

Love Is All We Need, 4: An Unexpected Catch

Luke 5:1-11

ORDER OF THE DIVINE SERVICE
FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY
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A warm welcome to all worshipping with Resurrection Lutheran Church today. We celebrate our Savior's love in the faithful gathering of God's people, whether we are together in God's house or, as you watch online from the comfort of your home.

LESSONS AND LITURGY TODAY

We never know when God might place before us an opportunity for witness and service in the world. For Isaiah it came during a moment of worship. For Peter and James and John it came while at work in their fishing business. God used each of them in a special way to share the Good News with people. We, too, may be in worship, at work, or in any of a hundred other settings when God places before us an opportunity to serve. As God called Isaiah in a spectacular vision to speak God's Word in a world marred by sin, so He calls us to do the same. As Jesus called Peter to go from catching fish to "catching men," so He calls us to do the same. God calls us to speak the Gospel in a sin-marred world and to live in ways that demonstrate the power of the Gospel. Like Isaiah, our response is, "Here am I! Send me!"

All We Need Is Love

Do we overuse the word love, or do we not use it enough? As Christians, do we grasp the immensity of the love that God has given us and the love that we are called to give to others? Throughout the rest of January and into February, we will be taking a closer look at 1 Corinthians 12-13 and three specific stories from Luke's gospel that will guide us as the Body of Christ in the ways that the love of God unites us as His children as well as how it sends us into service to one another and to those God has placed around us. God is love. He is a love that is greater than anything that we could ever imagine, and He is the love that makes us one as the Body of Christ for the Mission of Christ to bring love to the world.

❖ Denotes times when the congregation is invited to stand.

The congregation is encouraged to quietly and prayerfully prepare for worship during the prelude.

PRELUDE

Westminster Abbey – P. Manz

GREETING

❖ INVOCATION

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

P In the Name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

❖ HYMN

God Himself Is Present

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1. God Himself is present: Let us now adore Him

And with awe appear before Him.

God is in His temple; All within keep silence;

Humbly kneel in deepest rev'rence.

He alone On His throne

Is our God and Savior; Praise His name forever!

2. God Himself is present: Hear the harps resounding;

See the hosts the throne surrounding.

“Holy, holy, holy!” Hear the hymn ascending,

Songs of saints and angels blending.

Bow Your ear To us here:

Hear, O Christ, the praises That Your Church now raises.

3. Fount of ev'ry blessing, Purify my spirit,

Trusting only in Your merit.

Like the holy angels, Worshiping before You,

May I ceaselessly adore You.

Let Your will Ever still

Rule Your Church terrestrial As the hosts celestial.

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❖ CONFESSION OF SINS

John 20:21-23

P Our help is in the Name of the Lord,

C Who made Heaven and earth.

P If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?
C **But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.**

P Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite Mercy of God, our Heavenly Father, seeking His Grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

C **Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to Everlasting Life. Amen.**

❖ ABSOLUTION

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

SERVICE OF THE WORD

❖ KYRIE

A In peace let us pray to the Lord.



☐ Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

A For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

A 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.



C Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

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



C Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

❖ GLORIA IN EXCELSIS



1 To God on high be glo - ry And peace to all the earth;
 2 To You, O sole - be - got - ten, The Fa - ther's Son, we pray;
 3 For You a - lone are ho - ly; You on - ly are the Lord.



Good-will from God in heav - en Pro - claimed at Je - sus' birth!
 O Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, You take our sins a - way.
 For - ev - er and for - ev - er, Be wor - shiped and a - dored;



We praise and bless You, Fa - ther; Your ho - ly name, we sing—
 Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus; Re - ceive our heart - felt cry,
 You with the Ho - ly Spir - it A - lone are Lord Most High,



Our thanks for Your great glo - ry, Lord God, our heav'n - ly King.
 Where You in pow'r are seat - ed At God's right hand on high—
 In God the Fa - ther's glo - ry. "A - men!" our glad re - ply.

❖ PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray.

O Lord, keep Your family, the Church, continually in the true faith;

C that relying on the Hope of Your Heavenly Grace, we may ever be defended
 by Your Mighty Power; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, Who lives
 and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT

Isaiah 6:1-8 [9-13] [ESV]

(God calls Isaiah as a prophet to the kings of Israel and to His people.)

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.

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.

And one called to another and said:

“Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of Hosts;
the whole earth is full of His Glory!”

And the foundations of the thresholds
shook at the voice of Him Who called,
and the house was filled with smoke.

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!”

Then one of the seraphim flew to me,
having in his hand a burning coal that he
had taken with tongs from the altar.

And he touched my mouth and said:

“Behold, this has touched your lips;
your guilt is taken away, and your sin
atoned for.”

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.”

And He said, “Go, and say to this people:
“Keep on hearing, but do not understand;
keep on seeing, but do not perceive.’

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.”

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,
and the LORD removes people far away,
and the forsaken places are many in the
midst of the land.

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.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM ANTHEM

Cantate Domino – G. O. Pitoni

Psalm 149:1-2

Sanctuary Choir

*Cantate Dominio, canticum novum:
Laus eius in ecclesia sanctorum,
Laetetur Israel in eo, Qui fecit eum:
Et filiae Sion
Exultent in rege suo.*

*Come ye with joyfulness, sing a new song to your Maker,
O praise Him with the saintly congregation.
Israel, be joyful and glad in Him Who made Israel,
And ye children of Sion, be joyful,
Rejoice and be glad in your King..*

EPISTLE

1 Corinthians 14:12b-20 [ESV]

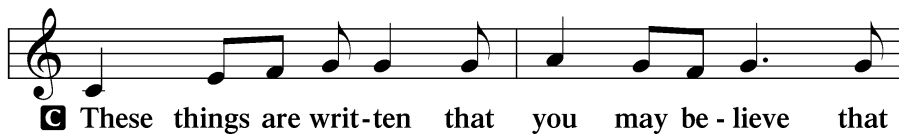
(Paul talks about excelling in gifts that build up the Church.)

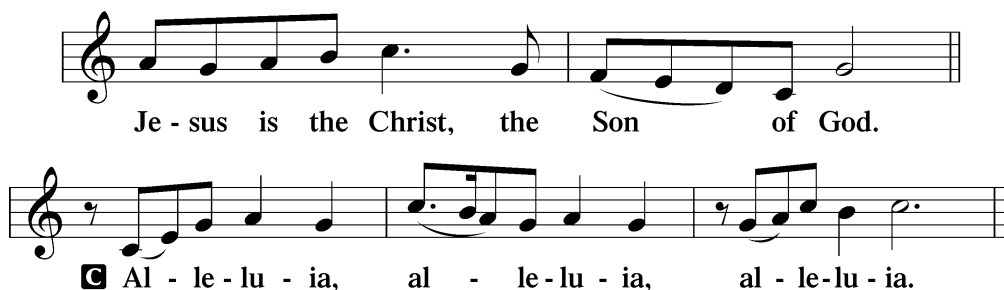
Strive to excel in building up the Church.
Therefore, one who speaks in a tongue
should pray that he may interpret.
For if I pray in a tongue, my spirit prays
but my mind is unfruitful.
What am I to do?
I will pray with my spirit, but I will pray
with my mind also;
I will sing praise with my spirit, but I will
sing with my mind also.
Otherwise, 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?
For you may be giving thanks well
enough, but the other person is not being
built up.
I thank God that I speak in tongues more
than all of you.
Nevertheless,
in church I would rather speak five words
with my mind in order to instruct others,
than ten thousand words in a tongue.
Brothers, do not be children in your
thinking. Be infants in evil, but in your
thinking be mature.

A This is the Word of the Lord.
C Thanks be to God.

❖ ALLELUIA AND VERSE





❖ HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 5:1-11 [ESV]

(After their miraculous catch of fish, Peter, James, and John are called to catch of people.)

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the fifth chapter.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

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.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.
C Praise to You, Lord Christ.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Bob Unger

HYMN

O Christ, Who Called the Twelve

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1. O 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.
2. O Christ, who taught the Twelve The truth for ages sealed,
Whose words and works awakened faith, The ways of God revealed:
Instruct us now, we pray, By Your empow'ring Word.
True teacher, be for all who seek Their light, their life, their Lord.
3. O Christ, who led the Twelve Among the desolate
And broke as bread of life for all Your love compassionate:
Lead us along the ways Where hope has nearly died
And help us climb the lonely hills Where love is crucified.
4. O Christ, who sent the Twelve On roads they'd never trod
To serve, to suffer, teach, proclaim The nearer reign of God:
Send us on ways where faith Transcends timidity,
Where love informs and hope sustains Both life and ministry.
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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SERMON

Pastor Jonathan Blanke

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(Sermon Notes on Page 15)



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- C** I believe in one God,
the Father Almighty,
Maker of Heaven and earth
and of all things visible and invisible.
And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father,
by Whom all things were made;
Who for us men and for our salvation came down from Heaven
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried.
- C** And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures
and ascended into Heaven
and sits at the Right Hand of the Father.
And He will come again with glory
to judge both the living and the dead,
whose Kingdom will have no end.
And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord and Giver of life,
Who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
Who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,
Who spoke by the prophets.
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
and I look for the resurrection of the dead
and the ☩ Life of the world to come. Amen.

❖ GREETING OF PEACE

All are invited to greet one another in the name of the Lord, saying, “Peace be with you,” as a sign of reconciliation and of the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. (*Matt. 5:22-24; Eph. 4:1-3*) Any gesture accompanying this greeting (wave, hand over heart with slight bow, or handshake) is welcome.

OFFERING

(The offerings of God’s people will be received through electronic giving, by postal mail, and in baskets located in the Narthex. Please sign and pass the Fellowship Pads.)

MUSICAL OFFERING

Thy Perfect Love — J. Rutter

Sanctuary Choir

*Jesu, my love, my joy, my rest, Thy perfect love close in my breast
That I Thee love and never rest; And make me love Thee of all things best,
And wounde my heart in Thy love free, That I may reign in joy evermore with Thee.*

❖ PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.

P Lord Jesus, strengthen the members of the Church around the world in the face of spiritual, economic, and political adversity, and raise them up for service.

C Be present with Your Church during times of trial.

P Through the Holy Spirit, work the miracle of faith that comes through Your Grace alone in the hearts of the those who do not yet believe.

C Provide daily bread for those who have less than they need to live.

P Be the Guiding Influence in the lives of those who serve this country and risk their lives within our borders and around the world.

C Give to those who serve in the Church as pastors, teachers, and leaders, joy in their ministry; that they would be a blessing to those whom they serve.

After each portion of the prayers:

P Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C **Amen.**

P Jesus, remember us in Your Kingdom and teach us to pray:

❖ **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.

❖ **BENEDICTION**

P The LORD bless you and keep you.
The LORD make His Face to shine on you and be gracious to you.
The LORD look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace. (*Numbers 6:24-26*)

C **Amen.**

P Go in peace and serve the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God!**

POSTLUDE

Westminster Fanfare – C. Callahan

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Epiphany 5, Series C

Why are we, the followers of Jesus Christ, gathered here? To catch people (5:10)! The RLC vision statement reminds us: “Gathered by the Holy Spirit around the Savior, we who are many and diverse will be used together as one Body to reach out to all people with the love of Christ through acts of compassionate service and through telling the Good News of Jesus.” The love of God through God’s Word renews us in our calling as fishermen/women for Christ! We reach out to others in anticipation of what God will accomplish through us.

1. **Our sermon series continues: _____ is all we _____.** Scripture readings highlight two core values at RLC: the love of God in Christ (a) enables us each to grow spiritually and (b) love our families that they might grow spiritually, too.
2. **God’s love through Jesus brings Him to Capernaum and the cities beyond, unexpectedly healing those overwhelmed by _____ and _____ (4:34–40) with a life-giving Word (5:1, 3).** Today, as in Jesus’ day, that Word is the anchor for life that is truly worth living—and giving—on behalf of others.
3. **Jesus’ life-giving Word #1: “Go out to the _____ and let down your nets for a catch.”** We were created not only for the comfortable corners of church life but also the wild, untamed places where the Spirit of God uses us to land an unexpected catch! How easy to fall victim to a “what difference will I ever make?” mindset! Jesus’ call to go out from the shore—and take part in the unexpected catch *He* can deliver—turns our fatalism into an anticipatory “what difference *can I make?*”!
4. **Jesus’ life-giving Word #2: “Do not _____!”** Simon recognizes his own reluctance to trust in Jesus’ Word: “Go away from me Lord, because I am a sinful man!” (5:8). Jesus’ response (“Stop being afraid”) is both forgiving and encouraging! The Scriptural refrain, “There’s no need to fear” is life-giving for us, too.
5. **Jesus’ life-giving Word #3: “From now on, you will be _____!”** Jesus has not yet called Simon and the others to follow. But He promises that their efforts will bear fruit in “catching” folks...so they “leave everything behind and follow Him” (5:11). What about us? Would we—do we—give up everything to follow? How can Jesus’ encouragement, “Do not be afraid” prepare us to follow more faithfully?