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10:45 a.m. Sunday, 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

10:45 a.m. Sunday, February 6, 2022

Servants of God's House Today:

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

Elder: Tim Draube **Praise Team Leader:** Doris Hill

Usher: Mike Popken

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

Reader: Frank Tenuta

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.

Worship Service

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

The Ringing of the Bells

The Wave of Fellowship

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.

Opening Song "My Savior, My God"

I am not skilled to understand
What God has willed, what God has planned
I only know at his right hand Stands one who is my Savior

I take him at His word and deed
Christ died to save me: this I read
And in my heart I find a need
Of Him to be my Savior

That He would leave His place on high
And for sinful man to die
You count it strange, so once did I
Before I knew my Savior

(Chorus) My Savior Loves, my Savior Lives
My Savior's always there for me
My God; He was, my God; He is
My God; is always gonna be

Yes, living, dying: let me bring
My Strength, my solace from this spring
That He who lives to be my King
Once died to be my Savior (chorus)

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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.

First Lesson Isaiah 6:1–8 (Isaiah has an amazing vision of the seraphim.)

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."

The Epistle 1 Corinthians 14:12b–20 (Paul writes of the importance of building up the Church.)

^{12b} Since 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.

(Please stand, as you are able, for the Gospel)

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

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.

Children's Message

The Song of Instruction "Thy Word"

Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path. (Repeat)
When I feel afraid, think I've lost my way, still You're there right beside me.
And nothing will I fear as long as You are near. Please be near me to the end.

Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path. (Repeat)
I will not forget Your love for me and yet, my heart forever is wandering.
Jesus be my guide and hold me to Your side, and I will love You to the end.

Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path. (Repeat last line)
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The Word The Search for Excellence" 1 Corinthians 14:12b–20

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

WE WORSHIP GOD THROUGH OUR GIVING

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 "Give Thanks"

Give thanks with a grateful heart, give thanks to the Holy One,
Give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ, His son.
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Give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ, His Son.

And now let the weak say, "I am strong," let the poor say,
"I am rich" because of what the Lord has done for us,
And now let the weak say, "I am strong," let the poor say,
"I am rich because of what the Lord has done for us." (Repeat)

Give thanks!

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The Prayer of the Church

Invitation with Confession and Absolution 1 Thessalonians 5:23–24

P: Let us now make our confession to our merciful Father in heaven. O God, our holy Father, we admit and confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against You in thought and in word and in deed.

C: Have mercy on us and forgive us, O Lord.

P: We confess that we have not lived lives that are holy and have not shaped all our actions so that they are in accord with Your commands.

C: Have mercy on us and forgive us, O Lord.

P: We confess that Your love has not reached others through us in every situation.

C: Have mercy on us and forgive us, O Lord.

P: We confess that we have not always been defenders of the weak and helpless.

C: Have mercy on us and forgive us, O Lord.

P: We confess that we have not used every opportunity given us to witness to the faith that is ours and have let the devil, the world, and our sinful flesh set the agendas for our lives and actions.

C: Have mercy on us and forgive us, O Lord.

P: Upon this your confession and by the command of our Lord, I, a called and ordained servant of Christ, forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He who calls you is faithful; He will surely do it.

C: Amen.

INVITATIONAL SONG (“Praise Team):

He said come to the table

Come join the sinners who have been redeemed

Take your place beside the Savior now

Sit down and be set free

Come to the table

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

READING OF THE ANNOUNCEMENT CARD FOR HOLY COMMUNION

(Praise Team will be served communion at this time.)

DISTRIBUTION “The Potter’s Hand”

Beautiful Lord, wonderful savior, I know for sure, all of my days are held in Your hands
Crafted into Your perfect plan

You gently call me, into Your presence Guiding me by, Your Holy Spirit
Teach me dear Lord to live all of my life through Your eyes

I'm captured by, Your Holy calling
Set me apart I know You're drawing me to Yourself
Lead me Lord I pray

Take me, Mold me Use me, Fill me I give my life to the Potter's hands
Call me, Guide me Lead me, Walk beside me, I give my life to the Potter's hand

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“Seek Ye First”

1. Seek ye first the kingdom of God And His righteousness,
And all these things shall be added unto you- Allelu, alleluia!
2. Ask and it shall be given unto you, Seek and ye shall find
Knock and the door shall be opened unto you- Allelu, alleluia!

Man does not live by bread alone, But by ev'ry word
That proceeds from the mouth of the Lord, Allelu, alleluia!

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The Lord's Prayer

The Benediction

The Going Out Song “Glorious Day”

One day when heaven was filled with His praises,
one day when sin was as black as could be,
Jesus came forth to be born of a virgin, dwelt among men, my example is He.
The Word became flesh and the light shined among us, His glory revealed.

(Chorus) Living, He loved me, dying, He saved me, buried, He carried my sins far away.
Rising He justified, freely, forever.
One day He's coming; O glorious day, O glorious day.

One day they led Him up Calvary's mountain. One day they nailed Him to die on a tree.
Suffering anguish, despised and rejected, bearing our sins, my Redeemer is he.
The hand that healed nations stretched out on a tree and took the nails from me.
(chorus)

One day the grave could conceal Him no longer.
One day the stone rolled away from the door.
Then He arose, over death He had conquered. Now is ascended, my Lord evermore.
Death could not hold Him; the grave could not keep Him from rising again.
Living, He loved me, dying, He saved me, buried, He carried my sins far away.
Rising He justified, freely forever.
One day He's coming; O glorious Day, O glorious day, glorious day.

One day the trumpet will sound for His coming.
One day the skies with His glories will shine.
Wonderful day my beloved one is bringing. My Savior Jesus is mine. (chorus)
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Worship Services: Traditional (6 p.m. Saturday & 8:15 a.m. Sunday)
Contemporary Service (10:45 a.m. Sunday)

Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.

Youth & Adult Bible Classes 9:30 a.m.