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6TH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY  
2023

FEBRUARY 12,

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PRE-SERVICE MUSIC + WELCOME

**HYMN:** "Alleluia! Sing to Jesus" (LSB #821)

- 1. Alleluia! Sing to Jesus; His the scepter, His the throne;  
Alleluia! His the triumph, His the victory alone.  
Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion thunder like a mighty flood:  
"Jesus out of ev'ry nation Has redeemed us by His blood."
- 3. Alleluia! Bread of heaven, Here on earth our food, our stay:  
Alleluia! Here the sinful Flee to You from day to day.  
Intercessor, Friend of sinners, Earth's Redeemer, hear our plea  
Where the songs of all the sinless Seep across the crystal sea.
- 5. Alleluia! Sing to Jesus; His the scepter, His the throne;  
Alleluia! His the triumph, His the victory alone.  
Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion Thunder like a mighty flood:  
"Jesus out of ev'ry nation Has redeemed us by His blood."

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INVOCATION

CONFESSION OF SIN:

P. If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

**C. But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

P. Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

**C. Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbor as ourself. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

ABSOLUTION

HYMN OF PRAISE: (Sung, LSB p. 155)

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God. This is the feast of victory for our God Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Power, riches, wisdom, and strength, and honor, blessing, and glory are his. This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation: Blessing, honor, glory and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen. This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. For the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia. This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

OLD TESTAMENT READING: Deuteronomy 30:15-20

<sup>15</sup> See, I set before you today life and prosperity, death and destruction. <sup>16</sup> For I command you today to love the LORD your God, to walk in his ways, and to keep his commands, decrees and laws; then you will live and increase, and the LORD your God will bless you in the land you are entering to possess. <sup>17</sup> But if your heart turns away and you are not obedient, and if you are drawn away to bow down to other gods and worship them, <sup>18</sup> I declare to you this day that you will certainly be destroyed. You will not live long in the land you are

crossing the Jordan to enter and possess. <sup>19</sup>This day I call heaven and earth as witnesses against you that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Now choose life, so that you and your children may live <sup>20</sup> and that you may love the LORD your God, listen to his voice, and hold fast to him. For the LORD is your life, and he will give you many years in the land he swore to give to your fathers, Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.

**EPISTLE READING: 1 Corinthians 2:6-13**

<sup>6</sup>We do, however, speak a message of wisdom among the mature, but not the wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are coming to nothing. <sup>7</sup>No, we speak of God's secret wisdom, a wisdom that has been hidden and that God destined for our glory before time began. <sup>8</sup>None of the rulers of this age understood it, for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. <sup>9</sup>However, as it is written: "No eye has seen, no ear has heard, no mind has conceived what God has prepared for those who love him" — <sup>10</sup>but God has revealed it to us by his Spirit. The Spirit searches all things, even the deep things of God. <sup>11</sup>For who among men knows the thoughts of a man except the man's spirit within him? In the same way no one knows the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God. <sup>12</sup>We have not received the spirit of the world but the Spirit who is from God, that we may understand what God has freely given us. <sup>13</sup>This is what we speak, not in words taught us by human wisdom but in words taught by the Spirit, expressing spiritual truths in spiritual words.

**RESPONSE: (Spoken)**

P. Teach me your way, O Lord,

**C. That I may walk in Your truth.**

P. Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.

**C. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

**HYMN: "Salvation unto Us Has Come" (LSB #555)**

1. Salvation unto us has come By God's free grace and favor;  
Good works cannot avert our doom, They help and save us never.  
Faith looks to Jesus Christ alone, Who did for all the world atone;  
He is our one Redeemer.
3. It was a false, misleading dream That God His Law had given  
That sinners could themselves redeem And by their works gain heaven.  
The Law is but a mirror bright To bring the inbred sin to light That lurks within our nature.
5. Yet as the Law must be fulfilled Or we must die despairing,  
Christ came and has God's anger stilled, Our human nature sharing.  
He has for us the Law obeyed And thus the Father's vengeance stayed  
Which over us impended.
10. All blessing, honor, thanks, and praise To Father, Son, and Spirit,  
The God who saved us by His grace; All glory to His merit.  
O triune God in heav'n above, You have revealed Your saving love;  
Your blessed name we hallow.

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**SERMON: Matthew 5:21-37 "What Good are God's Commandments?"**

**CONFESSION OF FAITH: "The Nicene Creed"**

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And he will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no

end. And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

## THE OFFERING

## PRAYERS

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

HYMN OF ASSURANCE: *(Sung, LSB p. 163)*

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.

**IN THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION WE BELIEVE** *our Lord Jesus Christ comes to us with His body and blood given and shed for the forgiveness of sins (Matt 26:26-28). In it we are united with him and with the whole Church. Baptized and confirmed Christians who believe, by the guidance of the Holy Spirit, that Christ's body and blood are present in the bread and wine of the Sacrament, who acknowledge their sin, set aside any refusal to forgive (Matt 6:15), are sorry, repent (Mark 1:15) and look to Christ alone for forgiveness and strength to live the new life, are welcome to eat and drink at the Lord's table in remembrance of Him. (1 Cor 11:25-25) If you have any questions, please speak to the Pastor or a Lay Minister before communing.*

## DISTRIBUTION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER *(Instrumental music during Communion)*

## PRAYER

## BENEDICTION

**SONG:** "As the Deer" *(Martin Nystrom)*

1. As the deer panteth for the water, So my soul longeth after Thee.

You alone are my heart's desire, And I long to worship Thee.

Chorus: You alone are my strength, my shield. To You alone may my spirit yield.

You alone are my heart's desire, And I long to worship Thee.

2. You're my friend and You are my brother, Even though You are a King.

I love You more than any other, So much more than anything. *(Chorus)*

3. I want You more than gold or silver, Only You can satisfy.

You alone are the real joy giver, And the apple of my eye. *(Chorus)*

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