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Second Sunday after the Epiphany

A warm welcome to all those who are worshipping with us today!

“Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!” (John 1:29). This confession is an axis in the Divine Service, where saints of every land contemplate that Jesus bears the sin for the whole world. In the aftermath of this Agnus Dei, believers anticipate receiving the bread and wine of the Messiah. This divine forgiveness food sustains our faith until we, too, are found guiltless in the day of our Lord Jesus.

In preparation of worship, please prepare by

- **Praying a prayer before worship found on page 308 in your LSB hymnbook**

Hymns (LSB): 409 402 587 553

Verse of the Day

Alleluia. Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world! Alleluia.
John 1:29b

Stand

Invocation

R In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Matthew 28:19b; [18:20]

Hymn 409

Stand

Confession of Sins and Absolution

LSB 184-185

R Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, asking Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

[Hebrews 10:22]

Kneel/Sit

R Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C who made heaven and earth.

Psalms 124:8

R I said, I will confess my transgressions to the Lord,

C and You forgave the guilt of my sin.

Psalms 32:5

R Almighty God, our maker and redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto You that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against You by thought, word, and deed. Therefore, we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

C **O most merciful God, who has given Your only Son to die for us, have mercy upon us and for His sake grant us forgiveness of all our sins; and by Your Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of You and of Your will and true obedience to Your Word, to the end that by Your grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

The Reader stands and faces the congregation

R Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and has given His only Son to die for us and for His sake forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in His name He gives power to become the children of God and has promised them His Holy Spirit. He that believes and is baptised shall be saved. Grant this, Lord, unto us all.

Mark 16:16; John 1:12

C Amen.

Stand

Introit & Glory to the Father

Psalm 40:1–11

**¹I waited patiently for the Lord;
He inclined to me and heard my cry.
²He drew me up from the pit of destruction,
out of the miry bog,
and set my feet upon a rock,
making my steps secure.
³He put a new song in my mouth,
a song of praise to our God.
Many will see and fear,
and put their trust in the Lord.
⁴Blessèd is the man who makes
the Lord his trust,
who does not turn to the proud,
to those who go astray after a lie!**

**⁵You have multiplied, O Lord my God,
Your wondrous deeds and Your thoughts toward us;
none can compare with You!**

**I shall proclaim and tell of them,
yet they are more than can be told.**

**⁶Sacrifice and offering You have not desired,
but You have given me an open ear.**

**Burnt offering and sin offering
You have not required.**

**⁷Then I said, “Behold, I have come;
in the scroll of the book it is written of me:**

**⁸I desire to do Your will, O my God;
Your law is within my heart.”**

**⁹I have told the glad news of deliverance
in the great congregation;**

**behold, I have not restrained my lips,
as you know, O Lord.**

**¹⁰I have not hidden your deliverance within my heart;
I have spoken of Your faithfulness and Your salvation;
I have not concealed Your steadfast love and Your faithfulness
from the great congregation.**

**¹¹As for You, O Lord, You will not restrain
Your mercy from me;
Your steadfast love and Your faithfulness will
ever preserve me!**

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

The Gradual = Psalm 117:1–2a; 96:8

R 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 Lord Have Mercy (Kyrie)

Mark 10:47

C Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -
on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

Gloria in Excelsis

R Glory be to God on high

Luke 2:14; John 1:29

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C 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.

Text: Stephen P. Starke

Salutation and Collect of the Day

R The Lord be with you.

2 Timothy 4:22



C And with your spir - it.

R Let us pray:

The Collect

Almighty and everlasting God, who governs all things in heaven and on earth, mercifully hear the prayers of Your people and grant us Your peace through all our days; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

Sit

First Reading

Isaiah 49:1-7

¹Listen to me, O coastlands,

and give attention, you peoples from afar.

The Lord called me from the womb,

from the body of my mother he named my name.

²He made my mouth like a sharp sword;

in the shadow of his hand he hid me;

he made me a polished arrow;

in his quiver he hid me away.

³And he said to me, "You are my servant,

Israel, in whom I will be glorified."

⁴But I said, "I have laboured in vain;

I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity;

yet surely my right is with the Lord,

and my recompense with my God."

⁵And now the Lord says,

he who formed me from the womb to be his servant,

to bring Jacob back to him;

and that Israel might be gathered to him—

for I am honoured in the eyes of the Lord,

and my God has become my strength—

⁶he says:

“It is too light a thing that you should be my servant
to raise up the tribes of Jacob
and to bring back the preserved of Israel;
I will make you as a light for the nations,
that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth.”

⁷Thus says the Lord,
the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One,
to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nation, the servant of rulers:
“Kings shall see and arise; princes, and they shall prostrate themselves;
because of the Lord, who is faithful, the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you.”

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 1:1-9

¹Paul, called by the will of God to be an apostle of Christ Jesus, and our brother Sosthenes,

²To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints together with all those who in every place call upon the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours:

³Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

⁴I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that was given you in Christ Jesus, ⁵that in every way you were enriched in him in all speech and all knowledge—⁶even as the testimony about Christ was confirmed among you—⁷so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift, as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ, ⁸who will sustain you to the end, guiltless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁹God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Alleluia





C Glo - ry be to You, O Lord.

²⁹The next day [John] saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, “Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!” ³⁰This is he of whom I said, ‘After me comes a man who ranks before me, because he was before me.’ ³¹I myself did not know him, but for this purpose I came baptizing with water, that he might be revealed to Israel.” ³²And John bore witness: “I saw the Spirit descend from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. ³³I myself did not know him, but he who sent me to baptize with water said to me, ‘He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain, this is he who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.’ ³⁴And I have seen and have borne witness that this is the Son of God.”

³⁵The next day again John was standing with two of his disciples, ³⁶and he looked at Jesus as he walked by and said, “Behold, the Lamb of God!” ³⁷The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. ³⁸Jesus turned and saw them following and said to them, “What are you seeking?” And they said to him, “Rabbi” (which means Teacher), “where are you staying?” ³⁹He said to them, “Come and you will see.” So they came and saw where he was staying, and they stayed with him that day, for it was about the tenth hour. ⁴⁰One of the two who heard John speak and followed Jesus was Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother. ⁴¹He first found his own brother Simon and said to him, “We have found the Messiah” (which means Christ). ⁴²He brought him to Jesus.

R This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C Praise be to You, O Christ.

Apostles’ Creed

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

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,

**born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,**

Hymn 402

Sermon (*the congregation stands to hear the text and then sits*)

THE CHURCH'S HOLINESS IS GOD'S HOLINESS **Sermon for the 2nd Sunday after Epiphany, 2026** **1 Corinthians 1:1-9**

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all. Amen.

The text for our sermon today is the Second Reading from before, 1 Corinthians 1:1-9: Lord God, heavenly Father, sanctify us through Your truth, Your Word is truth. Amen.

Dear friends in Christ,

The Apostle Paul knew that of himself, he was nothing.¹ After his conversion on the road to Damascus, *he had no intention* of building a personal following and deplored the formation of a “Paul” faction. He saw himself simply as servant and witness of the crucified and risen Lord, Christ Jesus, Israel’s promised Messiah and the Saviour of the world. The former persecutor of the church had now found his great vocation in pointing others to Christ. His most important labour was in ensuring that Christ was formed in others.² His concern to advance the name and cause of Christ emerges clearly in the opening verses of this Letter to the Corinthians, where “Christ” occurs nine times in the nine verses that make up our text. As Paul wrote to the Philippians, “*For me to live is Christ* (Phil. 1:21).

¹ 2 Corinthians 12:11

² Galatians 4:19

It was not from men nor through a man that Paul had been commissioned to serve Christ, but through the will of God. Unlike the false apostles who commended themselves and sought to impose their own will on the church, *Paul's ministry bore the divine stamp of approval*. Yet despite his standing as a divinely called apostle, Paul never operated as a “one-man band.” His ministry was always a team effort, whether he was associated with Barnabas, Silas and Timothy, various “brothers,” or, as here, Sosthenes. This is more than likely the same Sosthenes mentioned in Acts 18, who had served as the synagogue ruler during Paul’s first visit to Corinth. Like Crispus, another synagogue ruler before him, Sosthenes found Paul’s preaching compelling, but his Christian leanings incurred the hostility of his fellow Jews, who beat him in front of the Roman governor Gallio. It seems that after this, Sosthenes left Corinth and settled in Ephesus. As a former synagogue official, and moreover as one who had been beaten for the sake of Christ, Sosthenes would have been honoured by the Corinthian church.

I wonder if the Corinthians would have blushed when they heard how Paul addressed them in the opening of his letter. **“Paul, called by the will of God to be an apostle of Christ Jesus, and our brother Sosthenes, ²To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints....”**

Surely their consciences would have told them they were anything *but* saints. This congregation was plagued by divisions and factions, jealousy and strife. They were taking one another to court, indulging in sexual immorality, and their worship services had degenerated into displays of selfishness and sinning against Christ’s body and blood. How can it be that these people could be sanctified, that is, called “holy”?

Perhaps the same could be asked about any of us here today. Do our consciences speak to us if or when we are addressed by someone as ‘saints’? We live in a world that has fallen and is quickly passing away. Yes, we consider ourselves followers of Christ, but are we *really that different from the rest of the world*? At times, it may not seem so. We disagree, fight, and squabble with one another. We strive after earthly things instead of the things of heaven. We pollute ourselves by indulging in sinful desires and activities. Most of the time, we are far from being saints.

Thanks be to God that the *holiness* of the Church doesn’t depend on the people who walk in the door, but rather God’s gift in Christ. ***Holiness is received, not achieved***. There is no one holy except the Lord God. He alone sanctifies and makes holy, and He does that by granting participation in His holiness and His holy kingdom. That takes place when He calls us into Christ and His holiness through baptism into His death. The Church received her holiness in baptism. Paul wrote, *“But you were washed, but you were sanctified, but you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and in the Spirit of our God”* (1 Cor. 6:11).

Baptism is not something done in remembrance of the Christ who *was*. It's the sign of the Christ who *is*. He is still here bringing the advent of the new creation in the hearts and lives of those dead in sin. Therefore, the Church's holiness is God's holiness, not the people's. It comes to us from heaven. He came to us from heaven. *This means the Church's holiness does not depend on the holiness of its members, but on Christ's sacrifice on the cross for the Church.* God brings His holiness wherever He is, and since He is always present in the Word and Sacraments, the Church is holy *despite its members' failings.*

St. Paul not only acknowledges the Corinthians' status as holy in Christ Jesus, but he also gives thanks **“because of the grace of God that was given (to them) in Christ Jesus.”**

From the fullness of the unspeakable gift of Christ Himself, the congregation had received “*grace upon grace*” (John 1:16). Ever since their baptism, they had enjoyed a rich and full spiritual life. In Christ, they had been enriched **“in all speech and all knowledge.”** Their rich endowment in “speech” included the gift of tongues and its interpretation, prophecy and the weighing of prophecy, teaching, and the composing of hymns. This gift of speech flowed from the “knowledge” that was in their hearts, and like “speech,” “knowledge” is a comprehensive word. It includes the Corinthians' Spirit-given understanding of the wisdom of the cross, their appreciation of all God's gifts, their ability to exercise spiritual judgment, and the specific gift of prophetic knowledge. These two gifts — the utterance of the mouth and the knowledge of the heart — find an echo in Romans 10:9: *“If you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved.”*

Paul thanks God for the congregation's outstanding endowment with these gifts, which, in themselves, were signs of God's rich gift of grace; in fact, those gifts were an indication that Christ was still present in their midst, but problems had arisen in the Corinthian Church because some were letting their gifts go to their heads, as though they had acquired them through their own efforts or brilliance. It seems that sinners will always find ways to abuse the gifts God gives.

We, too, have been enriched in every way, being blessed by God in so many ways, but we must realise that the blessings bestowed upon us do not come because of our own efforts. Rather, the blessings we receive from our God come from Him because they are His gifts from the cross. He gives, and we receive, and where His gifts are, there is His kingdom.

And so God's gifts of grace *in the Church* become the source of strength for us in this fallen and dying world. Already now, the new world that is yet to come is breaking through in Christ and continues to shine forth through His gifts of Word and Sacrament.

The Word we hear is not just a recitation and repetition of words long ago, but the *actual words of God*, coming from His mouth, while the Sacraments are the ways the Lord continues to deal with His people, bringing new life and giving the benefits of His atoning sacrifice. The Lord, who came to this world in human flesh, has not left it. He is still present, bringing us His kingdom by bringing us into fellowship with Him.

And so, as we look forward to the day when the old world has passed out of existence, and the fullness of the new creation will be fully revealed, we know it is the mercy of God Himself and His faithfulness that will “**sustain (us) to the end.**” He will sustain us so that we shall be “**guiltless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.**”

Being “guiltless” does not mean, of course, that the last advent will find us morally perfect. No, the assurance is that no one will be able to bring a charge against us,³ for Christ Jesus has become our righteousness.

The greatest gift of all we have is the forgiveness of all sin, knowing that we who are guilt-ridden have been set free and so shall stand before the throne of God on that day to be received with all the holy ones into His holy glory. Our Saviour’s promise is that He will keep us in the faith until the end comes. This is a special assurance to all those who await His return. Paul assures the Corinthians that they can count on God to keep the saving faith alive in their hearts, so that they will be with their Lord in eternity, and that is an assurance for us too. God keeps His promises to His believers, who share in the life of His Son.

There are those who will settle for hoping that they have done enough here to be received there. But this is not the way it is in His Church. Here, we *have already* been received into fellowship with Christ and have our being in Him. This is not like any other earthly fellowship. No, this is fellowship with Christ Jesus. This is what we share.

The Church isn’t the place we pursue our interests. It’s the place where Christ pursues His Father’s will — the salvation of sinners. It’s the place where Christ comes to take us into Himself and His glory. And so to the church gathering here today, “**to those sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints together with all those who in every place call upon the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours:** ³**Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.**” Amen.

³ Romans 8:33

The peace of God which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus. Amen.

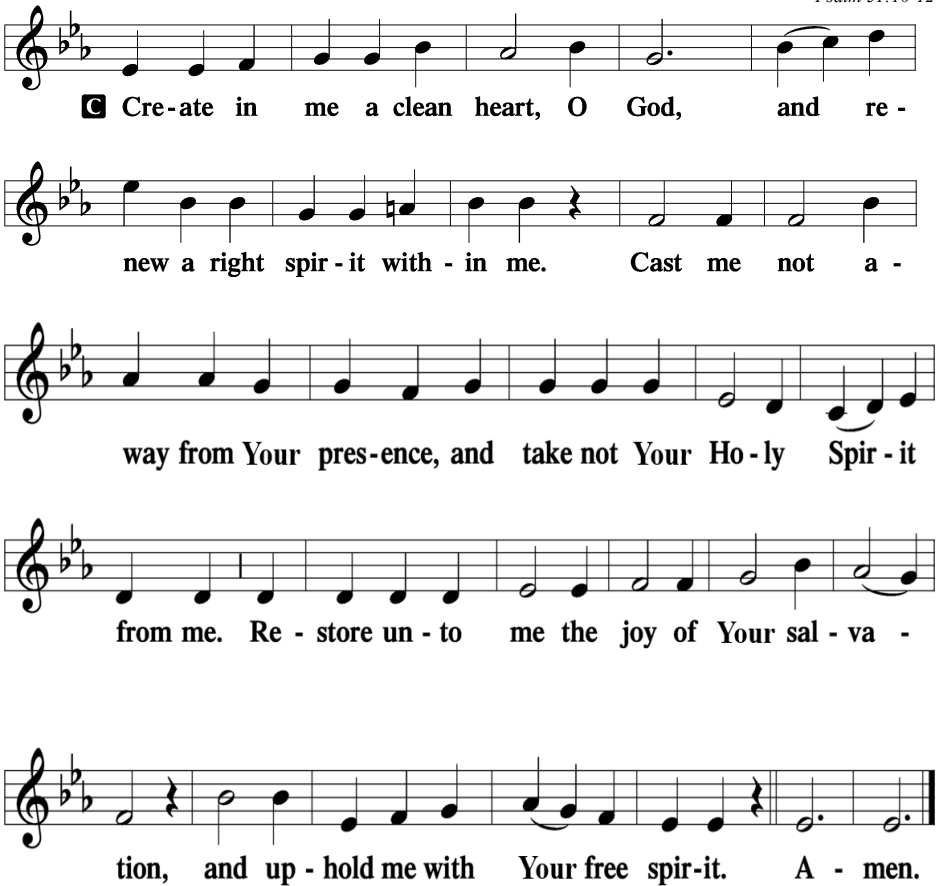
Hymn & Offering *(the Offering may be received during or after the singing of the hymn)*

Hymn 589

Stand

Offertory

*LSB 192
Psalm 51:10-12*



■ Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -
way from Your pres - ence, and take not Your Ho - ly Spir - it
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Your sal - va -
tion, and up - hold me with Your free spir-it. A - men.

Prayer of the Church

[1 Timothy 2:1-4]

Second Sunday after the Epiphany

Almighty God, how awesome are Your deeds, for it pleased You to send Your Son into our world to rescue us from sin, death and the devil. Fill us with Your Holy Spirit, that we would cling in faith to Jesus Christ, our Bridegroom, and receive from Him forgiveness, life and salvation in His Holy Church.

Heavenly Father, look with favour upon the AELC that the Holy Gospel would be preached among us in its purity and the Sacraments administered according to Christ's institution.

O Lord, You have forged the human family in a wonderful pattern and blessed the sacred vocations of husband and wife. Inspire us to stand out in this world, faithful to this biblical institution, and so show forth the glory of Christ and His Church.

Gracious God, at the wedding at Cana, Your Son provided wine, which had run out for the feast. Inspire those desiring marriage among us to prepare themselves faithfully and to seek their joy in Christ alone. In this way, let them receive from Christ everything they need and every blessing for life.

O God, our King, You govern all things in heaven and on earth. Bless those whom You have placed in authority over us, that they would be inclined to Your will and walk according to Your commandments. Bless also those who serve in our armed forces, that they would serve with integrity and honour.

Merciful Lord, behold with compassion all who are sick or suffering. Grant that they would know the consolation of Your love in Christ Jesus and be strengthened to endure.

Lord God, heavenly Father, from the dust of death through the waters of baptism, You take from the side of Christ crucified a Bride without spot or wrinkle. Let us find comfort and peace in Him, and let us join the whole Body of Christ in the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, where the wine of joy and gladness never runs dry; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Lord's Prayer

LSB 196

**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

LSB 202
Numbers 6:24-26

R The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.



C A-men, a-men, a - men.

Sit

Hymn 553

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Article: Are there Christians in false-teaching churches?

In last Sunday's sermon, the point was made that there are many different Christian denominations. This is the direct result of sin. The point was also made that even though there are many different denominations, we do still share some things in common with them. The question has been asked, "Are there Christians in false-teaching churches?"

The answer to this is simple: Wherever the gospel is proclaimed, there we shall find believers. Isaiah writes, "*For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven and do not return there but water the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, so shall My Word be that goes out from My mouth; it shall not return to Me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it*" (Isaiah 55:10-11). Thus, we shall find believers also in false-teaching churches.

As long as a church believes the triune God as the only true God, as long as it proclaims Jesus Christ as the Son of God and the Son of Man, as long as it teaches that Jesus has died to pay for our sins and has risen again from the dead, there will be believers in that church. God will be at work bringing people to faith through that gospel.

There will be believers in that church, not because of the error of that church but in spite of it. Error is never helpful to faith. It is always harmful to faith. Error undermines faith. Every error will ultimately have a detrimental effect on the central doctrine of the Christian faith, that we are saved by grace alone through faith in Jesus Christ. When people deny the inerrancy of Scripture, they ultimately will undermine what Scripture teaches about Jesus Christ, who is the centre of Scripture.

Thus, we may not join a church that teaches or tolerates error in its midst. We do not join it as a testimony against its error. We do not join it lest we cause people to stumble in their faith, giving the impression that the error is not objectionable. We do not join a false-teaching church lest we expose ourselves to error that could destroy our faith. People have at times accused us of saying that we are the only ones who are going to heaven. We do not teach this. We believe that all who believe in Jesus Christ as their Saviour from sin will go to heaven. Yet, in obedience to our Saviour and in love for the souls of those threatened by error, we do not join churches that teach or tolerate error.

Children’s Address:

Have you ever written a letter to someone? Perhaps you have placed it into an envelope and posted it. An envelope often contains a letter. Some books of the Bible are letters; we call them “epistles.” We just heard God’s Word from the book of the Bible called “First Corinthians,” and that is a letter or an epistle. This letter was written by Paul.



Paul says that he is called an apostle. The apostles were special people God chose and sent to preach and teach the Word of God. God called Paul to that special job. Paul was to speak God’s Word, teach the people, correct them when they were wrong, and above all, tell them the good news, the Gospel, about their Saviour, Jesus. In fact, Jesus said about the apostles, “*The one who hears you hears Me*” (Luke 10:16).

When we send a letter, we include the name and address of the person receiving it. Who received the letter called “First Corinthians”? Paul tells us his letter is to “*the church of God that is in Corinth*” (1 Cor. 1:2).

The church is those people God called by His Word and made Christians. Corinth was a city in Paul’s day with a congregation of God’s church. Paul tells them and us who they are. They are ones who are sanctified—that means “made holy”—in Christ Jesus. They’re called saints, just like all Christians, then and now. They’re made saints by Jesus’ dying for their sins.

Paul sent his letter because there were problems in the church at Corinth. They weren’t living as God wanted. They were fighting. Paul wrote this letter to teach them that what they were doing was wrong and to remind them who they were in Christ Jesus. God had blessed them with many special gifts by His undeserved love and favour, and since some of the people had forgotten, Paul reminded them of who they were.

There’s one other difference between this letter and First Corinthians. After this reading, we said, “This is the Word of the Lord.” “Thanks be to God!” These aren’t just Paul’s words; it’s God’s Word, which calls the Corinthians and us to repent of our sins and believe in the Gospel of Jesus.

Dear Jesus, thank You for Paul’s letter to the people living in Corinth. Help me not to do wrong to others, and be reminded that I am one of Your children. Amen.

SERVICE TIMES

25 January 3 Epiphany	1 February 4 Epiphany	8 February 5 Epiphany
8.30am OAK HC 9.00am TMBA LR 9.30am AUB LR 10.15am GRN HC 9.00am MARBURG LR	8.30am OAK LR 9.00am TMBA HC 9.00am GRN LR 10.45am AUB HC 9.00am LOWOOD LR	8.30am OAK LR 9.00am TMBA LR 9.00am GRN LR 9.30am AUB LR 9.00am MARBURG HC

Sunday, 25 January	
READINGS: Isaiah 9:1-4; 1 Corinthians 1:10-18; Matthew 4:12-25	
HYMNS: 903 839 845 (Tune 410 LH) (623 637) 805	
Sunday, 1 February	
READINGS: Micah 6:1-8; 1 Corinthians 1:18-31; Matthew 5:1-12	
HYMNS: 570 842 830 (435 628) 794	

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday School Teacher Meetings:

Today, after service at Lowood.

Downs: Sunday, 25 January, 1.30pm at Trinity Oakey.

Saturday, 24 January, 7pm, Aubigny-Oakey-Greenwood Young Adults and Youth (YAY) is on once again at Aubigny, with the hall open from 6:30pm. Please bring your Bible and a plate to share for supper. Any questions, please contact Matthew at matthewsippelaelc@gmail.com".

Annual Meeting Dates:

Lowood, 1 March after Divine Service.

Marburg: 8 February after Divine Service.

Oakey:

Toowoomba:

Greenwood:

Aubigny: 1 February after Divine Service.

WEEKLY READINGS

Sunday, January 18	Exodus 7-8 Mark 16	<i>Luther's Small Catechism with Explanation (2017) pp. 33-36, Table of Duties</i>
Monday, January 19	Exodus 9-11 1 Thess 1	
Tuesday, January 20	Exodus 12-13 1 Thess 2	
Wednesday, January 21	Exodus 14-15 1 Thess 3	
Thursday, January 22	Exodus 16-18 1 Thess 4	
Friday, January 23	Exodus 19-20 1 Thess 5	
Saturday, January 24	Exodus 21-22 2 Thess 1	

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