



EPIPHANY

moments

Fifth Sunday after Epiphany
The Least Qualified are the First Sent

St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church | *Jordan, Minnesota*

February 9, 2025

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

Welcome and thank you for joining us for worship today! In our service we gather before our almighty and saving God to offer him our worship and praise. We also assemble to hear God’s holy and powerful word and celebrate his life-giving sacraments. Through these means, God strengthens our faith and walks us ever closer to our eternal home with him.

TODAY’S THEME

Imagine you need heart bypass surgery. When meeting with the surgeon, you ask, “How many of these have you done?” He responds, “You get the honor of being my very first patient!” You probably feel more anxious than honored. With important jobs, we understand it is crucial that the person doing that job is well-qualified. There is no more important job than sharing the good news of salvation with others. So, you would expect Jesus would only give that job to those most qualified, like the angels. Nope. The least qualified are the first sent. In love, Jesus prepares and equips us to speak on his behalf. How? He draws unworthy sinners into his presence to provide us with the free gift of holiness that we lack. Once cleansed, we jump at the opportunity to be the ones through whom God does the same for others. He is this week’s epiphany moment. Let this be a crucial epiphany moment! You might think you are unqualified to share the gospel with those Christ brings into your sphere of influence. But the least qualified are the first sent.

Pastor.....Jeremy Glowicki

483 Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty

CW 483

Stand

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

Amen.

Confession

CW 189

Blessed are they whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered.

Blessed are they whose sin the Lord does not count against them.

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

Almighty and merciful Father,

we have strayed from your ways like lost sheep.

We have followed what we have devised and desired in our hearts.

We have offended you and sinned against your holy law.

We have done those things that we should not have done,

and we have not done those things that we should have done.

Have mercy on us, Lord!

Spare us, forgive us, and restore us,

according to your promises in Christ Jesus.

Silence for meditation and reflection

Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, who gave his life as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Lord, Have Mercy

CW 190

In peace let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**

For the peace from above and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mer - cy.

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,

and for the un - it - y of all, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mer - cy.

For this holy house and for all who offer here their wor - ship and

praise, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**

Help, save, comfort, and de-fend us, gra - cious Lord.

A - men. A - men.

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Glory to God in the Highest

CW 191

Glo - ry to God in the high - est, glo - ry to

God, and peace to his peo - ple on earth,

and peace to his peo - ple on earth.

Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and

Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we



praise you for your glo - ry. Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly
Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on
us. You are seat - ed at the right hand of the
Fa - ther; re - ceive our prayer. For
you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the
Lord, you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus
Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it in the
glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

Glo - ry to God in the high - est, glo - ry to
 God, and peace to his peo - ple on earth,
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The Word

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

Gracious Lord, you call and appoint us to proclaim the good news of your Son despite our sins and weaknesses. Purify us by your grace, remove our uncertainties, and work through us to fill the nets of your kingdom with those lost in the darkness of death; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Amen.

Be seated

First Reading

Isaiah 6:1–8

Isaiah admitted he was sinfully unclean, unqualified to stand in God's presence. The LORD not only takes Isaiah's sin away but also sends Isaiah out as a messenger of grace.

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and exalted, and the train of his robe filled the temple. Above him stood the seraphim. Each one had six wings. With two they covered their faces. With two they covered their feet. With two they flew. One called to another and said, Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of Armies! The whole earth is full of his glory! The foundations of the thresholds shook at the voice of the one who called, and the temple was filled with smoke. Then I said, "I am doomed! I am ruined, because I am a man with unclean lips, and I dwell among a people with unclean lips, and because my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of Armies!" Then one of the seraphim flew to me, carrying a glowing coal in his hand, which he had taken from the altar with tongs. He touched my mouth with the coal and said, "Look, this has touched your lips, so your guilt is taken away, and your sin is forgiven." Then I heard the Lord's voice, saying, "Whom shall I send? Who will go for us?" Then I said, "Here I am. Send me!"

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

67A Let the Peoples Praise You

Psalms 67A

Second Reading

Romans 10:12–17

God's plan is to equip saved sinners like us to proclaim salvation to other sinners. St. Paul explains that God has no backup plan.

So there is no distinction between Jew and Greek, because the same Lord is Lord of all, who gives generously to all who call on him. Yes, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved." So then, how can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one about whom they have not heard? And how can they preach unless they are sent? Just as it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news of peace, who preach the gospel of good things!" But not all obeyed the gospel. For Isaiah says,

Gospel

Luke 5:1–11

Jesus takes simple, self-admittedly sinful fishermen, seemingly unqualified for gospel ministry. He removes their fears, calls them to follow, and makes them fishers of men.

One time, while the crowd was pressing in on Jesus and listening to the word of God, he was standing by the Lake of Gennesaret. He saw two boats there along the lakeshore. The fishermen had left them and were washing their nets. Jesus got into one of the boats, which belonged to Simon, and asked him to put out a little from the shore. He sat down and began teaching the crowds from the boat. When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, “Put out into the deep water, and let down your nets for a catch.” Simon answered him, “Master, we worked hard all through the night and caught nothing. But at your word I will let down the nets.” When they had done this, they caught a great number of fish, and their nets were about to tear apart. They signaled their partners in the other boat to come and help them. They came and filled both boats, so that they began to sink. When Simon Peter saw this, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, “Go away from me, because I am a sinful man, Lord.” For Peter and all those with him were amazed at the number of fish they had caught, and so were James and John, the sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. Jesus said to Simon, “Have no fear. From now on you will be catching people.” After they brought their boats to the shore, they left everything and followed him.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

Be seated

Children's Sermon

Ages 3 and up are invited to come forward for a Bible lesson.

745 Hark, the Voice of Jesus Crying

CW 745

Children's Church

During the sermon, parents may choose to take their children ages 2-5 to children's church. Meet today's chaperone in the gathering area. They will hear a Bible story and sing songs. They will return to the sanctuary during the offering

Sermon

Stand

Apostles' Creed

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

**I believe 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 is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.

From there 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,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Be seated

Prayer of the Church

Loving God and Lord, you created the universe that surrounds us and the globe on which we live. You control all things through your Son, who sits at your right hand in glory.

Comfort us with the promise of your eternal presence.

Give your Word power as it works in our hearts and minds. Clear away our confusion, and demolish our doubts. Send your Spirit to strengthen both our confidence in your promises and our desire to live according to your will.

Take away our love of sinning, and restore us each day by your grace.

The signs of the times warn us that the end of time is near. Protect us from scoffers who sneer at your truth. Spare us and Christians around the world from all forms of hate and persecution.

Give us courage to carry the cross with patience and joy.

Instill in the hearts of our children a desire to follow you as they prepare for future days. Help them distinguish between what is passing and what is eternal, between instant thrills and lasting joy. Encourage more young people to prepare for service in the public ministry of the gospel.

Mold us and move us to be good examples for our youth.

Hold in your care, Lord, those who are experiencing physical or emotional pain and all who are afflicted by disease or facing death. Pour out your compassion on the grieving, and comfort the mourners who miss someone they loved.

Move us to pray for these brothers and sisters and to help when we can.

Hear us, Lord, as we pray in silence.

Silent prayer

Whether we pray together or alone, you have promised to hear and answer us. Give us patience to accept your blessings in whatever way you send them. In your love and wisdom, prepare us for the day when you will take us to be with you forever.

Hear us for Jesus' sake. Amen.

Offering

743 I Hear the Savior Calling

CW 743

Stand

Blessed Lord, you have given us your Holy Scriptures for our learning. May we so hear them, read, learn, and take them to heart that, being strengthened and comforted by your holy Word, we may cling to the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Lord's 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.**

Blessing

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and † give you peace.

Amen.

716 O Christ, Who Called the Twelve

CW 716

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CELEBRATING THE 175TH ANNIVERSARY OF WELS



"Just as the kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed, so also was the very small beginning of our synod."

- J. Muehlhaeuser

A SYNOD IS BORN

On Dec. 8, 1849, three Lutheran pastors, led by Johannes Muehlhaeuser, met at Grace Downtown in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, and "recognized the need of a joint effort to spread the kingdom of God for the Lutheran Church in Wisconsin." Muehlhaeuser recalled, "Just as the kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed, so also was the very small beginning of our synod." The synod adopted its constitution at its first official meeting on May 26, 1850, in Granville, Wisconsin.

The very first resolution in the synod's history, made at the Dec. 8, 1849, meeting, stated:

"That the synod which is to be founded bear the name 'The First German Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Wisconsin' and that this



Grace Lutheran Church in downtown Milwaukee was constructed in 1851. Incorporated in 1849, Grace was where three Lutheran pastors met to discuss founding a synod that would eventually be known as WELS.

specific name and title remain with it forever.” There’s a story in the details:

- The synod was technically not “The First” since two other German Lutheran synods were already present in Wisconsin.
- The synod was “German” because its ministers came from Germany, spoke German, and sought to serve the large population of German immigrants who had no spiritual shepherds.
- The synod was “Evangelical” since it sought to make the proclamation of the gospel its chief endeavor.
- The synod was “Lutheran” because it sought primarily to serve churchless Lutherans and it followed the teachings of the Reformer Martin Luther.
- The synod was a “Synod” (a Greek word that literally means “coming together”) because the pastors wanted to work together to accomplish more gospel ministry.
- The synod was “of Wisconsin” because all its leaders served people in Wisconsin. At that time, most states had Lutheran synods of their own, so the first generation primarily focused on one region within their means.

Much has changed since the synod’s mustard seed-like beginnings 175 years ago—including its name. Yet one thing remains clear: the Word of the Lord endures forever.

An anniversary prayer

God of mercy, God of truth, we praise you because you have given your grace in Christ to us. We humbly honor you for placing your gift of Christ in us, and we boldly pray that you keep us faithful to your truth and bless your message of Christ through us. In his gracious name. Amen.

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Easter

SILENT AUCTION

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1ST ANNUAL EASTER AUCTION



AUCTION STARTS
ASH WEDNESDAY

AUCTION CLOSES
AFTER EASTER BREAKFAST



DONATIONS NEEDED - CONTACT AMY RADICK
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MN Valley Lutheran Women's Missionary Society Spring Rally

April 5

**Friedens Lutheran Church
28983 181st Ave
NEW PRAGUE, MN**

Coffee & Registration 8 - 9 am Program: 9 am - 12:15 pm with lunch to follow



Immeasurable

Love

And may you have
the power to understand,
as all God's people should,
how wide, how long,
how high, and how deep
his love is.

Ephesians 3:18

Speaker of the Day
Pastor Larry Schlomer,
WELS World Mission Administrator



Standard RSVP not required. Please RSVP for child care or special dietary needs to your congregation's Reporter by March 25, 2025.

News & Notes

Radio Broadcast

The radio broadcast is sponsored by the Members of St. Paul Lutheran Church. Thank you!

Annual Meeting

The Annual Congregation Meeting to review God's blessings this past year and look forward to our congregation's future ministry is February 16th following worship. Everyone is welcome to attend the meeting, in fact it is important that you do so. Look for the Annual Report to be available soon.

Easter Silent Auction

The Women of Woven are hosting a silent auction and need your help. We are looking for donations of items for this event. If you own a business that provides a service or you are crafty, have handmade goods including gift baskets, we need your help. We are also looking for gift cards for area businesses or if you want to donate funds for us to purchase them. Please bring them to the church office for Woven from now until March 2nd. The silent auction will open for bidding on Ash Wednesday and close after Easter breakfast. This will be a cash or check only event and will use your offering number as your bidding number. The proceeds will be used to fund the many mission and outreach projects of Woven. If you have any questions, please see a member of Woven.

Crockpots and Cornhole

On Sunday, February 16th Woven will be hosting a "crockpot potluck" event along with a cornhole tournament (\$20 per player), Bingo, and Candy bar walk. Bring your favorite crockpot dish to share! Potluck starts at 12 pm, the Cornhole tournament is at 1 pm, followed by Bingo and the Candy bar walk at 1:30 pm.

Fellowship Sunday

Today is Fellowship Sunday! Please come to the Fellowship Hall following worship for treats provided by the Stocker family.

New Usher Schedule

Ushers, please pick up your updated schedule located on the cabinets near the Fellowship Hall.

Theology on Tap

The next Theology on Tap will take place on Thursday, February 20th, at 6:30 pm at Mana Brewing in Shakopee.

SERVING THE LORD

		Acolytes	Ushers	Media Booth	Organist
2/9	9 Am	(Need Volunteer)	1	(Need Volunteer)	-
2/16	9 AM	Greta Newton	2	(Need Volunteer)	Lois Zander
2/23	9 AM	(Need Volunteer)	3	(Need Volunteer)	Noah Helke

February Altar Guild	February Cleaners
Melanie Sparby/Jodi Bertrang	Carlstroms
February Counters	Winter Service Group Leader
-	Need Volunteer
March Altar Guild	Children's Church Volunteer
Angela Ambroz/Nancy Stocker/Brenda Stocker	2/9 - Katie Zander

Attendance	
Sunday	77
Monday	12
Total	89

Gifts To Our Lord		
	Received	Needed
Current	\$2637	\$3834
Online Giving	\$464	
Total	\$3101	\$3834



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