

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:18-31

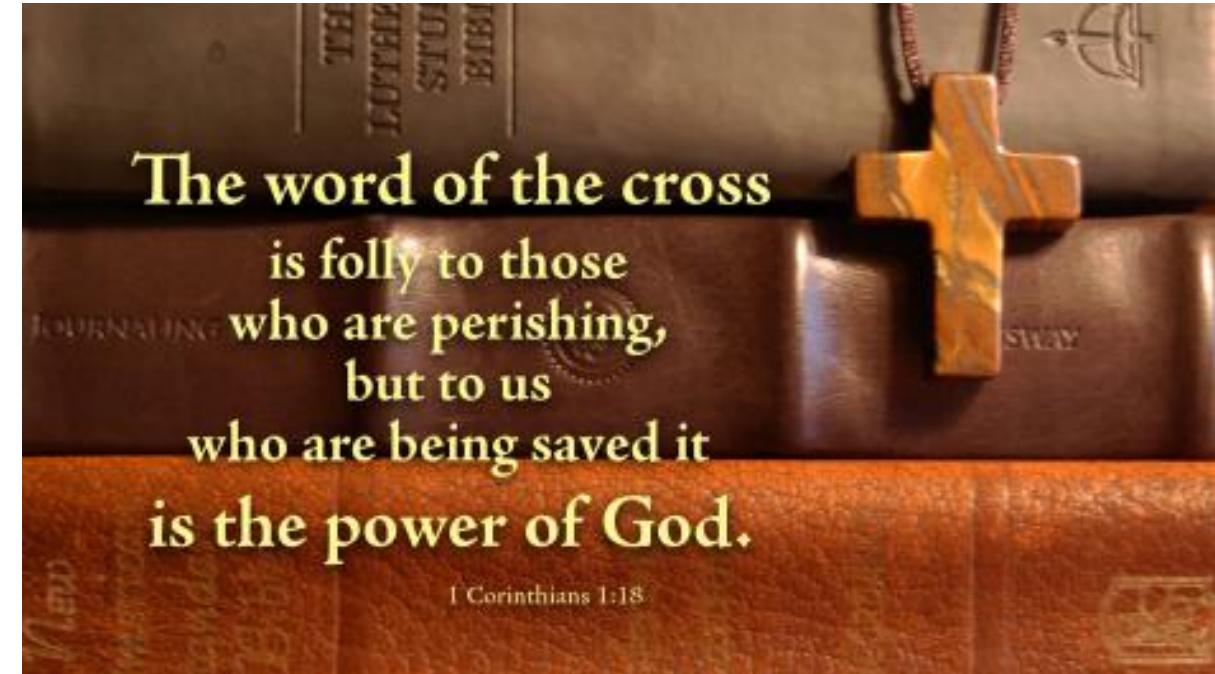
¹⁸For the word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. ¹⁹For it is written, “I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.” ²⁰Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? ²¹For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, it pleased God through the folly of what we preach to save those who believe. ²²For Jews demand signs and Greeks seek wisdom, ²³but we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles, ²⁴but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. ²⁵For the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men. ²⁶For consider your calling, brothers: not many of you were wise according to worldly standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. ²⁷But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; ²⁸God chose what is low and despised in the world, even things that are not, to bring to nothing things that are, ²⁹so that no human being might boast in the presence of God. ³⁰And because of him you are in Christ Jesus, who became to us wisdom from God, righteousness and sanctification and redemption, ³¹so that, as it is written, “Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord.”

Gospel: Matthew 5:1-12

¹Seeing the crowds, {Jesus} went up on the mountain, and when he sat down, his disciples came to him. ²And he opened his mouth and taught them, saying: ³Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. ⁴Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted. ⁵Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth. ⁶Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied. ⁷Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy. ⁸Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God. ⁹Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God. ¹⁰Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. ¹¹Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. ¹²Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”

Lessons for Next Week

Isaiah 58:3-9a; Psalm 112:1-9; 1 Corinthians 2:1-12 [13-16]; Matthew 5:13-20



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What's Happening

Today:

- Our radio broadcast is sponsored by Carolyn Kimball in remembrance of her son Ryan's birthday. We miss you, Ryan.
- 2:00 pm, Community Choir Concert at Emmanuel Episcopal Church

This Week:

Monday	6:30 pm	Worship Committee
Tuesday	6:00 pm	The Chosen
Wednesday	8:30 am	Quilters
	10:00 am	Coffee
	4:00 pm	Confirmation Class
	6:30 pm	Men's Fellowship at Otium Brewery
Thursday	1:00 pm	The Chosen afternoon group
Next Sunday	10:00 am	Worship and Holy Communion with Pastor Blayne
	11:00 am	Mardi Gras lunch
	1:30 pm	Holy Communion at HRH Residential Living Center

Notes and News

- 2025 Giving Statements are in your FLC mailboxes. Call the office to have it mailed.
- We have a new janitor—our own Kacie Eayrs! Let Me Shine Preschool will be interviewing for an aide position this week, and applications are available in the office.
- FLC members may start registering for Let Me Shine Preschool Fall '26 classes this week, followed by current preschool families next week, and the general public February 23. Enrollment forms are available in the office.
- God might be calling you to serve on a committee at FLC. See the list of committees and let us know where you can help.
- As promised at the Annual Meeting, the final version of the Call Profile is available for comment. It was emailed or you may request a paper copy.
- Council asks that everyone complete a Vision/Mission/Strategic Planning Questionnaire as they work to develop these important concepts for FLC. Paper copies of the questionnaire are on the table in the narthex, and it was also emailed as a Word document that you can insert answers into, save and return via email. Questionnaires are due February 15. We know this questionnaire is very similar to the Call Profile survey recently done, but we really need your new input. See "Attributes of a Healthy Church" to get you thinking....

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