.

### Psalm 138. (Read Responsively)

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

# 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.

When I called, you answered me; you increased my strength within me.

# All the rulers of the earth will praise you, O Lord, when they have heard the words of your mouth.

They will sing of the ways of the Lord, that great is the glory of the Lord.

## The Lord is high, yet cares for the lowly, perceiving the haughty from afar.

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.

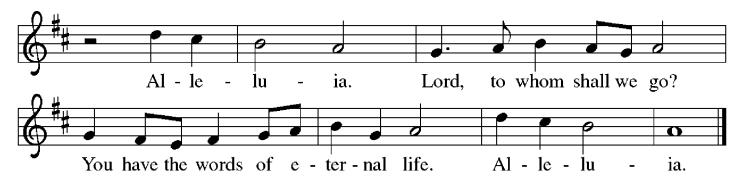
# You will make good your purpose for me; O Lord, your steadfast love endures forever; do not abandon the works of your hands.

## The 2nd lesson is a reading from I Corinthians, the 15th chapter.

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, 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. 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, and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. 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. Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe.

#### The Word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

\* Gospel Acclamation:



# <u>\*The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 5th chapter</u> C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Once while Jesus was standing beside the lake of Gennesaret, and the crowd was pressing in on him to hear the word of God, he saw two boats there at the shore of the lake; the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. 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. 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, "Master, we have worked all night long but have caught nothing. Yet if you say so, I will let down the nets." When they had done this, they caught so many fish that their nets were beginning to break. 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. But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, "Go away from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man!" For he and all who were with him were amazed at the catch of fish that they had taken; 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." When they had brought their boats to shore, they left everything and followed him.

The Gospel of the Lord. C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon: "Catching People"



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#### Hymn of the Day:



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\*Apostle's Creed – Please stand.

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.

\* The Prayers of Intercession: The congregation's response to "God of grace," is "hear our Prayer."

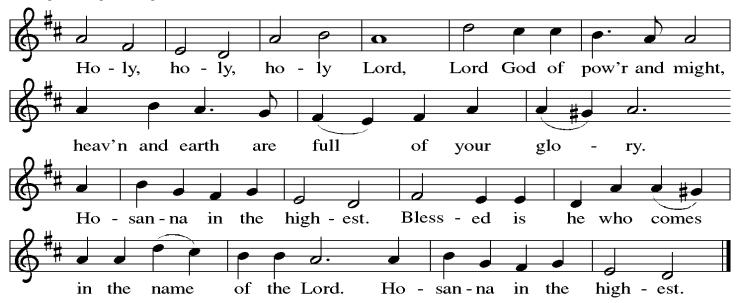
#### **MEAL**

**Offering:** We worship God by giving back a little of what he has first given us. God calls us by the Holy Spirit to care for all of God's people and creation through these gifts. Through this small sacrifice, God's love is shown through us, to those who are in need.

# \*(Please Stand) Offertory: Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below; praise God above, ye heav'nly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen

\*Offertory Prayer: God of grace, your love reaches to the heavens, and your abundance to the depths of the seas. Bless what we offer to your service: our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts. Let us overflow with gratitude and generosity, now and always. **C: Amen.** 

# \*Great Thanksgiving



#### \*Holy, Holy, Holy

\* Words of Institution – Eucharist Prayer

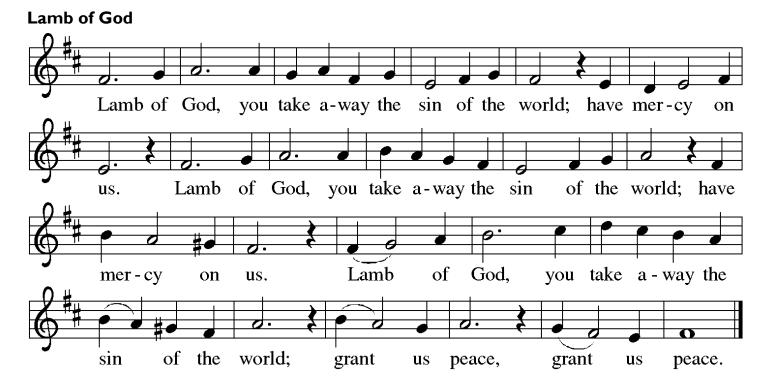
### \*The Lord's Prayer:

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.

Distribution of the Elements



\*Blessing after the Meal

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\*(544 verse I) Praise the Lord, rise up rejoicing, worship, thanks, devotion voicing; glory be to God on high! Christ, your cross and passion sharing, by this Eucharist declaring yours the final victory.

# \*Prayer after Communion:

Nourishing God, at this table you have refreshed us with holy gifts of food and drink. Strengthen us for service, and send us out to embody your good news of liberation and healing for the sake of the world. In the name of Christ we pray,

## C: Amen.

#### **SENDING**

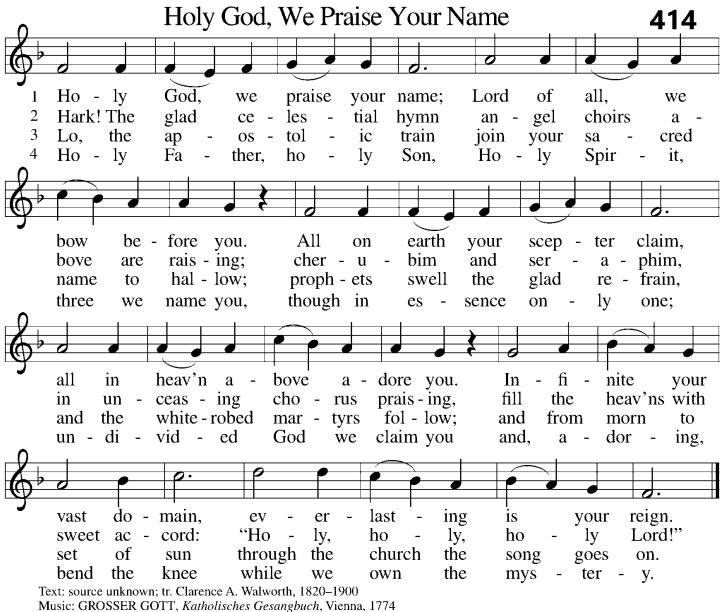
#### \*Blessing: (Please Stand)

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The Spirit of the triune God + bless you with joy, anoint you with compassion, and send you in love.

#### C: Amen.

#### \*Sending Song:



P: Go in peace. Live in hope. **C: Thanks be to God.** 

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| Organist / Keyboard      |
| Song Leader              |
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## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Souper Bowl Sunday:** Today is the last Sunday for collecting soup. Please put them in the narthex and they will be distributed to the Food Pantry to feed the hungry. Hopefully, there are enough cans to help the Chiefs win another Super Bowl.

**Fruendschaft Gruppe** will meet tomorrow evening with dinner served at 5:30 PM. If you plan to attend, please make reservations with Jeannette at 573-782-4594 by 9 PM this evening.

Church Council will meet tomorrow evening at 6:00 PM.

**WELCA –** Our first quilt-making day is this Tuesday, February 11, beginning about 8:30 a.m. Lunch is being provided. All our welcome.

**Hymn History –** Cecil Frances Humphries was born in the early 1800's. As a small girl Cecil wrote poetry in her school's journal. She married Rev. William Alexander who was to become the Chief Bishop of Ireland. Cecil performed much service to the sick and poor, travelling many miles each day to provide food, warm clothes and medical supplies. She also founded a school for the deaf with her sister. Our gathering song "Jesus Calls Us; O'er the Tumult" was one of her many hymns that she based on the Apostles' Creed, baptism, the Lord's Supper, the Ten Commandments, and prayer. Many of her hymns were written in simple language for children to understand them. Other popular hymns by Cecil include "All Things Bright and Beautiful" and "Good Christian Friends Rejoice."

## **Schedule for Online Services:**

Services are at 9:00 a.m. Sunday mornings on FaceBook Live: <a href="https://www.facebook.com/StPaulsChurchOnTheHill">https://www.facebook.com/StPaulsChurchOnTheHill</a>

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