

Week 4 – True Wisdom from the Spirit

Text: 1 Corinthians 2:1–16

Theme: The Spirit reveals God’s wisdom and gives us the mind of Christ.

Main Points

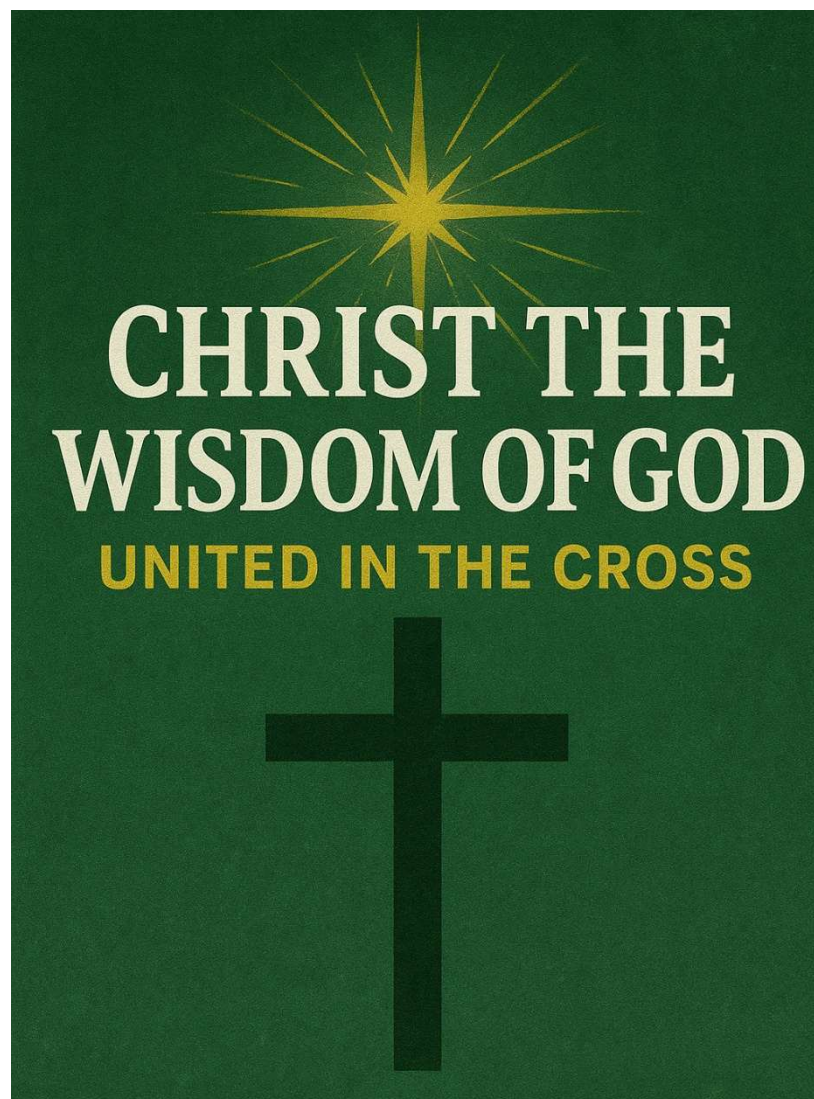
1. **The Message: Christ Crucified (v. 1–5)**
2. **The Mystery Revealed by the Spirit (v. 6–13)**
3. **The Mind of Christ (v. 14–16)**

Day	Scripture	Reflection or Challenge
Mon	John 14:25–27	How open are you to letting the Spirit teach and correct you through Scripture?
Tue	Romans 8:26–27	Spend a few minutes in silent prayer, letting the Spirit pray for what words can’t express.
Wed	James 3:13–18	How does your speech and behavior reflect heavenly wisdom this week?
Thu	John 16:12–15	Ask the Spirit to guide one important decision you face this week.
Fri	Galatians 5:22–25	Which fruit of the Spirit do you most need God to grow in your life today?
Sat	1 John 2:20–27	As you prepare for worship tomorrow, pray for the Spirit to renew your mind in Christ.

Takeaway for the series: Our identity, unity, wisdom, and power are all found in Christ crucified, revealed to us by the Spirit.

St. Mark Lutheran Church

Disciples of Jesus, Connecting our Community to Christ



DAILY REFLECTIONS FOR THE EPIPHANY SEASON

Week 1 – Called Together by God’s Faithfulness

Text: 1 Corinthians 1:1–9

Theme: Our life together is rooted in God’s calling and sustained by His grace.

Main Points

1. **Called by God (v. 1–2)**
2. **Enriched by Christ (v. 3–7)**
3. **Sustained by God’s Faithfulness (v. 8–9)**

Day	Scripture	Reflection or Challenge
Mon	Ephesians 1:3-10	Reflect on how God’s calling shapes your sense of identity. Are you living as one chosen by grace?
Tue	Romans 8:28-30	How have you seen God’s purpose working for good in your life—even through hardship?
Wed	Philippians 1:3-6	Trust that God is still working in you and your church. Where do you need to surrender control?
Thu	1 Peter 2:9-10	What would it look like to live today as part of God’s holy people, reflecting His mercy?
Fri	2 Thessalonians 3:3-5	Thank God today for His faithfulness in protecting and sustaining your faith.
Sat	Psalms 100:1-5	How can gratitude for God’s faithfulness shape your worship this Sunday?

Transition to Week 4

- If the wisdom of the cross is so different from the world’s wisdom, how can we truly grasp it? Paul says: only by the Spirit.

Closing Application

- **Takeaway:** The Gospel is not about being impressive to the world but about being redeemed by Christ. We live not by worldly wisdom, but by the paradox of the cross.
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Week 3 – The Folly and Wisdom of the Cross

Text: 1 Corinthians 1:18–31

Theme: God’s wisdom is displayed in the “foolishness” of the cross.

Main Points

1. **The Cross: Folly to the World (v. 18–25)**
2. **The Cross: Power of God (v. 26–29)**
3. **Christ Alone Our Boast (v. 30–31)**

Day	Scripture	Reflection or Challenge
Mon	Isaiah 55:8-9	Where are you tempted to measure life by worldly success instead of God’s wisdom?
Tue	Mark 8:34-37	What would it mean to “take up your cross” in your daily routines this week?
Wed	Philippians 3:7–11	What “gain” might you need to let go of to experience deeper joy in Christ?
Thu	2 Corinthians 12:9–10	Bring one weakness before God today and ask Him to display His strength through it.
Fri	Galatians 6:14	What would it look like to boast only in Christ in your conversations, values, and choices?
Sat	Psalms 22:1–5, 27–31	Praise God that the “foolishness” of the cross became the wisdom that saves the world.

Transition to Week 2

- But if God has called and equipped us, why do churches still struggle? Because divisions creep in. Next week Paul moves from thanksgiving to addressing disunity.

Closing Application

- As we begin this series, let’s see our church not by our weaknesses, but by God’s faithfulness.
 - **Takeaway:** We are God’s called people, enriched in Christ, and sustained by His grace.
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Week 2 – United in Christ, Not Divided by Leaders

Text: 1 Corinthians 1:10–18

Theme: Our unity is found only in Christ crucified, not in human loyalties.

Main Points

1. **The Problem of Division (v. 10–12)**
2. **The Power of the Cross, Not Eloquence (v. 13–17)**
3. **The Folly of Clinging to Personalities (v. 18)**

Day	Scripture	Reflection or Challenge
Mon	John 17:20-23	Pray for unity in your church and in the wider body of Christ.
Tue	Romans 12:3-8	How can you use your gifts to serve others rather than compare yourself to them?
Wed	Philippians 2:1-4	Look for one practical way to lift up someone else today.
Thu	Ephesians 4:1-6	What threatens unity in your relationships or church? How can you guard against it?
Fri	Colossians 3:12-15	When conflict arises, pause to let Christ's peace—not pride—guide your response.
Sat	Psalms 133:1-3	What simple action could you take this weekend to strengthen unity in your church family?

Transition to Week 3

- This sets up the next section: Why does the cross unite us? Because the cross itself turns the world's wisdom upside down.

Closing Application

- **Takeaway:** The only rallying cry of the church is this: "We preach Christ crucified." All else must fall away.
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