

SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

February 12, 2023 – 9:30 a.m.

AS WE GATHER

You know the Fifth Commandment: You shall not murder. But do you really know it? “I say to you that everyone who is angry with his brother will be liable to judgment” (Matthew 5:22). You know the Sixth Commandment: You shall not commit adultery. But “everyone who looks at a woman with lustful intent has already committed adultery with her in his heart” (Matthew 5:28). Because the heart of the matter is deeper, we need to hear, read, mark, learn, and take the Scriptures to heart again and again. For though God’s Word doesn’t change, we do. The changes and chances of life should drive us to discover anew every day the wisdom of God revealed by His Spirit through His eternal Word.

PRELUDE “Taste and See” -John Michael Talbot

HYMN “Come, Thou Almighty King” *LSB* 905

1 Come, Thou almighty King,
Help us Thy name to sing;
 Help us to praise;
Father all-glorious,
O’er all victorious,
Come and reign over us,
 Ancient of Days.

2 Come, Thou incarnate Word,
Gird on Thy mighty sword;
 Our prayer attend.
Come and Thy people bless,
And give Thy Word success,
And let Thy righteousness
 On us descend.

3 Come, holy Comforter,
Thy sacred witness bear
 In this glad hour!
Thou, who almighty art,
Now rule in ev’ry heart,
And ne’er from us depart,
 Spirit of pow’r.

△ 4 To Thee, great One in Three,
Eternal praises be
 Hence evermore!
Thy sov’rign majesty
May we in glory see,
And to eternity
 Love and adore.
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INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES *Baptism, First and Fourth*

Pastor: These are the words of your Baptism. What is Baptism?

People: Baptism is not just plain water, but it is the water included in God's command and combined with God's word.

Pastor: What does such baptizing with water indicate?

People: It indicates that the Old Adam in us should by daily contrition and repentance be drowned and die with all sins and evil desires, and that a new man should daily emerge and arise to live before God in righteousness and purity forever.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION *Confession*

Pastor: As God's baptized people, we live in our baptism's promises and realities. Let us repent anew that we may arise to live. But first let me ask, what is Confession?

People: Confession has two parts. First, that we confess our sins, and second, that we receive absolution, that is, forgiveness, from the pastor as from God Himself, not doubting, but firmly believing that by it our sins are forgiven before God in heaven.

Pastor: O almighty God, merciful Father,

People: I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

Pastor: Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

INTROIT *Psalms 98:7-9; antiphon: v. 2*

Pastor: The Lord has made known his salvation; he has revealed his righteousness in the sight of the nations.

People: Let the sea roar, and all that fills it; the world and those who dwell in it!

Pastor: Let the rivers clap their hands; let the hills sing for joy together before the Lord, for he comes to judge the earth.

People: He will judge the world with righteousness, and the peoples with equity.

All: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

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KYRIE *LSB p. 168*

Leader: In peace let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Leader: For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Leader: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Leader: For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Leader: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

People: Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE “God of Grace and God of Glory” *LSB* 850

1 God of grace and God of glory,
On Your people pour Your pow’r;
Crown Your ancient Church’s story;
Bring its bud to glorious flow’r.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage
For the facing of this hour,
For the facing of this hour.

2 Lo, the hosts of evil round us
Scorn the Christ, assail His ways!
From the fears that long have bound us
Free our hearts to faith and praise.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage
For the living of these days,
For the living of these days.

3 Cure Your children’s warring madness;
Bend our pride to Your control;
Shame our wanton, selfish gladness,
Rich in things and poor in soul.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage
Lest we miss Your kingdom’s goal,
Lest we miss Your kingdom’s goal.

4 Save us from weak resignation
To the evils we deplore;
Let the gift of Your salvation
Be our glory evermore.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
Serving You whom we adore,
Serving You whom we adore.
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SALUTATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And with thy spirit.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray. Blessed Lord, You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning. Grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn, and take them to heart that, by the patience and comfort of Your holy Word, we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING *Deuteronomy 30:15–20* (The offer of life or death) “See, I have set before you today life and good, death and evil. If you obey the commandments of the Lord your God that I command you today, by loving the Lord your God, by walking in his ways, and by keeping his commandments and his statutes and his rules, then you shall live and multiply, and the Lord your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to take possession of it. But if your heart turns away, and you will not hear, but are drawn away to worship other gods and serve them, I declare to you today, that you shall surely perish. You shall not live long

in the land that you are going over the Jordan to enter and possess. I call heaven and earth to witness against you today, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and curse. Therefore choose life, that you and your offspring may live, loving the Lord your God, obeying his voice and holding fast to him, for he is your life and length of days, that you may dwell in the land that the Lord swore to your fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give them.”

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God.

PSALM *Psalm 119:1–8; antiphon: v. 1* (Seek and follow the Lord.)

Leader: Blessèd are those whose way is blameless, who walk in the law of the Lord!

People: Blessèd are those who keep his testimonies, who seek him with their whole heart, who also do no wrong, but walk in his ways!

Leader: You have commanded your precepts to be kept diligently.

People: Oh that my ways may be steadfast in keeping your statutes!

Leader: Then I shall not be put to shame, having my eyes fixed on all your commandments.

People: I will praise you with an upright heart, when I learn your just and righteous decrees.

Leader: I will keep your statutes; do not utterly forsake me!

All: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Leader: Blessèd are those whose way is blameless, who walk in the law of the Lord!

EPISTLE *1 Corinthians 3:1–9* (The Church and her leaders) But I, brothers, could not address you as spiritual people, but as people of the flesh, as infants in Christ. I fed you with milk, not solid food, for you were not ready for it. And even now you are not yet ready, for you are still of the flesh. For while there is jealousy and strife among you, are you not of the flesh and behaving only in a human way? For when one says, “I follow Paul,” and another, “I follow Apollos,” are you not being merely human? What then is Apollos? What is Paul? Servants through whom you believed, as the Lord assigned to each. I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth. So neither he who plants nor he who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth. He who plants and he who waters are one, and each will receive his wages according to his labor. For we are God’s fellow workers. You are God’s field, God’s building.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God.

HOLY GOSPEL *Matthew 5:20–37* (The heart of the Law revealed)

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the fifth chapter.

People: Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

[Jesus said:] “For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. You have heard that it was said to those of old, ‘You shall not murder; and whoever murders will be liable to judgment.’ But I say to you that everyone who is angry with his brother will be liable to judgment; whoever insults his brother will be liable to the council; and whoever says, ‘You fool!’ will be liable to the hell of fire. So if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother has something against you, leave your gift there before the altar and go. First be reconciled to your brother, and then come and offer your gift. Come to terms quickly with your accuser while you are going with him to court, lest your accuser hand you over to the judge, and the judge to the guard, and you be put in prison. Truly, I say to you, you will never get out until you have paid the last penny. You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall not commit adultery.’ But I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lustful intent has already committed adultery with her in his heart. If your right eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away. For it is better that you lose one of your members than that your whole body be thrown into hell. And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away. For it is better that you lose one of your members than that

your whole body go into hell. It was also said, ‘Whoever divorces his wife, let him give her a certificate of divorce.’ But I say to you that everyone who divorces his wife, except on the ground of sexual immorality, makes her commit adultery. And whoever marries a divorced woman commits adultery. Again you have heard that it was said to those of old, ‘You shall not swear falsely, but shall perform to the Lord what you have sworn.’ But I say to you, Do not take an oath at all, either by heaven, for it is the throne of God, or by the earth, for it is his footstool, or by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the great King. And do not take an oath by your head, for you cannot make one hair white or black. Let what you say be simply ‘Yes’ or ‘No’; anything more than this comes from evil.”

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

HYMN OF THE DAY “Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us” *LSB* 851

1 Lord of glory, You have bought us
With Your lifeblood as the price,
Never grudging for the lost ones
That tremendous sacrifice;
And with that have freely given
Blessings countless as the sand
To the unthankful and the evil
With Your own unsparing hand.

2 Grant us hearts, dear Lord, to give You
Gladly, freely of Your own.
With the sunshine of Your goodness
Melt our thankless hearts of stone
Till our cold and selfish natures,
Warmed by You, at length believe
That more happy and more blessed
'Tis to give than to receive.

3 Wondrous honor You have given
To our humblest charity
In Your own mysterious sentence,
“You have done it all to Me.”
Can it be, O gracious Master,
That You deign for alms to sue,
Saying by Your poor and needy,
“Give as I have giv'n to you”?

4 Lord of glory, You have bought us
With Your lifeblood as the price,
Never grudging for the lost ones
That tremendous sacrifice.
Give us faith to trust You boldly,
Hope, to stay our souls on You;
But, oh, best of all Your graces,
With Your love our love renew.

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SERMON Matthew 5:20-37 “Who Is the Expert?”

- I. Age of Information
- II. Who is the expert?
 - What does the world say about...
 - Anger?
 - Lust?
 - Adultery?
 - Oaths and lying?
 - A _____ is a theme in Matthew’s Gospel
- III. Jesus’ Teaching (v.20-37)
 - What does Jesus include with...
 - Murder?
 - Adultery?
 - What does He say about lying?
- IV. Authority on the matter (v.20)
 - What were His first words in Matthew?
 - What does Jesus have authority over?

APOSTLES’ CREED

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

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

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

OFFERING “Make Me a Servant”

We offer our gifts to the Lord as we use this time in our service for contemplation and preparation for the sacrament of communion. Offerings can be placed in the plates at the back entrance doors as you leave the sanctuary.

PREFACE 2 Timothy 4:22

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

PROPER PREFACE

Pastor: It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord; for what had been hidden from before the foundation of the world You have made known to the nations in Your Son. In Him, being found in the substance of our mortal nature, You have manifested the fullness of Your glory. Therefore with angels and

archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

SANCTUS

Holy holy holy Lord
God of power and might
Heav'n and earth are full of your glory
Hosanna in the highest

Blessed is he who comes
In the name of the Lord
Hosanna in the highest
Hosanna in the highest

LORD'S PRAYER *Matthew 6:9–13*

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 this day 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.

WORDS OF OUR LORD *Matthew 26:26–28; Mark 14:22–24; Luke 22:19–20; 1 Corinthians 11:23–25*

Pastor: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

PAX DOMINI

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: Amen.

AGNUS DEI

Lamb of God you take away
All the sin of the world
Oh Lamb of God have mercy on us
And grant to us your peace

You are invited to receive the Lord's Supper if you believe and confess that Jesus Christ is your Savior from sin, you are a baptized child of the Triune God, and you believe that He gives you His body and blood in the bread and wine you receive. White grape juice can be found in the center of each tray for those who cannot receive alcohol. Children are welcome to come forward for a blessing.

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

"One Bread, One Body" *WOV 710*

"I Am the Bread of Life" *WOV 702*

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BLESSING

Pastor: May our Lord's body and blood strengthen and preserve you in true faith to life everlasting. Depart in peace and with joy.

People: Amen.

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Let us pray. Almighty and everlasting God, we thank and praise You for feeding us the life-giving body and blood of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ. Send Your Holy Spirit that, having with our mouths received the Holy Sacrament, we may by faith obtain and eternally enjoy Your divine grace, the forgiveness of sins, unity with Christ, and life eternal; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

BENEDICTION *Numbers 6:24–26*

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

People: Amen.

HYMN “Oh, That the Lord Would Guide My Ways” *LSB 707*

1 Oh, that the Lord would guide my ways

To keep His statutes still!

Oh, that my God would grant me grace

To know and do His will!

2 Order my footsteps by Thy Word

And make my heart sincere;

Let sin have no dominion, Lord,

But keep my conscience clear.

3 Assist my soul, too apt to stray,

A stricter watch to keep;

And should I e'er forget Thy way,

Restore Thy wand'ring sheep.

4 Make me to walk in Thy commands—

'Tis a delightful road—

Nor let my head or heart or hands

Offend against my God.

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POSTLUDE “We Are the Family of God” -Paul and Betsy Hanson

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

GENEROSITY THOUGHTS: *1 Corinthians 3:7* – “So neither he who plants nor he who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth.” Isn’t that the truth! And it’s not just true about preachers like Paul, but about all of us throughout the Christian life. God can do such wonderful things with our feeble efforts. This is so very true of our gifts to the Lord’s work in the church. From His generous giving to us, we learn to give generously. The Lord then blesses this response to His grace in turn. He uses our very giving to bless us in the church where we hear of His gracious generosity to us. And the cycle repeats, and the Lord gives growth!

2022 GIVING STATEMENTS: You will receive your contribution statement in the mail if your total contribution amount for 2022 is \$250 or more. Statements were mailed January 16. If your contribution to Emmaus was less than \$250, you did not receive the statement by early February, or you need a replacement copy of your statement please either leave a message on the Emmaus church phone or call Nancy W.

THE T-SHIRTS ARE COMING! THE POLOS ARE COMING! Well, at least the order forms will be coming soon. Orders will start on February 12th and will run through February 26th. You will have the option to pay with cash, check or via our online app. Watch for more details.

EMMAUS GENERATIONS: Join us on Tuesday, February 21 for Emmaus Generations! We will meet at 11:30 in the Social Hall for lunch, fellowship, and a Lenten presentation by Pastor Kooi.

AED FUNDRAISER FEB. 10-24: A local LuLaRoe women’s clothing salesperson will be donating a portion of her sales February 10-24. Whatever she raises, LuLaRoe will match to give a larger amount total. There are two ways to participate. Shop at her in-home boutique at 2901 West Owasso Blvd, Roseville, on Saturday, Feb. 11 from 1-3 and Saturday, Feb. 18 from 1-3. Or you can shop online at <https://shop.lularoebless.com/jennyking>

ASH WEDNESDAY worship at Emmaus will be held at 11:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, February 22. (There will not be a luncheon on Ash Wednesday.)

LENT LUNCHESES: Following the 11:30 a.m. Lent services at Emmaus beginning Wednesday, March 1 please join us for a light lunch in the Social Hall, continuing each Wednesday through March 29. Come and enjoy good food and fellowship as we share our Lenten journey.

TRY SOMETHING NEW THIS LENT! Generally, a common discipline done during the month of Lent is giving something up. Perhaps it is chocolate, coffee, soda, or something you enjoy. Usually, that special item is given up so more time to pray and read God’s Word is available. It is also done to help foster dependence and trust on God. This Lent, I encourage you to do the opposite with me: let’s add something! And what would that be? A daily reading of God’s Word and the Small Catechism. This Lent, let’s dive into the Gospel that we will be hearing all year: Matthew. In the next week, reading plans for the Gospel of Matthew will be provided, along with a reading plan for the Small Catechism. The readings for each are short with the goal of giving you an opportunity to read the text, and to reflect on it through prayer and meditation. The Small Catechism will be read, too, to help ground us in the basic elements of our Lutheran faith. The reading plan will conclude on Easter Sunday with the resurrection of Jesus. This Lent, try something new, and add the discipline of daily Bible reading and prayer. If you have any questions or would like the resources digitally, please talk with Pastor Kooi.

FOOD SHELF DONATIONS: Emmaus donated 50 pounds of food to the Keystone food shelf in January. Keystone is very appreciative of the food donations being provided by Emmaus. There are many people in need and dependent on the Keystone Food Shelf for assistance. Thank you to all who are providing food and health and hygiene donations! Please keep up the good work.

HEAR “THE LUTHERAN HOUR” on Sunday mornings at 6:05 a.m. on WCCO 830 AM radio. Next week’s broadcast: “Table Manners” Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. Frequent family dinners are important, but none more so than the gracious meal to which God invites His family, the Church. (Exodus 24:11)

VALENTINE’S EVENT: Bethel Lutheran Church will be hosting a Valentine’s Day event on Tuesday, February 14, at 3:00 p.m. All are welcome to join us for coffee, dessert, and fellowship! We look forward to seeing you there! Bethel is located at 670 Wheelock Pkwy W.