

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.

**Hymn of the Day:** 405 O For a Faith that Will Not Shrink

**Sermon:** Healing and Hope

**Offering:** *(Please remember to sign the Friendship Register.)*  
“Glorious in Majesty” Grades 2 - 4 Bell Choir

**Distribution Hymn:** 390 Salvation Unto Us Has Come

**Closing Hymn:** 397 Just as I Am, without One Plea

**Ushers:** This Week – Richard Engelhart & Mark Genz  
Next Week – Paul Milbrath & Lucas Zuehlke

**Greeters:** This Week – Larry & Patty Zastrow  
Next Week – Richard & Shirley Pfeifer

### **Martin Luther College Choir**

Martin Luther College Choir will be doing a concert at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Fort Atkinson on Friday, February 16 at 7:00 pm.

The choir is spending the night after the concert with member families. We are wondering if there might be some other families in the area that would be willing to host a pair of MLC students for the night. They would need to take them home after the concert, give them a comfortable bed to sleep in, maybe feed them a little. Then in the morning, give them a good breakfast, pack them a lunch for the day and have them back here by 10:00 am.

If any of your members would be willing, they should give us a call here at the St. Paul's office (920-563-2263) or my cell phone (920-650-6873). They could also email me at [jkanter@stpaulsfort.org](mailto:jkanter@stpaulsfort.org).

Thanks for your help! John Kanter - Staff Minister

## **Epiphany 6**

**February  
10 & 11,  
2018**

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# We Welcome You!

*Though the weakness.*

**Anthem:** “With My Whole Heart” Grades 4K - 4 (Sunday Only)

**Opening Hymn:** 491 O Master of the Loving Heart

**Order of Worship:** Service of Word and Sacrament pg. 26

## **Prayer of the Day:**

Lord God, in mercy receive the prayers of your people. Grant them the wisdom to know the things that please you and the grace and power always to accomplish them; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

## **God’s Word for Today:**

**First Lesson:** 2 Kings 5:1-14 (*Naaman never would have sought the one true God, had it not been for the utter hopelessness of his condition. But notice that he too has to be purged of his pride, of his own will and reason before the Lord helps him. Naaman, like us, had reason for the rest of his life to be grateful for the greatness of his suffering! One compelling central line in the story is: But he had leprosy. Again an axiom: no matter how great our accomplishments and our virtues, there is always in life a, but he ... Each of us has at least one thorn, one Achilles’ heel that can be our undoing or that blessed curse which keeps us humble and crying to the Lord for mercy.*)

Now Naaman was commander of the army of the king of Aram. He was a great man in the sight of his master and highly regarded, because through him the LORD had given victory to Aram. He was a valiant soldier, but he had leprosy. <sup>2</sup> Now bands from Aram had gone out and had taken captive a young girl from Israel, and she served Naaman’s wife. <sup>3</sup> She said to her mistress, “If only my master would see the prophet who is in Samaria! He would cure him of his leprosy.” <sup>4</sup> Naaman went to his master and told him what the girl from Israel had said. <sup>5</sup> “By all means, go,” the king of Aram replied. “I will send a letter to the king of Israel.” So Naaman left, taking with him ten talents of silver, six thousand shekels of gold and ten sets of clothing. <sup>6</sup> The letter that he took to the king of Israel read: “With this letter I am sending my servant Naaman to you so that you may cure him of his leprosy.” As soon as the king of Israel read the letter, he tore his robes and said, “Am I God? Can I kill and bring back to life? Why does this fellow send someone to me to be cured of his leprosy? See how he is trying to pick a quarrel with me!” <sup>8</sup> When Elisha the man of God heard that the king of Israel had torn his robes, he sent him this message: “Why have you torn your robes? Have the man come to me and he will know that there is a prophet in Israel.” <sup>9</sup> So Naaman went with his horses and chariots and stopped at the door of Elisha’s house. <sup>10</sup> Elisha sent a messenger to say to him,

“Go, wash yourself seven times in the Jordan, and your flesh will be restored and you will be cleansed.” <sup>11</sup> But Naaman went away angry and said, “I thought that he would surely come out to me and stand and call on the name of the LORD his God, wave his hand over the spot and cure me of my leprosy. <sup>12</sup> Are not Abana and Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than any of the waters of Israel? Couldn’t I wash in them and be cleansed?” So he turned and went off in a rage. <sup>13</sup> Naaman’s servants went to him and said, “My father, if the prophet had told you to do some great thing, would you not have done it? How much more, then, when he tells you, ‘Wash and be cleansed’!” <sup>14</sup> So he went down and dipped himself in the Jordan seven times, as the man of God had told him, and his flesh was restored and became clean like that of a young boy.

**Psalm 32:** Pg. 78 (*Sung together*)

**Second Lesson:** 1 Corinthians 9:24-27 (*The danger of that one but is real. It requires serious and concentrated effort to prevent it from destroying us. The gospel is not a license for spiritual laziness but the source of the will and the strength to continue in the fight against our own special obstacle and hindrance to the gospel in our lives. What is that obstacle in yours? How are you fighting and racing so as to win over it? Jesus shows his glory by permitting the struggle and then by giving the will and the energy to overcome and win the prize which his grace and merit has won for us.*)

<sup>24</sup> Do you not know that in a race all the runners run, but only one gets the prize? Run in such a way as to get the prize. <sup>25</sup> Everyone who competes in the games goes into strict training. They do it to get a crown that will not last; but we do it to get a crown that will last forever. <sup>26</sup> Therefore I do not run like a man running aimlessly; I do not fight like a man beating the air. <sup>27</sup> No, I beat my body and make it my slave so that after I have preached to others, I myself will not be disqualified for the prize.

**Verse of the Day:** Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.

**Gospel:** Mark 1:40-45 (*What great glory Jesus shows in his love for us! He knew what the man would do, but blessed him anyway, even when he knew that the man’s disobedience would get in the way of Jesus’ own will and work. What afflictions have we had that were great blessings because they drove us to our knees in trusting prayer instead of despair? How many times when he answered did we forget the Giver in the enjoyment of the gift?)*

<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