

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 2:1-16

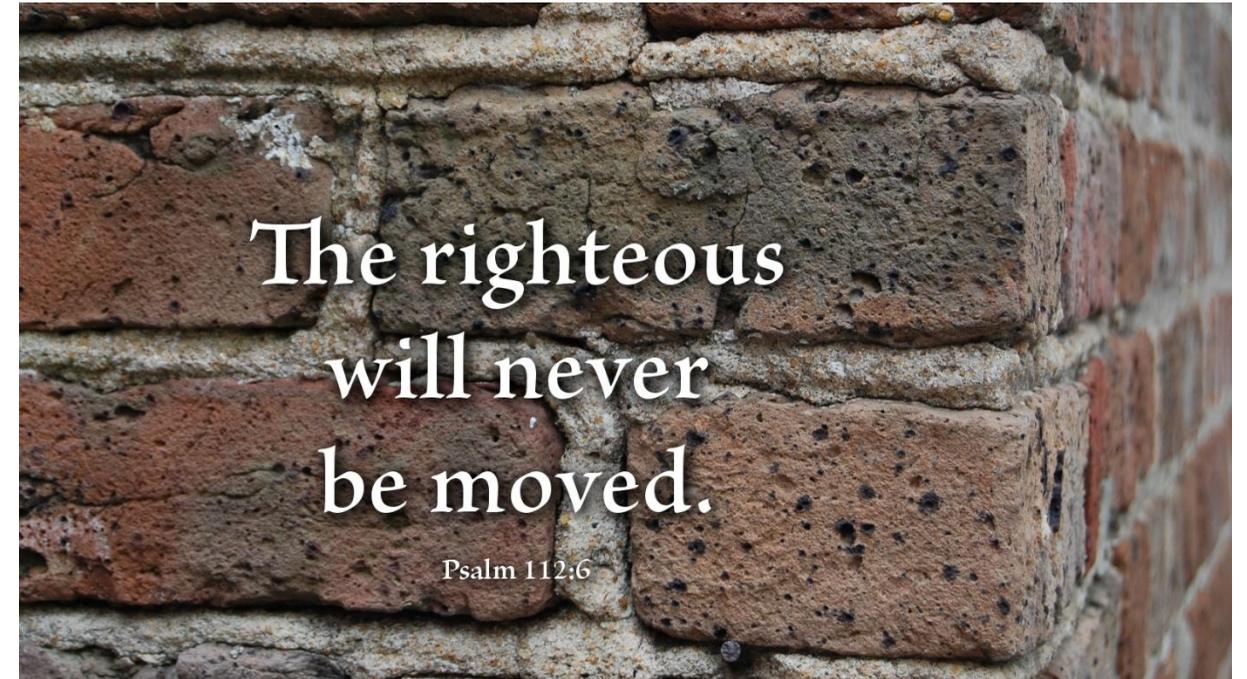
¹I, when I came to you, brothers, did not come proclaiming to you the testimony of God with lofty speech or wisdom. ²For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ and him crucified. ³And I was with you in weakness and in fear and much trembling, ⁴and my speech and my message were not in plausible words of wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power, ⁵so that your faith might not rest in the wisdom of men but in the power of God. ⁶Yet among the mature we do impart wisdom, although it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to pass away. ⁷But we impart a secret and hidden wisdom of God, which God decreed before the ages for our glory. ⁸None of the rulers of this age understood this, for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. ⁹But, as it is written, “What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the heart of man imagined, what God has prepared for those who love him” — ¹⁰these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit. For the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. ¹¹For who knows a person’s thoughts except the spirit of that person, which is in him? So also no one comprehends the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God. ¹²Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, that we might understand the things freely given us by God. ¹³And we impart this in words not taught by human wisdom but taught by the Spirit, interpreting spiritual truths to those who are spiritual. ¹⁴The natural person does not accept the things of the Spirit of God, for they are folly to him, and he is not able to understand them because they are spiritually discerned. ¹⁵The spiritual person judges all things, but is himself to be judged by no one. ¹⁶“For who has understood the mind of the Lord so as to instruct him?” But we have the mind of Christ.

Gospel: Matthew 5:13-20

¹³{Jesus said,} “You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything except to be thrown out and trampled under people’s feet. ¹⁴You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. ¹⁵Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. ¹⁶In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven. ¹⁷Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them. ¹⁸For truly, I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not an iota, not a dot, will pass from the Law until all is accomplished. ¹⁹Therefore whoever relaxes one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. ²⁰For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.”

Lessons for Next Week

Exodus 24:8-18; Psalm 2:6-12; 2 Peter 1:16-21; Matthew 17:1-9



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This congregation practices “open communion”. We invite all who believe that our Lord’s body and blood are truly and essentially present in the bread and wine to share in the sacrament. We believe Christians are worthy to receive communion when, according to the teaching of Scripture and Lutheran tradition the words, “given and shed for you” are accepted by grace through faith. You may receive the wine by dipping the bread into the dipping chalice or by drinking from the principal chalice. Repent, and be served!

The Order of Word and Sacrament
Fifth Sunday after Epiphany February 8, 2026

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Proclamation of the Word Pastor Blayne J. Watts

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Postlude

First Reading: Isaiah 58:1-9a

¹“Cry aloud; do not hold back; lift up your voice like a trumpet; declare to my people their transgression, to the house of Jacob their sins. ²Yet they seek me daily and delight to know my ways, as if they were a nation that did righteousness and did not forsake the judgment of their God; they ask of me righteous judgments; they delight to draw near to God. ³‘Why have we fasted, and you see it not? Why have we humbled ourselves, and you take no knowledge of it?’ Behold, in the day of your fast you seek your own pleasure, and oppress all your workers. ⁴Behold, you fast only to quarrel and to fight and to hit with a wicked fist. Fasting like yours this day will not make your voice to be heard on high. ⁵Is such the fast that I choose, a day for a person to humble himself? Is it to bow down his head like a reed, and to spread sackcloth and ashes under him? Will you call this a fast, and a day acceptable to the LORD? ⁶Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of wickedness, to undo the straps of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke? ⁷Is it not to share your bread with the hungry and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover him, and not to hide yourself from your own flesh? ⁸Then shall your light break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up speedily; your righteousness shall go before you; the glory of the LORD shall be your rear guard. ⁹Then you shall call, and the LORD will answer; you shall cry, and he will say, ‘Here I am.’”¹⁰

Psalm 112

¹Hallelujah! Happy are they who fear the LORD
 and have great delight in his commandments!
²**Their descendants will be mighty in the land;**
 the generation of the upright will be blessed.
³Wealth and riches will be in their house,
 and their righteousness will last forever.
⁴**Light shines in the darkness for the upright;**
 the righteous are merciful and full of compassion.
⁵It is good for them to be generous in lending
 and to manage their affairs with justice.
⁶**For they will never be shaken;**
 the righteous will be kept in everlasting remembrance.
⁷They will not be afraid of any evil rumors;
 their heart is right; they put their trust in the LORD.
⁸**Their heart is established and will not shrink,**
 until they see their desire upon their enemies.
⁹They have given freely to the poor,
 and their righteousness stands fast forever; they will hold up their head with honor.
¹⁰The wicked will see it and be angry; they will gnash their teeth and pine away;
 the desires of the wicked will perish.

What's Happening

Today:

- Our radio broadcast is sponsored by Don & Pam Griffin. Thank you!
- A Mardi Gras lunch will be served after the service. Join us!
- Holy Communion will be served at HRH Residential Living Center at 1:30 p.m. All are welcome.

This Week:

Monday	4:30 pm	Youth Group
	6:30 pm	Stewardship/Mission Committee (looking for participants!)
Tuesday	6:00 pm	The Chosen
Wednesday	8:30 am	Quilters
	10:00 am	Coffee
	6:30 pm	Men's Fellowship at Otium Brewery
Thursday	1:00 pm	The Chosen afternoon group
Next Sunday	8:30 am	Council Meeting
	10:00 am	Installation of 2026 Council during worship.

Notes and News

- 2025 Giving Statements are in your FLC mailboxes. Call the office to have it mailed.
- You are invited to bring your dried palm branches to church by next Sunday so that they can be burned to make ashes for Ash Wednesday.
- Current Let Me Shine preschool families may begin registering for fall classes tomorrow, February 9. Registration will be open to the public February 24 and 25 from 8am-1pm at the church. Enrollment forms are available in the office.
- This week we are looking for volunteers to serve on the Stewardship/Mission Committee and on the Fellowship Committee. And on the Education Committee.
- Please submit your final comments on the Call Profile by February 15.
- Have you completed the "Vision/Mission/Strategic Planning Questionnaire"? You may call any council member if you have questions or if you would like to submit your comments verbally through a personal visit.

FLC Committees: Opportunities to Serve

- Building & Property
- Finance & Budget
- Outreach & Marketing (radio, website, Facebook, etc.)
- Worship & Music (includes Altar Guild)
- Evangelism & Membership
- Education (Youth and Adult, plus Let Me Shine Preschool)
- Fellowship, Food & Fun
- Stewardship & Mission (back to FLC and outward to the community)
- Governing Documents Review and Development; Archive management
- Christian Authority & Lutheran Affiliation

Attributes of a Healthy Church

- ❖ The Word is rightly preached and the sacraments are faithfully administered
- ❖ Leaders are active
- ❖ Individual talents are known and used
- ❖ Personal faith is strong and growing through personal and group study
- ❖ Church organization and structure is known and effective
- ❖ Worship services are inspiring, creative, led by a team, and address all ages
- ❖ Small groups are available and designed for all, and foster trust and growth in faith
- ❖ Evangelism meets people where they are in life
- ❖ Loving relationships promote deep friendships, joy, praise, and sharing of concerns
- ❖ New ideas are welcome and are considered
- ❖ People and activities of the church reflect those of the community
- ❖ Money, time and talents are used to address community needs, not just church needs
- ❖ Vision and mission statements are used to direct action
- ❖ Personal preferences give way to majority preferences
 - ❖ MEMBERS PRAY WITHOUT CEASING IN WORSHIP AND FOR EACH OTHER