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**Sunday, January 16, 2021**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Epiphany**

Prelude  
Tower Bells  
Welcome  
Announcements

*Visitors are encouraged to note their attendance by filling out the "Welcome" side (blue print) of the pew cards and putting the card into the offering plate near the entrance doors. Those taking Communion are asked to fill out the "Communion" side (black print) of the card. Completed cards may also be left on the pew seat.*

Opening Hymn

*God Himself Is Present*

**LSB 907**

Confession and Absolution

Divine Service III LSB 184

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

**C: Amen.**

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

P: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**C: who made heaven and earth.**

P: I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

**C: and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

P: O almighty God, merciful Father,

**C: I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

P: Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I 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

Introit Psalm 128

1 Blessed is everyone who fears the LORD,  
**who walks in his ways!**

2 You shall eat the fruit of the labor of your  
hands;

**you shall be blessed, and it shall be well with  
you.**

3 Your wife will be like a fruitful vine  
within your house;

**your children will be like olive shoots  
around your table.**

4 Behold, thus shall the man be blessed  
who fears the LORD.

5 The LORD bless you from Zion!

**May you see the prosperity of Jerusalem  
all the days of your life!**

6 May you see your children's children!  
**Peace be upon Israel!**

Gloria Patri, Kyrie, Gloria in Excelsis, Salutation and Collect of the Day (*sing*) LSB 186-189

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen**

**Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.**

P: Glory be to God on high:

**and on earth peace, goodwill toward men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee, we  
glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory. O lord God, heavenly King, God the Father  
Almighty.**

**O Lord, the only begotten Son, Jesus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that  
takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sin of the world,  
receive our prayer.**

**Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us. For Thou only art holy;  
Thou only art the Lord. Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God  
the Father. Amen.**

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And with thy spirit.**

P: Let us pray.

**ALL: 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.**

Old Testament Reading      Isaiah 62:1-5 (*sit*)

1 For Zion's sake I will not keep silent,  
and for Jerusalem's sake I will not be quiet,  
until her righteousness goes forth as  
brightness, and her salvation as a burning  
torch.

2 The nations shall see your righteousness,  
and all the kings your glory,  
and you shall be called by a new name  
that the mouth of the LORD will give.

3 You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of  
the LORD, and a royal diadem in the hand of  
your God.

4 You shall no more be termed Forsaken,  
and your land shall no more be termed  
Desolate,

but you shall be called My Delight Is in Her,  
and your land Married;

for the LORD delights in you,  
and your land shall be married.

5 For as a young man marries a young woman,  
so shall your sons marry you,  
and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride,  
so shall your God rejoice over you

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

Epistle                                      1 Corinthians 12:1-12

1 Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers, I do not want you to be uninformed. 2 You know that when you were pagans you were led astray to mute idols, however you were led. 3 Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking in the Spirit of God ever says "Jesus is accursed!" and no one can say "Jesus is Lord" except in the Holy Spirit.

4 Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; 5 and there are varieties of service, but the same Lord; 6 and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who empowers them all in everyone. 7 To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. 8 For to one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, 9 to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, 10 to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the ability to distinguish between spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. 11 All these are empowered by one and the same Spirit, who apportions to each one individually as he wills.

12 For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

Holy Gospel                                      John 2:1-11

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the second chapter.

**C: (*sing*) Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

1 On the third day there was a wedding at Cana in Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. 2 Jesus also was invited to the wedding with his disciples. 3 When the wine ran out, the mother of Jesus said

to him, "They have no wine." 4 And Jesus said to her, "Woman, what does this have to do with me? My hour has not yet come." 5 His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you."

6 Now there were six stone water jars there for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. 7 Jesus said to the servants, "Fill the jars with water." And they filled them up to the brim. 8 And he said to them, "Now draw some out and take it to the master of the feast." So they took it. 9 When the master of the feast tasted the water now become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the master of the feast called the bridegroom 10 and said to him, "Everyone serves the good wine first, and when people have drunk freely, then the poor wine. But you have kept the good wine until now." 11 This, the first of his signs, Jesus did at Cana in Galilee, and manifested his glory. And his disciples believed in him.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: *(sing)* Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

Nicene Creed *(Inside back cover of hymnal)*

Children's Message

Sermon Hymn

*Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling*

LSB 650

Sermon

Offertory *(Offering Brought Forward During Singing)* LSB 779

1 Come, my soul, with ev'ry care,  
Jesus loves to answer prayer;  
He Himself has bid thee pray,  
Therefore will not turn away.

Let Thy blood, for sinners spilt,  
Set my conscience free from guilt.

3 With my burden I begin:  
Lord, remove this load of sin;

4 Lord, Thy rest to me impart,  
Take possession of my heart;  
There Thy blood-bought right maintain  
And without a rival reign.

Prayer of the Zion Lutheran Church

Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

Lord, You manifested Your glory in the sign at Cana. As You restored creation through the shedding of Christ's blood, pour out Your grace in abundance. Give us joy and gladness in the revelation of Your truth in the Person of Your Son. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Lord of glory, preserve Your Son's Bride, the Church. Make it her constant joy and delight to preach the Good News of forgiveness in her Savior to poor sinners. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Lord of glory, You blessed the wedding at Cana with Your presence and honored it with Your first miracle. Strengthen and give Your gladness to all married couples and their families. Be present in our

homes and lives with Your free and abundant forgiveness. Bless and keep safe all pregnant mothers and their children. Preserve us in the true faith from each generation to the next. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Lord of glory, You rule this world by Your power. Give to our civil servants respect and recognition of Your creation and its nature. When they use the authority given them from above, let it be in accord with Your good design for our world and not the corruption of sin, which they are to rebuke for the good of their citizens. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Lord of glory, we bring before You the sick, distressed and needy [*especially \_\_\_\_\_*]. Give Your abiding comfort in every circumstance, that in Christ we shall not die, but live and declare His works. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Lord of glory, as You manifested Yourself by the sign at Cana, transforming water into wine, so manifest Yourself to us here, transforming bread and wine to be Your very body and blood for the forgiveness of our sins, and make us fit partakers in repentance and faith. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

**Lord God, heavenly Father, we thank You that of Your grace You have instituted holy matrimony, in which You keep us from unchastity and other offenses. We implore You, send Your blessing on every husband and wife.**

Do not let them provoke one another to anger and strife, but let them live peaceably together in love and godliness. Strengthen them with Your gracious help in all temptations, and help them to rear their children in accordance with Your will.

**Grant us all to walk before You in purity and holiness, putting our trust in You and leading such lives on earth that, in the world to come, we may have everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

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*Contact Pastor Rockrohr for changes to the prayer list.*

Service of the Sacrament

Preface (*Sing*)

LSB 194-195

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And with thy spirit.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

**C: We lift them up unto the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.

**C: It is meet and right so to do.**

P: It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus (*Sing*)

LSB 195

**Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth; heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory. Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He, blessed is He, blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord. Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.**

Lord's Prayer

LSB 196

The Words of Our Lord

LSB 197

Pax Domini

LSB 197

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always. **C: (*sing*) Amen.**

Agnus Dei (*sing*)

LSB 198

**O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.**

**O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.**

**O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. Amen.**

Distribution *Continuous Line*

Distribution Hymn

*Rejoice, My Heart, Be Glad and Sing*

**LSB 737**

Distribution Hymn

*Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord*

**LSB 637**

Distribution Hymn

*Jesus, Savior, Pilot Me*

**LSB 715**

*(NOTE: The Pastor will commune the Communion Assistants and then the organist. Then those who commune in the pews will be served starting at the back of the church. Not all hymns/verses may be needed. Organist will play as needed.)*

Dismissal Blessing

Nunc Dimittis, Thanksgiving, Salutation and Benedicamus (*sing*) LSB 199-201

**C: Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace according to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, which Thou hast prepared before the face of all people, a light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of Thy people Israel. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

P: O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good, **C: and His mercy endureth forever.**

P: Let us pray. We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **C: (*sing*) Amen.**

P: The Lord be with you. **C: (*sing*) And with thy spirit.**

P: Bless we the Lord. **C: (*sing*) Thanks be to God.**

Benediction

LSB 202

P: 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: (sing) Amen, amen, amen.**

Closing Hymn

*On What Has Now Been Sown*

**LSB 921**

Silent Prayer, Extinguish Candles

Postlude and Depart in His Peace

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### **Zion Lutheran Church's Belief and Practice of the Lord's Supper**

The Lord's Supper is celebrated at this congregation in the confession and glad confidence that, as He says, our Lord Jesus gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but His very Body and Blood to eat and drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him and with one another. Our Lord invites to His table those who trust His words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us, that they may show forth His death until He comes again in glory.

Because those who eat and drink our Lord's Body and Blood unworthily do so to their great harm and because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, and yet desire to receive the sacrament, are asked first to speak with the pastor.

For further study: Matthew 5:23f.; 10:32f., 18:15-35; 26:26-29; 1 Corinthians 10:14-22; 11:17-34.

## SERMON NOTES

### I. The Holy Spirit Gives Faith in Christ

*The Holy Spirit is about Faith and Gifts of Grace not just “Spirituality”*

Paul’s letter to the Corinthians was in part answering \_\_\_\_\_ the Christians in Corinth had written to Paul for advice. For the topic of chapters 12-14 Paul begins,

*“Now concerning spiritual \_\_\_\_\_ ...”* (Dr. Lockwood’s translation)

Even though many English Bible translations interpret verses 1 and 4 “spiritual gifts” and “gifts” as if the Greek text were the same, that is not true.

Verse 1 = *spiritual things* = the topic the Corinthians asked about

Verse 4 = *gifts of \_\_\_\_\_* = Paul’s term for the Holy Spirit’s specific free gifts to the Church to edify the Church

One difference between the meanings that Paul wants to make clear.

*“Spiritual things” and “spirituality” in Corinth was used to mean who gets what, and who is better than the other person. It’s all about me.*

*Paul taught, no, it’s all about Jesus and His people, the Church.*

vs 2 – Without the Holy Spirit the people worship \_\_\_\_\_ idols.

vs 3 – With the Holy Spirit the Christian can never say, “Jesus be \_\_\_\_\_.”

Instead, the Holy Spirit leads a person to say “Jesus is \_\_\_\_\_.”

Number One – A Christian’s “spirituality” is always in regards that “Jesus is \_\_\_\_\_.”



## II. Gifts of Grace to Benefit God's People

vs 4 - The variety of gifts of \_\_\_\_\_ are all given by the same Holy Spirit.

vs 7 - Therefore the gifts cannot be used against people but for the \_\_\_\_\_ good.

The verb is *present* not *past* action in verse 7, Paul wrote "*is being given*" not "*is given.*"

The Holy Spirit constantly and \_\_\_\_\_ works in the life of the Christian.

Number Two – The variety of gifts are given by the one Holy Spirit as \_\_\_\_\_ wills for the \_\_\_\_\_ good.

The Holy Spirit gives different tools to build God's Church, when and where as He determines is needed.

### Reflections We Need Today:

1. Christianity is not a self-directed, generic spirituality so that everyone decides for himself or herself what is good religion or bad religion. That approach is idol worship like the people of Corinth followed, before they believed in Jesus. For Christians, "spiritual things", "spirituality" and "religion" is first and foremost the Holy Spirit giving faith in Jesus Christ above all things. Jesus is Lord!

2. Christian living is not a measure of me, nor measures what I can do. It is not my personal spirituality to measure how good I am. Christian living is empowered by the Holy Spirit, who everyday gives gifts of grace as He wills to benefit the whole Church – the common good. The Christian is empowered by the Holy Spirit to see and do what others in the Church need to be done.

3. Only once number 1 and 2 are understood and believed can specific spiritual gifts be considered.

## Sermon Series on 1 Corinthians Chapter 12-15

January 16 – February 20, 2022

### Sermon 1 – “The Holy Spirit Gives Faith and Gifts of Grace to Build the Church”

*Note: The assigned Epistle Readings for the six Sunday, January 16 – February 20 are all from 1 Corinthians chapters 12-15. The sermons during this time will be focused on St. Paul’s teaching in those chapters.*

Background Information:

#### **The City of Corinth: Geography and History**

Corinth is situated on the narrow isthmus (four and a half miles wide) that links the Greek mainland in the north to the Peloponnese peninsula in the south (where ancient Sparta was located). The city possessed strategic advantages, with its citadel, the Acrocorinth, rising to 1,886 feet (575 meters) above sea level, and economic advantages through its position as a gateway between northern and southern Greece, and between the Corinthian Gulf to the west and the Saronic Gulf to the east. It possessed two harbors, Lechaem (facing Italy) and Cenchreae (facing Asia). Rather than transporting goods by the dangerous route around the southern tip of Achaia, merchants could have smaller ships placed on wheeled platforms and dragged across the isthmus along a kind of tramway called a δίολκος (from διέλκω, “to drag through”). The customs duties levied on this trade contributed greatly to the city’s wealth. Its fertile hinterland also contributed to Corinth’s prosperity; indeed, our word “currant” derives from the name “Corinth.”

In 146 B.C. the Roman consul Lucius Mummius razed the city to the ground, as a reprisal for Corinth leading the other Achaean cities in revolt. For more than a century the city lay dormant, until Julius Caesar rebuilt it in 44 B.C., and named the new city *Colonia Laus Julia Corinthiensis* (“the colony of Corinth gives praise to Julius”). Corinth swiftly regained and exceeded its former prominence, becoming the largest city in Roman Greece and attaining a population of approximately 100,000. During the reign of Augustus (27 B.C.–14 A.D.) it was adorned with numerous public buildings.<sup>1</sup> The city also resumed its role as host of the biennial Isthmian games conducted at the nearby sanctuary of Poseidon. It became an important center of Roman culture (*Romanitas*); prominent citizens from neighboring towns coveted magistracies in the city and became its benefactors. Latin became the official language. By 27 B.C. Corinth had clearly been reinstated as capital of the senatorial province of Achaia, an honor which may have been restored as early as 44 B.C. Thus it is the provincial proconsul, Gallio, who hears the case brought against Paul before the Corinthian βῆμα, “judgment seat” (Acts 18:12–16). Along with Gallio and other civil and military officers, the new city was settled by ex-soldiers and freedmen from Rome, an influx of people from neighboring areas, and numerous slaves.<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Gregory J. Lockwood, *1 Corinthians*, Concordia Commentary (Saint Louis: Concordia Pub. “No House, 2000), 4–5.