

Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany

February 9, 2025



Worship Participants

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Hearing Assistance

A telecoil hearing-loop system sends a signal into the sanctuary. If your hearing aid is t-coil equipped, try switching to the t-coil receiver. An FM hearing assistance system is also available for ears without hearing aids. Consult the sound operator for assistance.



Luke 5:11

When they had brought their boats to shore, they left everything and followed him.

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Gathering

Prelude: "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"
"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"

M. Burkhardt
R. Proulx

Welcome & Opening Prayer

*Call to Worship (based on Psalm 138:1,2)

**I will give you thanks, Lord, with all my heart;
before the heavenly assembly I will sing praises to you,
I will bow down toward your holy temple,
and give thanks to your name
because of your steadfast love and faithfulness,
for you have exalted your name and your word
above everything.**

*Song of Praise: "Be Still, for the Presence"

LUYH 532

*God Greet Us, We Greet One Another

*Song: "My God, How Wonderful You Are"

LUYH 548:1,3,4,5

"With Grateful Heart My Thanks I Bring"

LUYH 585:1,3,4

Renewal

Call to Confession (based on Isaiah 6)

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Prayer of Confession

Lord, you come to us, but we do not recognize you;
you call to us, but we do not follow,
you command, but we do not obey;
you bless us, but we do not thank you.

Please forgive and help us.

Lord, you accept us, but we do not accept others;
you forgive us, but we do not forgive those who wrong us;
you love us, but we do not love our neighbors.

Please forgive and help us.

Lord, you showed us how to carry out your mission,
but we still insist on our own;
you identified yourself with outcasts, the needy and the poor,
but we do not bother to find out what is happening to them;

Sending

*Benediction

*Closing Song: "Take My Life and Let It Be"

LUYH 863:1,2,4,5

Postlude: "Jesus Shall Reign"

D. Cherwien

Song: “Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty”

LUYH 538:1

The Institution: 1 Corinthians 11

Memorial Acclamation

Let us proclaim the mystery of our faith:

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

Dying he destroyed our death.

Rising he restored our life.

Lord Jesus, come in glory.

Prayer of Consecration, concluding with 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors.

Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom and the power

and the glory forever. Amen.

The Invitation

We invite you to come down the center aisle to the communion table at the front of the sanctuary. You may partake at the table or take it back to your seats to partake there.

Gluten-free bread is available on the table.

Communion Songs: “Alleluia! Sing to Jesus”
“There Is a Redeemer”

J. Ferguson, R. Proulx
LUYH 833

*Prayer of Thanksgiving: Psalm 23

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The Lord is my shepherd, I lack nothing.

He makes me lie down in green pastures,

he leads me beside quiet waters, he refreshes my soul.

He guides me along the right paths for his name’s sake.

Even though I walk through the darkest valley,

I will fear no evil, for you are with me;

your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies.

You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

Surely your goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life,

and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

you suffered and died for the sake of all,
but we do not give up our comfortable lives.

Please forgive and help us, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Isaiah was declared righteous after a seraph touched his lips with a live coal.

At the Lord’s table our lips touch bread and cup—

the symbols Jesus gave us to remember Christ’s sacrifice

and the glorious truth that by his stripes we are healed, forgiven.

Thanks be to God!

Song of Thanksgiving: “Before the Throne of God Above”

LUYH 682:1,3

Invitation to Giving

Offering our gifts is an important part of our response to God—connecting our worship with a life of discipleship—and is a way to participate in the ministry of Covenant CRC here in this building and around the world. Offering boxes are available, or check your bulletin announcements for more ways to give.

Prayers for the Church and World

Word

Children In Worship Dismissal: “This Little Light of Mine”

LUYH 930:1

Children ages 3 years old through kindergarten are invited to a time of worship designed especially for young children and can gather in the fellowship hall with the helpers. Our young guests are welcome to participate in this service.

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading: Luke 5:1-11

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Message

Dr. Jason Lief

*Song of Response: “Go to the World”

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Table

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right for us to give thanks and praise.