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**5TH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY**

**FEBRUARY 6, 2011**

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WELCOME to all who are visiting today! Our greatest desire is to share that wonderful message of forgiveness and eternal salvation for all in Jesus' name. We pray you will be drawn closer to Christ as the Holy Spirit nurtures us through God's Word in this service. Before you leave, please, take time to sign our guest register in the entrance way, and we hope you will join us every week as we gather as God's family in worship.

**PRE-SERVICE MUSIC + WELCOME**

**HYMN: #361 "O Jesus, King Most Wonderful"**

**INVOCATION**

**CALL TO CONFESSION:**

P. Loved by the Lord, let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness. Our help is in the name of the Lord;

C. WHO MADE HEAVEN AND EARTH.

P. I said, I will confess my transgressions to the Lord.

C. AND YOU FORGAVE THE INIQUITY OF MY SIN.

**CONFESSION: (Spoken together)**

O almighty God, merciful Father, I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess to you all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended you and justly deserved your punishment now and forever. 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.

**ABSOLUTION**

ANTHEM: "What a Friend" Adult Choir 8am

HYMN: #283 "God's Word is Our Great Heritage" 10:30am

**OLD TESTAMENT READING: Isaiah 59:5-9a**

5 They hatch the eggs of vipers and spin a spider's web. Whoever eats their eggs will die, and when one is broken, an adder is hatched. 6 Their cobwebs are useless for clothing; they cannot cover themselves with what they make. Their deeds are evil deeds, and acts of violence are in their hands. 7 Their feet rush into sin; they are swift to shed innocent blood. Their thoughts are evil thoughts; ruin and destruction mark their ways. 8 The way of peace they do not know; there is no justice in their paths. They have turned them into crooked roads; no one who walks in them will know peace. 9 So justice is far from us, and righteousness does not reach us. We look for light, but all is darkness; for brightness, but we walk in deep shadows.

**EPISTLE: 1 Corinthians 2:1-5**

1 When I came to you, brothers, I did not come with eloquence or superior wisdom as I proclaimed to you the testimony about God. 2 For I resolved to know nothing while I was with you except Jesus Christ and him crucified. 3 I came to you in weakness and fear, and with much trembling. 4 My message and my preaching were not with wise and persuasive words, but with a demonstration of the Spirit's power, 5 so that your faith might not rest on men's wisdom, but on God's power.

**RESPONSE: (Adapted from John 8:12)**

P. Jesus said, "I am the light of the world."

C. Whoever follows Him will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life. Alleluia!

**GOSPEL READING: Matthew 5:13-20**

13 "You are the salt of the earth. But if the salt loses its saltiness, how can it be made salty again? It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out and trampled by men. 14 "You are the light of the world. A city on a hill cannot be hidden. 15 Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. 16 In the same way, let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven. 17 "Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them. 18 I tell you the truth, until heaven and earth disappear, not the smallest letter, not the least stroke of a pen, will by any means disappear from the Law until everything is accomplished. 19 Anyone who breaks 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 practices and teaches these commands will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. 20 For I tell you that unless your righteousness surpasses that of the Pharisees and the teachers of the law, you will certainly not enter the kingdom of heaven.

**CONFESSION OF FAITH: (Spoken together)**

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not

made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And he will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end. And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

**SONGS: “Just As I Am”**

1. Just as I am, without one plea, But that Thy blood was shed for me.  
And that Thou bidd’st me come to Thee, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
2. Just as I am and waiting not, To rid my soul of one dark blot,  
To Thee, whose blood can cleanse each spot, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

**“Lamb of God”**

1. Your only Son, No sin to hide. But You have sent Him from Your side. To walk upon this guilty sod, And to become the Lamb of God.
2. Your gift of love, They crucified. They laughed and scorned Him as He died. The humble King, They named a fraud, And sacrificed the Lamb of God.

*Chorus #1:* O Lamb of God, Sweet Lamb of God. I love the holy Lamb of God.  
O wash me in Your precious blood. My Jesus Christ the Lamb of God.

3. I was so lost, I should have died. But You have brought me to Your side.  
To be led by Your staff and rod, And to be called a lamb of God.

*Chorus #2:* O Lamb of God, Sweet Lamb of God. I love the holy Lamb of God.  
O wash me in Your precious blood. Till I am just a lamb of God.

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**"Doxology"**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise Him, all creatures here below. Praise him above, ye heavenly host. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

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SERMON: **“Jesus Has Made Us Light and Salt”**

**THE OFFERING + RITE OF FELLOWSHIP**

*(Please sign book at end of pew.)*

ANTHEM: *“Walk in the Light” Adult Choir 8am*

PRAYERS

**THE LORD’S PRAYER:** *(Spoken together)*

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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

**HYMN: #315 “I Come, O Savior, to Thy Table” vs. 1,2**

THOSE DESIRING COMMUNION: *The Bible teaches under the bread and wine of Communion Jesus gives His real body and blood to assure us of forgiveness. (Mt 26:26-28) It also teaches in receiving this meal together, we are by that act professing a unity of faith with the church at whose altar we commune. (1 Cor 10: 16-21) While Communion is meant as a blessing, we can however misuse it to our harm. Those who eat without repentance or recognizing the presence of Jesus' body and blood sin against the Lord. (1 Cor 11:27-29). Also, when fellowship at this meal is practiced with others who hold beliefs contrary to God's Word, the church is weakened and the truth God tells us to guard is compromised. (Ro 16:17, 2 Thess 3:14) In an effort to avoid these sins and follow God's Word, before communing anyone we first seek to teach them about Christ's meal, and have them make a public profession of their agreement with us in the faith. As a matter of loving spiritual care then, not judgment, we invite to commune with us today confirmed members in good standing of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, or the American Association of Lutheran Churches (AALC) who have received instruction, and by current membership in one of these sister churches confess a unity of faith with us here at St. Paul's.*

NON-ALCOHOLIC COMMUNION WINE: *Out of consideration for those who have difficulty with alcohol a few glasses in the center ring of each Communion tray contain non-alcoholic white wine.*

DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

PRAYER

BENEDICTION

**HYMN: #343 “How Lovely Shines the Morning Star” vs.1,6,7**

ANNOUNCEMENTS + POSTLUDE

PRAISE BAND SCHEDULE FOR MONTH OF FEBRUARY:

February 13<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> – 10:30 Service