

# ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

Helen Township, Minnesota

(Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod)

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FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIHANY

February 5, 2012

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**WELCOME!** *“Be at rest once more, O my soul, for the Lord has been good to you.”* (Psalm 116:7) *Welcome to all in the name of our gracious God. May his blessings rest on you. If you are visiting with us today, we would enjoy the opportunity to get to know you. Please sign our guest book.*

**Today's Theme:** *“Our Epiphany Lord provides meaning for life.”*

**Thoughts for a Prayer Before Worship:** Jesus has given us the incredible blessing of baptism. Yet, we tend to forget about our baptism and what it means for us. Pray that the Lord lead you to a greater appreciation of his love and grace which he has given to you in your baptism.

## SILENT PRAYER AND MEDITATION WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION

*Order of Service: Service of the Word and Sacrament (p. 26)*

**OPENING HYMN: 238** “Oh, Bless the Lord, My Soul”

**Lesson:** **Job 7:1-7 (Pew Bible p. 766)**

Life is often hard, and it can easily seem futile. Our hope is in the fact that God does remember us.

**Lesson:** **Mark 1:29-39 (Pew Bible p. 1504)**

Shortly after his baptism, Jesus returns to Galilee. He heals Peter's mother-in-law, as well as the sick and demon-possessed, and he makes a preaching tour throughout the region. Jesus shows that the kingdom of God has come in might and mercy.

**HYMN OF THE DAY: 93** “Hail to the Lord's Anointed”

## SERMON

Titus 3:3-8 (Pew Bible p. 1798)

**“Why Is My Baptism Important To Me Now?”**

1. I started with a bad heart
2. It reminds me of God's grace

**NICENE CREED (p. 31)**

**OFFERING**

**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

**LORD'S PRAYER**

**THE SACRAMENT**

**DIST. HYMN: 391** “God Loved the World So that He Gave”  
**79** “How Lovely Shines the Morning Star”

**PRAYER**

**BLESSING**

**CLOSING HYMN: 332 v.1&4** “Go, My Children, with My Blessing”

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**Organist:** David Porth

**A MEASURE OF OUR FAITHFULNESS**

*At worship, Sunday, January 29<sup>th</sup> : 84*

*Attendance at weekly Bible Studies: 16*

**NEWSLETTERS & FORWARD IN CHRIST** *magazines are available for the month of Feb. Please take your copy with you today and check out “What's Happening” here at St. John's.*

**GLENCOE EXPO:** *The Glencoe Expo is fast approaching- February 18 and 19. If you can volunteer your time to manage St. John's booth, please check out the time slots on the sign up sheet. On Thursday, February 9, the Expo committee will be setting up a sample display in the church basement. If you can help, see you then. Thank you..*

**YOUTH LOCK-IN:** *All youth members and parents, our Lock-in starts on Friday at 7pm for all 5<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grade youth. Invite your friends. Bring snacks and games (video w/ equipment and board games). Pizza supplied (8pm) as well as pop and water.*

## THIS WEEK, IF GOD WILLS

Today	9:00 am	Worship
	10:00 am	Sunday School
Monday	10:20 am	Bible Class
	6:35 pm	Elders Meeting
Tuesday	7:00 pm	Church Board
	7:00 pm	Table Talk
Wednesday	3:45 pm	Jr. Catechism
	4:45 pm	St. Catechism
Thursday	6:30 pm	Chimes
	7:30 pm	Mixed Choir
Friday	7:00 pm	Expo Meeting
	7:00 pm	Youth Lock-In
Sunday	9:00 am	Worship
	10:00 am	Sunday School
	10:20 am	Bible Class

**THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS** must be designated by the end of March or they will be lost. All it takes is three easy steps: Visit [Thrivent.com/choicedollars](http://Thrivent.com/choicedollars) to begin or you may also call 800-847-4836 and say "Thrivent Choice." Step two is to review the organizations you want to request funding for through your Choice Dollars. The final step is to choose where you'd like to direct your designated amount of Choice Dollars. Simple as that! If you still have further questions you may speak with Kathy Stuedemann, Carol Dammann or Lonnie Rabe.

**LENTEN SUPPERS:** We will be having Lenten Suppers again at St. John's. Meals will be served 5:45pm to 6:45pm.

The following groups will be our hosts:

Ash Wednesday, Feb. 22: Finance Committee

Feb 29: Ladies Aid

March 7: Jesus Cares

March 14: Choir/Chimes

March 21: Youth Group

March 28: Sunday School

Come and enjoy a delicious meal with fellowship before the service: then stay and have some soup for the soul.

**M.O.M.s GROUP:** St. Paul's Church and School (WELS) in Arlington is forming an organization dedicated to helping moms in our community raise godly children. This new group is called Moms On a Mission (M.O.M.s). Our goal is to give mothers a safe, welcoming environment to share all the joys, concerns, and frustrations that come with this special time in their lives. M.O.M.s will meet the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays from 8:45-10:45am at St. Paul's School, Arlington. Our first meeting is scheduled for February 7, 2012. Check out the bulletin board for more information. Or feel free to call the church office 507-964-2731. All moms are welcome! Please help us get the word out

**SERMON FOR THE FUTURE:** For the common person, what makes a well-known sports figure a real hero? Come next week as we take time to contemplate how Jesus really is our hero. In preparation read Mark 1:40-45.

### A Man With Leprosy

<sup>40</sup> A man with leprosy came to him and begged him on his knees, "If you are willing, you can make me clean."

<sup>41</sup> Filled with compassion, Jesus reached out his hand and touched the man. "I am willing," he said. "Be clean!" <sup>42</sup> Immediately the leprosy left him and he was cured.

<sup>43</sup> Jesus sent him away at once with a strong warning: <sup>44</sup> "See that you don't tell this to anyone. But go, show yourself to the priest and offer the sacrifices that Moses commanded for your cleansing, as a testimony to them." <sup>45</sup> Instead he went out and began to talk freely, spreading the news. As a result, Jesus could no longer enter a town openly but stayed outside in lonely places. Yet the people still came to him from everywhere.