

A large catch of fish, likely salmon, is piled together in a dark-colored fishing net. The fish are glistening with moisture, and their silvery scales catch the light. The net's diamond-shaped mesh is visible throughout the image, creating a grid-like pattern over the fish. The background is dark, making the fish stand out.

**All . . . were astonished
at the catch of fish**

Luke 5:9

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February 9, 2025

5th Sunday after Epiphany

Worship Service at 10:30 am

Divine Service Setting One (Page 151)

Prelude

Announcements

Opening Hymn: Hark, the Voice of Jesus Calling #827

Sermon Hymn: At the Lamb’s High Feast We Sing #633

Theme “Jesus, the Fishing Guide”

1. Moving Peter from “wanting to be left alone” to “leaving behind all possessions.”
2. Moving Peter from “timidity” towards “courage”
3. Moving Peter from “trying to catch fish and eat them” to “catching people alive.”

Recessional Hymn: Jesus Shall Reign #832

Sacrament of Holy Communion

Our Lord shares with us His Precious Body & Blood in the Sacrament of Holy Communion. We invite those who are baptized Christians who are able to examine themselves on the basis of these three points of Christian faith:

- *I believe that Jesus is my Lord and Savior from all sin.
- *I believe that the true body & blood of Christ is present in the Sacrament.
- *I resolve, with the Holy Spirit’s help to live for my Lord & witness through my actions that He is my Savior.

WELCOME to Good Shepherd Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod on this day, 5th Sunday after Epiphany

Prepare for Worship. Enter reverently, pray thoughtfully, enjoy the time prior to worship in spiritual meditation.

The Nursery/Lounge is located just past the Ladies room, off the Narthex. Please be assured that children of all ages are encouraged to participate in the worship service.

Fellowship Register: We ask (members, friends, and visitors) to fill out The Fellowship Book which is located at the end of each pew. Please include your name, address and telephone number.

The Flowers are given to The Glory of God

Old Testament Reading:

Isaiah 6:1-8

¹In the year that King Uzziah died I saw the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up; and the train of his robe filled the temple. ²Above him stood the seraphim. Each had six wings: with two he covered his face, and with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew. ³And one called to another and said:

"Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory!"

⁴And the foundations of the thresholds shook at the voice of him who called, and the house was filled with smoke. ⁵And I said: "Woe is me! For I am lost; for 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!"

⁶Then one of the seraphim flew to me, having in his hand a burning coal that he had taken with tongs from the altar. ⁷And he touched my mouth and said: "Behold, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away, and your sin atoned for."

⁸And I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" Then I said, "Here am I! Send me."

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 14:12b-20

^{12b}[S]ince you are eager for manifestations of the Spirit, strive to excel in building up the church.

¹³Therefore, one who speaks in a tongue should pray for the power to interpret. ¹⁴For if I pray in a tongue, my spirit prays but my mind is unfruitful. ¹⁵What am I to do? I will pray with my spirit, but I will pray with my mind also; I will sing praise with my spirit, but I will sing with my mind also. ¹⁶Otherwise, if you give thanks with your spirit, how can anyone in the position of an outsider say "Amen" to your thanksgiving when he does not know what you are saying? ¹⁷For you may be giving

thanks well enough, but the other person is not being built up. ¹⁸I thank God that I speak in tongues more than all of you. ¹⁹Nevertheless, in church I would rather speak five words with my mind in order to instruct others, than ten thousand words in a tongue.

²⁰Brothers, do not be children in your thinking. Be infants in evil, but in your thinking be mature.

Holy Gospel: Luke 5:1-11

¹On one occasion, while the crowd was pressing in on [Jesus] to hear the word of God, he was standing by the lake of Genesaret, ²and he saw two boats by the lake, but the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. ³Getting into one of the boats, which was Simon's, he asked him to put out a little from the land. And he sat down and taught the people from the boat. ⁴And when he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into the deep and let down your nets for a catch." ⁵And Simon answered, "Master, we toiled all night and took nothing! But at your word I will let down the nets." ⁶And when they had done this, they enclosed a large number of fish, and their nets were breaking. ⁷They 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. ⁸But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, "Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord." ⁹For he and all who were with him were astonished at the catch of fish that they had taken, ¹⁰and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. And Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching men." ¹¹And when they had brought their boats to land, they left everything and followed him.



About the Cover: The fishermen had given up after a frustrating night's worth of casting and pulling in empty nets. But then Jesus stepped into the boat, had them push off from land, and taught them. At His word, casting those empty nets brought in an amazing haul of fish so great that the nets were breaking and boats were sinking. Indeed, the Lord brings in an astonishing catch of believers, not by our power, but by the power of His Gospel of forgiveness.