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Ascension Lutheran is a family of Christians
intent on sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ and His victory over death

The Fifth Sunday After Epiphany

February 10, 2019

“I wait for the LORD, my soul waits, and in His Word I do hope.” (Psalm 130:5)

PRESERVICE MEDITATION: Psalm 40 (page 132, The Lutheran Hymnal)

HYMN 39 (The Lutheran Hymnal) *“Praise To The Lord, The Almighty”*

A Service Of Word & Sacrament, setting 2 (page 12, Worship Supplement)

FIRST LESSON: Isaiah 6:1-5

¹ In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lifted up, and the train of His robe filled the temple. ² Above it stood seraphim; each one had six wings: with two he covered his face, with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew. ³ And one cried to another and said: “Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; the whole earth is full of His glory!” ⁴ And the posts of the door were shaken by the voice of him who cried out, and the house was filled with smoke. ⁵ So I said: “Woe is me, for I am undone because I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; for my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!”

Responsive Reading from Psalm 56 (when the Philistines captured David in Gath)

L: Be merciful to me, O God.

C: WHENEVER I AM AFRAID, I WILL TRUST IN YOU.

L: In God (I will praise His Word), in God I have put my trust; I will not fear.

C: WHEN I CRY OUT TO YOU, THEN MY ENEMIES WILL TURN BACK;

L: this I know, because God is for me.

C: IN GOD (I WILL PRAISE HIS WORD), IN THE LORD (I WILL PRAISE HIS WORD),

L: in God I have put my trust; I will not be afraid.

C: FOR YOU HAVE DELIVERED MY SOUL FROM DEATH.

L: You ... kept my feet from falling,

C: THAT I MAY WALK BEFORE GOD IN THE LIGHT OF THE LIVING.

SECOND LESSON: 1 Corinthians 14:12b-20 rise

¹² Since you are zealous for spiritual gifts, let it be for the edification of the church that you seek to excel.

¹³ Therefore let him who speaks in a tongue pray that he may interpret. ¹⁴ For if I pray in a tongue, my spirit prays, but my understanding is unfruitful. ¹⁵ What is the conclusion then? I will pray with the spirit, and I will also pray with the understanding. I will sing with the spirit, and I will also sing with the understanding.

¹⁶ Otherwise, if you bless with the spirit, how will he who occupies the place of the uninformed say “Amen” at your giving of thanks, since he does not understand what you say? ¹⁷ For you indeed give thanks well, but the other is not edified. ¹⁸ I thank my God I speak with tongues more than you all; ¹⁹ yet in the church I would rather speak five words with my understanding, that I may teach others also, than ten thousand words in a tongue. ²⁰ Brethren, do not be children in understanding; however, in malice be babes, but in understanding be mature.

The Apostles' Creed (page 15, Worship Supplement)

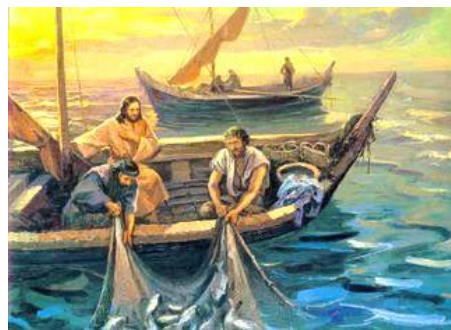
HYMN 436 (The Lutheran Hymnal) *"The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want"*

SERMON: Luke 5:1-11

AT YOUR WORD, I WILL FOLLOW YOU

- 1. I follow, whether or not your will makes sense to me**
- 2. I follow, knowing I will be blessed**
- 3. I follow, bringing others with me**

¹ So it was, as the multitude pressed about Him to hear the Word of God, that He stood by the Lake of Gennesaret, ² and saw two boats standing by the lake; but the fishermen had gone from them and were washing *their* nets. ³ Then He got into one of the boats, which was Simon's, and asked him to put out a little from the land. And He sat down and taught the multitudes from the boat. ⁴ When He had stopped speaking, He said to Simon, "Launch out into the deep and let down your nets for a catch." ⁵ But



Simon answered and said to Him, "Master, we have toiled all night and caught nothing; nevertheless at Your Word I will let down the net." ⁶ And when they had done this, they caught a great number of fish, and their net was breaking. ⁷ So they signaled to *their* partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both the boats, so that they began to sink. ⁸ When Simon

Peter saw *it*, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, "Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord!" ⁹ For he and all who were with him were astonished at the catch of fish which they had taken; ¹⁰ and so also *were* James and John, the sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. And Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid. From now on you will catch men." ¹¹ So when they had brought their boats to land, they forsook all and followed Him.

OFFERTORY (page 16, Worship Supplement)

The Offering from grateful hearts

Psalm 51:10-12

HYMN 428 (The Lutheran Hymnal) *"I Am Trusting Thee, Lord Jesus"*

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH, & THE LORD'S PRAYER

BENEDICTION

Numbers 6:24-26

HYMN 422 (The Lutheran Hymnal) *"Savior, I Follow On"*

WELCOME, VISITORS! Please leave a record of your visit in our guest book in the narthex. TODAY our usher is Greg Suwanski. In our Bible Study we're on Revelation 11:6. NORTH AURORA CARE CENTER SERVICE: 3:00 PM; BATAVIA REHAB CENTER SERVICE: 4:00 PM.

FRIDAY: NORTH AURORA CARE CENTER BIBLE STUDY: 10:10 AM.

SUNDAY: WORSHIP: 10:00 AM; SUNDAY SCHOOL & BIBLE STUDY: 11:15 AM.

NEXT SUNDAY our usher is Glenn Libby.

ASCENSION FRUITS OF FAITH: Our offering last Sunday was \$987.00 (needed each week: \$1,157.00); and our attendance was 22. Our

General Fund balance as of last Sunday was \$674.00. We are currently caught up on all of our expenses.

ASCENSION'S 2019 DIRECTORY is in your MAILBOX. Extra copies are available on the TABLE in the NARTHEX.

ASCENSION'S 2019 CHURCH CALENDAR is in your MAILBOX.

THE JANUARY CLC FINANCIAL REPORT is in your MAILBOX.

PARKING LOT: This spring the cracks in our parking lot will need to be sealed, the surface recoated, and the lines repainted. The total cost is \$1,300.00. It would help with our budget if we can start setting aside donations for that purpose.

MCKENNEY FAMILY AID: St. Paul writes in Galatians 6:10: "Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers." Recently, the Lord in His mercy called our brother in faith, Pastor Kevin McKenney, home to glory. His family is facing major financial challenges due to funeral costs, as well as ongoing expenses. President Eichstadt has authorized a synod-wide offering to help the family. Gifts may be sent to the General Business Office at ILC (501 Grover Rd., Eau Claire, WI 54701), with checks made out to: Church of the Lutheran Confession and a memo line: "McKenney Family Aid." Funds from congregations could also be included in the regular monthly remittance.

"This ... is a really strong faith: if a heart can believe what it does not see and comprehend, believe against all senses and reason, and cling solely to the Word. ... In this faith one must put out of sight everything except the Word of God. Faith clings to the Word of God alone...." (Martin Luther)