

# St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church

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## **SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY**

*February 12, 2023*

Christ's blessings to all! **To our visitors**, we rejoice to have you gathered together with us in our Lord's House this day & look forward to having you with us again. If you are searching for a Church home, **please introduce yourself to Pastor** afterwards, or indicate such together **with your contact information** in the red 'Fellowship Booklets' located in each pew.

### **The Order of Service without Holy Communion**

**+ Prelude**

**+ Hymn – #658**

*"Onward, Christian Soldiers"*

**+ Invocation – pg. 5**

**+ Confession of Sins and Pronouncement of Grace – pg. 5-6**

**+ Introit**    *Ps. 98:7–9; antiphon: Ps. 98:2*

*The LORD has made known his salvation;*

*he has revealed his righteousness in the sight of the nations.*

**Let the sea roar, and all that fills it;**

**the world and those who dwell in it!**

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

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

*The LORD has made known his salvation;*

*he has revealed his righteousness in the sight of the nations.*

**+ Gloria Patri – pg. 6**

**+ The Kyrie – pg. 7**

+ **The Gloria in Excelsis – pg. 7-9**

+ **The Salutation – pg. 9**

+ **The Collect for The Day**

O Lord, graciously hear the prayers of Your people that we who justly suffer the consequence of our sin may be mercifully delivered by Your goodness to the glory of Your name; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

**The Catechism Review – The Ten Commandments**

*What is the Third Commandment?*

**Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy.**

*What does this mean?*

**We should fear and love God so that we do not despise preaching and His Word, but hold it sacred and gladly hear and learn it.**

*What is the Fourth Commandment?*

**Honor your father and your mother.**

*What does this mean?*

**We should fear and love God so that we do not despise or anger our parents and other authorities, but honor them, serve and obey them, love and cherish them.**

+ **The Old Testament Reading: Deuteronomy 30:15-20**

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

+ **The Epistle: 1 Corinthians 3:1-9**

<sup>1</sup>But I, brothers, could not address you as spiritual people, but 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 it. And even now you are not yet ready, <sup>3</sup>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? <sup>4</sup>For when one says, “I follow Paul,” and another, “I follow Apollos,” are you not being merely human?

<sup>5</sup>What then is Apollos? What is Paul? Servants through whom you believed, as the Lord assigned to each. <sup>6</sup>I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth. <sup>7</sup>So neither he who plants nor he who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth. <sup>8</sup>He who plants and he who waters are one, and each will receive his wages according to his labor. <sup>9</sup>For we are God’s fellow workers. You are God’s field, God’s building.

**+ The Triple Hallelujah – pg. 10**

**+ The Gospel Verses – pg. 10-11**

**+ The Holy Gospel: Matthew 5:21-37 (*stand*)**

<sup>21</sup>[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.’ <sup>22</sup>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. <sup>23</sup>So if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother has something against you, <sup>24</sup>leave your gift there before the altar and go. First be reconciled to your brother, and then come and offer your gift. <sup>25</sup>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. <sup>26</sup>Truly, I say to 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 lustful intent 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. For it is better that you lose one of your members than that your whole body be thrown into hell. <sup>30</sup>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.

<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 everyone who divorces his wife, except on the ground of sexual immorality, makes her commit adultery. And whoever marries a divorced woman commits adultery.

<sup>33</sup>“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.’ <sup>34</sup>But I say to you, Do not take an oath 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 take an oath by your head, for you cannot make one

hair white or black. <sup>37</sup>Let what you say be simply 'Yes' or 'No'; anything more than this comes from evil."

**+ The Apostles' Creed, pg. 12**

**+ Sermon Hymn – #46**

"On What has Now been Sown"

**+ Sermon – "God Causes the Growth"**

**1 Corinthians 3:5-7**

- I. The Lord causes growth by giving faith to each.
- II. Our faithful response to God's gracious work.

**+ The Offertory – pg. 12 (*stand*)**

**+ The Offering (*be seated*)**

**+ The Prayer of The Church**

**+ The Lord's Prayer – pg. 14**

**+ Hymn – #37**

"Lord, 'Tis Not that I did Choose Thee"

**+ The Collect for The Word / The Church – pg. 14 (*stand*)**

**+ The Benediction – pg. 14**

**+ Hymn – #292, v. 1-3, 7, 9**

"Lord Jesus Christ, with Us Abide"

**Silent Prayer & Postlude**

**+ SOLI DEO GLORIA +**

**DAILY READINGS:** February 12: Job 8:1–22; John 4:27–45; 13: Job 9:1–35; John 4:46–54; 14: Job 10:1–22; John 5:1–18; 15: Job 11:1–20; John 5:19–29; 16: Job 12:1–6, 12–25; John 5:30–47; 17: Job 13:1–12; John 6:1–21; 18: Job 13:13–28; John 6:22–40.

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