And when they had brought their boats to land, they left everything and followed him.

Luke 5:11
OUR MISSION
As a Lutheran community of faith, we continue our history of proclaiming Christ crucified through Word and Sacrament in joyful service to God and our neighbor.

WELCOME TO ST. MATTHEW’S LUTHERAN CHURCH
We welcome all who worship with us today. We gather as the Body of Christ to offer ourselves as a living sacrifice of thanksgiving and praise to God. Ushers are available to answer any of your questions. The church is equipped with a hearing impaired system. If you need a listening device, it may be obtained from an usher. In the minutes prior to the beginning of each service, the doors to the nave are closed, and quiet is encouraged. Music is offered which prepares worshipers to receive God’s gifts from His Hand – the forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation.

Everyone is asked to sign the Attendance Record found at the end of each pew or row of chairs. Please sign this record and pass it down to those beside you during the announcements. As it is returned, please note who is worshipping with you. The Attendance Record helps worshipers to put names and faces together. We make new friends in this way and grow in care for each other.

Celebrating Holy Communion: We believe, teach, and confess Christ is truly present in the bread and wine. All baptized Christians, who share this belief, are invited to receive Jesus as He comes in the Holy Communion to forgive the sins of the penitent. Children and others who are not yet receiving the sacrament, or who choose not to commune with us, are invited to come forward for a blessing, crossing their arms over their chest. After receiving the host in your outstretched hands, please eat the host if you wish to drink from the first cup, the metal chalice. Please hold the host if you wish to dip your host in the second cup, the ceramic chalice. Those unable to drink wine are urged simply to touch their host to the outside of the cup prior to eating.

The altar flowers are dedicated to the Glory of God and given by Pr. Bob and Sylvia Weeks in honor of their daughter, Kristi, on her birthday, and by Karen Schmoke in loving memory of her father, Larry Hutchinson.

Ava Charleston Dineen was received into Christ’s Church by the Sacrament of Holy Baptism at today’s 8:30 service. She is the daughter of Jonathan and Anna Dineen, granddaughter of David and Terri Dearie, and niece of Brendan and Lindsay Dearie. We welcome Ava Charleston to the body of Christ and to the St. Matthew’s Church Family.

Sunday School is sponsored by the Oxford family in honor of Allison’s birthday.

WELCOME IN THE NAME OF JESUS! On this 5th Sunday after Epiphany, the Lord Jesus continues to be an irritating teacher as the Great Physician speaks to His people about their need for healing. Before He calls three professional fishermen to follow Him, the Lord Jesus reaches Peter, James, and John in the best way possible. He shows them where and how to fish. Today the Lord Jesus calls us to go out to deeper waters with Him and there to let down our nets that we may learn better who and Whose we are. Like those fishermen, we can all be satisfied with where we are in life. The call to follow Jesus is particularly irritating, because He shows that what we think we know is only scratching the surface. Be still. Listen!

I will strive to …… Pray daily
Worship weekly
Read the Bible
Serve at and beyond St. Matthew’s
Be in Relationship to encourage spiritual growth in others
Give of my time, talents and resources

Those Serving in Worship

Assisting Minister
Lou Painter

Lector
Lynette Farmer

Ushers
Frank and Marti Felter

Communion Assistants
Karin Cook, Gina Schiess, Ken Johns, Dave Davis

Greeters
Pr. Marv and Marcie Schedler

Acolyte
Harrison Rutland

Crucifer
Garrison Beall

Altar Guild
Margaret Ballantine, Judy Daniels

(*Please stand as you are able.)
Silence for Meditation

Prelude: Amazing Grace

Adult Handbells

Linda McKechin

Welcome

* THE CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS
Pastor: In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
Congregation: Amen.
Pastor: 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.
Congregation: Amen.
Pastor: 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.
Pastor: Most merciful God,
Congregation: 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.
Pastor: Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the +Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
Congregation: Amen.

* OPENING HYMN

Holy, Holy, Holy

LBW 165

* THE GREETING
Pastor: The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
Congregation: And also with you.
Pastor: Stand watch over your family, O Lord, that we who depend entirely on your heavenly grace may always be protected in the mighty fortress of your love. Through Jesus Christ, your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Congregation: Amen.

**THE CHILDREN’S SERMON**
FIRST LESSON: Isaiah 6:1-13
In 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. 2 Above 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. 3 And one called to another and said: “Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory!” 4 And the foundations of the thresholds shook at the voice of him who called, and the house was filled with smoke. 5 And 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!” 6 Then one of the seraphim flew to me, having in his hand a burning coal that he had taken with tongs from the altar. 7 And he touched my mouth and said: “Behold, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away, and your sin atoned for.” 8 And I heard the voice of the Lord saying, “Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?” Then I said, “Here I am! Send me.” 9 And he said, “Go, and say to this people: ‘Keep on hearing, but do not understand; keep on seeing, but do not perceive.’ 10 Make the heart of this people dull, and their ears heavy, and blind their eyes; lest they see with their eyes, and hear with their ears, and understand with their hearts, and turn and be healed.” 11 Then I said, “How long, O Lord?” And he said: “Until cities lie waste without inhabitant, and houses without people, and the land is a desolate waste, 12 and the Lord removes people far away, and the forsaken places are many in the midst of the land. 13 And though a tenth remain in it, it will be burned again, like a terebinth or an oak, whose stump remains when it is felled.” The holy seed is its stump.

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

PSALM 138
I give you thanks, O Lord, / with my whole heart; *
    before the gods I / sing your praise;
I bow down toward your holy temple
    and give thanks to your name for your steadfast love / and your faithfulness, *
    for you have exalted above all things your name / and your word.
On the day I called, you / answered me; *
    my strength of soul / you increased.
All the kings of the earth shall give you / thanks, O Lord, *
    for they have heard the words / of your mouth,
    and they shall sing of the ways / of the Lord, *
    for great is the glory / of the Lord.
For though the Lord is high, he re- / gards the lowly, *
    but the haughty he knows / from afar.
Though I walk in the midst of trouble,
    you pre- / serve my life; *
you stretch out your hand against the wrath of my enemies,
    and your right / hand delivers me.
The Lord will fulfill his pur- / pose for me; *
    your steadfast love, O Lord, endures forever.
Do not forsake the work / of your hands.
Glory to the Father, and / to the Son, * and to the / Holy Spirit;
as it was in the begin- / ning, is now, * and will be forev- / er. Amen.

SECOND LESSON: 1 Corinthians 15:1-11
Now I would remind you, brothers, of the gospel I preached to you, which you received, in which you stand, 2 and by which you are being saved, if you hold fast to the word I preached to you—unless you believed in vain. 3 For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, 4 that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures, 5 and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. 6 Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have fallen asleep. 7 Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. 8 Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. 9 For I am the least of the apostles, unworthy to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. 10 But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me was not in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them, though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. 11 Whether then it was I or they, so we preach and so you believed.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.
On one occasion, while the crowd was pressing in on him to hear the word of God, he was standing by the lake of Gennesaret, and he saw two boats by the lake, but the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. Getting 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. And when he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, “Put out into the deep and let down your nets for a catch.” And Simon answered, “Master, we toiled all night and took nothing! But at your word I will let down the nets.” And when they had done this, they enclosed a large number of fish, and their nets were breaking. 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. But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus’ knees, saying, “Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord.” For he and all who were with him were astonished at the catch of fish that they had taken, and 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.” And when they had brought their boats to land, they left everything and followed him.

The Gospel of the Lord.
ANNOUNCEMENTS

* SHARING THE PEACE
Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.
Congregation: And also with you.

THE OFFERING

* THE OFFERTORY RESPONSE

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give him thanks and praise.
Pastor: It is indeed right and salutary...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

* THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER
Pastor: You are indeed holy...mystery of our faith:
Congregation: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.
Pastor: Gracious Father...eternal kingdom.
Congregation: Through Him, with Him and in Him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and forever. Amen.
Pastor: Lord remember us...and teach us to pray:

* THE LORDS 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.

* THE FRACTION
Pastor: The Light has shattered the darkness.
Congregation: Let us follow the Star and behold our God!

THE DISTRIBUTION (Please be seated; an usher will direct you to the altar rail.)

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.
* THE POST-COMMUNION BLESSING
Pastor: May this the body and this the blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in His grace.
Congregation: Amen.

* THE POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE

\[ \text{Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell ev-'ry-one what he has done.} \]

\[ \text{Let ev-'ry-one who seeks the Lord rejoice and proudly bear his name.} \]

\[ \text{He re-calls his prom-is-es and leads his peo-ple forth in joy} \]

\[ \text{with shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al-le-lu-ia. Al-le-lu-ia.} \]

* THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER
Assisting Minister: Lord Jesus, by eating once again with you, we have obeyed your call to celebrate the greatest truth of all. May this teaching of eternal love and peace change our lives forevermore.
Congregation: Amen.

* THE BENEDICTION
Pastor: Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.
Congregation: Amen.

* CLOSING HYMN
\[ O \ Christ, \ Who \ Called \ the \ Twelve \] (page 11)
At this time anyone desiring prayer for healing is invited to approach the altar rail.

* THE DISMISSAL
Pastor: Go in peace. Serve the Lord!
Congregation: Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE \[ Toccata \ on \ “Amazing \ Grace” \] J. Christopher Pardini

LESSONS for NEXT WEEK:
Jeremiah 17:5-10; Psalm 1; 1 Corinthians 15:12-20; Luke 6:17-26
Will You Come and Follow Me

1. "Will you come and follow me if I but call
   Will you go where you don’t know and never be the same?
   Will you let my love be shown, will you let my name be known, will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?"

2. "Will you leave yourself behind if I but call
   Will you care for cruel and kind and never be the same?
   Will you risk the hostile stare, should your life at tract or scare? Will you let me answer this unseen, and admit to what I pray’t in you and you in me?"

3. "Will you let the blind see if I but call
   Will you set the prisoners free and never be the same?
   Will you kiss the leper clean, and do such as world a-round, through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?"

4. "Will you love the you you hide if I but call
   Will you quell the fear in my name. Let me turn and follow you and never be the same.
   Will you use the faith you’ve found to reshape the name be known, will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?"

5. Lord, your summons echoes true when you but call

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O Christ, Who Called the Twelve

1 O Christ, who called the Twelve To rise and follow You, For-
saking old, familiar ways For ventures bold and new:
words and works awakened faith, The ways of God revealed:
broke as bread of life for all Your love compassion ate:
serve, to suffer, teach, proclaim The nearer reign of God:

2 O Christ, who taught the Twelve The truth for ages sealed, Whose
Grant us to hear Your call To risk security And,
Instruct us now, we pray, By Your empowering Word. True
Lead us along the ways Where hope has nearly died And
Send us on ways where faith Transcends timidity, Where

3 O Christ, who led the Twelve Among the desolate And
bound in heart and will to You, Find perfect liberty.
teacher, be for all who seek Their light, their life, their Lord.
help us climb the lonely hills Where love is crucified.
love informs and hope sustains Both life and misery.

4 O Christ, who sent the Twelve On roads they’d never trod To

5 O Christ, the 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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