

## The Offertory

*Create in me a clean heart, O God, And renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from Thy presence, And take not Thy Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, And uphold me with Thy free spirit.*

**Hymn 447 - Fight the Good Fight with All Thy Might**

## The Offering

Prayer + The Lord's Prayer + The Benediction

*All: Amen, amen, amen!*

**Hymn 448 - Brief Life Is Here Our Portion**

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## Announcements

- **Today** — A Church Council meeting is scheduled to follow the service.
- **Thursday** — The Women of Faith will meet at the apartment of Myra Geslin (1416 S. German, Apt. # 11 [2nd floor]) at 2:15 p.m.
- **Next Sunday** — Grace-Sleepy Eye worship services begin at 9 a.m. Worship here at Faith begins at 10:45 a.m.
- **Grace-Sleepy Eye Midweek Lenten Service Details:** This coming Lenten season, Grace-Sleepy Eye will be participating in a midweek pulpit exchange with Immanuel-Mankato and Salem-Eagle Lake. Services will be Wednesdays during Lent (beginning Ash Wednesday, Feb. 22) at 7 p.m. This year's midweek Lenten service theme will be "The Servant of the Lord", based on Isaiah 52:13-63:9.

## Our Response of Faith — February 5, 2012

Attendance: 35

Envelope Offerings .....	\$383.50
ILC Student Aid Fund.....	\$ 50.00
Total.....	\$433.50

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*Do you not know that those who run in a race all run, but one receives the prize? Run in such a way that you may obtain it. - 1 Corinthians 9:24*

## FEBRUARY 12, 2012 – 6TH SUNDAY IN EPIPHANY

Pre-service Meditation: Ps. 32, pg. 130

Organist: Bonnie Cornish

**Pastor:** Opening Prayer

**Hymn 41 - Wondrous King, All-Glorious**

**Pastor:** The Invocation

**People:** Amen.

**Pastor:** Beloved of God, the Lord Himself invites us to come into His presence for worship, freely acknowledging our sins, as we look to His throne of Grace for forgiveness in Christ. Let us, therefore, confess our sins together.

**People:** *Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer, we confess that we are sinful by nature, and have sinned against You in our thoughts, words, and actions. We have not loved you above all things. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. Have mercy on us, and for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ, forgive us our sins.*

**All Sing:** *O Jesus Christ, the only Son, Of God Your heav'nly Father,  
You did for all our sins atone, And Your lost sheep You gather.  
O Lamb of God, to You on high, From depths of woe we sinners cry,  
Have mercy on us, Jesus!*

**Pastor:** Hear the holy and comforting Word of our Lord: "Come unto Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest." "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in

*Him should not perish but have everlasting life.*" Lift up your hearts! With the authority of our Lord Jesus Christ and by His command, I forgive you all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

**All Sing:** *All glory be to God on high, Who has our race befriended! To us no harm shall now come nigh, The strife at last is ended; The Father's love, the Savior's birth, Bring peace, good will, to all the earth; Oh, thank Him for His goodness!*

**Pastor:** The Lord be with you  
**People:** *And with thy spirit.*

**Pastor:** Prayer for the Day  
**People:** *Amen.*

## 1st Scripture Reading – 2 Kings 5:1-14

Now Naaman, commander of the army of the king of Syria, was a great and honorable man in the eyes of his master, because by him the LORD had given victory to Syria. He was also a mighty man of valor, but a leper. 2 And the Syrians had gone out on raids, and had brought back captive a young girl from the land of Israel. She waited on Naaman's wife. 3 Then she said to her mistress, "If only my master were with the prophet who is in Samaria! For he would heal him of his leprosy." 4 And Naaman went in and told his master, saying, "Thus and thus said the girl who is from the land of Israel." 5 Then the king of Syria said, "Go now, and I will send a letter to the king of Israel." So he departed and took with him ten talents of silver, six thousand shekels of gold, and ten changes of clothing. 6 Then he brought the letter to the king of Israel, which said, Now be advised, when this letter comes to you, that I have sent Naaman my servant to you, that you may heal him of his leprosy. 7 And it happened, when the king of Israel read the letter, that he tore his clothes and said, "Am I God, to kill and make alive, that this man sends a man to me to heal him of his leprosy? Therefore please consider, and see how he seeks a quarrel with me." 8 So it was, when Elisha the man of God heard that the king of Israel had torn his clothes, that he sent to the king, saying, "Why have you torn your clothes? Please let him come to me, and he shall know that there is a prophet in Israel." 9 Then Naaman went with his horses and chariot, and he stood at the door of Elisha's house. 10 And Elisha sent a messenger to him, saying, "Go and wash in the Jordan seven times, and your flesh shall be restored to you, and you shall be clean." 11 But Naaman became furious, and went away and said, "Indeed, I said to myself, 'He will surely come out to me, and stand and call on the name of the LORD his God, and wave his hand over the place, and heal the leprosy.'" 12 "Are not the Abanah and the Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? Could I not wash in them and be clean?" So he turned and went away in a rage. 13 And his servants came near and spoke to him, and said, "My father, if the prophet had told

you to do something great, would you not have done it? How much more then, when he says to you, 'Wash, and be clean?'" 14 So he went down and dipped seven times in the Jordan, according to the saying of the man of God; and his flesh was restored like the flesh of a little child, and he was clean.

**Pastor:** Alleluia, alleluia! *The LORD is near to all who call upon Him, To all who call upon Him in truth. (Psalm 145:18)* Alleluia!

**Congregation:** *Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*

## 2nd Scripture Reading – Mark 1:40-45

**People:** *Glory be to Thee, O Lord!*

Now a leper came to Him, imploring Him, kneeling down to Him and saying to Him, "If You are willing, You can make me clean." 41 Then Jesus, moved with compassion, stretched out His hand and touched him, and said to him, "I am willing; be cleansed." 42 As soon as He had spoken, immediately the leprosy left him, and he was cleansed. 43 And He strictly warned him and sent him away at once, 44 and said to him, "See that you say nothing to anyone; but go your way, show yourself to the priest, and offer for your cleansing those things which Moses commanded, as a testimony to them." 45 However, he went out and began to proclaim it freely, and to spread the matter, so that Jesus could no longer openly enter the city, but was outside in deserted places; and they came to Him from every direction.

**Pastor:** Here ends the New Testament reading.

**People:** *Praise be to Thee, O Christ!*

## The Apostles' Creed -- Hymnal, pg. 12

**Hymn 459 - Come, My Soul, Thy Suit Prepare**

## The Sermon – 1 Corinthians 9:24-27

Do you not know that those who run in a race all run, but one receives the prize? Run in such a way that you may obtain it. 25 And everyone who competes for the prize is temperate in all things. Now they do it to obtain a perishable crown, but we for an imperishable crown. 26 Therefore I run thus: not with uncertainty. Thus I fight: not as one who beats the air. 27 But I discipline my body and bring it into subjection, lest, when I have preached to others, I myself should become disqualified.

***"The Christian Race: Striving with All Our Might"***