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6 p.m. Sat., Feb. 5, & 8:15 a.m. Sun., Feb. 6, 2022
Sermon: "The Search for Excellence"
1 Corinthians 14:12b-20



St. Paul's Lutheran Church & School

- a Family to Whom You Belong -

Our Mission is to: **Make More & Better Disciples**

THE FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY/ MISSION MONTH

(6 p.m. Sat., Jan. 5 & 8:15 a.m. Sun., Jan. 6, 2022)

Servants of God's House Today:

Pastor: Rev. Kenny Hsu **DCE:** Grace Wolfgram

Organists: 6 p.m. Sat.; Mabel Huldeen 8:15 a.m. Sun., Mabel Huldeen

Usher: Steve Segebart

Missionaries: Rev. Shauen & Krista Trump, Rev. Tim & Lisa Beckendorf,
Rev. Paul Flo, Rev. Charles Cortwright

Elders: 6 p.m. Sat. Randy Johnson; 8:15 a.m. Sun., Daryl Heimgartner

Readers: 6 p.m. Sat: Marlis Hilden; 8:15 a.m. Sun., Doug Lehr

WELCOME! We are glad that you are here worshipping God with us. We pray for God's blessings to you and invite you to come back again soon.

AS WE GATHER The word Epiphany means "a showing forth" or "a revelation." One of the images associated with our Lord in this season of Epiphany is that He is the bright Morning Star. In John's Gospel, Jesus is quoted as calling out: "I have come into the world as light, so that whoever believes in Me may not remain in darkness" (John 12:46). In the season of Epiphany, we see the brightness of God in the face of our Lord, and we are called to follow Him just as the original disciples were called centuries ago. For all who follow the Lord in humble faith, the future is bright!

HOLY COMMUNION The Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod believes the Biblical teaching that in communion we receive not the symbolic but the true body and blood of Jesus Christ with the bread and wine for the forgiveness of sins. If you are a baptized Christian who has been instructed in the same Biblical teaching, and if you agree with the announcement on our communion card and the confession of our faith, please join us to receive the gifts that Jesus Christ has prepared for us in communion. If you have any questions or uncertainties, please feel free to make an appointment to talk with the pastor during the week before communing with us.

PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP O Lord God, our loving Father, through the grace of Your Holy Spirit You call us, as You called the first disciples, to follow You as fishers of men. Make us to love You with our whole strength and with our whole heart and do the things that are pleasing in Your sight; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

DIVINE SERVICE ONE

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(The congregation is invited to respond with the words written in **bold**.)

The Ringing of the Bells

The Hand of Fellowship

Hymn of Invocation

“God Himself Is Present”
(stand as you are able for the last verse)

LSB 907

(The sign of the cross + may be made by all in remembrance of their baptism.)

The Invocation

P: In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

Opening Sentences—Psalm 30:10; 43:3; Proverbs 4:18; Isaiah 2:5b

P: Hear, O LORD, and be merciful to me!

C: **O LORD, be my helper.**

P: Send out Your light and Your truth; let them lead me;

C: **let them bring me to Your holy hill and to Your dwelling!**

P: The path of the righteous is like the light of dawn,

C: **which shines brighter and brighter until full day.**

Come, let us walk in the light of the LORD.

Confession Absolution

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C: **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

(A moment of silence for reflection of God's word and self-examination)

P: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C: **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. 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. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. 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.**

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

The Kyrie “Lord, Have Mercy” (*Sung*)

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P: In peace let us pray to the Lord.

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

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

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

P: 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 mercy.**

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

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

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

C: **Amen.**

This is the Feast (*Sung*)

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(Refrain) This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

¹Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God. (Refrain)

²Power, riches, wisdom, and strength and honor, blessing, and glory are His. (Refrain)

³Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation:

⁴Blessing, honor, glory, and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen. (Refrain)

⁵For the Lamb who was slain has begun His reign. Alleluia.

(Final Refrain) This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

The Salutation and Collect of the Day

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P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.** (*Sung*)

P: Let us pray.

C: **O Lord, keep Your family the Church continually in the true faith 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.**

The Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 6:1–8

(Isaiah has an amazing vision of the seraphim.)



TOld Testament Readings
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."

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

The Gradual We praise God together in the words of the Gradual.

C: Praise the Lord, all nations! Extol Him, all peoples! For great is His steadfast love toward us, and the faithfulness of the Lord endures forever. Ascribe to the Lord the glory due His name; bring an offering, and come into His courts!

The Epistle Lesson 1 Corinthians 14:12b–20

(Paul writes of the importance of building up the Church.)



^{12b} Since you are eager for manifestations, strive to excel in building up the church.

¹³ Therefore, one who speaks in a tongue should pray for the power to interpret. ¹⁴ For if I pray in a tongue, my spirit prays but my mind is unfruitful. ¹⁵ 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.

¹⁶ 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? ¹⁷ For you may be giving thanks well enough, but the other person is not being built up. ¹⁸ I thank God that I speak in tongues more than all of you. ¹⁹ Nevertheless, in church I would rather speak five words with my mind in order to instruct others, than ten thousand words in a tongue.

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

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

(Stand as you are able)

The Alleluia and Verse (Sung) John 6:68

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Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life.

Alleluia, alleluia.

(Please remain standing for the Gospel)

The Holy Gospel Luke 5:1–11 (Jesus facilitates a miraculous catch of fish.)

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 5th chapter.

C: Glory to You, O Lord. (Sung)

Gospel Reading

¹On one occasion, while the crowd was pressing in on [Jesus] to hear the word of God, he was standing by the lake of Gennesaret, 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.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to You, O Christ.** (*Sung*)

(Please be seated)

Children's Message

Hymn of the Day "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

LSB 700

TODAY'S SERMON



"The Search for Excellence"

1 Corinthians 14:12b-20

Catechism *The First Article*

P: In the First Article of the Creed, our confession is focused on God our Creator, who is completely holy. It is the blessed work of God the Father to give us life, direct the plan of our span of days, and preserve us throughout our earthly journey. We confess:

C: **I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.**

P: What does this mean?

C: **I believe that God has made me and all creatures; that He has given me my body and soul, eyes, ears, and all my members, my reason and all my senses, and still takes care of them.**

He also gives me clothing and shoes, food and drink, house and home, wife and children, land, animals, and all I have. He richly and daily provides me with all that I need to support this body and life.

He defends me against all danger and guards and protects me from all evil. All this He does only out of fatherly, divine goodness and mercy, without any merit or worthiness in me. For all this it is my duty to thank and praise, serve and obey Him.

This is most certainly true.

Mission Moment: Missionaries: Rev. Shauen & Krista Trump (Regional Director for Africa)



P: Friends in Christ, I urge you all to lift up your hearts to God and pray with me as Christ our Lord has taught us and freely promised to hear us.

P: God, our Father in heaven, look with mercy on us, Your needy children on earth, and grant us grace that Your holy name be hallowed by us and all the world through the pure and true teaching of Your Word and the fervent love shown forth in our lives. Graciously turn from us all false doctrine and evil living whereby Your precious name is blasphemed and profaned. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: May Your kingdom come to us and expand. Bring all transgressors and those who are blinded and bound in the devil's kingdom to know Jesus Christ, Your Son, by faith that the number of Christians may be increased. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Strengthen us by Your Spirit according to Your will, both in life and in death, in the midst of both good and evil things, that our own wills may be crucified daily and sacrificed to Your good and gracious will. Into Your merciful hands we remember those who have been hospitalized: Natalie Powell and Vickie Hilden (Marlis Hilden's sister). We continue to pray for those who have COVID and those who are weak and dealing with ongoing sicknesses: Carolyn Montagne, Amber Gilmore, Kelly Winegar, Helen Eriksen, Bernie Attema, Mary Kay Holiday, Deb Chellew, Bethamy Lewis, Suzy Awe, Wally Delzell and Sharon Sparr, and with the family of Verlie Yockey who passed away on Feb. 03 and with Drew Wagner who is serving in a dangerous area overseas, and with all who are in need, praying for them at all times: Thy will be done. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Grant us our daily bread, preserve us from greed and selfish cares, and help us trust in You to provide for all our needs. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Forgive us our sins as we also forgive those who sin against us so that our hearts may be at peace and may rejoice in a good conscience before You, and that no sin may ever frighten or alarm us. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Lead us not into temptation, O Lord, but help us by Your Spirit to subdue our flesh, to turn from the world and its ways, and to overcome the devil with all his wiles.
Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: For those celebrating their baptismal anniversaries that they remain faithful to your Word including; Charlotte Coleman, Casey Mc Bride, Megan Hansen, Angela Trefl, Erin Chatham and Max Comeaux .Lord in Your mercy.

C: Hear our prayer.

P: And lastly, O heavenly Father, deliver us from all evil of both body and soul, now and forever. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: We trust, O Lord, in Your great mercy to hear and answer us; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: Amen.

Offering of God's People to their Beloved Savior



We honor God with the gifts He has given to us.

St. Paul's members have pledged to support our ministry in their tithes and offerings. Please place your offerings in the box upfront.

To our guest: Thank you for joining us today and please do not feel that you are obligated to participate. We invite you to come back again.

Please put your **Welcome Card** in the box at the back of the church.

Matthew 23:23—Woe to you Scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you tithe mint and dill and cumin, and have neglected the weightier matters of the law, justice and mercy and faithfulness. These you ought to have done without neglecting the others.

Offertory Hymn "Love in Christ Is Strong and Living"

LSB 706

(stand as you are able)

Offertory (Sung) *Psalm 116: 12-13, 17-19*

What shall I render to the Lord for all His benefits to me?

I will offer the sacrifice of thanksgiving and will call on the name of the Lord.

I will take the cup of salvation and will call on the name of the Lord.

I will pay my vows to the Lord now in the presence of all His people,
in the courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.

Service of the Sacrament

Preface (Sung)

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P: The Lord be with you. *2 Timothy 4:22*

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts. *Colossians 3:1*

C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. *Psalm 136*

C: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

P: It is our duty and our delight at all times and in all places to give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord; and now do we praise You that You did send to us Your only-begotten Son, and that in Him, being found in human form, You did manifest the brightness of Your glory; through whom with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You for Your great majesty:

Sanctus "Holy, Holy, Holy" (Sung) *Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9*

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Holy, holy, holy Lord God of pow'r and might:

Heaven and earth are full of Your glory.

Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Lord's Prayer

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Words of our Lord

Pax Domini The Peace of the Lord *John 20:19*

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P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: **Amen.** (sung)

Agnus Dei "Lamb of God" (Sung) *John 1:29*

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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.

Reading of the Communion Announcement Card

(Please be seated)

The Distribution Hymns

"Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness" LSB 636

"Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord" LSB 637

(Stand as you are able)

The Post Communion Collect

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P: Almighty and ever-living God, we thank You for having fed us with the body and blood of our Savior Jesus Christ, assuring us thereby that we are truly members of His Body, the Church. And we ask You to help us by Your Holy Spirit that we may continue in this fellowship and do the good works that You desire us to do; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, to whom with You and the same Spirit be all honor and glory, forever and ever.

C: **Amen.**

Benediction

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine on you and be
gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.

C: **Amen.** (*sung*)

The Closing Hymn "Spread the Reign of God the Lord"

LSB 830

Silent Prayer

Postlude

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