

# TRINITY EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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## Epiphany 5

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Today's Old Testament Scripture reading from Isaiah and the Gospel lesson from Luke are strikingly similar in content. In Isaiah, the LORD calls His prophet to serve as His divine mouthpiece; in Luke, Jesus calls Peter and the others to become His divine fishers of people. Both Isaiah and Peter confess their unworthiness before the LORD because they are sinful human beings. In both cases God demonstrates in a vivid way that every blessing in the LORD's service must come from the LORD Himself. Accordingly, St. Paul in his letter to the Corinthians underscores that all the gifts of God's people to build the church come from God Himself.

Of course, the exception would be Jesus. Once when challenged by the Pharisees about His disciples "working" on the Sabbath because they picked some heads of grain to eat, Jesus made it known that He was "*LORD of the Sabbath*" (Matthew 12:1-14). Obviously, Jesus wasn't saying He agreed with the Pharisee's man-made definition of what constituted work on the Sabbath. Rather, Jesus made the point that He is the LORD of God's law and He came to fulfill God's law as our Savior. The Sabbath law, as part of the Old Testament Ceremonial Laws, foreshadowed Jesus as the Law-Fulfiller and Sabbath Rest-Giver through the forgiveness of sins He gives.

Order of Worship: ELH Page 60 with communion.

Hymns: 15 (1-3), 191, 319 (1, 5), 15 (4)

### THE SERVICE OF THE WORD

*Old Testament: Isaiah 6:1-8.* When the Lord called Isaiah to be His prophet, the Lord gave Isaiah a glimpse of heaven and His glory. He saw the holy Lord seated on His throne, surrounded by praising angels. This beatific vision troubled Isaiah because he realized his unworthiness as a sinner. Yet, the LORD assured Isaiah his sin had been atoned. Isaiah then, in joy of the forgiveness of sins, accepted the Lord's call to be His prophet.

*Psalms of the Day: Psalm 85.* We can rejoice because our holy LORD gives us peace through the message of salvation. (*Supplement*)

*Epistle: 1 Corinthians 14:12b-20.* The Lord gives many different gifts to His people that we might "build up the church" by instructing others with the gospel.

*Verse of the Day: Alleluia.* Jesus said, "I am the Light of the World. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."

Alleluia. (John 8:12, EHV)

*Gospel: Luke 5:1-11.* Jesus calls His first disciples. A miraculous catch of fish proves to these fishermen and to us that Jesus is Who He says He is.

Peter, James and John left their fishing and became "fishers of men."

*Sermon: Isaiah 6:1-8*

*Theme - "Jesus Reveals Himself As Our Holy LORD"*

Points to ponder from the day's Scripture readings:

- Old Testament: Where do we hear evidence of our Triune God from the angel's song to the LORD?
- Old Testament: What was Isaiah's initial response to seeing the LORD's glory and majesty?
- Old Testament: What did an angel do to atone Isaiah before the LORD commissioned the prophet?
- Old Testament: How did Isaiah respond to the LORD's call?
- Epistle: Of all the gifts of which God gives His believers, what is the goal?
- Epistle: Why would Christian love be considered the greatest of these gifts? (See 1 Peter 4:8)
- Gospel: What lesson did Jesus teach "professional fisherman Peter" before the Savior called him to be a "fisher of people?"
- Gospel: How does Peter demonstrate "he got it," that is, Jesus' point in the fishing advice?

### Announcements:

+ Sunday school 8-8:40 a.m.

+ Bible class 8-8:30 a.m. We will be studying the book of Psalms.

+ Confirmation class – ? from 3-5 p.m.

**Holy Communion** - We celebrate the Lord's Supper because Jesus instructed us to do so, and God offers us forgiveness of sins, life and salvation through it (Matthew 26:28). We believe the Bible's teaching that receiving the Sacrament together is a way of expressing unity in our beliefs as one body (1 Corinthians 10:17). We therefore respectfully ask that guests who are not members of our Evangelical Lutheran Synod, or our sister synod, the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod, refrain from communing here until becoming familiar with our beliefs and express agreement. We in no way imply that you are not a Christian or are not "good enough" for us. God's Word teaches us to regard communion as an outward expression of unity in all areas of faith. In communion we publicly confess that we agree in all that we teach and confess on the basis of the Bible (Matthew 28:20, 1 Corinthians 1:10, Romans 16:17, 1 Corinthians 10:17). We pray that you understand and will respect this practice of Close Communion. We encourage you to seek more information about the confession that unites us and would love to meet with you if you have questions regarding Close Communion.

**Isaiah 6:1-8** – In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and exalted, and the train of his robe filled the temple. Above him stood the seraphim. Each one had six wings. With two they covered their faces. With two they covered their feet. With two they flew. One called to another and said, Holy, holy, holy, is the LORD of Armies! The whole earth is full of his

glory! The foundations of the thresholds shook at the voice of the one who called, and the temple was filled with smoke. Then I said, “I am doomed! I am ruined, because I am a man with unclean lips, and I dwell among a people with unclean lips, and because my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of Armies!” Then one of the seraphim flew to me, carrying a glowing coal in his hand, which he had taken from the altar with tongs. He touched my mouth with the coal and said, “Look, this has touched your lips, so your guilt is taken away, and your sin is forgiven.” Then I heard the Lord’s voice, saying, “Whom shall I send? Who will go for us?” Then I said, “Here I am. Send me!” (EHV™)

**1 Corinthians 14:12b-20** – Since you are eager for spiritual gifts, seek to use them abundantly in a way that will build up the church. That is why a person who speaks in a tongue should pray that he may interpret. For if I pray in a tongue, my spirit prays, but my understanding is unfruitful. So what is to be done? I will pray using my spirit, and I will pray also using my understanding. I will sing using my spirit, and I will sing also using my understanding. Otherwise, how will an uninformed person say the “Amen” after you give thanks, since he does not know what you are saying? To be sure, you are giving thanks well enough, but the other person is not being built up. I thank God that I speak in tongues more than all of you. But in the church I would rather speak five words with my understanding, in order to instruct others, than ten thousand words in a tongue. Brothers, do not be children in your thinking, but be like babies in regard to evil, and be mature in your thinking. (EHV™)

**Luke 5:1-11** – One time, while the crowd was pressing in on Jesus and listening to the word of God, he was standing by the Lake of Gennesaret. He saw two boats there along the lakeshore. The fishermen had left them and were washing their nets. Jesus got into one of the boats, which belonged to Simon, and asked him to put out a little from the shore. He sat down and began teaching the crowds from the boat. When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, “Put out into the deep water, and let down your nets for a catch.” Simon answered him, “Master, we worked hard all through the night and caught nothing. But at your word I will let down the nets.” When they had done this, they caught a great number of fish, and their nets were about to tear apart. They signaled their partners in the other boat to come and help them. They came and filled both boats, so that they began to sink. When Simon Peter saw this, he fell down at Jesus’ knees, saying, “Go away from me, because I am a sinful man, Lord.” For Peter and all those with him were amazed at the number of fish they had caught, and so were James and John, the sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. Jesus said to Simon, “Have no fear. From now on you will be catching people.” After they brought their boats to the shore, they left everything and followed him. (EHV™)