



5th Sunday of Epiphany
February 15, 2025 — 8:30 am Service
Order of Worship
FM Frequency 99.3
Text: 419-482-8227

Passing of the Peace

- L. The peace of the Lord be with you always.
A. And also with you.

Invocation

- L: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
A: Amen.

Prayer of the Week

Heavenly Father, thank You for bringing us into Your family. Let us be like Peter following Your calling to share the Gospel with all people. That we look past people's background and know that salvation is for everyone. Help us to show grace to others like You have shown grace to us. Amen.

Hymn: ***In Christ There Is No East Or West***

In Christ there is no east or west
In him no south or north
But one great fellowship of love
Throughout the whole wide earth

In him shall true hearts ev'rywhere
Their high communion find
His service is the golden cord
Close binding all mankind

Join hands then, brothers of the faith

Whate'er your race may be
Who serves my Father as a son
Is surely kin to me

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Brief Order of Confession and Forgiveness

L: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the Inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

A: Amen.

L: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. Most merciful God,

A: We confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

L: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for you, and for his sake God forgives you all your sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ he gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit.

A. Amen.

Greeting

L: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

A: And also with you.

Kyrie

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

A: Lord, have mercy

L: For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

A: Lord, have mercy

L: 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.

A: Lord, have mercy.

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

A: Lord, have mercy.

L: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

A: Amen.

This Is The Feast

L: This is the feast of victory for our God, Alleluia.

A: Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God. Power and riches and wisdom and strength, and honor and blessing and glory are his. This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia. Sing with all the people of God and join in the hymn of all creation: `Blessing and honor and glory and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen. This is the feast

of victory of our god, for the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Scripture Exodus 23:27-33

"I will send my terror before you and will throw into confusion all the people against whom you shall come, and I will make all your enemies turn their backs to you. And I will send hornets before you, which shall drive out the Hivites, the Canaanites, and the Hittites from before you. I will not drive them out from before you in one year, lest the land become desolate and the wild beasts multiply against you. Little by little I will drive them out from before you, until you have increased and possess the land. And I will set your border from the Red Sea to the Sea of the Philistines, and from the wilderness to the Euphrates, for I will give the inhabitants of the land into your hand, and you shall drive them out before you. You shall make no covenant with them and their gods. They shall not dwell in your land, lest they make you sin against me; for if you serve their gods, it will surely be a snare to you."

Acts 10:34, 44-48

"So Peter opened his mouth and said: 'Truly I understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him.' ... While Peter was still saying these things, the Holy Spirit fell on all who heard the word. And the believers from among the circumcised who had come with Peter were amazed, because the gift of the Holy Spirit was poured out even on the Gentiles. For they were hearing them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter declared, 'Can anyone withhold water for baptizing these people, who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?' And he commanded them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they asked him to remain for some days."

John 3:16-18

"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God."

Scripture Closing

L. This is the Word of the Lord.

A. Thanks be to God!

Sermon — *"The Church Expanded"* Pastor David Kaiser

Apostle's Creed

ALL: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again 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.

Hymn: **Amazing Grace**

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me
I once was lost, but now am found
Was blind, but now I see

Twas grace that taught my heart to fear
And grace my fears relieved
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed

Through many dangers, toils, and snares
I have already come
Tis grace hath brought me safe thus far
And grace will lead me home

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Words Of Institution

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

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.

Lamb Of God

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 peace, grant us peace.

Communion

Post Communion Blessing

L: *(Please stand and join with those close to you. . .)* May the body and the blood of our Lord Jesus, now in you, strengthen you in body and preserve you in faith to life everlasting.

A: Amen.

L: O give thanks to the Lord for he is good,

A: and his mercy endures forever. Amen.

Corporate Prayer

We pray together prayers of:

Adoration

Confession

Thanksgiving

Supplication

Benediction

L: Now may the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, equip you with everything good that you may do his will, working in us that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever.

A: Amen.

Go In Peace

L: Go in peace, Read the word, Study the word, Serve the Lord.

A: Thanks be to God!

Closing Hymn: *How Great Thou Art*

O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder
Consider all the worlds thy hand hath made
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder
Thy pow'r throughout the universe displayed

Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee
How great thou art
How great thou art
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee
How great thou art
How great thou art

When through the woods and forest glades I wander
I hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees
When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur
And hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze

Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee
How great thou art
How great thou art
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee
How great thou art
How great thou art

But when I think that God, his Son not sparing
Sent him to die, I scarce can take it in
That on the cross my burden gladly bearing
He bled and died to take away my sin

Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee

How great thou art
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Sermon Notes

The Church Expanded

⇒ Why did Israel resist involvement with the gentile nations?

⇒ Why did that change?

⇒ What does this mean to you?

Those To Pray For

HOSPITALIZED:

IN HOSPICE CARE:

CONTINUE TO KEEP IN PRAYER: Pam Morbeck, Tom Walker, Edna Hollar, Joy Hodak, Charles Simpson, Carolyn Schell, Elizabeth Ford, Scribner Family, Joyce Wheeler, Diane Debien, Fred Dais, Patty Komisar, Judy Clymer, Lynda Dunn, Pam Walker, Nancy Belt, Lonna Young, Andrea Penzinski, George Hochmuth, Bob Clymer, St. Paul's homebound

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE IN THE ARMED FORCES: Brian Lange, Abe Diaz, Nicholas Brice, Jacob Brice, Trey Olman