



“From now
on you will



be catching
people.”

LUKE 5:10, NRSV

The Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

Sunday, February 9, 2025 10:15am

The fifth Sunday after Epiphany continues to highlight unlikely instruments and circumstances appointed to reveal God's glory. "Who will go for us?" God asks. A person 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 that we are also called.

We Gather & Prepare to Hear God's Word

Gathering Music

Ring of the Bell

Welcome/Invocation

In the name of the Father,
and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Responsive Call to Worship

We seek to love God with every fiber of our being.

We seek to love our neighbors as well as our enemies.

We begin by loving ourselves.

In loving ourselves, we find the strength to love others.

Let us be open to receiving what we need from God...

**to find the compassion to love strangers and
the courage to love our enemies.**

Let our self-love empower us to give our love away freely to the world.

**In loving ourselves, we bear witness to the love at the heart of all
things-God. Let it begin here, and now. Amen.**

The love of the Lord be with you all.

And also with you.

(Sharing of joy/peace)

Gathering Song "Awesome God"

Our God is an awesome God; He reigns from heaven above
with wisdom, power and love; Our God is an awesome God.

Responsive Confession and Assurance of Forgiveness

It may be the hardest thing we will ever do, caught up in our
self-righteousness, honing our pain.

The one who offended may not deserve forgiveness and we are not obliged
to offer it. Why, then, should we forgive?

Because we have all caused pain.
Because we all miss the mark.
Because we can deepen our souls if we forgive.
Because restoring even one relationship heals many hearts.
Because we would be forgiven ourselves.
Because drawing closer to one another builds our communities.
Because the alternative is endless bitterness.
Because the world we seek to create is a world filled with forgiveness.
Because we need not remain caught up in our self-righteousness and pain.
It may be the hardest thing we will ever do.
Let us take the first step now.

We close our eyes and place our hands over them...
Lord God, forgive us for turning our eyes away from you.
Forgive us for being dissatisfied with the good things you have given.
Lord God, have mercy on us.

We place our hands on our lips...
Lord God, we are sorry for the things we have spoken which hurt or condemn. Open our lips so we can tell of your love.
Lord God, have mercy on us.

We open our hands and hold our palms out to God...
Lord God, forgive us for not doing the good you place before us.
Help us to use our hands to serve you and others.
Lord God, have mercy on us.

We place our hands over our heart...
Lord God, create in us a clean heart. Forgive our self-centeredness and fill us with your Holy Spirit—to live for others.
Lord God, have mercy on us.

We lift our hands over our heads up to the sky...
We give you thanks gracious God for your faithful love to us, that in your mercy we receive complete forgiveness for our sins. **Amen.**

Song "Change My Heart, O God" ELW 801

We Listen to the Word of God

Isaiah 6:1-8

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord, high and exalted, seated on a throne; and the train of his robe filled the temple. 2 Above him were

seraphim, each with six wings: With two wings they covered their faces, with two they covered their feet, and with two they were flying. 3 And they were calling to one another:

“Holy, holy, holy is the Lord Almighty;
the whole earth is full of his glory.”

4 At the sound of their voices the doorposts and thresholds shook and the temple was filled with smoke.

5 “Woe to me!” I cried. “I am ruined! For I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips, and my eyes have seen the King, the Lord Almighty.”

6 Then one of the seraphim flew to me with a live coal in his hand, which he had taken with tongs from the altar. 7 With it he touched my mouth and said, “See, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away and your sin atoned for.”

8 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!”

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 138

1 I will praise you, Lord, with all my heart;
before the “gods” I will sing your praise.

**2 I will bow down toward your holy temple
and will praise your name
for your unfailing love and your faithfulness,
for you have so exalted your solemn decree
that it surpasses your fame.**

3 When I called, you answered me;
you greatly emboldened me.

**4 May all the kings of the earth praise you, Lord,
when they hear what you have decreed.**

5 May they sing of the ways of the Lord,
for the glory of the Lord is great.

**6 Though the Lord is exalted, he looks kindly on the lowly;
though lofty, he sees them from afar.**

7 Though I walk in the midst of trouble,
you preserve my life.

You stretch out your hand against the anger of my foes;
with your right hand you save me.

**8 The Lord will vindicate me;
your love, Lord, endures forever—
do not abandon the works of your hands.**

Here ends the reading of the Psalm.

I Corinthians 15:1-11

Now, brothers and sisters, I want to remind you of the gospel I preached to you, which you received and on which you have taken your stand. 2 By this gospel you are saved, if you hold firmly to the word I preached to you. Otherwise, you have believed in vain.

3 For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, 4 that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures, 5 and that he appeared to Cephas, and then to the Twelve. 6 After that, he appeared to more than five hundred of the brothers and sisters at the same time, most of whom are still living, though some have fallen asleep. 7 Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles, 8 and last of all he appeared to me also, as to one abnormally born.

9 For I am the least of the apostles and do not even deserve to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. 10 But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace to me was not without effect. No, I worked harder than all of them—yet not I, but the grace of God that was with me. 11 Whether, then, it is I or they, this is what we preach, and this is what you believed.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Children's Message "What a Catch!"

Gospel Acclamation **Alleluia**
Setting 11

Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al-le -
lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Now we lis - ten to God's Word.

Gospel Reading Luke 5:1-11

The Gospel reading is found in the Gospel of Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

One day as Jesus was standing by the Lake of Gennesaret, the people were crowding around him and listening to the word of God. 2 He saw at the water's edge two boats, left there by the fishermen, who were washing their nets. 3 He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little from shore. Then he sat down and taught the people from the boat.

4 When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into deep water, and let down the nets for a catch."

5 Simon answered, "Master, we've worked hard all night and haven't caught anything. But because you say so, I will let down the nets."

6 When they had done so, they caught such a large number of fish that their nets began to break. 7 So they signaled their partners in the other boat to come and help them, and they came and filled both boats so full that they began to sink.

8 When Simon Peter saw this, he fell at Jesus' knees and said, "Go away from me, Lord; I am a sinful man!" 9 For he and all his companions were astonished at the catch of fish they had taken, 10 and so were James and John, the sons of Zebedee, Simon's partners.

Then Jesus said to Simon, "Don't be afraid; from now on you will fish for people." 11 So they pulled their boats up on shore, left everything and followed him.

The Gospel of our Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Message "Risky Business" Pastor Wayne Kopitzke

We Respond to the Call of God

Song of the Day "You Have Come Down to the Lakeshore" ELW 817

The Apostles' Creed (p. 105)

Prayers of the Church

Response-"Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying" ELW 752

Offering Music

What Is the World Like



1 What is the world like when God's will is
 2 What is the world like when God's will is
 3 What is the world like when God's will is
 4 What is the world like when God's will is
 5 These are the sto - ries that Je - sus im -



done? Mus - tard seeds grow more than
 done? Wit - ness the wan - der - ing
 done? No more is neigh - bor - just
 done? Read - y for feast - ing, we
 parts, filled with the Spir - it who



we can con - ceive: roots thread the
 child com - ing home; watch as the
 al - ly or friend; peace thrives in
 watch through the night, tend - ing our
 joins us as one. Born through our



soil; branch - es reach for the sun.
 par - ent breaks in - to a run.
 plac - es where once there was none.
 lamps till the new day's be - gun.
 voic - es, our hands, and our hearts,



This is how God moves us each to be - lieve.
 This is how God longs for us when we roam.
 This is how God works when ri - val - ries end.
 This is how God read - ies us for the light.
 this is a new world where God's will is done.

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Offertory Prayer

Together we pray, **We give gratefully for all that God has given us.
We measure our wealth not by what we have, but what we can give.
Let us give generously, to bless your church, your people,
and your creation. Amen.**

We Celebrate the Table of God

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give God thanks and praise.

The Words of Institution and The Lord's Prayer

Communion Music "Here I Am, Lord" ELW 574
"Will You Come and Follow Me" ELW 798

Post Communion Prayer

May this meal we have shared renew us and inspire us to join more joyfully
with you as you work for peace and justice in the world. **Amen.**

Announcements

We Depart to Serve God

Sending Blessing

The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make His face shine on you and
be gracious to you; the Lord look on you in favor and + give you peace.
Amen.

Sending Song "Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty" ELW 413

Dismissal

Go in true peace; love and care for one another.
We will. Thanks be to God!

Postlude

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**THIS WEEK'S BULLETIN IS SPONSORED BY THE FAMILY IN MEMORY
OF MAXINE WELCH WHO PASSED AWAY ON THIS DATE IN 2022.**

**Weekly Attendance - 240
YouTube - 128
Sunday School - 40
General Offering - \$17,236.20
Noisy Offering - \$97.12**

HOSPITALIZED THIS WEEK: Marilyn Ulferts, Edna Kallevig, Alice Gjerde, Mavis Larson and Karla Peterson

Readings and Psalm for Next Week

[Jeremiah 17:5-10](#)

Blessed are those who trust the Lord, they are like trees by water

[Psalm 1](#)

They are like trees planted by streams of water. (Ps. 1:3)

[1 Corinthians 15:12-20](#)

Christ has been raised, the first fruits of those who have died

[Luke 6:17-26](#)

Jesus speaks blessings on the poor and hungry; woes on the rich and full

Serving Sunday 10:15am

Preaching: Pastor Wayne Kopitzke
Acolytes: Aubree & Emma Larson
Communion Assistants: Corey, Elissa, and Lola Nelson
Greeters: Mark & Beth Bloomquist, Ace & Heather Bonnema
Lector: Mary Jo deCathelineau
Sound: Kim Larson
Video: Jody Skindelien

Calvary Creation Care News Flash

At a recent Calvary Church Council meeting, the Council unanimously adopted a Congregational Care-for-Creation Covenant.

The covenant is a commitment by our congregation to care for creation in five areas: worship, education, building and grounds, personal discipleship, and public witness.

- **Worship:** The congregation will incorporate creation-care themes into its worship services.
- **Education:** The congregation will educate its members about creation care.
- **Building and Grounds:** The congregation will make its buildings and grounds more environmentally friendly.
- **Personal Discipleship:** The congregation will encourage its members to adopt environmentally friendly practices in their personal lives.
- **Public Witness:** The congregation will advocate for creation care in the wider community.

You can find the covenant on the church website:

<https://files.secure.website/wscfus/10218199/32672133/creation-care-covenant.pdf> or by scanning the QR Code below.



WE CAN HELP!

We have learned that the Campus Ministry Center across from Ridgewater serves 300+ meals each week and they wash and dry dishes by hand! They need dishtowels, so we will have a bin in the narthex beginning February 15 until the 28th. Towels should be new or very gently used.

Thank you Calvary! Social Kindness Committee



DENTAL PRODUCTS RECYCLING

Today is the drop off of your used dental products. There is a drop box in the narthex. These products will be recycled and kept out of the landfill.

SOLAR LIGHTS FOR UKRAINE

"The dollars all of us contributed for SOLAR LIGHTS FOR UKRAINE has provided for 50 more lights to assemble. The Creation Care Teams at Vinje, Calvary and Bethel invite you to come and help assemble the lights on Tuesday, February 11 at 6:30 at Vinje Lutheran. We had a great crew that came together last fall for the first 100 lights— please plan to come and experience the fellowship the evening will provide. Dave Nonemacher from the Ray of Life Foundation will again be present to give us an update and help guide the assembly."

CREATION CARE SAVE A DATE:

Calvary, Vinje and Bethel will be hosting a Creation Care booth at the 2nd Annual Healthy Earth Healthy Kids EcoFair that will be held at the Willmar Civic Center on Saturday, April 26th.

Anyone is welcome to join us for our meetings and learn more about the committee. We meet the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 6:30pm. Our next **Creation Care meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 18th in the Friendship Room.**

GATHER BIBLE STUDY

Gather Bible Study will meet on Wednesday, February 19 at 10:00am in the Friendship Room

CAMP SUNDAY FEBRUARY 16th at BOTH SERVICES!

Travis Aufderheide from Green Lake Lutheran Ministries will join us for worship and Sunday School! He will bring us an update during worship on all the great things happening at Bible Camp AND spend time having some fun with our Sunday School students during Sunday School Opening. Please join us and bring any Bible Camp questions you might have!

SILENT BIBLE STUDY

Silent Bible Study will meet February 12th & 26th at 12:00 noon in the library. ALL ARE WELCOME!

CIRCLE OF WELCOME

Members of Calvary and River of Hope (RoH) Lutheran Church in Hutchinson are partnering together to support a Willmar refugee family through the Lutheran Social Service program called "Circle of Welcome". This is an opportunity to walk with a refugee family as friends, supporters, and advocates to help them become established more quickly. Activities might include setting up furniture, helping adults find employment, practicing English, and running errands. We have met with the RoH volunteers both online and in person during training provided through LSS. We are currently waiting for the first meeting with the family we will be supporting to be arranged in the coming weeks. If you have any questions about this program or would like to help out in some way, please contact David Sehloff (dsehloff@gmail.com) or Cathy Halbritter (jchalbritter@gmail.com).

Make Kindness the Norm, Not the Exception

February is National Random Acts of Kindness Month. It is a time to reinforce compassion and empathy in our lives and communities. We also celebrate Random Acts of Kindness Week from February 14 to February 20 annually. It is a celebration of all the ways we can become a positive influence in each other's lives. Even one small act of kindness can mean a great deal to somebody

1. Kindness Builds Stronger Connections

Kindness fosters trust, empathy, and connection. When kindness becomes a daily habit, it creates a ripple effect that strengthens relationships—whether at school, in workplaces, or at home. By making kindness the norm, we cultivate an environment where everyone feels valued, supported, and inspired.

2. Kindness Improves Mental and Physical Well-Being

Engaging in acts of kindness has been scientifically proven to enhance both mental and physical health. Performing kind deeds releases feel-good hormones like oxytocin and serotonin, which help reduce stress and increase happiness. Regularly practicing kindness can lead to lower blood pressure, improved mental health, and even increased lifespan. By making kindness the norm, we not only uplift others but also promote our own well-being.

3. Kindness Creates a Ripple Effect

Witnessing or experiencing kindness inspires others to pay it forward, creating a chain of positivity that spreads far beyond the initial act. This ripple effect has the power to influence entire communities and even spark systemic change.

4. Kindness Breaks Down Barriers

Kindness transcends differences in culture, background, and beliefs. By making kindness the norm, we create an inclusive environment where everyone feels welcome and respected. Kindness bridges gaps, fosters understanding, and helps us see each other as humans first.

5. Kindness Inspires Action

When kindness is the norm, people are more likely to step up. Whether it's helping a neighbor, supporting a cause, or standing up against injustice, kindness as a baseline encourages us to take meaningful action.

How to Make Kindness the Norm

1. **Start Small:** Incorporate simple acts of kindness into your daily routine, like offering compliments, holding the door open, or lending a helping hand.

2. **Model Kindness:** Be an example for others, especially children, by showing kindness in your words and actions.

3. **Amplify It:** Share stories of kindness to inspire others and spread positivity.

4. **Create Systems:** Advocate for policies and practices—in schools, workplaces, and communities—that encourage and reward kindness.

What Truly Matters

Making kindness the norm isn't just a lofty ideal—it's a practical, powerful way to improve our world. When we choose kindness as our default, we create an environment where everyone can thrive. It's not about waiting for the extraordinary; it's about recognizing that everyday acts have extraordinary potential. Together, we can make kindness the norm, not the exception. And that's a world worth striving for!

Resources are available for everyone on the table in the Narthex! Please take home whatever inspires you to participate in Random Acts of Kindness month- and all year long! Any questions? Let me know.

Blessings and JOY! - Pastor Amy

Sunday, February 9 – RANDOM ACTS OF KINDNESS WEEK

Dental Products Recycling

8:00am Worship – P. Wayne preach
9:00am Coffee Time
9:05am Sunday School
10:15am Worship
10:45am Worship Service on KWLM 1340 am or 96.3 fm
1:00pm Worship Service-WRAC 181
3:00pm Girl Scout Troop #3500 – Friendship Room
8:00pm Worship Service-WRAC 181

Monday, February 10

5:00pm Bell Choir
6:30 & 7pm Scouts

Tuesday, February 11

12:00pm Finance Committee
2:00pm BeFriender's Meeting - Library
6:00pm Girl Scout Troop #3749 – Room 201
6:30pm Solar Light Assembly - Vinje
6:30pm Worship Service - WRAC 181

Wednesday, February 12

12:00pm Silent Bible Study – Library
6:30pm 6-9 Grade Confirmation – Friendship Room

Thursday, February 13

9:30am Text Bible Study – Friendship Room
1:00pm Quilting
5:45pm Girl Scout Troop #3655 – Friendship Room

Saturday, February 15

5:30pm Chapel

Sunday, February 16

8:00am Worship – P. Amy preach/Camp Sunday
9:00am Coffee Time
9:05am Sunday School
10:15am Worship – Camp Sunday
10:45am Worship Service on KWLM 1340 am or 96.3 fm
1:00pm Worship Service-WRAC 181
4:00pm Girl Scout Troop #3515 – Room 201
8:00pm Worship Service-WRAC 181

