

Hark, the voice of

Jesus crying,

"Who will go

and work today?"

Christian Worship #745:1

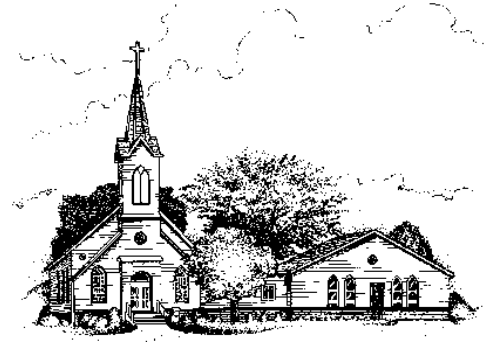


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Welcome to God's House

Imagine you need heart bypass surgery. When meeting with the surgeon, you ask, "How many of these have you done?" He responds, "You'll be 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 than 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. 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.

"Here I am, Lord."

ORDER OF SERVICE

Opening Hymn

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty #483

- 1 Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.

Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!

God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

2 Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee,
casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,
which wert and art and evermore shalt be.

3 Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee,
though the eye of sinful man thy glory may not see,
only thou art holy; there is none beside thee,
perfect in pow'r, in love, and purity.

4 Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea.
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

Invocation

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

Confession of Sins

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.


Glory to God in the Highest

CW 176

Refrain



Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace



to his peo - ple on earth. *Last time only*

Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. ***Refrain***

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. You are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive our prayer. ***Refrain***

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in the glory of God the Father. Amen. Amen. ***Refrain***

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.

First Reading

Isaiah 6:1-8

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

“Holy, holy, holy is the Lord Almighty;
the whole earth is full of his glory.”

⁴ At 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.”

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

⁸ 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

O God, Show Us Your Mercy - 67E



1 O God, show us your mer - cy and bless us with your grace;
2 For you will judge the peo - ples in truth and right - eous - ness,



and cause to shine up - on us the bright - ness of your face,
your rule of per - fect jus - tice all na - tions will con - fess.



that so your way most ho - ly on earth may soon be known,
Let all the peo - ples praise you, let all the na - tions sing;



and un - to ev - 'ry peo - ple your sav - ing grace be shown.
then earth in rich a - bun - dance to us its fruit shall bring.



Let all the peo - ples praise you, let all the na - tions sing;
The Lord our God will bless us, his rich - est bless - ing send,



in ev - 'ry land let prais - es and songs of glad - ness ring.
and all cre - a - tion praise him to earth's re - mot - est end.

Second Reading

Romans 10:12-17

¹² For there is no difference between Jew and Gentile—the same Lord is Lord of all and richly blesses all who call on him, ¹³ for, “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.

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Psalm 71:15

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

Gospel

Luke 5:1-11

One 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. ⁷ 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.

⁸ When Simon Peter saw this, he fell at Jesus' knees and said, "Go away from me, Lord; I am a sinful man!" ⁹ For 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." ¹¹ So they pulled their boats up on shore, left everything and followed him.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

Hymn of the Day

Hark! The Voice of Jesus Crying #745

Hark, the voice of Jesus crying, "Who will go and work today?
Fields are ripe and harvests waiting; who will bear the sheaves away?"
Loud and long the Master calleth; rich reward he offers thee.
Who will answer, gladly saying, "Here am I, send me, send me"?

If you cannot speak like angels, if you cannot preach like Paul,
you can tell the love of Jesus, you can say he died for all.
If you cannot rouse the wicked with the judgment's dread alarms,
you can lead the little children to the Savior's waiting arms.

If you cannot be a watchman, standing high on Zion's wall,
pointing out the path to heaven, off'ring life and peace to all,
with your prayers and with your off'rings you can do what God demands;
you can be like faithful Aaron, holding up the prophet's hands.

Let none hear you idly saying, "There is nothing I can do,"
while the multitudes are dying, and the Master calls for you.

Take the task he gives you gladly, let his work your pleasure be; answer quickly when he calleth, "Here am I, send me, send me!"

Sermon

Luke 5:1-11

Please stand

The 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.

Be seated

Prayer of the Church

God, be gracious to us and bless us and make your face shine on us. Shine through us that the ends of the earth may fear you. Holy, holy, holy are you, Lord Almighty! **The whole earth is full of your glory.**

You richly and daily bless all who call on you. Bless our daily work, whatever it might be. Give us skill in our professions, success in our tasks, and provide for our needs and for the needs of others as we do useful work to your glory. Holy, holy, holy are you, Lord Almighty! **The whole earth is full of your glory.**

Faith comes from hearing the message. Send your messengers throughout the world to bring the Word about Christ to those who do not know it or have not heard it. Holy, holy, holy are you, Lord Almighty! **The whole earth is full of your glory.**

Bless all who share your message. Give them willingness and joy as they “fish for people,” and build them up in faith. Holy, holy, holy are you, Lord Almighty! **The whole earth is full of your glory.**

Lead and support the people who volunteer in our congregation, those who serve on councils, boards, committees and support organizations. Feed their faith with your Word, strengthen them for service, and make them a blessing for your people and for your work. Holy, holy, holy are you, Lord Almighty! **The whole earth is full of your glory.**

Exalted Lord, you look kindly upon the lowly. Though you are on high, you see their troubles from afar. Look on those who are in trouble and those who struggle with health or pain [especially...]. Preserve their lives, help and save them with your right hand. Holy, holy, holy are you, Lord Almighty! **The whole earth is full of your glory.**

Hear us, Lord, as we pray in silence.

Silent prayers and special intercessions may follow

Lord God, we humbly thank you that you have spread abroad the Word of your Gospel over the whole world and have showered your grace upon us. Uphold us by the teaching of your holy apostles and give us your Holy Spirit that we grow and remain in him; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Offering

The members of Zion have joined together to do the Lord's work in this community and around the world. If you are a visitor, please don't feel obligated to participate in this offering which supports our ministry.

The Sacrament

Preface

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:

Holy, Holy, Holy

CW 184

The musical score is written on seven staves of music in a single system. The key signature has two flats (B-flat and E-flat), and the time signature is common time (C). The melody is written in a soprano clef. The lyrics are: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er, God of might. Heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est!

Prayer of Thanksgiving

We give thanks to you, O God, through your dear Son, Jesus Christ, whom you sent to be our Savior, our Redeemer, and the messenger of your grace. Through him you made all things; in him you are well pleased. He is the incarnate Word, conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. To fulfill your promises, he stretched out his hands on the cross and released from eternal death all who believe in you.

As we remember Jesus' death and resurrection, we thank you that you have gathered us together to receive your Son's body and blood. Send us your Spirit, unite us as one, and strengthen our faith so that we may praise you in your Son, Jesus Christ. Through him, we glorify and honor you, O God our Father, with the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Lord's Prayer

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.

O Christ, Lamb of God

Jesus, Lamb of God CW 186



Je - sus, Lamb of God, you take a - way the

sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.

Je - sus, Lamb of God, you take a - way the

sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.

Je - sus, Lamb of God, you take a - way the

sin of the world; grant us your peace.

Distribution Hymn

On Galilee's High Mountain #742

On Galilee's high mountain Christ gave the great command
 in words of strength and promise which all can understand:
 "All pow'r to me is given to do what I shall choose;
 therefore I send my children, their witness I will use."

The Lord, who, born of Mary, came down as man and died,
 who preached to all who listened, for us was crucified.
 This Lord, our living brother, in pow'r at God's right hand
 has chosen us to carry his truth to ev'ry land.

His strength within my weakness will make me bold to say
 how his redeeming power transforms my stubborn clay.

His touch of fire ignites me, with courage I am sent,
my tongue-tied silence broken, with grace made eloquent.

And not alone to nations in faraway retreats,
but ev'rywhere I broadcast his love through crowded streets.
The lives that my life touches, however great or small—
let them through me see Jesus, who served and saved us all.

Lord, gather all your children, wherever they may be,
and lead them on to heaven to live eternally
with you, our loving Father, and Christ, our brother dear,
whose Spirit guards and gives us the joy to persevere.

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.

Benediction

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.

Closing Hymn

O Christ, Who Called the Twelve #714:1, 4

Christ, who called the Twelve to rise and follow you,
forsaking old, familiar ways for ventures bold and new:
grant us to hear your call to risk security
and, bound in heart and will to you, find perfect liberty.

O Christ, th' _apostles' Lord, the martyrs' strength and song,
the crucified and risen King to whom the saints belong:
though generations pass, our tribute still we bring,
our hymns a sacrifice of praise, our lives an offering.

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This Week at Zion

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| Today: | 7:30 / 9:45 a.m. | Worship with Holy Communion |
| | 8:30 / 8:45 a.m. | Sunday School / Adult Bible study |
| Mon: | 6:30 p.m. | Evangelism committee meeting |
| | 7:00 p.m. | Elders meeting |
| | 8:00 p.m. | Council meeting |
| Tue: | 1:00 p.m. | OWLS meeting - Lomira Community Center |
| Wed: | 6:00 p.m. | Catechism instructions |
| Thu: | 7:00 p.m. | Worship |
| Fri: | 2:00 p.m. | Hope Rehab Devotion, Lomira |
| Sun: | 7:30 / 9:45 a.m. | Worship |
| | 8:30 / 8:45 a.m. | Sunday School / Adult Bible study |

In Our Prayers Taunya Rauch, going in for outpatient surgery tomorrow (Monday); also Herbie Justman, undergoing testing for recent health challenges.

Holy Communion We believe that gathering together at God's altar to receive the Lord's Supper is a testimony of the confession, commitment and unity we share as members of the Lutheran Church. We ask guests who are not members of our Lutheran denomination to speak with the pastor before joining us at the altar so all may have a clear understanding of our faith and practice.

Projects & Pizza All Sunday School children are invited to a night out on Friday night, February 21st at church. They'll be making cards to give to our shut-in members, watch a movie and / or play some games and have plenty of food and fun from 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. You should soon receive a signup genius e-mail to register and sign up for snacks so we can plan accordingly. Save the date!

VBS Planning Meeting A Vacation Bible School planning meeting has been scheduled for February 27th at 6 p.m. Save the date.

We thank Jared Peterson (Thursday) and Bea Pamperin (Sunday) for serving as our organists this weekend.

February calendars, church newsletters and copies of the new *Forward in Christ* are out on the cabinets in the entryway. Please take one before you leave. If you're looking for an annual report, you'll find those copies as well.

Informational Meeting At the annual meeting it was decided to form a building committee to further explore some parsonage updating. There will be an informational meeting on **Monday, February 17th** at 7:00 p.m. for any and all members who would like to know more about the possible project. You are invited to attend.

Thursday Worship Don't forget about our Thursday evening worship services at 7:00 p.m. If you know you're going to be gone or doing something else on Sunday morning, the Thursday night worship opportunity was begun years ago for just those weekends.

Church Envelopes If you haven't picked up your 2025 church envelope boxes, they should also be in your church mailboxes. If you have any questions about them, please text or e-mail our financial secretary Rick Meier at 262.909.1069 or rrrick4919@yahoo.com.

Local Women's Retreat The women of St. Lucas in Kewaskum invite the ladies of our congregation to their 20th annual Women's Retreat to be held on **Saturday, March 1st**, 2025. The event will begin at 8:30 am and will be held at Hoenecke Hall (in the school building). There is a registration fee of \$30 per person which includes lunch and all presentations. For more information, check out the brochures on the bulletin board or go to <https://StLucasRetreat2025.eventbrite.com>. Registration is due Feb. 18th.

Open House at Luther Prep If you've ever thought about being a pastor or teacher, Luther Prep will be hosting an open house on **March 9th** from noon – 1:30 p.m. You'll receive a guided tour of campus, a meal in the cafeteria and, if you like, take in a concert and / or musical that night.

Childcare Hiring St. John's, Lomira Charger Care (after-school care) program is hiring. Applicants need to have a love for kids ages 3-12, be at least 18 years old, a WELS member, and available weekdays when school is in session from 2:55-5:35pm. The shift is 2.5-7.5 hours a week starting immediately. Interested persons may contact Mrs. Adelmeyer as soon as possible at 920-210-5284 or jadelmeyer@stjohnslomira.com

Anniversary Sale Come and celebrate Second Impressions' 8th Year Anniversary! Thursday, February 13, and February, Friday 14, from 9 am to 6 pm, the entire store will be 50% OFF (excluding furniture). There will be door prizes and refreshments! Thanks to all of our awesome volunteers and staff who help make our mission a success! Thanks also to our wonderful customers and people who donate. We couldn't do it without you!