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6th Sunday after Epiphany

February 12, 2023

10:30 a.m. Worship & Holy Communion

*(Please stand when indicated by *)*

Lutheran Book of Worship (LBW) green hymnal
With One Voice (WOV) blue hymnal

Welcome & Announcements

Prelude: “*Glorious Spirit*” (Moklebust) Belles & Beaus
During Epiphany, the Acolytes will process in symbolizing the light of Christ.

GATHERING

- * Brief Order for Confession & Forgiveness WOV p.10-11
- * HYMN: *O Master, Let Me Walk with You* LBW# 492
- * Greeting WOV. p. 28
- * Kyrie & Hymn of Praise WOV p.28-30
- * Prayer of the Day

P O Lord, graciously hear the requests of your people. May we who are afflicted for our sins be mercifully relieved, for the sake of your glory, to find new life through the love of Jesus Christ, your Son who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

WORD

Light of the World (Burkhardt) Kids Choir
(Sam Ngyem and Dalton Thompson, Instrumentalist)

Children’s Message

Old Testament Lesson: Deuteronomy 30:15-20

¹⁵{Moses said,} “See, I have set before you today life and good, death and evil. ¹⁶If 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. ¹⁷But if your heart turns away, and you will not hear, but are drawn away to worship other gods and serve them, ¹⁸I 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. ¹⁹I 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, ²⁰loving 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.”

Reader The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Psalm 119:1-8 *spoken responsively*

L ¹Happy are they whose way is blameless,
who walk in the law of the LORD!

**C ²Happy are they who observe his decrees
and seek him with all their hearts!**

L ³Who never do any wrong,
but always walk in his ways.

**C ⁴You laid down your commandments,
that we should fully keep them.**

L ⁵Oh, that my ways were made so direct
that I might keep your statutes!

**C ⁶Then I should not be put to shame,
when I regard all your commandments.**

L ⁷I will thank you with an unfeigned heart,
when I have learned your righteous judgments.

**C ⁸I will keep your statutes;
do not utterly forsake me.**

Epistle Lesson: 1 Corinthians 3:1-9

¹But I, brothers, could not address you as spiritual people, but as people of the flesh, as infants in Christ. ²I fed you with milk, not solid food, for you were not ready for it. And even now you are not yet ready, ³for 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? ⁴For when one says, “I follow Paul,” and another, “I follow Apollos,” are you not being merely human? ⁵What then is Apollos? What is Paul? Servants through whom you believed, as the Lord assigned to each. ⁶I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth. ⁷So neither he who plants nor he who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth. ⁸He who plants and he who waters are one, and each will receive his wages according to his labor. ⁹For we are God’s fellow workers. You are God’s field, God’s building

Reader The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

* Gospel Acclamation

WOV p.31

* Holy Gospel: Matthew 5:21-37

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew the 5th chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

²¹{Jesus said,} “You have heard that it was said to those of old, ‘You shall not murder; and whoever murders will be liable to judgment.’ ²²But 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. ²³So if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother has something against you, ²⁴leave your gift there before the altar and go. First be reconciled to your brother, and then come and offer your gift. ²⁵Come 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. ²⁶Truly, I say to you, you will never get out until you have paid the last penny. ²⁷You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall not commit adultery.’ ²⁸But I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lustful intent has already committed adultery with her in his heart. ²⁹If 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. ³⁰And 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. ³¹It was also said, ‘Whoever divorces his wife, let him give her a certificate of divorce.’ ³²But 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. ³³Again 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.’ ³⁴But I say to you, Do not take an oath at all, either by heaven, for it is the throne of God, ³⁵or by the earth, for it is his footstool, or by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the great King. ³⁶And do not take an oath by your head, for you cannot make one hair white or black. ³⁷Let what you say be simply ‘Yes’ or ‘No’; anything more than this comes from evil.”

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon: *Growth in Christ* (Corinthians Sermon Series 5)

Pastor Heidi Punt

* HYMN: *Bind Us Together*

WOV# 748

* Apostles' Creed

WOV p. 33

* Prayer of the Church & Sharing of the Peace

WOV p. 34

Offering *The Offering is received as the Lord's Table is prepared. All loose offering will go towards the Gerald Bame Scholarship Fund. During the month of February, the Benevolence Teaching Moment is on the Battered Women's Shelter. Please prayerfully consider giving to the Benevolence Fund.*

Anthem: *Hail to the Lord's Anointed* (Martin)

Chancel Choir

MEAL

* Offertory (“*Let the Vineyards...*”) & Offertory Prayer

WOV p. 35

* Great Thanksgiving & Sanctus

WOV p. 36

* Words of Institution

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PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER...

Nursing Home Residents - Brenda Mahaley, Pat & Wayne Miller, and Ruth Monroe (Autumn Care), and Jean Ray (Brookdale)

Homebound Members – Arnold Cauble, Rachel Earnhardt, Jean Kluttz, Frances Norris, Billy Waller, and Michael Walton

Sick/Surgery/Recovery – Nancy Kesler, John Knight, Doug Peeler, Sylvia Peeler

Continual Prayer – Evonne Batten, Nancy Ballew (Kat Clifton's mother), Bill Broadway, Janet Dunning (Doris Shepherd's sister), Glenn Eagle, Tommy and Joan Kerns, Pat Kluttz, Glenn & Betty Sue Lowder, Della Morgan (Pam Vellines' mother), Dusty Morgan, Sr. Family (Dusty, Sr., Lisa, Felisaty, and Dusty, Jr.), Danny "Chocolate" Myers (Frank Merrell's friend), William Page, Ben Smith (Cathy Painter's brother-in-law), Effie Vellines, Union Fire Department #76, Haiti (gangs), Nigerian Christians, and those affected by natural or political disasters

Confirmation Students: Caylea Cline, Mallory Eagle, Bailey Wilhelm, and Lucas Wilhelm

February Service Projects

- Please donate **200** 2.5 gallon plastic storage bags for CMR event by February 19.
- Please donate individually-packaged soft toothbrushes (must be unopened) for CMR event by February 19.
- During the months of February & March, please donate **Rowan Helping Ministries Child Friendly Foods** (when children are out of school): individual Mac 'n Cheese, Fruit Cups, granola bars, anything that a child can open and heat in the microwave by themselves.

Join us for a pancake supper sponsored by our youth, as we celebrate **Shrove Tuesday, February 21**, before the beginning of Lent on Ash Wednesday. From **5:00 PM – 7:00 PM** dinner will be served, so feel free to stop in any time during that time frame to enjoy dinner in the Old Pine Center.

Youth will prepare and serve. Funds go to Youth/Mission Fund.

PART SEVEN: Holy Communion

The Promise of Communion

What is the benefit of such eating and drinking? It is pointed out in these words: "Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins." Through these words the forgiveness of sin, life, and salvation are given to us in the Sacrament, for where there is forgiveness of sin, there is also life and salvation.



(Martin Luther's Small Catechism 2010 Edition Sola Publishing-Pocket Version, page 29)

Union News

Sunday's Activities, February 12:

9:15 a.m. Kids Choir

9:35 a.m. Sunday School

Children & Youth: The Weakened Judge ~ Judges 16:4-31

Adult Sunday School Class: Reminder of the Call ~ 2 Timothy 1:3-14

10:30 a.m. Worship & Holy Communion

Lessons for February 12: Deuteronomy 30:15-20; Psalm 119:1-18;

1 Corinthians 3:1-9; Matthew 5:21-37

Sermon Series focuses on Corinthians: *Growth in Christ*

In addition to the monthly Benevolence focus, two opportunities are available to assist financially 1) noisy offering to purchase Bibles for the Carolinas Mission Region (CMR) retreat attendees (envelopes mark "Bibles") and 2) new choir robes (envelopes mark "robes")

Time Change: 12 noon

Little Lutherans (5th grade and younger) going out to lunch.

This Weeks' Activities:

Monday, Feb. 13 9:00 a.m.-12 noon Middle/High Youth
Tuesday, Feb. 14 5:30 p.m. Executive Committee
Wednesday, Feb. 15 12:30 p.m. Facebook Bible Study on Reigniting the
 Joy of Motherhood (5 week series)
 6:30 p.m. Confirmation
 6:30 p.m. Belles & Beaus
 7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir

Next Sunday's Activities, February 19:

Transfiguration of Our Lord

9:15 a.m. Kids Choir

9:35 a.m. Sunday School

Children & Youth: The Faith-Full Family ~ Ruth 1:1-2:13; 4:13-17

Adult Sunday School Class: Responsibility of Those Called ~ James 2:1-12

10:30 a.m. Worship & Holy Communion

LBW Setting 2

Lessons for February 19: Exodus 24:8-18; Psalm 2:6-12;

2 Peter 1:16-21; Matthew 17:1-9

Sermon: *Christ, Our Sure Transformation*

2:00 p.m. Church Council

New: 2:45 p.m.-3:30 p.m. Beginners Bells (B 'n B)

Deadline for Newsletter articles and donated items for CMR event.

Altar Flowers are open for reservation for Sunday, February 19.

Union Lutheran Church is invited to attend **Rev. Judson Merrell** installation service on **Sunday, February 19**, at **4:00 p.m.** at St. Peter's Lutheran Church, 1130 St. Peter's Road, Lexington, SC 29072.

- * Lord's Prayer WOV p. 39
- Lamb of God & Distribution of Communion WOV p. 39
At Union Lutheran Church the Sacrament of Holy Communion is celebrated each Sunday. All baptized Christians who believe in the real presence of Christ in the Lord's Supper are invited to commune. All who do not commune are invited to come forward to receive a blessing. For those who prefer individually sealed units please indicate. Gluten Free wafers and grape juice are also available upon request. Please fill out a communion card located in the pew and hand to the Usher while following their directions to receive Holy Communion or a blessing.
- * Post-Communion Canticle ("Thankful hearts...") WOV p. 40
- * Post-Communion Prayer WOV p. 41

SENDING

- * Blessing WOV p. 41
- * HYMN: *Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus* LBW# 487
- * Sending

P You have been nurtured in Word and Sacrament now go therefore and make disciples of all nations

C Baptizing them in the name of the Father, Son and of the Holy Spirit.

P Union Lutheran Church you are sent!

C Amen, amen, amen

Postlude: *O Master, Let Me Walk with You* (Cassler)

During Epiphany, the Acolytes will recess out symbolizing Christ going out into the world.

*The **ALTAR FLOWERS** are given to the glory of God in honor of Dalton Thompson's 9th birthday on February 14 and Karen Barringer's birthday on February 22 by Ruby Leaxer.*

Current Fund Financial Information:

Offering received Sunday, February 5	\$3,658.00
Weekly offering needed to meet our Ministry Support plan	\$6,482.37

Those Serving in February

Acolyte, Altar Guild, Lay Reader, & Communion Assistant: Robyn Arey

Communion Assistants: Janice Goodman & Kevin Huffman

Ushers: Larry Barringer, Phil Cauble (HU), Lisa Graczyk & Addison Queen

Offering Counters:

Jennifer Curlee, Doris Shepherd, & Wayne Vellines

With One Voice Setting 5 (p. 28-41) ~ WOV Brief Order for Confession & Forgiveness (p. 10-11)
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