8:45 A.M. ORDER OF WORSHIP February 9, 2025 FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

PRELUDE:

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BRIEF ORDER OF CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS:

During the Confession you may either stand or kneel as you are able.

- P: In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
- C: Amen
- P: 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: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.
- P: Most merciful God,
- C: we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart: we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen
- P: Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: AMEN.

GATHERING HYMN: "Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty!"



Text: Reginald Heber, 1783–1826, alt. Music: NICAEA, John B. Dykes, 1823–1876

APOSTOLIC GREETING:

- P. 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:

P. The Lord be with you.

C. And also with you.

P. Let us pray.

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.

Please be seated

PSALM: 138

READINGS FOR TODAY

FIRST READING: Isaiah 6:1-8 [9-13]

Spoken responsively, the Lector speaks the verses in regular print and

congregation speaks the verses in bold print. ¹ I will give thanks to you, O LORD, with my whole heart; before the gods I will sing your praise.

² 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.

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

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

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

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

⁷ 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.

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

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 15:1-11

¹ 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, ² 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.

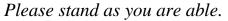
³ For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, ⁴ and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, ⁵ and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. ⁶ Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. ⁷ Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. ⁸ Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. ⁹ For I am the least of the apostles, unfit 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 toward me has not been in

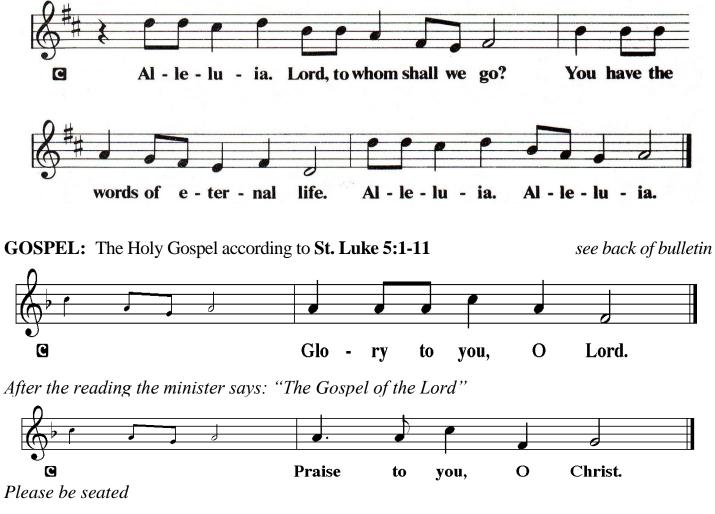
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vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them—though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. ¹¹ Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe.





SERMON

Pastor Marjorie McDaniel

Please stand as you are able.



APOSTLES' CREED:

C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again 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

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION:

- A. With the Spirit of Christ shining upon us, let us boldly pray for the church, the world, and all of creation.
 - A brief silence.
- A: God of grace,
- C: hear our prayer.
- P: We entrust our prayers to you, O God, in the sure and certain hope that your promise is revealed among the people.
- C: Amen.

Please stand as you are able. SHARING OF THE PEACE: P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you.

Please share the PEACE of the Lord with one another.

CHOIR ANTHEM: ANTHEM: "Down to the River to Pray" – arr. Pepper Choplin

When I when down to the river to pray, studying about that good ole way,

when you shall wear the starry crown, Good Lord, show me the way.

O brother, let's go down, let's go down, come on down.

O brother, let's go down, down to the river to pray.

When I went down to the river to pray, studying about that good ole way,

when you shall wear the starry crown, Good Lord, show me the way.

O sister, let's go down, let's go down, come on down.

O sister, let's go down, down to the river to pray.

When I went down to the river to pray, studying about that good ole way,

when you shall wear the starry crown, Good Lord, show me the way.

O children, let's go down, let's go down, come on down.

O children, let's go down, down to the river to pray.

When I went down to the river to pray, studying about that good ole way,



when you shall wear the starry crown, Good Lord, show me the way. O people, let's go down, let's go down, come on down. O people, let's go down, down to the river to pray.

PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING:



OFFERTORY PRAYER:

- A. Merciful Father,
- C. we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

COMMUNION LITURGY

P. You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God.You are most holy, and great is the majesty of your glory.You so loved the world that you gave your only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish

but have eternal life.

We give you thanks for his coming into the world to fulfill for us your holy will

and to accomplish all things for our salvation.

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.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

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. Amen.

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HOLY COMMUNION:

All are welcome to receive Holy Communion. We trust and teach the "real presence" of Jesus, in, with, and under the elements of bread and wine.



Please stand as you are able

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in His grace.

C: Amen.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER:

P. Let us pray. We give you thanks almighty God that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life. In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift – in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: Amen

BENEDICTION:

- P. The Lord bless thee, and keep thee: the Lord make his face shine upon thee, and be gracious unto thee: the Lord lift up his countenance upon thee, and give the peace.
- C. Amen.

SENDING HYMN: "Holy God, We Praise Your Name"



DISMISSAL:

- A. Go in peace! Serve the Lord!
- C. Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE:

Today's altar flowers are given by Bob & Lucie Stricker in honor of Kristel's birthday.