

Fifth Sunday after Epiphany February 10, 2019

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Friendship Pads. Please sign the friendship pads in the pews. Visitors are encouraged to sign the guest book in the narthex.

Introduction to the day: The fifth Sunday after Epiphany continues to highlight unlikely instruments and circumstances appointed to reveal the glory of the Lord. "Who will go for us?" queries the voice of the Lord. A man 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 the fact that we are also called.

GATHERING

PRELUDE "Here I Am, Lord" M. Hayes

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Trusting in the mercy of almighty God, we gather in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Let us now confess our sins.

(Silence is kept for reflection.)

Almighty and ever-living God, we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves.

We have sinned against you and against our neighbors by what we have done and by what we have failed to do.

In your mercy, cleanse us and heal us, renew us and refresh us, that your holy light might shine in us—and through us. Amen.

Hear the voice of Jesus who says, "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me to proclaim release to the captives."

Know that you are forgiven of your sins, and are freed to love God and serve your neighbor, in the name of the Father, and of the ⅓ Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

OPENING HYMN

"Holy, Holy, Holy"

#413

GREETING

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.

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.

Amen.

WORD

A Reading from Isaiah

¹In 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. ²Seraphs 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. ³And one called to another and said:

"Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts;

the whole earth is full of his glory."

⁴The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. ⁵And 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!"

⁶Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. ⁷The 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." ⁸Then 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!" [⁹And he said, "Go and say to this people:

'Keep listening, but do not comprehend; keep looking, but do not understand.'

¹⁰Make 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." ¹¹Then 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; ¹²until the LORD sends everyone far away, and vast is the emptiness in the midst of the land. ¹³Even 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 6:1–8 [9–13])

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 138

¹I will give thanks to you, O LORD, with my whole heart; before the gods I will sing your praise.

²I 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.

³When I called, you answered me; you increased my strength within me.

⁴All the rulers of the earth will praise you, O LORD, when they have heard the words of your mouth.

⁵They will sing of the ways of the LORD, that great is the glory of the LORD.

⁶The LORD is high, yet cares for the lowly, perceiving the haughty from afar.

⁷Though 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.

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

A Reading from the First Letter of Paul to the Corinthians

¹Now 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, ²through 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.

³For 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, ⁴and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, ⁵and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. ⁶Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. ⁷Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. ⁸Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. ⁹For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. ¹⁰But 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. ¹¹Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe. (1 Corinthians 15:1–11)

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Gospel

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹Once while Jesus was standing beside the lake of Gennesaret, and the crowd was pressing in on him to hear the word of God, ²he saw two boats there at the shore of the lake; the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. ³He 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. ⁴When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into the deep water and let down your nets for a catch." 5Simon answered, "Master, we have worked all night long but have caught nothing. Yet if you say so, I will let down the nets." ⁶When they had done this, they caught so many fish that their nets were beginning to break. ⁷So 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. ⁸But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, "Go away from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man!" ⁹For he and all who were with him were amazed at the catch of fish that they had taken; ¹⁰and 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." ¹¹When they had brought their boats to shore, they left everything and followed him. (Luke 5:1–11)

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to You, O Christ.

SERMON

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM (10:30 service only—Please use the insert for the baptismal service.)

Today we are celebrating the baptism of Rachel Marie Kline, daughter of Jessica Haller and Raphael L. Kline. Please take the time to greet our newest member after the 10:30 service. Welcome, Rachel!

NICENE CREED (8:00 AM only)

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation

he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;

he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again

in accordance with the scriptures;

he ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,

who proceeds from the Father and the Son,

who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,

who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

United as one body in Christ, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need.

A brief silence.

We pray for the church. Give us courage to answer your call and keep us faithful to your life-giving word. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

For those who fish and those who farm. For ranchers, gardeners, and all whose work brings food to our tables. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

For the nations. Grant wisdom to those in authority. Protect families who have to leave their homes because of war, natural disasters, or rejection by their communities. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

For those in need. For those whose lives are in turmoil; for those burdened by anxiety and self-doubt. For those who grieve, and those who are ill (*especially*). Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

For this assembly. For those who mentor others in the faith; for those who nurture fellowship within this congregation and those who reach out in service to our community. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

With thanksgiving, we remember those who have died and now rest in your presence. Sustain us in hope of the resurrection and bring us into the joy of unending life in you. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Receive our prayers and fill us with the radiance of your love; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

PEACE

OFFERING

Ushers: Come immediately to the front and wait for the Communion Assistant. Receive the collection along the center aisle, from front to back, then walk behind the last pews and up the side aisles to receive the collection on the outside aisles, again from front to back. Return to the back and wait for the Communion Assistant to come forward with the alms basin.

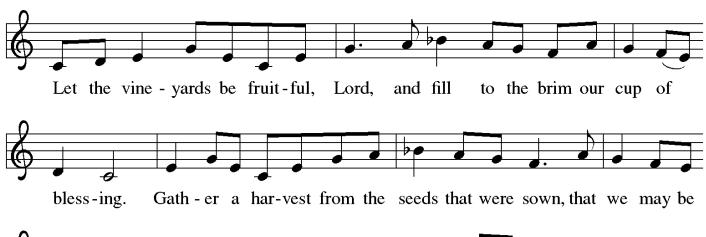
OFFERTORY (8:00)

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T. Smith

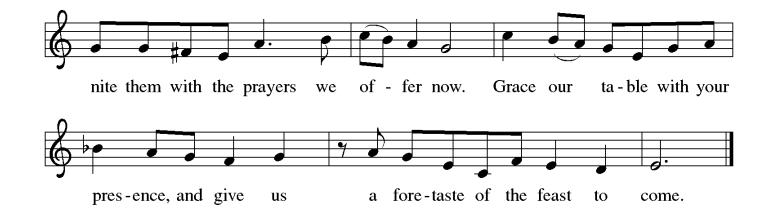
ANTHEM (10:30)

OFFERTORY HYMN





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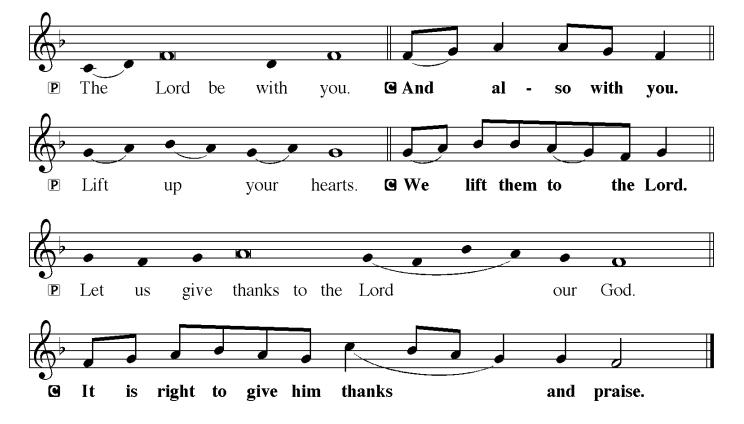
OFFERTORY PRAYER

God of all creation, all you have made is good, and your love endures forever. You bring forth bread from the earth and fruit from the vine. Nourish us with these gifts, that your gracious presence might shine forth in us through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

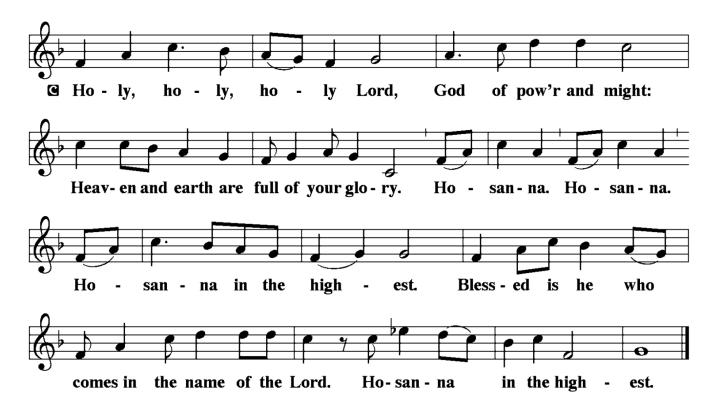
MEAL

GREAT THANKSGIVING



It is indeed right and salutary that we should in all times and all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, Holy Father, through Christ our Lord. Sharing our life, he lived among us to reveal your glory and love, that our darkness should give way to his own brilliant light. And so, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS



Blessed are you, Lord of heaven and earth.

In mercy for our fallen world you gave your only Son,

that all those who believe in him should not perish,

but have eternal life.

We give thanks to you

for the salvation you have prepared for us through Jesus Christ.

Send now your Holy Spirit into our hearts,

that we may receive our Lord with a living faith as he comes to us in his holy supper.

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

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 forever. Amen.

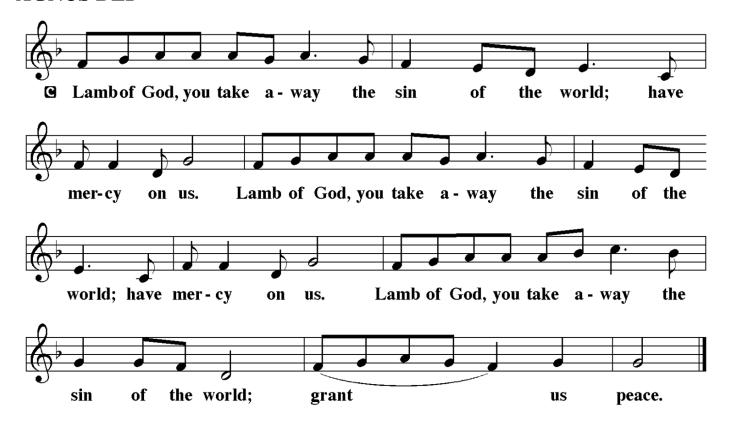
INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Come to the table. Share in the feast of God's abundant life.

DISTRIBUTION

The Sacrament will be distributed by Intinction, pulpit side first. Please move into the center aisle, proceed to the Pastor, and receive the bread in your open hand. Then turn to the assistant, where you may dip the host into the wine and partake, returning to your seat by the side aisle. The lectern side will follow, then the choir. Those unable to come forward will receive the Sacrament in their pews.

AGNUS DEI



COMMUNION HYMN

"Here I Am, Lord" #574

TABLE BLESSING

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

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

We thank you, O God, that you have fed us at your banquet table with heavenly food beyond compare. Send your Spirit to us, that we may proclaim freedom to the captive, build one another up for service, and in all things reflect your glory revealed in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

SENDING

BLESSING

May the God of glory dwell in you, shine brightly upon you, and enlighten your pathway; and may our almighty God, the Father, the

→ Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

"The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve" #551

THE DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Christ is your light!

Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

"Song of Praise"

S. Wesley

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Altar flowers are presented in honor of Tom Wehr's birthday by Gwen Wehr.

Today's bulletins are presented in memory of our grandparents, William and Lottie Lengel, by grandsons James and John and families.

SERVING TODAY:

8:00 AM

LECTOR: Ruth Ann Withers; COMMUNION ASSISTANT: Ruth Ann Withers; USHERS: Ruth Ann Withers & Carl Heintzelman; GREETER: Carl Heintzelman

10:30 AM

LECTOR: Jennifer Betz; COMMUNION ASSISTANT: Doug Travor; USHERS: Bob & Wendy Schuld; ACOLYTE/CRUCIFER: ; GREETERS: Scott Butler & Greg Sklar; COUNTERS: Rosalie Wingle, Marlene Eidam & Diane Brobst; ALTAR GUILD: Glenda Bright & Danielle Richards

SERVING NEXT WEEK (2/17/19)

8:00 AM

LECTOR: Kim Stramara; COMMUNION ASSISTANT: Gail Rarick; USHERS: Kay Weidensaul & Kim Stramara; GREETER:

10:30 AM

LECTOR: Hope Clarke; COMMUNION ASSISTANT: Scott Butler; USHERS: Candice Felton & Barb Sterner; ACOLYTE/CRUCIFER: ; GREETERS: Brian Miller & Chris Long; COUNTERS: Joyce O'Rourke, Gloria Dierwechter & Dana Jenkins; ALTAR GUILD: Chris Long & Tina Butler

ORWIGSBURG FOOD PANTRY HELP NEEDED!!!

One month of the year, St. Paul's is responsible for staffing the Orwigsburg Food Pantry opening. We are scheduled for the February opening, which means we will need at least 6 to 8 people to pack boxes at 6:00 Friday evening, February 15. This takes about 1 1/2 hours and is a good public service activity for youth. We need the same number of people from 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM Saturday, February 16. These people must be over 18 and able to help carry heavy boxes to the clients' cars. If you can help, please call or text Kay Weidensaul at 570-573-0007 so we know if we need to ask for help from other congregations.

CALENDAR

Saturday, Feb. 9	5:30 PM	Worship
Sunday, Feb. 10	8:00 AM	Worship
	9:15 AM	Adult Forum
	10:30 AM	Worship with baptism
	5:00 PM-	Confirmation Class
	6:00 PM	
Monday, Feb. 11	6:30 PM	Financial Peace University
	7:00 PM	Church Council
Wednesday, Feb. 13	7:00 PM	Chancel Choir
Friday, Feb. 15	6:00 PM	Food Pantry box packing
Saturday, Feb. 16	9:00 AM	Food Pantry help needed
	5:30 PM	Worship
Sunday, Feb. 17	8:00 AM	Worship
	9:15 AM	Adult Forum
	10:30 AM	Worship

BECAUSE WE CARE FOR EACH OTHER ...

For the sake of those whose health is at risk, as well as for those assembled, their families and friends, our Pastor and our Council encourage us NOT to share the peace with hugs and handshakes at this time. Let us find "other ways" to acknowledge our unity in Christ Jesus—and still greet one another in true Christian love!

CONFIRMATION CLASS

We will be meeting for 1 hour, from 5:00 PM to 6:00 PM on Sunday

<u>evenings</u>. Please let me (Jessica) know ASAP if this is a problem. Pastor Mike and I both felt that moving it up to a start time of 5:00 PM and having it last an hour would give us enough time to cover the material and still give families time for a Sunday evening together before the new school/work week begins.

Here is the schedule of dates. Please mark your calendars and let me know as soon as you are able, if there is a conflict.

Sunday from 5:00 PM-6:00 PM

February 10—Jesus the Lord

February 24—Holy Spirit

March 10—Church & Saints

March 24—Forgiveness & Sins

April 7—Resurrection & Eternal Life

May 5—Ten Commandments 1 & 2

June 2—Life in the Church (after confirmation)/Prepare for Confirmation/What to expect for the Worship Service.

Confirmation is scheduled for Pentecost Sunday, June 9, at 9:30 AM. More details to come.

Please continue to sign bulletins and fill out the worship reflection sheets. Place both in the basket at the back of the church.

I look forward to growing in faith together with Pastor Mike and the confirmation class as they finish their 2-year commitment of learning and growing in their faith. It will be exciting to see what they will bring to the life of the church.

Many blessings,

Jessica Swick

OSS OFFICE HOURS

Monday 8:30–12:30

Wednesday 8:30–12:30

Friday 8:30–12:30

From time to time, it is necessary for me to change the day and/or time that I can be in the office. If possible, I will convey that information ahead of time.

This coming Wednesday, February 13, I will not be in the office until after noon.
