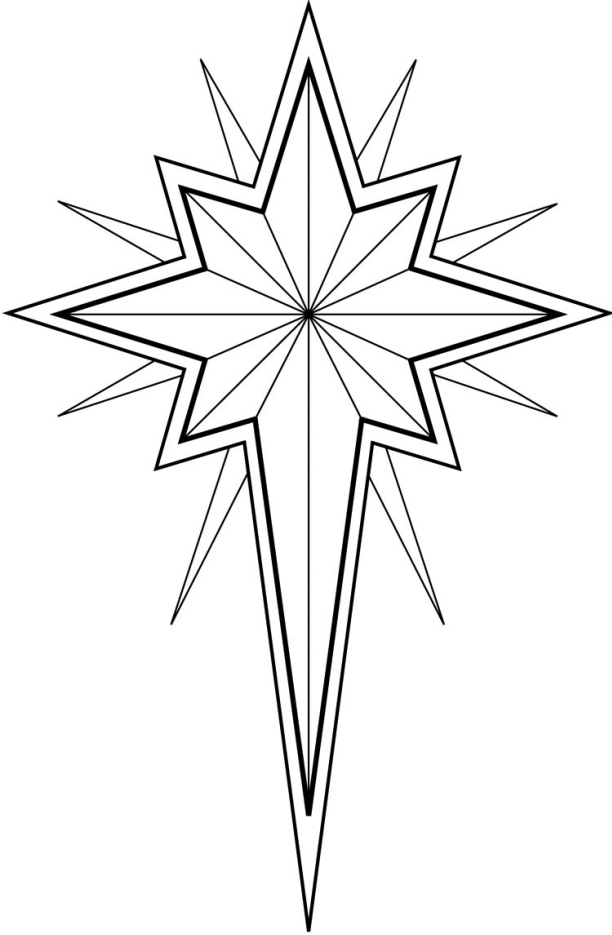


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9 FEBRUARY 2025



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# SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

## *EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN WORSHIP, SETTING 10 (PAGES 203-209)*

*The liturgy is in the front of the ELW with numbers at the bottom of the pages.  
The hymns begin in the middle of the ELW with numbers at the top of the pages.*

### **PRELUDE**

### **RINGING OF THE BELL**

### **WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, our creator,  
our protector, our wellspring of life.

**C: Amen.**

P: Trusting that God receives our words and the meditations  
of our hearts, let us confess our sin.

P: Merciful God,

**C: you speak blessing and compassion into the world.**

**Forgive us for the ways we act with judgment, cruelty,  
or indifference.**

**We ignore the needs of our neighbors; we resist your call  
to oppose injustice; we give in to scarcity and fear;  
we assume the worst about one another.**

**Cleanse us from our faults and release us from their grasp.  
Show us your lovingkindness.**

**Restore our hearts and repair your world, that we may live  
in Christ's ways.**

**Amen.**

P: God proclaims these words of assurance: "Do not fear, for I have  
redeemed you. I have called you by name. You are mine"

In † Christ, you are forgiven. In the Spirit, you are made free.

Refreshed by the waters of mercy, live anew as beloved children  
of God.

**C: Amen.**

**HYMN #413 "HOLY, HOLY, HOLY, LORD GOD ALMIGHTY!"**

## **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.**

## **KYRIE [PAGE 203]**

♪ **Have mercy on us, Lord, and hear our solemn prayer.  
We come to hear your living word; it saves us from despair.**

**Have mercy on us, Christ, and wash away our sin.  
Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may begin.**

**Have mercy on us, Lord, make sin and shame depart.  
Renew us with your saving pow'r; create in us new hearts!**

## **CANTICLE OF PRAISE [PAGE 204]**

♪ **Glory be to God in heaven; peace, goodwill to all the earth.  
Mighty God of all creation, Father of surpassing worth:  
we exalt you, we adore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.  
Saints and angels bow before you; here on earth our songs we raise.**

**Glory be to Christ forever, Lamb of God and Lord of love.  
Son of God and gracious Savior, you have come from heav'n above;  
on the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God's right hand.  
Hear our prayer; restore, forgive us; in your promise firm we stand.**

**Holy One we now acclaim you; Lord alone, to you we call;  
Holy One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all:  
Jesus Christ, with God the Spirit, in the Father's splendor bright.  
For the peace that we inherit, glory be to God on high!**

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**P:** The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

**P:** Let us pray. (*concluding...our Savior and Lord.*)

**C: Amen.**

## **READINGS**

**ISAIAH 6:1-8 [9-13] | PSALM 138 | 1 CORINTHIANS 15:1-11**

**L:** The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION [PAGE 205]**

**♪ Alleluia! Lord and Savior: open now your saving word.  
Let it burn like fire within us; speak until our hearts are stirred.  
Alleluia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.**

**GOSPEL: LUKE 5:1-11**

**P:** The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 5<sup>th</sup> chapter.

**C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

**P:** The Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

**YOUTH SERMON – REV. LEAH HOLLOWAY-NILSEN**

**SERMON – REV. LEAH HOLLOWAY-NILSEN**

**HYMN #805 “LEAD ON, O KING ETERNAL”**

**INSTALLATION OF CONGREGATION COUNCIL AND OFFICERS**

**CONFESSION OF FAITH: APOSTLES’ CREED**

**P:** With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come 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

P: With the Spirit of Christ shining upon us, let us boldly pray for the church, the world, and all of creation.

*(Each petition ends: P: 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.**

## SHARING OF THE PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

**C: And also with you.**

## OFFERING

### OFFERTORY PRAYER

P: Let us pray. *(concluding...our Savior and Lord.)*

**C: Amen.**

## GREAT THANKSGIVING

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

**C: We lift them to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

## PREFACE [PAGE 207]

P: It is indeed right...and join their unending hymn:

**C:     ♪ Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
          heav'n and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.**

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

## 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.**

## COMMUNION

*All are welcome at the Lord's Table.*

*Gluten-free wafers and white grape juice are available.*

**♪ O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world away;  
you suffered death our lives to save: have mercy now, we pray.**

**O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world away;  
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mercy now, we pray.**

**O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world away;  
eternal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.**

## HYMN #494 "FOR THE BREAD WHICH YOU HAVE BROKEN"

### POST COMMUNION BLESSING

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

**C:** Amen.

### POST COMMUNION HYMN [TUNE #883]

**♪ Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
praise him, all creatures here below;  
praise him above, ye heav'nly host;  
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.**

### POST COMMUNION PRAYER

**P:** Let us pray. (*concluding*...Jesus Christ our Lord.)

**C:** Amen.

**BLESSING**

P: Almighty God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit,  
bless you now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

**HYMN #414 “HOLY GOD, WE PRAISE YOUR NAME”**

**DISMISSAL**

P: Go in peace. Live in hope.

**C: Thanks be to God!**

**RINGING OF THE BELL**

**POSTLUDE**

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**Organist:** Jason Boussetot or Linda Whitman

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## This Week At A Glance

<b>Tuesday</b>	12:00 pm	“Meet and Eat” at Buck’s Corner
<b>Wednesday</b>	10:00 am	Naomi Circle at Marsha Witte’s home
	6:00 pm	Confirmation at Faith
	7:00 pm	Bible Jam at Faith
	7:00 pm	Education committee at Faith
<b>Thursday</b>	6:00 pm	Outreach committee at Our Savior’s
	6:30 pm	Worship committee at Our Savior’s
	7:00 pm	Council meetings at Our Savior’s
<b>Sunday</b>	8:00 am	Worship service at Our Savior’s
	9:25 am	Sunday School at Faith
	10:30 am	Worship service at Faith

### **Those to keep in prayer:**

Mallory Boussetot, Roger and Betty Boussetot, Cathy Goddard, Larry Schau, Diane Sievers, Margaret Travaille; the homebound: Carol Christensen, Ron Gasper, Delores Lahann, Myrna Kay Peterson, Vera St. John, Betty Schau and Bus Seastrand; and those serving in the military.

## Announcements

Calamus Lutheran Parish welcomes **Nicole Easterday as parish secretary**. Nicole plans to be in the office Monday, Wednesday, and Friday mornings. If you have additions to the prayer list, notices for the bulletin, or items for the newsletter, please send them to [clparish@fbcom.net](mailto:clparish@fbcom.net) or call the office at 563-246-2622.

**The Sunday School children will sing at the 10:30 worship at Faith on Sunday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>.** The four songs will be the Call to Worship at the beginning of the service. Children will gather in the Children’s Chapel following Sunday School. They will be free to leave after they sing. Parents, please make plans for your children to attend March 2<sup>nd</sup>.

The ***Living Lutheran*** magazine is returning as a print publication with four issues per year. Sign up at [www.livinglutheran.org/subscribe](http://www.livinglutheran.org/subscribe) or fill out and mail in a form. There are forms on the table by the secretary’s office. Cost is \$19.95 per year. You will be invoiced in spring 2025 for your subscription.

The **noisy offering** will be collected on Sunday, February 16<sup>th</sup>.

**March newsletter** items are due on Monday, February 17<sup>th</sup>.



## THE CONDITIONS OF A MIRACLE

*Luke 5: 1-11 Jesus was standing on the shore of the Lake of Gennesaret while the crowds pressed in upon him to listen to the word of God. He saw two boats riding close to the shore. the fishermen had disembarked from them and were washing their nets. He embarked on one of the boats, which belonged to Simon, and asked him to push out a little from the land. He sat down and continued to teach the crowds from the boat. When he stopped speaking, he said to Simon, "Push out into the deep water and let down your nets for a catch." Simon answered, "Master, we have toiled all night long and we caught nothing; but, if you say so, I will let down the nets." When they had done so they enclosed a great crowd of fishes; their nets were torn with the numbers; so they signaled to their partners in the other boat to come and help them. They came and they rifled both the boats so that they began to sink. When Simon Peter saw this he fell at Jesus' knees. "Leave me, Lord," he said, "because I am a sinful man." Wonder gripped him and all who were with him at the number of fishes they had caught. It was the same with James and John, Zebedee's sons, who were partners with Simon. Jesus said to Simon, "From now on you will be catching men." So they brought the boats to land and they left everything and followed him.*

The famous sheet of water in Galilee is called by three names--the Sea of Galilee, the Sea of Tiberias and the Lake of Gennesaret. It is thirteen miles long by eight miles wide. It lies in a dip in the earth's surface and is 680 feet below sea level. That fact gives it an almost tropical climate. Nowadays it is not very populous but in the days of Jesus it had nine townships clustered round its shores, none of fewer than 15,000 people.

Gennesaret is really the name of the lovely plain on the west side of the lake, a most fertile piece of land. The Jews loved to play with derivations, and they had three derivations for Gennesaret all of which show how beautiful it was.

- (i) From kinnowr (Hebrew #3658), which means a harp, either because "its fruit is as sweet as the sound of a harp" or because "the voice of its waves is pleasant as the voice of the harp,"
- (ii) From gan (Hebrew #1588), a garden, and sar (Hebrew #8269), a prince--hence "the prince of gardens."
- (iii) From gan (Hebrew #1588), a garden, and 'osher (Hebrew #6239), riches--hence "the garden of riches."

We are here confronted with a turning point in the career of Jesus. Last time we heard him preach he was in the synagogue; now he is at the lakeside. True, he will be back in the synagogue again; but the time is coming when the door of the synagogue will be shut to him and his church will be the lakeside and the open road, and his pulpit a boat. He would go anywhere where men would listen to him. "Our societies," said John Wesley, "were formed from those who were wandering upon the dark mountains, that belonged to no Christian church; but were awakened by the preaching of the Methodists, who had pursued them through the wilderness of this world to the High-ways and the Hedges--to the Markets and the Fairs--to the Hills and the Dales--who set up the Standard of the Cross in the Streets and Lanes of the Cities, in the Villages, in the Barns, and Farmers' Kitchens, etc.--and all this done in such a way, and to such an extent, as never had been done before since the Apostolic age." "I love a commodious room," said Wesley, "a soft cushion and a handsome pulpit, but field preaching saves souls." When the synagogue was shut Jesus took to the open road.

There is in this story what we might call a list of the conditions of a miracle.

(i) There is the eye that sees. There is no need to think that Jesus created a shoal of fishes for the occasion. In the Sea of Galilee there were phenomenal shoals which covered the sea as if it was solid for as much as an acre. Most likely Jesus' keen eye saw just such a shoal and his keen sight made it look like a miracle. We need the eye that really sees. Many people saw steam raise the lid of a kettle; only James Watt went on to think of a steam engine. Many people saw an apple fall; only Isaac Newton went on to think out the law of gravity. The earth is full of miracles for the eye that sees.

(ii) There is the spirit that will make an effort. If Jesus said it, tired as he was Peter was prepared to try again. For most people the disaster of life is that they give up just one effort too soon.

(iii) There is the spirit which will attempt what seems hopeless. The night was past and that was the time for fishing. All the circumstances were unfavorable, but Peter said, "Let circumstances be what they may, if you say so, we will try again." Too often we wait because the time is not opportune. If we wait for a perfect set of circumstances, we will never begin at all. If we want a miracle, we must take Jesus at his word when he bids us attempt the impossible.