

St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church

– Church of the Lutheran Confession –
Lakewood, Colorado

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but the same

Spirit;

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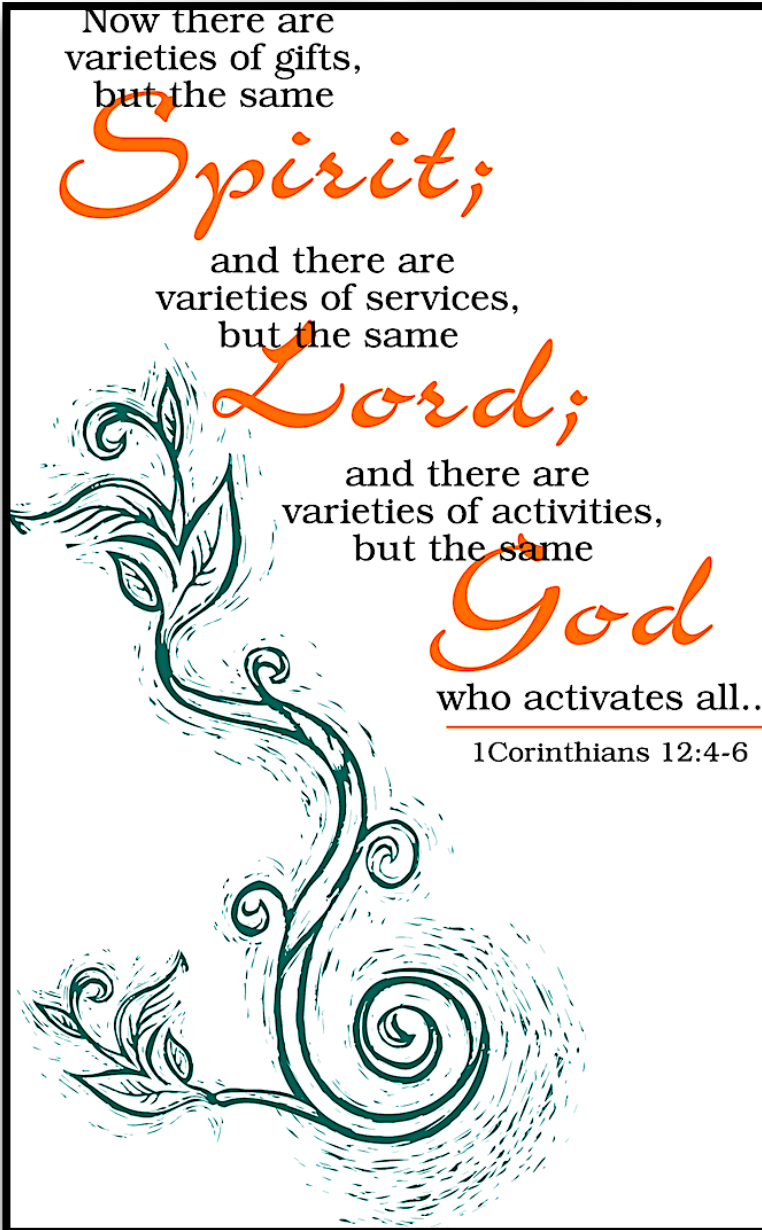
Lord;

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but the same

God

who activates all..

1 Corinthians 12:4-6



**2nd Sunday after Epiphany
January 16, 2022**

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Order of Worship: Service of the Word

(printed on liturgy insert inside front cover of maroon hymnal)

Organist – Suzannah Miller

- ◆ Pre-Service Devotion: Psalm 133-134 (pew bible, p.552)
- ◆ The Hymns: 913, 394, 646 (1-3), 646 (4)
- ◆ Scripture Lessons: Isaiah 62:1-5, John 2:1-11
- ◆ Psalm of the Day: From Psalm 66

Sermon Text – 1 Corinthians 12:1-11

Dear Lord, Energize Me!

1. To recognize the gifts You have given me.
2. To use these gifts for Your Savior-glory.

- ◆ Offering of Thankful Hearts
- ◆ Prayer & the Lord's Prayer
- ◆ Benediction & Closing Hymn (646, stanza 4)

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the tract rack or by request from an usher.

Today's Scriptures

First Lesson – Isaiah 62:1-5

1 For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, for Jerusalem's sake I will not remain quiet, till her righteousness shines out like the dawn, her salvation like a blazing torch. 2 The nations will see your righteousness, and all kings your glory; you will be called by a new name that the mouth of the LORD will bestow. 3 You will be a crown of splendor in the LORD'S hand, a royal diadem in the hand of your God. 4 No longer will they call you Deserted, or name your land Desolate. But you will be called Hephzibah, and your land Beulah; for the LORD will take delight in you, and your land will be married. 5 As a young man marries a maiden, so will your sons marry you; as a bridegroom rejoices over his bride, so will your God rejoice over you.

Psalm of the Day – From Psalm 66

P Shout with joy to God, all the earth!
C Sing the glory of his name; make his praise glorious!
P Say to God, "How awesome are your deeds!:
C So great is your power that your enemies cringe before you.
P Come and see what God has done:
C How awesome his works in man's behalf!
P He turned the sea into dry land:
C They passed through the waters on foot— come, let us rejoice in him.
P Praise our God, O peoples:
C Let the sound of his praise be heard.
P I will come to your temple with burnt offerings:
C And fulfill my vows to you.
P I will sacrifice fat animals to you and an offering of rams:
C I will offer bulls and goats.
P If I had cherished sin in my heart:
C The Lord would not have listened.
P But God has surely listened:
C And heard my voice in prayer.
P Praise be to God, who has not rejected my prayer:
C Or withheld his love from me!

Second Lesson – John 2:1-11

1 On the third day a wedding took place at Cana in Galilee. Jesus' mother was there, 2 and Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. 3 When the wine was gone, Jesus' mother said to him, "They have no more wine." 4 "Dear woman, why do you involve me?" Jesus replied. "My time has not yet come." 5 His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you." 6 Nearby stood six stone water jars, the kind used

by the Jews for ceremonial washing, each holding from twenty to thirty gallons. 7 Jesus said to the servants, "Fill the jars with water"; so they filled them to the brim. 8 Then he told them, "Now draw some out and take it to the master of the banquet." They did so, 9 and the master of the banquet tasted the water that had been turned into wine. He did not realize where it had come from, though the servants who had drawn the water knew. Then he called the bridegroom aside 10 and said, "Everyone brings out the choice wine first and then the cheaper wine after the guests have had too much to drink; but you have saved the best till now." 11 This, the first of his miraculous signs, Jesus performed at Cana in Galilee. He thus revealed his glory, and his disciples put their faith in him.

Sermon Text – 1 Corinthians 12:1-11

1 Now about spiritual gifts, brothers, I do not want you to be ignorant. 2 You know that when you were pagans, somehow or other you were influenced and led astray to mute idols. 3 Therefore I tell you that no one who is speaking by the Spirit of God says, "Jesus be cursed," and no one can say, "Jesus is Lord," except by the Holy Spirit. 4 There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit. 5 There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord. 6 There are different kinds of working, but the same God works all of them in all men. 7 Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good. 8 To one there is given through the Spirit the message of wisdom, to another the message of knowledge by means of the same Spirit, 9 to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by that one Spirit, 10 to another miraculous powers, to another prophecy, to another distinguishing between spirits, to another speaking in different kinds of tongues, and to still another the interpretation of tongues. 11 All these are the work of one and the same Spirit, and he gives them to each one, just as he determines.

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A Cordial Greeting and Warm Welcome to our Guests. We are pleased to have you worshipping with us today and invite you to come often. Please take a few moments to sign our guest book. If you have no church home in the community and are seeking a fellowship in which you might worship and serve your Lord, we invite you to speak with the Pastor who will be happy to call on you to share our confession and mission with you.

This Week at St. Paul

Today (1/16) 9:30 am Worship Service
10:45 am Sunday School & Bible Class
Sun (1/23) 8:30 am Church Council Meeting
9:30 am Worship Service
10:45 am Mary/Martha Meeting (rescheduled from Jan.9)
10:45 am Sunday School & Bible Class

Upcoming in January

Annual Voters' Meeting: Sunday, January 30, 10:45 am
Church Council Installation: Sunday, February 6

In Our Prayers: Bobbie Brethauer who tested positive recently for Covid. <> Don and Ruth Claeys who are also recovering from Covid. <> May the Lord grant them healing according to His gracious will.

Constitution Changes: One item on the upcoming January 30th Annual Meeting Agenda is to consider several proposed revisions to the St. Paul Constitution. The proposed revisions are noted on the "Constitution Draft Copy" which was emailed recently to voting members. Hard copies of the Constitution with the proposed revisions are available to all St. Paul parishioners by request from the Pastor.

New Book for Sale: *Get on the Ark* by Daniel Fleischer. "The individual Christian and the Church today live in a world similar to Noah's time that moved the Lord to send the cataclysmic flood from which only Noah and his family were saved. *Get on the Ark* is both a devotional and an alert to God's people to discern the times, and through faithful study of God's Word to nourish their faith, confidence, and hope in the Lord Jesus as they anticipate His return. Christian readers are urged without delay to get into the Word—*Get on the Ark*—through which the Lord carries His children through the storms of life to the blessed peace of heaven." Cost: \$12 plus postage. See Pastor Schuetze for ordering information, if you are interested. An examination copy has been placed on the shelf under the tract rack.



Synod News

Call News: Mr. Nathan Wales of West Columbia SC has accepted the call to be the principal and upper grade teacher at Grace Lutheran School, Sleepy Eye MN. <> One teacher vacancy currently exists at Valentine NE. <> Pastoral vacancies currently exist at Winter Haven FL, Eden Prairie MN, Bowdle/Ipswich SD, and Tacoma WA.

Man Up! Retreat: “The 2022 ManUp! Men’s Retreat is scheduled for September 22-25, 2022 at beautiful Wyalusing State Park near Prairie du Chien, WI. The retreat offers strength and encouragement for men 18 and older for their personal faith, family, and fellowship at church. The weekend will include Bible study, fellowship, leadership training, team building, relationship building, worship, and many outdoor bonding activities. Register and send in your payment before September 1 for the discounted rate of \$75. Registration increases to \$150 on September 1st. The registration includes lodging and meals. You can register by going to the Man Up! website here: www.manup.clclutheran.org”

Daily Bible Readings for Home Devotions

January 10-15 (catching up from last week)

Mon 1 Kings 10:1-9 *Concerning the name of the LORD* is religion, not politics or commerce; the Queen connected the dots from Solomon's wealth to the LORD's favor (9). From distant Arabia she had come to see for herself where Solomon stood with God—and when Solomon answered her religious questions, she caught the drift and praised the LORD—an epiphany for her.

Tues Matthew 2:1-12 Astronomers from Iraq arrived at Herod's palace with a religious question he couldn't answer—simply because he was out of sync with God and aggressively hostile to God's plan for saving humans from hell and Satan. God easily outmaneuvered him and granted audience to gentiles who had traveled far to find and worship Jesus. God is gracious.

Wed Acts 13:46-49 God had placed Hebrews at the head of the line, but when they turned up their noses at the Bread which God put on their plates, they were sent away empty (Mary understood this: Luke 1:53). So when God shifted gentiles to the head of the line (46), *they were glad and glorified the word of the Lord*—that He loved them and wanted to adopt them (48).

Thurs 1 Samuel 16:1-13 Saul had gone sour (ch. 15), so God picked a young man who qualified by being born in Bethlehem and by serving as a humble shepherd. But the factor that positively, decisively qualified David was the Father's gift of His Holy Spirit (13). [An auxiliary thought: since Jesus shared David's DNA, perhaps He too was "ruddy, with bright eyes, and good looking." Above all, Jesus was certainly gifted with the Holy Spirit.] Thanks be to God!

Fri Luke 3:15-17, 21-22 John didn't let folks mistake him for God's Anointed, for Jesus surpassed him in power and divine responsibilities (15-17). God settled it once and for all in a ceremony that will never be matched—*for the heavens opened, the Holy Spirit descended in bodily form* on Jesus, and the Father spoke clearly and decisively that Jesus was the Anointed One He had promised to Jews . . . and to Gentiles too (21-23). We say "Amen!" to that.

Sat Titus 3:4-7 sounds like a symphonic arrangement of John 3:16 – that God loved humans enough to accomplish what sinners could not accomplish. Way back in Eden God was faced with the fact that His children had become sinful – and lest He dump His standards into the trash, He determined that somewhere, sometime, someone would have to live straight and even die to get sinners straight with His standards. Thus at great personal sacrifice God sent His own Son to fix what sinners had broken, which Jesus did with His holy life and innocent sufferings and death. God's Son set our record straight, His Spirit regenerated us, and the Father adopted us as His dear children. Praise God, from whom all blessings flow!

Daily Bible Readings for Home Devotions January 17-22

Mon Isaiah 62:1-5 Isaiah tried to stifle himself from interrupting some sour complainers—but his news was too good to be stifled. God had told him that Zion (the Church) would flourish to embrace Gentiles (2-3), thus proving that God not only welcomes non-Jews, but He also loves and adopts them into His family as His dear children (4-5). May God be praised!

Tues John 1:35-42 The Tuesday events were important for John’s students, and they’re important for us too. Jesus asks, “*What are you looking for? Come and see where I reside, for the night is drawing near, and you need rest for your souls.*” When a person sits at Jesus’ feet and absorbs His Word, that changes him. Jesus changed Simon, and He can change others. We know.

Wed Ephesians 3:14-21 This prayer comes to our attention in a round-about way: Though Paul directed his requests to God the Father, he also wanted his friends to be assured that Jesus had brought them into God’s family (15) and could take residence in their hearts (17) with His immeasurable and transforming love (18-19). God grant it from here to eternity! Amen.

Thurs Isaiah 63:7-9 What else did Isaiah have on his mind and heart? Since God had not revealed to him (nor to us) every twist and turn of His plans, we could not cope with life and death if we were not assured of His *loving-kindnesses, great goodness and mercies*. So He became *their/our Savior; in His love and in His pity God redeemed them/us and carried them/us* in His arms. That’s worth *mentioning* (7) to/for us in 2022 also.

Fri John 2:1-11 The wedding celebration was going along smoothly—until the caterer ran short on refreshments (1-3). Mary knew that if her Son wished, He could fix it—in His own timing and in His own way, of course. So He did (4-9) what nobody else could do, miraculously. That rescued the caterer from disgrace (10), and no doubt everyone appreciated the finest wine. This was the first time Jesus demonstrated His divinity by means of a public miracle, which is a more valuable gift than the best vintage.

Sat Ephesians 2:1-10 Did we not say that God (via Jesus) transforms people? That’s what happens in conversion, first of all, for conversion is as great a miracle as raising someone from death to life (1-5). Really? Yes, really, for when the Father *raised Jesus from the dead, He raised us up together with Jesus and made us sit together with Jesus in heavenly places* (6). And that’s not all, praise the Lord, for from start to finish God has not left anything to random chance, “good luck,” application of human merit/de-merits, or anything else. God did it all so our salvation would be fool-proof. Amen!