### February 9, 2025 Fifth Sunday after Epiphany



St. Philip's Evangelical Lutheran Church Milwaukee, Wisconsin

## "St. Philip's Evangelical Lutheran Church and School" Pastor: Raymond Kimbrough Principal: Jason Schapekahm

Welcome, Friend!
You Have Come To The Right Place!
Jesus Loves YOU!

#### WELCOME

Guests and visitors, we invite you to worship with us again in the future. For more information, please contact

Pastor Kimbrough at 414-263-1373

or Principal Jason Schapekahm at 414-659-4688.

### THEME OF THE DAY: THE LEAST QUALIFIED ARE THE FIRST SENT

Imagine you need heart bypass surgery. When meeting with the surgeon, you ask, "How many of these have you done?" He responds, "You get the honor of being my very first patient!" You probably feel more anxious than honored. With important jobs, we understand it is crucial that the person doing that job is well-qualified.

There is no more important job that sharing the good news of salvation with others. So, you would expect Jesus would only give that job to those most qualified, like the angels. Nope. The least qualified are the first sent. In love, Jesus prepares and equips us to speak on his behalf. How? He draws unworthy sinners into his presence to provide us with the free gift of holiness that we lack. Once cleansed, we jump at the opportunity to be the ones through whom God does the same for others. Here is this week's epiphany moment. Let this be a crucial epiphany moment! You might think you are unqualified to share the gospel with those Christ brings into your sphere of influence. But the least qualified are the first sent.



Stand

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

Confession CW 154

If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

Holy God, gracious Father,

I am sinful by nature

and have sinned against you in my thoughts, words, and actions.

I have not loved you with my whole heart;

I have not loved others as I should.

I deserve your punishment both now and forever.

But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my sins

with his innocent suffering and death.

Trusting in him, I pray: God, have mercy on me, a sinner.

Silence for meditation and reflection

Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, who gave his life as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

#### Lord, Have Mercy

In peace let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.** 

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

#### Lord, have mercy.

For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

#### Lord, have mercy.

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord. **Amen.** 





#### The Word

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.** 

#### **Prayer of the Day**

Let us pray.

Gracious Lord, you call and appoint us to proclaim the good news of your Son despite our sins and weaknesses. Purify us by your grace, remove our uncertainties, and work through us to fill the nets of your kingdom with those lost in the darkness of death; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Be seated

First Reading Isaiah 6:1–8

Isaiah admitted he was sinfully unclean, unqualified to stand in God's presence. The LORD not only takes Isaiah's sin away but also sends Isaiah out as a messenger of grace.

¹In 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. ²Above 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. ³And they were calling to one another:

"Holy, holy, holy is the LORD Almighty; the whole earth is full of his glory."

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

<sup>5</sup>"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."

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

<sup>8</sup>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 of the Day

#### **67A Let the Peoples Praise You**

Reader: May God be gracious to us and bless us Congregation: and make his face shine on us—Reader: so that your ways may be known on earth, Congregation: your salvation among all nations.

Reader: May the peoples praise you, God;

**Congregation: may all the peoples praise you.** Reader: May the nations be glad and sing for joy,

Congregation: for you rule the peoples with equity and guide the

nations of the earth.

Reader: The land yields its harvest;

Congregation: God, our God, blesses us.

Reader: May God bless us still,

Congregation: so that all the ends of the earth will fear him.

#### Reader & Congregation:

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

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#### **Second Reading**

Romans 10:12-17

God's plan is to equip saved sinners like us to proclaim salvation to other sinners. St. Paul explains that God has no backup plan.

<sup>12</sup>For there is no difference between Jew and Gentile—the same Lord is Lord of all and richly blesses all who call on him, <sup>13</sup>for, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."

<sup>14</sup>How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them? <sup>15</sup>And how can anyone preach

unless they are sent? As it is written: "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!"

<sup>16</sup>But not all the Israelites accepted the good news. For Isaiah says, "Lord, who has believed our message?" <sup>17</sup>Consequently, faith comes from hearing the message, and the message is heard through the word about Christ.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Stand

#### **Gospel Acclamation**

Psalm 71:15

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. My mouth will tell of your righteous deeds, of your saving acts all day long. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel Luke 5:1–11

Jesus takes simple, self-admittedly sinful fishermen, seemingly unqualified for gospel ministry. He removes their fears, calls them to follow, and makes them fishers of men.

<sup>1</sup>One day as Jesus was standing by the Lake of Gennesaret, the people were crowding around him and listening to the word of God. <sup>2</sup>He saw at the water's edge two boats, left there by the fishermen, who were washing their nets. <sup>3</sup>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.

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

<sup>5</sup>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."

<sup>6</sup>When they had done so, they caught such a large number of fish that their nets began to break. <sup>7</sup>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.

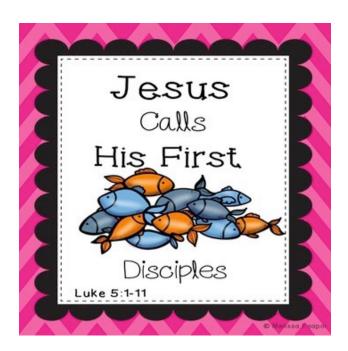
<sup>8</sup>When Simon Peter saw this, he fell at Jesus' knees and said, "Go away from me, Lord; I am a sinful man!" <sup>9</sup>For he and all his companions were astonished at the catch of fish they had taken, <sup>10</sup>and so were James and John, the sons of Zebedee, Simon's partners.

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

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

Be seated'



Please rise for the final stanza.



- 1 Hark, the voice of Je sus cry ing, "Who will go and work to day?
- 2 If you can-not speak like an gels, if you can-not preach like Paul,
- 3 If you can-not be a watch-man, stand-ing high on Zi on's wall,
- 4 Let none hear you i dly say ing, "There is noth-ing I can do,"



Fields are ripe and har-vests wait-ing; who will bear the sheaves a-way?" you can tell the love of Je-sus, you can say he died for all. point-ing out the path to heav-en, of-fring life and peace to all, while the mul-ti-tudes are dy-ing, and the Mas-ter calls for you.



Loud and long the Mas-ter call-eth; rich re-ward he of-fers thee. If you can-not rouse the wick-ed with the judg-ment's dread a-larms, with your prayers and with your of-f'rings you can do what God de-mands; Take the task he gives you glad-ly, let his work your plea-sure be;



Who will an-swer, glad-ly say-ing, "Here am I, send me, send me"? you can lead the lit-tle chil-dren to the Sav-ior's wait-ing arms. you can be like faith-ful Aar-on, hold-ing up the proph-et's hands. an-swer quick-ly when he call-eth, "Here am I, send me, send me!"

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#### Sermon Text - Luke 5:1-11

- Sermon Theme "From Empty Nets to Overflowing Blessings" (God turns emptiness into abundance when we trust Him completely.)
- 1. The Law: Our Efforts Come Up Empty (Verses 1-5)
  - A) A Crowded Shore
  - B) A Strange Instruction
- 2. The Gospel: Jesus Fills What We Cannot (Verses 6-9)
  - A) An Overwhelming Blessing
  - B) A Humble Heart
- 3. The Mission: Called to Catch People (Verses 10-11)
  - A) A Life-Changing Call

Stand

#### Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father.

Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary, and became truly human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate. He suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

#### Offering

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#### **General Prayer**

#### Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us.

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

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

#### The Sacrament

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The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

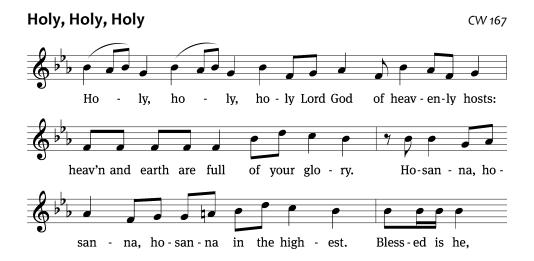
Lift up your hearts.

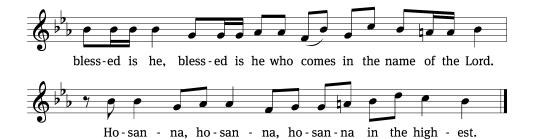
We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lived among us as a human being and revealed his glory as your only Son, full of grace and truth. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:



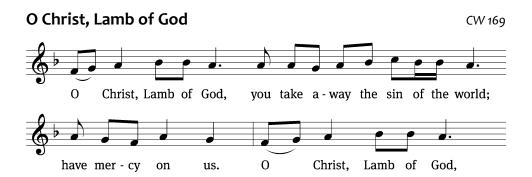


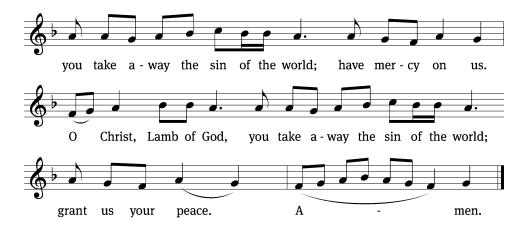
#### **Words of Institution**

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my + body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my + blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always. **Amen.** 





Be seated

#### Distribution

### During Distribution – Soloist – Ms. Willie Mae Reynolds – Just A Closer Walk With Thee

Stand

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his mercy endures forever.

Whenever we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this saving gift. We pray that through it you will strengthen our faith in you and increase our love for one another. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.** 

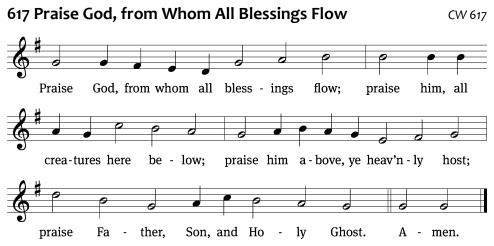
#### Blessing

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 with favor and + give you peace.

Amen.



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### "Our Mission Statement" (Our Purpose as a Church)

Our mission here at St. Philip's Lutheran is outlined for us in <a href="Matthew 28:19"><u>Matthew 28:19:</u></a> 'Go and make disciples of all nations, teaching them and baptizing them in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.' Making disciples includes proclaiming God's Word in its truth and purity, strengthening the faith of those under our care, and reaching out to the people of our community, (including our unchurched friends and relatives). Let us pray for and work together toward this goal.



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#### **In Our Prayers**

Judi TevichKitty HendersonNatasha McCantsMelvin ReedSheila KimbroughGlen ThompsonDavid RylesBelinda Whitley

St. Philip Lutheran School Families, Students & Staff

Next Week: February 16, 2025

**Piano**: Gospel Choir

#### WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK AT ST. PHILIP'S

Thursday, February 13 Girls B-Team and Boys A-Team HOME BB

Girls play at 4:30PM, Boys play at 5:20PM

Open BoE Meeting 5:30PM

Sunday, February 16 Black History Sunday Celebration

Worship 10:30AM

Gospel Choir & School Children sing Food and Fellowship follows worship

CHURCH OFFERINGS UPDATE			
	Week	Month	July to Date
	<u>1-27 to 2-2-25</u>	<u>February</u>	<u>2024-2025</u>
Budget	\$ 3,490.57	\$ 3,490.57	\$ 110 <b>,</b> 660 <b>.</b> 38
Actual	\$ 3,006.00	\$ 3,006.00	\$ 88,502.83
Over (Under)	(\$ 484.57)	(\$ 484.57)	<mark>(\$ 22,157.55)</mark>

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As we enter 2025, we need to remember our commitment and responsibility to support our church. Expenses are constant, if you cannot attend each Sunday, we still need your offerings to offset our expenses. The eOffering program represents 42% of our income, this is a nice way to improve consistency in offerings.

For electronic offerings, you may notice a skip or stop of offerings – this is due to timing of the deposit or an end date of the permission to withdraw loaded in the system. For this you will need to go into the eOffering site and enter new end date.

#### **CALLS RECEIVED**

Dear Members of St. Philip's Lutheran Church,

I would like to formally acknowledge that on Tuesday, January 21st, I received a divine call to teach 5th and 6th grade English Language Arts (ELA) at Atonement Lutheran School. On January 22nd, I received a divine call to teach 5th and 6th grade ELA at Garden Homes Lutheran School. Additionally, on January 26th, I received a call from Bethlehem Lutheran School in Menomonee Falls to teach 5th-8th ELA and 6th grade religion. I am truly humbled to receive these calls and am thankful for the opportunity to consider how I can best use my God-given abilities to share the love of Jesus with others.

Over the next couple of weeks I will prayerfully be considering the new calls that I hold. I have confidence in the Lord's wisdom to help guide my decision and the peace he offers to all who trust in him. I ask that you please keep me in your prayers as I begin this deliberation process, and for St. Philip's to faithfully finish the school year with diligence. May we all remember that even in times of change, the love of Christ remains the same. "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever" (Hebrews 13:8).

If you have any pieces of advice or encouragement, please contact me at <a href="https://okrueger@stphilipsmilwaukee.com">okrueger@stphilipsmilwaukee.com</a> or 734-693-3388.

In Christ, Olivia Krueger

#### **CALL RECEIVED**

Dear Members of St. Philip's Lutheran Church,

On Monday, January 27, I received a divine call to serve at Salem Lutheran School in Milwaukee as K4 teacher for the 2025-2026 school year. I am looking forward to considering how I can make the best use of the gifts God has given me to continue to serve his kingdom.

As I prayerfully come to a decision during these next few weeks, I welcome any thoughts or insights you may have for me. I ask that you pray for God's blessings on Salem and their ministry, along with your prayers for me and the ministry here at St. Philip's.

As Romans 8:28 reminds us, God is always working out his perfect plans for the good of his church. With that in mind, I trust that God will guide and bless my deliberation, just as he will continue to be with me and bless my work among you.

In Christ, Grace Sauer gsauer@stphilipsmilwaukee.com (920) 245-1898



#### Where Success Means More

#### **KIDS CARNIVAL**

Step right up and try your luck at more than 45 fun games! Wisconsin Lutheran High School will host the Kids Carnival on Sunday, February 16, from 1:00-3:30 p.m. Children age 3 through third grade are invited to play games, meet live animals, and participate in other fun activities. Each \$2 admission receives 10 play tokens, or a \$5 wristband gets you 10 tokens and admission into the bounce house in the multipurpose gym. Carnival tokens and wristbands can be purchased at the door, or online at wlhs.org/carnival. Parents and grandparents are admitted free of charge.

**WLHS Dinner Auction Save the Date**—The Wisconsin Lutheran High School Dinner Auction will be held on Saturday, April 12, 2025. To participate in some pre-auction fun and receive updates, request to join the WLHS Auction Facebook group page. For information about sponsorships and donating items, visit <a href="wlhs.org/events">wlhs.org/events</a>.

Capital Campaign—Several months ago, Wisconsin Lutheran High School (WLHS) learned that the 3 acre lot adjacent to our school, where a Pick 'n Save grocery store is currently located, was available for purchase. This opportunity is an answer to our prayers! WLHS is in the early planning stages of what this additional 3 acres, now under contract, means for future expansion projects. While we work through the planning process, we are blessed that the Pick n' Save grocery store provides a steady stream of rental income.

The Growing Opportunities (GO) capital campaign is a special opportunity for us to partner with our alumni, friends, and conference churches to raise the funds needed for this incredible project. You are a valuable partner and we are excited to keep you updated as we continue growing opportunities for Wisconsin Lutheran High School. To donate or learn more, please visit wlhs.org/partners.



The Black Excellence Awards is an inspiring event dedicated to celebrating the remarkable achievements and contributions of African Americans in various fields, including Education, Arts, Culture, Religion, and Business. This year, in a special tribute to Four Decades of Excellence, the awards will honor 40 phenomenal women who have made impactful strides and demonstrated outstanding dedication in their respective areas.

St. Philip's own, Ms. Willie Mae (Peaches) Reynolds will be receiving one of these Black Excellence awards on February 28, 2025. To God be the glory! Congratulations to Willie Mae!





### 2025 Black History Month Theme Black Excellence in Sports: Triumph Over Trials

As we celebrate Black History, we reflect on the immeasurable contributions of Black athletes in sports. This month let us honor resilience, excellence, and undeniable talent of Black pioneers in football, baseball, basketball, and track and field—sports where they've not only excelled but redefined greatness, despite facing barriers meant to keep them on the sidelines.

There was a time when the roar of the crowd wasn't for us, when the stadium lights weren't meant to shine on our athletes. Doors were closed because of the color of our skin, and leagues were built with rules that excluded us. But we didn't just wait for the opportunities we created them.

Though barriers were placed to keep us out, our people showed that talent, determination, and faith could not be denied. They ran, jumped, threw, and competed—not just to win trophies but to break stereotypes, inspire generations, and prove that we belong.

As we look at the athletes who dominate these sports, let us remember the giants who stood firm when the world tried to keep them down. Let us celebrate their courage, honor their legacy, and continue to uplift future generations who dare to dream.

Because for us, Black excellence isn't just about talent—it's about breaking chains, rewriting history, and reminding the world that when God is for us, nothing can stand against us.

Amen.



In the world of Tennis, there are legends, and then there are the Williams Sisters. True greats that have elevated the sport to new levels, broken boundaries and inspired countless individuals along the way.

Venus and Serena Williams are sisters who are considered two of the greatest tennis players of all time. They are known for their close bond and their remarkable achievements on the court. Both sisters became professional tennis players around age 14 and went on to win the women's doubles competition at Wimbledon in 2000

The Williams sisters have inspired many Black girls and boys to play tennis. Their achievements are considered remarkable, especially given the historical barriers to women's participation in sports

In 2002, after the French Open, Venus and Serena Williams were ranked world No. 1 and No. 2 on singles, respectively, marking the first time in history that sisters occupied the top two positions.

These two have achieved global acclaim for their exceptional tennis talents. Venus and Serena have collectively clinched numerous women's tennis titles, both as doubles partners and rivals on the court.

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#### TO FRIENDS AND VISITORS

This is the house of God. In His Name we welcome each and every person. May His Word bring you closer to your Savior, assuring you of the forgiveness of all your sins through Jesus' death and resurrection.

If you are without a church home or have recently moved to the area, our pastor will be happy to call on you or answer your questions about church membership. If you are burdened with sorrow or trouble, we invite you to call on the pastor at any time.

#### **CHRISTIAN EDUCATION**

St. Philip's congregation supports and maintains a Christian Day School for the thorough training of the whole child. We want each child to know, not only how to deal with this life, but to know their Savior and prepare for eternal life. The school is called St. Philip's Lutheran School and is located at 3012 N. Holton Street.

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> Church Service - 10:30AM Bible Class - 9:30AM