



6th Sunday after Epiphany

February 12, 2023

Evangelical Lutheran Worship

Setting 4



### Introduction to the Day:

In today's reading from Deuteronomy we are called to choose life by loving and obeying God. Much of today's gospel reading echoes portions of the Ten Commandments. Jesus' instructions to the crowd reveal a pattern of behavior that honors both God and the neighbor, resulting in life and health for the whole community. We too are invited to embrace these commandments, not out of fear of retribution, but because God has promised that to do so means life for us.

### Prayer Requests

*Congregation participation in **bold print**.*

*Please stand as you are able.*

**GATHERING** - The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, **✝** one God,  
Who makes all things new,  
Whose mercy endures forever.  
**Amen.**

Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin.  
*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Holy One, source of our renewal,  
**we confess that we are wrapped up in sin, and cannot free ourselves.**  
**We have not practiced your righteousness. Our hearts have turned away from you.**  
**For the sake of the world you so love, forgive us, that we may be reconciled to one another for the glory of your holy name.**  
**Amen**

Thus says our God:  
"The former things have come to pass  
and new things I now declare."  
God's mercy makes us new.  
We are forgiven in the name of **✝** Christ our Savior.  
**Amen.**

**GREETING**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.  
**And also with you.**

**KYRIE**

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**CANTICLE OF PRAISE**

"Glory to God"

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**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Let us pray together.

O God,

**the strength of all who hope in you, because we are weak mortals we accomplish nothing good without you. Help us to see and understand the things we ought to do, and give us grace and power to do them, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

**WORD** - God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

**First Reading: Deuteronomy 30:15-20**

*The LORD sets before the people of God a clear choice. Life and prosperity will come to the faithful; loss of the land will be the consequence of disobedience. Choosing life entails loving and holding fast to the Lord. Life in God's presence presupposes the promise made to the ancestors.*

[Moses said to the people:] <sup>15</sup>See, I have set before you today life and prosperity, death and adversity. <sup>16</sup>If you obey the commandments of the LORD your God that I am commanding you today, by loving the LORD your God, walking in his ways, and observing his commandments, decrees, and ordinances, then you shall live and become numerous, and the LORD your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to possess. <sup>17</sup>But if your heart turns away and you do not hear, but are led astray to bow down to other gods and serve them, <sup>18</sup>I declare to you today that you shall perish; you shall not live long in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess. <sup>19</sup>I call heaven and earth to witness against you today that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Choose life so that you and your descendants may live, <sup>20</sup>loving the LORD your God, obeying him, and holding fast to him; for that means life to you and length of days, so that you may live in the land that the LORD swore to give to your ancestors, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 119:1-8**

<sup>1</sup>Happy are they whose way is blameless,  
 who follow the teaching of the LORD!

<sup>2</sup>**Happy are they who observe your decrees  
 and seek you with all their hearts,**

<sup>3</sup>who never do any wrong,  
 but always walk in your ways.

<sup>4</sup>**You laid down your commandments,  
 that we should fully keep them.**

<sup>5</sup>Oh, that my ways were made so direct  
that I might keep your statutes!

<sup>6</sup>**Then I should not be put to shame,  
when I regard all your commandments.**

<sup>7</sup>I will thank you with a true heart,  
when I have learned your righteous judgments.

<sup>8</sup>**I will keep your statutes;  
do not utterly forsake me.**

### **Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 3:1-9**

*Human leaders in the church are not the ones who control ministry. Rather they are coworkers who belong to God, the one who truly controls and continuously empowers the ministry of the church.*

<sup>1</sup>Brothers and sisters, I could not speak to you as spiritual people, but rather as people of the flesh, as infants in Christ. <sup>2</sup>I fed you with milk, not solid food, for you were not ready for solid food. Even now you are still not ready, <sup>3</sup>for you are still of the flesh. For as long as there is jealousy and quarreling among you, are you not of the flesh, and behaving according to human inclinations? <sup>4</sup>For when one says, "I belong to Paul," and another, "I belong to Apollos," are you not merely human?

<sup>5</sup>What then is Apollos? What is Paul? Servants through whom you came to believe, as the Lord assigned to each. <sup>6</sup>I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth. <sup>7</sup>So neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth. <sup>8</sup>The one who plants and the one who waters have a common purpose, and each will receive wages according to the labor of each. <sup>9</sup>For we are God's servants, working together; you are God's field, God's building.

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### **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

*Please stand as you are able.*

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### **Gospel: Matthew 5:21-37**

*In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus exhorts his followers to embrace standards of righteousness that exceed legal requirements and traditional expectations.*

*The Holy Gospel according to Matthew*

### **Glory to you, O Lord**

[Jesus said to the disciples:] <sup>21</sup>"You have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, 'You shall not murder'; and 'whoever murders shall be liable to judgment.' <sup>22</sup>But I say to you that if you are angry with a brother or sister, you will be liable to judgment; and if you insult a brother or sister, you will be liable to the council; and if you say, 'You fool,' you will be liable to the hell of fire. <sup>23</sup>So when you are offering your gift at the altar, if you remember that your brother or sister has something against you, <sup>24</sup>leave your gift there before the altar and go; first be reconciled to your brother or sister, and then come and offer your gift. <sup>25</sup>Come to terms quickly with your accuser while you are on the way to court with him, or your accuser may hand you over to the judge, and the judge to the guard, and you will be thrown into prison. <sup>26</sup>Truly I tell you, you will never get out until you have paid the last penny.

<sup>27</sup>"You have heard that it was said, 'You shall not commit adultery.' <sup>28</sup>But I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lust has already committed adultery with her in his heart. <sup>29</sup>If your right eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away; it is better for you to lose one of your members than for your whole body to be thrown into hell. <sup>30</sup>And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away; it is better for you to lose one of your members than for your whole body to go into hell.

<sup>31</sup>"It was also said, 'Whoever divorces his wife, let him give her a certificate of divorce.' <sup>32</sup>But I say to you that anyone who divorces his wife, except on the ground of unchastity, causes her to commit adultery; and whoever marries a divorced woman commits adultery.

<sup>33</sup>“Again, you have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, ‘You shall not swear falsely, but carry out the vows you have made to the Lord.’ <sup>34</sup>But I say to you, Do not swear at all, either by heaven, for it is the throne of God, <sup>35</sup>or by the earth, for it is his footstool, or by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the great King. <sup>36</sup>And do not swear by your head, for you cannot make one hair white or black. <sup>37</sup>Let your word be ‘Yes, Yes’ or ‘No, No’; anything more than this comes from the evil one.”

The gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Please be seated.*

## **SERMON**

**Ann Adams**

*Please stand as you are able.*

## **HYMN OF THE DAY**

“Healer of Our Every Ill”

ELW Hymn 612

## **APOSTLES’ CREED**

With the whole church, let us confess our faith using the Apostles’ Creed:

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

*After each petition, the Worship Assistant will say, “Merciful God”, the congregation will respond, “**receive our prayer.**”*

Called together to follow Jesus, we pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

We bring to you our needs and hopes, O God, trusting your wisdom and power revealed in Christ crucified.  
**Amen.**

## **PASSING OF THE PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

*Please take a few moments to greet those around you as you feel comfortable, keeping in mind that not everyone is comfortable shaking hands or hugging.*

**MEAL** - God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

## **OFFERING**

### **OFFERING SONG**

“Jesus, Come! For We Invite You”

ELW Hymn 312

*Please stand as you are able.*

### **OFFERING PRAYER**

Let us pray together,

Liberating God,

**you break the bonds of injustice and let the oppressed go free.**

**Receive these offerings in thanksgiving for all your works of merciful power, and shape us as people of your justice and freedom.**

**You we magnify and adore, through Jesus our Savior,**

**Amen .**

## **GREAT THANKSGIVING**

### **DIALOGUE**

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#### **Preface**

“Holy, Holy, Holy”

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## **WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

### **LORD’S PRAYER**

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

**Our Father who art in heaven,**

**hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us today our daily bread;**

**and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation  
but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom, and the power,  
and the glory forever and ever.**

**Amen.**

## **INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

Come and taste the joy of God!

*Please be seated.*

*We believe that Christ is truly present in, with, and under the bread and wine. All those who are baptized and have received formal teaching about The Lord’s Supper are invited forward to commune. If you desire a blessing, come forward and keep hands folded together. Come forward at the direction of the usher. Pick up a clean cup from the right side of the altar. The empty cups can be placed in the tray on the left side of the altar.*

**COMMUNION SONG**

“Lamb of God”

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**SONGS DURING COMMUNION**

“Oh, That the Lord Would Guide My Ways”

ELW Hymn 772

“One Bread, One Body”

ELW Hymn 496

“Christ, Our Peace”

All Creation Sings Hymn 1037

*Please stand as you are able.*

**TABLE BLESSING**

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

**Amen**

**SONG AFTER COMMUNION**

“Now Lord You Let Your Servant Go

ELW Hymn 135

**POST-COMMUNION PRAYER**

Let us pray.

Holy One,

**we thank you for the healing that springs forth abundantly from this table.**

**Renew our strength to do justice, love kindness, and journey humbly with you.**

**Amen.**

**SENDING -** God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE COMING WEEK:**

Today : Souper Bowl Sunday

Council Meeting 11:00

Monday: “Before the Throne”, 11:00, read Week 4, Days 3 & 4

Camp Hope Meal; 5:45

Tuesday: Valentine’s Day Luncheon; 12:00

Wednesday: Worship & Music Meeting; 12:00

Thursday: Girls Lunch Out, 11:45, Sea Galley

Guy’s Night Out, 6:00, Abby’s Pizza

Saturday Quilting, 10:00-12:00

Counters for February: Jim Sund & Sue Stewart

**BLESSING**

The God who faithfully brings forth justice  
and breaks the oppressor’s rod

+ bless, strengthen, and uphold you,  
today and always

**Amen.**

**DISMISSAL**

Go in peace.  
Follow the way of Jesus!

**Thanks be to God!**



CLC Valentine’s Day Luncheon

February 14th at noon

Come join us! Bring a sweetheart or a friend!

Blossom Place Assisted Living guests will be joining us!

Blood Drive on Monday, February 20th

12:30—5:30

Sign-up Sheet in Narthex to check-in donors

Go online to [redcross.org](http://redcross.org) to donate



**Looking Forward to Lent**

**February 21st**—Shrove Tuesday complete with a pancake feed prepared by the men. Join them at 5:30 to indulge in pancakes and sausage. A freewill offering will be collected going toward the Lenten offering designation

**February 22nd**– Ash Wednesday services, Christ Lutheran Church at 6:00

**March 1st—April 5th**—Mid week Lenten services at noon. We will be reading and watching a video entitled “The Way, Walking in the Footsteps of Jesus” by Rev. Adam Hamilton. Please join us for this walk through the Holy Land with Jesus.



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