



# FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY FEBRUARY 9, 2025

GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH  
OF NORTHEAST MINNEAPOLIS

*Welcome to worship! We are a congregation with a long history of loving God and serving our neighbors. We welcome and celebrate all of you, including race, culture, sexual orientation, gender identity, ability, age, and family.*

*We welcome you to share fellowship with us in your joys and struggles. If you hunger for a good meal, a bag of groceries, the bread of communion, an opportunity to serve your neighbors, or a welcoming church home, there is a place for you at Grace!*

When you see this symbol ✠ you're invited to stand as you are able.

**We love to sing!** When music and words are not printed in the bulletin, you can find the song in the red hymnal underneath the chairs at the page number listed.

**Children belong in worship!** We recognize that children aren't wired to "sit still" for an hour, so we welcome their quiet movement, joyous singing, and encourage their involvement in worship. Children of any age may pick out a book, toy, or art supplies in the Commons for use during the service.

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**All are welcome at Jesus' table to receive holy communion.** We set the table with wheat bread, gluten-free crackers, white grape juice, and red wine.

**Join us for fellowship time!** All are invited to stay after worship for coffee, treats, and community connection in the Multi-Purpose Room.

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**Two single-stall and wheelchair-accessible restrooms** are just outside the sanctuary in the Commons, and another one is down the hallway across from the gym.

## PRELUDE

## WELCOME AND GREETING

The grace of our savior Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you.

**And also with you.**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

✦ HYMN

*Come, Let Us Worship God*



1 Come, let us wor-ship God... Come, let us wor-ship God...



Come, let us wor-ship God... Come, let us wor-ship God...



Wel - come ev - 'ry - one... Wel - come ev - 'ry - one...



To the love of God... To the love of God...

2. Rest for the weary...      3. Food for the hungry...  
4. Hope for the children...

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

*One in Christ, let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.*



Christ, our peace, you break down the walls that di - vide us;



Christ, our peace, come, make us one bod-y in you.



Almighty God,  
by the power of your Spirit you knit together  
many members into one body, the body of Christ.

**We confess that we treat  
some members of the body as more valuable.  
We act as though we have no need of others.  
We forget that Jesus Christ is our head.  
Have mercy on us, O God.**

**Through the reconciling grace of Christ,  
transform our fragmented lives into of mosaic of faith,  
weave our voices into a harmony of hope,  
make us your beloved community,  
sharing love to all creation. Amen.**

*Christ, our peace,  
you break down the walls that divide us.*

*Christ, our peace,  
come, make us one body in you.*

## ASSURANCE & PEACE

In Christ Jesus, your sins are forgiven!  
The Spirit activates in you gifts for the common good.  
God's grace toward you is not in vain.  
As Christ's body, let us live in love. **Amen.**

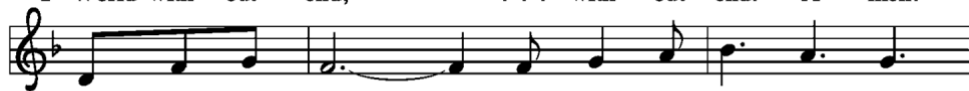
The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

*Please share a sign of peace with others as you are comfortable. When the hymn  
of praise begins, you may return to your seats and remain standing.*

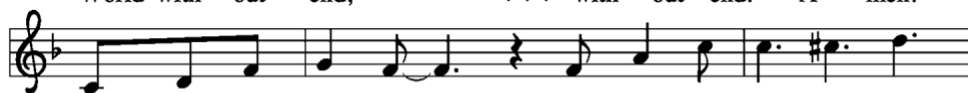




1 Glo - ry to God, whose good - ness shines on me,  
2 World with - out end, . . . with - out end. A - men.



and to the Son, whose grace has par - doned me,  
World with - out end, . . . with - out end. A - men.



and to the Spir - it, whose love has set me free.  
World with - out end, . . . with - out end. A - men.



As it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and ev - er shall be. A - men.

## OBJECT LESSON

*Any children who are interested and comfortable are invited to come forward for a reflection and short prayer. Parents and guardians are welcome too!*

## CHORAL OFFERING

*As we prepare to hear the Word, music opens our hearts to receive God's blessing.*

## FIRST READING

*Jeremiah 1:4-10*

The LORD's word came to me: "Before I created you in the womb I knew you; before you were born I set you apart; I made you a prophet to the nations." "Ah, LORD God," I said, "I don't know how to speak because I'm only a child."

The LORD responded, "Don't say, 'I'm only a child.' Where I send you, you must go; what I tell you, you must say. Don't be afraid of them, because I'm with you to rescue you," declares the LORD. Then the LORD, with outstretched hand, touched my mouth, and said to me, "I'm putting my words in your mouth. This very day I appoint you over nations and empires, to dig up and pull down, to destroy and demolish, to build and plant."

This is the word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

## ✠ GOSPEL CHANT

ACS 1087

*Let us rise to greet the gift of the Gospel!*

The musical notation consists of four staves of music in a single system. The first three staves are vocal lines, and the fourth is a basso continuo line. The lyrics are written below the notes.

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Al - le - lu - ia - ! Al - le - lu - ia!

As it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and ev-er shall be. A - men.

## ✠ GOSPEL READING

*Luke 5:1-11*

A reading from the Gospel according to Luke.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

One day Jesus was standing beside Lake Gennesaret when the crowd pressed in around him to hear God's word. Jesus saw two boats sitting by the lake. The fisherfolk had gone ashore and were washing their nets. Jesus boarded one of the boats, the one that belonged to Simon, then asked him to row out a little distance from the shore. Jesus sat down and taught the crowds from the boat. When he finished speaking to the crowds, he said to Simon, "Row out farther, into the deep water, and drop your nets for a catch."

Simon replied, "Master, we've worked hard all night and caught nothing. But because you say so, I'll drop the nets."

So Simon and his crew dropped the nets and their catch was so huge that their nets were splitting. They signaled for their partners in the other boat to come and help them. They filled both boats so full that they were about to sink. When Simon Peter saw the catch, he fell at Jesus' knees and said, "Leave me, Lord, for I'm a sinner!" Peter and those with him were

overcome with amazement because of the number of fish they caught. James and John, Zebedee's sons, were Simon's partners and they were amazed too.

Jesus said to Simon, "Don't be afraid. From now on, you will be fishing for people." As soon as they brought the boats to the shore, they left everything and followed Jesus.

This is the Good News.  
**Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

✠ HYMN

*Will You Come and Follow Me*

#798

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

ACS 1075

*The psalmist sang: "As a deer longs for flowing streams, so my soul longs for you, O God" (Ps 42:1). Let us call out to God on behalf of creation, community, and our deepest longings.*

O God, we call, O God, we call, from  
deep in - side we yearn, from deep in - side we yearn, from  
deep in - side we yearn for you.

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of three systems of music, each with a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The lyrics are written below the vocal line. The first system covers the first two lines of lyrics. The second system covers the next two lines. The third system covers the final line of lyrics and includes a double bar line at the end of the piece.

## OFFERING OUR GIFTS

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### ✠ COMMUNION: SINGING THE STORY

#466

1 In the sing - ing, in the si - lence, in the hands ex - pect - ant, o - pen,  
in the bless - ing, in the break - ing, in your pres - ence at this ta - ble,  
*Refrain*  
Je - sus Christ, Je - sus Christ, be the wine of grace;  
Je - sus Christ, Je - sus Christ, be the bread of peace.

Christ broke bread among disciples,  
sharing with them as he said:

“Take and eat, this is my body, given for you to be fed.”

**Jesus Christ, Jesus Christ, be the wine of grace;  
Jesus, Christ, Jesus Christ, be the bread of peace.**

“This cup too is full of promise;  
drink it and remember me;

A new covenant I offer for all people to be free.”

**Jesus Christ, Jesus Christ, be the wine of grace;  
Jesus, Christ, Jesus Christ, be the bread of peace.**

### ✠ COMMUNION: PRAYER

Holy God, you alone are holy, you alone are God.

*Echo each acclamation of praise as you are invited:*

We praise you, O God! **We praise you, O God!**  
We bless you, O God! **We bless you, O God!**  
We thank you, O God! **We thank you, O God!**



Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray...  
**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name.**  
**Your kingdom come.**  
**Your will be done on earth as in heaven.**  
**Give us today our daily bread.**  
**Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.**  
**Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.**  
**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,**  
**now and forever. Amen.**

COMMUNION: SHARING THE MEAL

May the meal we share truly be a communion  
 with our Savior, with each other,  
 and with Christ's body in every time and place. **Amen.**

*All are welcome at the Lord's table. If you wish to receive, ushers will invite you forward. The pastor will place a piece of bread or a gluten-free cracker in your cupped hand as you hear "Body of Christ, given for you." In the brass trays are cups of red wine or golden grape juice. Take a small cup as you hear, "Cup of Christ, given for you." You may respond with "Amen," "Thank you," or with quiet acceptance.*

*If you cannot come forward but wish to receive communion or a blessing, please let an usher know and the servers will come to you. If for any reason you do not wish to receive, you are welcome to come forward for a blessing with your arms crossed over your chest.*



*As we celebrate Communion, you may join in singing:*

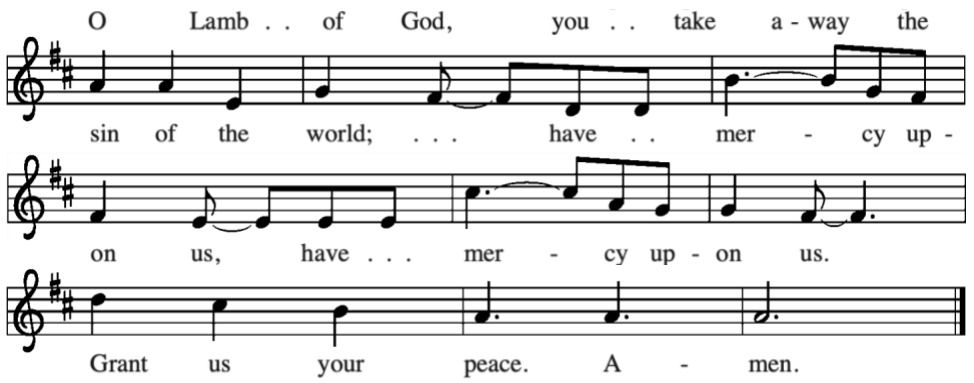
HYMN

**O Lamb of God**

*ACS Setting 11*

Musical notation for the hymn "O Lamb of God" in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The lyrics are written below the notes.

O Lamb . . of God, you . . take a - way the  
 sin of the world; . . . have . . mer - cy up - on us. *Repeat*



O Lamb . . . of God, you . . . take a - way the  
sin of the world; . . . have . . . mer - cy up -  
on us, have . . . mer - cy up - on us.  
Grant us your peace. A - men.

HYMN

*One Bread, One Body*

#496

HYMN

*Send Me, Lord*

#809

✠ POST-COMMUNION BLESSING AND PRAYER

Now may the body and blood of our Savior Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in God's grace. **Amen.**

Let us pray: **Thank you, loving God,  
for nourishing us with Christ's life.**

**As you have strengthened us for service,  
send us in your Spirit's power  
to share food and seek freedom with our neighbors;  
in the name of Jesus Christ our savior. Amen.**

✠ BENEDICTION

*Sent to live as the body of Christ, let us feel God's blessing on our bodies. Touch or make the sign of the cross on parts of your body as you hear them named.*

God bless your ears,  
that you may hear what the Spirit is saying.

God bless your eyes,  
that you may recognize Christ in your midst.

God bless your lips,  
that you may speak words of wisdom.

God bless your shoulders,  
that you may bear the gentle yoke of Christ.

God bless your hands,  
that you may show God's mercy.

God bless your heart,  
that you may abide in the love that the Spirit  
lavishes upon you, this day and always. **Amen.**

✠ HYMN

*The Lord Now Sends Us Forth*

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✠ SENDING

Go in peace. Live in love.

**We will. Thanks be to God!**

POSTLUDE

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