

THURSDAY ZOOM BIBLE STUDIES WITH PASTOR AMANDUS DERR
January 9 – February 6, 2025: 3:00 PM – 4:00pm CENTRAL TIME

Amandus Derr is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

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**PAUL'S CORINTHIAN CORRESPONDENCE (with an Epiphany focus):
CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY: CALLED, GIFTED, SERVING**

January 9 Transformed for Life together in Christ

1. Opening Prayers

2. Prayer of the Day for Second Sunday after Epiphany C

Lord God, source of every blessing, you showed forth your glory and led many to faith by the works of your Son, who brought gladness and salvation to his people. Transform us by the Spirit of his love, that we may find our life together in him, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

3. Introductions if needed

4. Why read from these letters during the Epiphany season?

- a. Series A: MATTHEW: "A community of Learners"
- b. Series B: MARK: "A community of healers"
- c. **Series C: "A community of servants"**

5. Overview of Corinthian Correspondence

- a. The First Letter of Paul to the Corinthians, probably written about 53–54 CE at Ephesus, Asia Minor, deals with problems that arose in the early years after Paul's initial missionary visit (c. 50–51) to Corinth and his establishment there of a Christian community.
- b. The Second Letter of Paul to the Corinthians was written from Macedonia in about 55 CE. The letter, which may have been written after an actual visit by Paul to Corinth, refers to an upheaval among the Christians there, during the course of which Paul had been insulted and his apostolic authority challenged. Because of this incident, Paul resolved not to go to Corinth again in person. *Instead, he evidently wrote an intervening letter (2:3–4; 7:8, 12), now lost*, in which he told the Corinthians of his anguish and displeasure. Presumably, he sent a fellow worker, Titus, to deliver the letter to the community at Corinth.

6. Closing Prayers and Our Father

January 16 Obtaining the promises, loving what Christ commands

Series C Second Readings: 1 Corinthians 12 through 15.

1. Opening Prayers

Prayer of the Day for Fourth Sunday after Epiphany C

Almighty and ever-living God, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and love; and that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

2. Texts: 1 Corinthians 12-15

3. Closing Prayers and Our Father

January 23 Shown what we ought to do.

Series A Readings: 1 Corinthians 1 through 1 Corinthians 4

1. Opening Prayers

Prayer of the Day for Fifth Sunday after Epiphany A

Lord God, with endless mercy you receive the prayers of all who call upon you. By your Spirit, show us the things we ought to do, and give us the grace and power to do them, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

2. Texts: 1 Corinthians 1-4.

3. Closing Prayers and Our Father

January 30 Agents of Healing

Series B Readings: 1 Corinthians 6 to 9; 2 Corinthians 1-3

1. Opening Prayers

Prayer of the Day for Fifth Sunday after Epiphany B

Everlasting God, you give strength to the weak and power to the faint. Make us agents of your healing and wholeness, that your good news may be made known to the ends of your creation, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

2. Texts: 1 Corinthians 6-9; 2 Corinthians 1-3

3. Closing Prayers and Our Father

February 6 Grounded in God's Strength

Series C: 1 Corinthians 15

1. Opening Prayers

Prayer of the Day for Eighth Sunday after Epiphany C

O God our rock, your word brings life to the whole creation, and salvation from sin and death. Nourish our faith in your promises, and ground us in your strength, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

2. Text: 1 Corinthians 15

3. WHAT SHALL WE STUDY DURING LENT?

4. Closing Prayers and Our Father

