



## Season After Epiphany: The Fruit of the Spirit

God, who is rich in mercy and love, gives us a new birth into a living hope through the sacrament of baptism. By water and the Word God delivers us from sin and death and raises us to new life in Jesus Christ. We are united with all the baptized in the one body of Christ, anointed with the gift of the Holy Spirit, and joined in God's mission for the life of the world.  
(Presentation at Baptism, *Evangelical Lutheran Worship*, page 227)

As baptized people of God, our purpose is clear: we are "joined in God's mission for the life of the world." We are equipped for this mission by the Holy Spirit that takes root in each of us at baptism. We see evidence of the Spirit at work in our lives and in the world in the fruit it bears: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, faithfulness, goodness, gentleness, and self-control. Share in worship and these other special opportunities throughout the season after Epiphany (January 13-March 3) as we give thanks to God for the gift of the Spirit and for the fruit it bears in God's people.

### Sunday, January 13 – Love

#### *The Baptism of Our Lord*

Isaiah 43:1-4a & Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

### Sunday, January 20 - Joy

1 Cor. 12:1-11 & John 2:1-11

*Don't miss hearing from our youth who are participating in the 30-hour famine this weekend in worship! Plan to break the fast with them at lunch immediately following the 11am service.*

### Friday, January 25 (5:30-8:30pm) – Dinner and a Movie Night at church for all ages!

*We'll watch a well-known cartoon movie about a superhero family that springs into action after a boring life in the suburbs. What superpowers we might have as children of God! Can't come? Watch the movie on your own then join the conversation on Facebook or at dinner on February 24!*

### Sunday, January 27 – Peace

1 Cor. 12:12-31a & John 14:25-29

### Sunday, February 3 – Patience

Ephesians 4:1-7, 11-16 & Luke 2:25-36

### Sunday, February 10 – Kindness

Colossians 3:12-17 & Luke 5:17-26

### Sunday, February 17 – Faithfulness

#### *Service of Healing*

1 Corinthians 1.4-9 & Luke 7:1-10

### Sunday, February 24 – Goodness/Gentleness

Galatians 5:22-26 & Luke 6:27-38

### Sunday, February 24 (5-6:30pm) – Faith Formation Dinner for all ages!

*Share in a meal and conversation about the gifts of the Spirit in our lives and how we use them for God's mission in the world, just like that family of superheroes in the movie!*

### Sunday, March 3 – Self-Control

#### *The Transfiguration of Our Lord*

2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2 & Luke 9:28-36

### Saturday, March 9 (6pm) – Talent Show!

*Celebrate all the gifts – silly and serious! – among your BLC family and enjoy food and fellowship, too!*

**Check your weekly Star for details about midweek Bible study and Sunday morning education opportunities to explore gifts of the Spirit or for more info on any of the above!**