Uncovered Messengers: The Least Qualified are the First Sent



SHINING MOUNTAINS LUTHERAN CHURCH Bozeman, MT

The Fifth Sunday after Epiphany – February 6th, 2022

DIVINE SERVICE II

Divine Service II is a version of the historic liturgy of the Christian church. This order is intended to be used when Holy Communion is celebrated.



INVOCATION

M: In the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

M: Dear friends, let us approach God with a true heart and confess our sins, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to forgive us.

C: Lord of life, I confess that I am by nature dead in sin.

For faithless worrying and selfish pride,

For sins of habit and sins of choice,

For the evil I have done and the good I have failed to do,

You should cast me away from your presence forever.

O Lord, I am sorry for my sins. Forgive me, for Jesus' sake.

M: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again. In his great mercy, God made us alive in Christ even when we were dead in our sins. Hear the word of Christ through his called servant: I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

PRAYER AND PRAISE

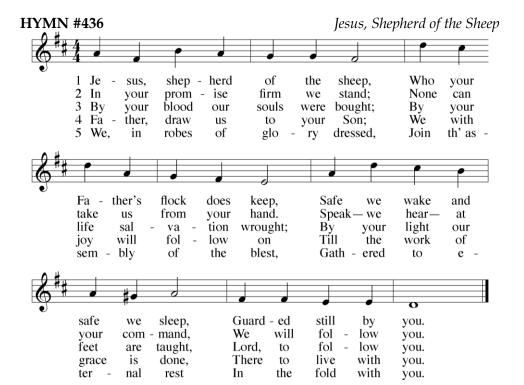
LORD, HAVE MERCY

Mark 10:47

M: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

For the well-being of all people everywhere, that they may receive from you all they need to sustain body and life, hear our prayer, O Lord.

- C: Lord, have mercy.
- M: For the spread of your life-giving gospel throughout the world, that all who are lost in sin may be brought to faith in you, hear our prayer, O Christ.
- C: Christ, have mercy.
- M: For patience and perseverance in this life, that we may not lose the hope of heaven as we await your return, hear our prayer, O Lord.
- C: Lord, have mercy.
- M: Lord of life, live in us that we may live for you.
- C: Amen.



PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: 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.

C: Amen.

THE WORD

FIRST READING Isaiah 6:1-8

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." ⁴At the sound of their voices the doorposts and thresholds shook and the temple was filled with smoke. ⁵"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." ⁶Then one of the seraphim flew to me with a live coal in his hand, which he had taken with tongs from the altar. ⁷With it he touched my mouth and said, "See, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away and your sin atoned for." ⁸Then 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!"



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¹²For there is no difference between Jew and Gentile — the same Lord is Lord of all and richly blesses all who call on him, ¹³for, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved." ¹⁴How, 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? ¹⁵And how can anyone preach unless they are sent? As it is written: "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!" ¹⁶But not all the Israelites accepted the good news. For Isaiah says, "Lord, who has believed our message?" ¹⁷Consequently, faith comes from hearing the message, and the message is heard through the word about Christ.

VERSE OF THE DAY

C: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

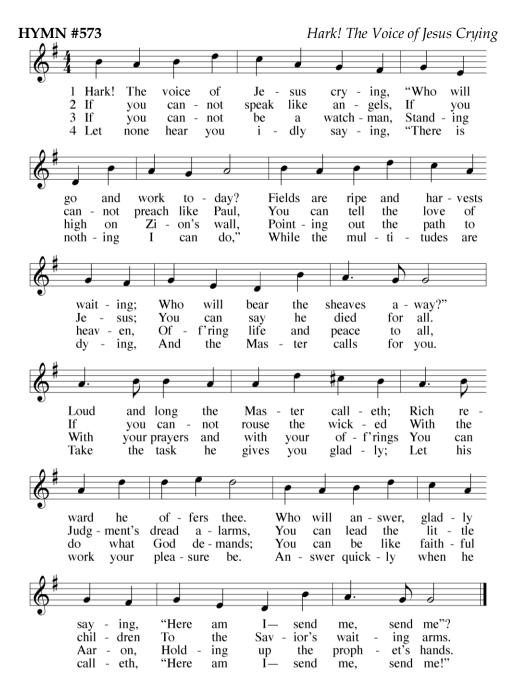
These words are written that we may believe

That Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God.

Alleluia! Alleluia!

GOSPEL Luke 5:1-11

¹One day as Jesus was standing by the Lake of Gennesaret, the people were crowding around him and listening to the word of God. ²He saw at the water's edge two boats, left there by the fishermen, who were washing their nets. ³He 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. ⁴When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into deep water, and let down the nets for a catch." 5Simon answered, "Master, we've worked hard all night and haven't caught anything. But because you say so, I will let down the nets." 6When they had done so, they caught such a large number of fish that their nets began to break. 7So 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. 8When Simon Peter saw this, he fell at Jesus' knees and said, "Go away from me, Lord; I am a sinful man!" 9For he and all his companions were astonished at the catch of fish they had taken, 10 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." 11So they pulled their boats up on shore, left everything and followed him.



SERMON

NICENE CREED

C: 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 fully 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.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

THE LORD'S PRAYER

C: 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.

THE SACRAMENT

M: The Lord be with you.C: And also with you.

M: Lift up your hearts.C: We lift them up to the Lord.

M: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

C: It is good and right so to do.

M: 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 came as the Light of the world so that the world may have light and life through him. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9

- O holy, holy, holy
 Lord God of pow'r and might,
 Your glory, earth and heaven
 In countless ways recite.
 Hosanna! Come and save us,
 Lord God of hosts on high,
 And in your grace and mercy
 Receive our fervent cry.
- Hosanna in the highest!
 How truly blest is he
 Who in God's name is coming
 To set his people free!
 He comes to bring salvation
 And with his blood outpoured,
 Deliver us from bondage —
 Hosanna, mighty Lord!

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Matthew 26:26-28; 1 Corinthians 11:24,25

M: 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."

M: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: Amen.

O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD

John 1:29

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;

grant us your peace. Amen.

DISTRIBUTION

(The Lord's Supper is a wonderful gift in which we receive Jesus' own body and blood to forgive our sins and to strengthen us in our faith (Matthew 26:26-28). It is, however, a gift that is given us with certain responsibilities. The sacrament is intended for those who have been instructed and who understand what they are doing (1 Corinthians 11:27-29). It is also a way for us to express our unity of faith (1 Corinthians 10:16-17). Therefore, we ask that only confirmed members of Shining Mountains or other churches of the Wisconsin or Evangelical Lutheran Synod(s) (WELS/ELS) come forward to receive Communion. If you would like to become a communicant member of Shining Mountains, or have any questions about this practice, please speak with the pastor after the service.)

M: Hear the prayer of your people, O Lord, that the lips which have praised you here may glorify you in the world, that the eyes which have seen the coming of your Son may long for his coming again, and that all who have received in his true body and blood the pledge of your forgiveness may be restored to live a new and holy life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

BLESSING

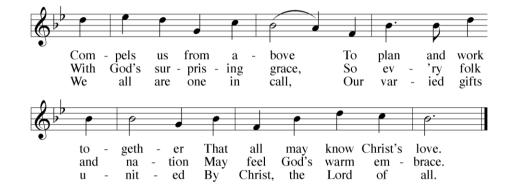
M: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and (+) give you peace.

C: Amen.





ANNOUNCEMENTS

Serving Us This Week (February 6th – 12th) **Cleaners:** Baker, Hunziker, Beall, Claunch

Serving Us Next Week (February 13th – 19th) **Cleaners:** Linn, Joecks, Jessen, Hutchinson

This Week at Shining Mountains:

Today	8:30 am 9:40 am 10:30 am	Divine Worship with Communion Sunday School & Adult Bible Class Divine Worship with Communion
Monday, Feb. 7th	9:00 am	Basic Bible Christianity
Tuesday, Feb. 8th	9:00 am 1:00 pm	Little Lambs Basic Bible Christianity Class
Wednesday, Feb 9th	12:00 pm 6:30 pm	Basic Bible Christianity Class Youth Catechism Class
Thursday, Feb. 10th	9:00 am 6:15 pm	Little Lambs Dinner & Campus Ministry Class
Saturday, Feb. 12th	9:00 am	Counseling
Sunday, Feb. 13 th	8:30 am 9:40 am 10:30 am	Divine Worship Sunday School & Adult Bible Class Divine Worship

Meditations and Forward in Christ

The new Meditations Daily Devotions and Forward in Christ magazines are here. Pick yours up from the entryway (by the mailboxes) today.

OFFERING

Our offerings are an expression of thankfulness for what our Savior has done for us, and a way of supporting the spread of the gospel through the Church's work.

You can place your offering in the plate in the entryway or give electronically by clicking this code to go to our <u>secure giving site</u>.



Special Mission Offering - Haiti

Our first quarter special mission offering for 2022 is **Branch Lutheran Schools in Haiti**. This WELS affiliated mission brings clean water, food, shelter to countless kids, many who are orphans. Most importantly, in a country where Voodoo is supreme, they share the life-giving good news of Jesus every day in classroom & church. In one of the poorest countries in the world, the LORD is doing amazing things with gifts small and large. For more info, grab a sheet in the entryway next to the *Special Mission Offering* basket.

UPCOMING DATES TO PUT ON YOUR CALENDAR

Mid-Week Lent Services – March 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th + Apr. 6th Easter for Kids – Saturday April 9th Maundy Thursday – April 14th Good Friday – April 15th Easter Sunday – April 17th

THEME OF THE DAY - MESSENGERS UNCOVERED: The Least Qualified are the First Sent

It does not surprise us that from the beginning of his ministry Jesus demonstrated his commitment to proclaiming good news of the kingdom of God, regardless of whether people rejected his message or embraced it. That was Christ's agenda, and he was committed to it. What is surprising is that, also from the beginning, Jesus demonstrated his plan to carry out this proclamation by sending others to speak on his behalf. More surprising is whom he sends, not angels, but mere human beings. In many cases, it was individuals who seemed to lack the qualifications to speak on Christ's behalf. Yet, Christ equipped and prepared them. Do you feel unqualified to tell others the good news? Then be assured, Jesus plans to use you exactly for that purpose.

