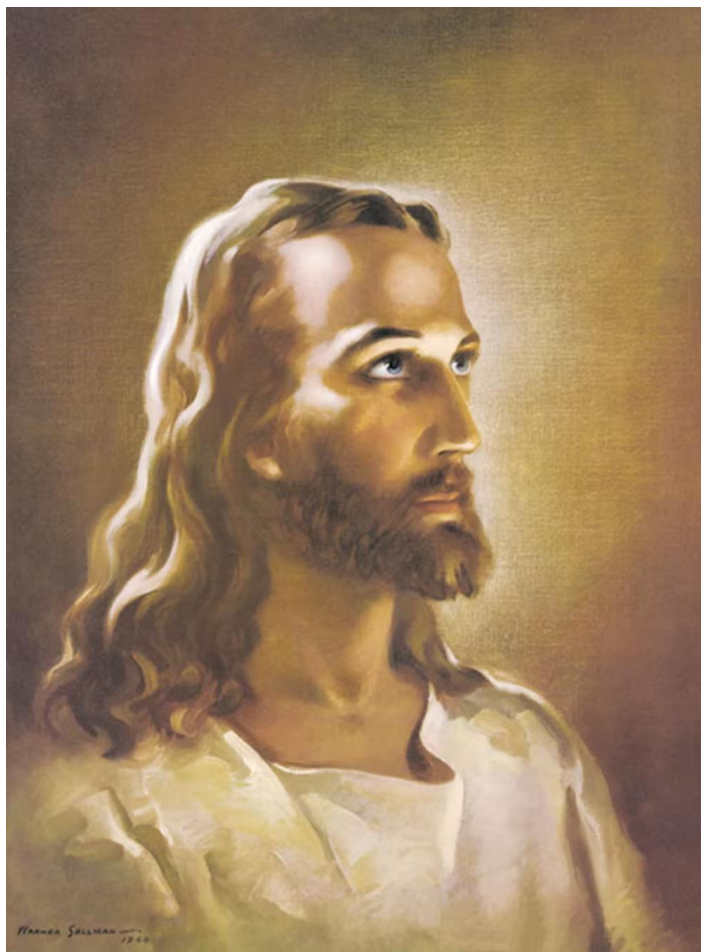


*Sixth Sunday After Epiphany*  
*February 12, 2023*



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**SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY**    February 12, 2023  
**WHO ARE YOU TO SAY?**

**PRESERVICE MUSIC**

“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling” & “Jesus Loves Me” (arr. Thompson) *Chime Choir*

**A Reminder: Please be respectful to our brothers and sisters who use the time prior to worship for quiet meditation on God's Word. - Thank you**

**973 THY WORD IS A LAMP**

**REFRAIN**

Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.

Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.

When I feel afraid, think I've lost my way

Still You're there right beside me

Nothing will I fear as long You are near

Please be near me to the end. **REFRAIN**

I will not forget Your love for me and yet

My heart forever is wandering

Jesus be my guide and hold me to Your side

I will love You to the end. **REFRAIN**

**ENDING** You're the light unto my path.

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**MEMORY VERSE OF THE MONTH**

Great is Your mercy, O Lord. *Psalms 119:156*

**INVOCATION**

**P** In the name of the Father and of the  $\text{✠}$  Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

**CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

**P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**C** who made heaven and earth.

**P** If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

**C** But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.

**P** Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

**C** Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.

**P** Almighty God, merciful Father, in Holy Baptism You declared us to be Your children and gathered us into Your one, holy Church, in which You daily and richly forgive us our sins and grant us new life through Your Spirit. Be in our midst, enliven our faith, and graciously receive our prayer and praise; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C** Amen.

## **INTROIT**

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.

**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.**

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

## **395 O MORNING STAR, HOW FAIR AND BRIGHT**

*sts. 1, 3, 5*

- 1 O Morning Star, how fair and bright!  
    You shine with God's own truth and light,  
    Aglow with grace and mercy!  
    Of Jacob's race, King David's son,  
    Our Lord and master, You have won  
    Our hearts to serve You only!  
    Lowly, holy!  
    Great and glorious,  
    All victorious,  
    Rich in blessing!  
    Rule and might o'er all possessing!
- 3 Lord, when You look on us in love,  
    At once there falls from God above  
    A ray of purest pleasure.  
    Your Word and Spirit, flesh and blood  
    Refresh our souls with heav'nly food.  
    You are our dearest treasure!  
    Let Your mercy  
    Warm and cheer us!  
    O draw near us!  
    For You teach us  
    God's own love through You has reached us.
- 5 O let the harps break forth in sound!  
    Our joy be all with music crowned,  
    Our voices gladly blending!  
    For Christ goes with us all the way—  
    Today, tomorrow, ev'ry day!  
    His love is never ending!  
    Sing out! Ring out!  
    Jubilation!  
    Exultation!  
    Tell the story!  
    Great is He, the King of Glory!

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## SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** **And also with you.**

**P** Let us pray. 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.

**C** **Amen.**

## 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.”

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

## 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.

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

**ANTHEM** “For You Are Holy” (Zach Jones) *Junior Choir*

## HOLY GOSPEL

*Matthew 5:21–37*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the fifth chapter.

**C** **Glory to You, O Lord.**

<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.”

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

## CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

### 704 RENEW ME, O ETERNAL LIGHT

- 1 Renew me, O eternal Light,  
And let my heart and soul be bright,  
Illumined with the light of grace  
That issues from Your holy face.
- 2 Remove the pow’r of sin from me  
And cleanse all my impurity  
That I may have the strength and will  
Temptations of the flesh to still.
- 3 Create in me a new heart, Lord,  
That gladly I obey Your Word.  
Let what You will be my desire,  
And with new life my soul inspire.
- 4 Grant that I only You may love  
And seek those things which are above  
Till I behold You face to face,  
O Light eternal, through Your grace.

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**SERMON** “Who are you to say?” Matthew 5:21-37

**CREED** Early Service – Apostles’ Creed Late Service – Nicene Creed  
*(Creed can be found in the back of the hymnal and on the screens)*

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

*After each petition, please respond with the following:*

**P** Lord in your mercy,

**C** hear our prayer.

*At the end of the prayer:*

**C** Amen.

**+ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT +**

**PREFACE**

*LSB 208*

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** **And also with you.**

**P** Lift up your hearts.

**C** **We lift them to the Lord.**

**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C** **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

**P** It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. 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**

*LSB 208*

**C** **Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth adored;  
Heav'n and earth with full acclaim shout the glory of Your name.  
Sing hosanna in the highest, sing hosanna to the Lord;  
Truly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!**

Text: Stephen P. Starke

**LORD'S PRAYER**

**THE WORDS OF OUR LORD**

**PAX DOMINI**

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C** **Amen.**

**AGNUS DEI**

*LSB 210*

**C** **1 O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
You take the sin of the world away;  
O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
Have mercy on us, Lord, we pray.**

**2 O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
You take the sin of the world away;  
Have mercy on us, Jesus Christ,  
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.**

Text: Stephen P. Starke

## + DISTRIBUTION HYMNS +

*For guests and visitors, we invite you to please read our statement regarding the Lord's Supper on the inside cover of your bulletin.*

### **623 LORD JESUS CHRIST, WE HUMBLY PRAY**

- 1 Lord Jesus Christ, we humbly pray That we may feast on You today;  
Beneath these forms of bread and wine Enrich us with Your grace divine.
- 2 Give us, who share this wondrous food, Your body broken and Your blood,  
The grateful peace of sins forgiv'n, The certain joys of heirs of heav'n.
- 3 By faith Your Word has made us bold To seize the gift of love retold;  
All that You are we here receive, And all we are to You we give.
- 4 One bread, one cup, one body, we, Rejoicing in our unity,  
Proclaim Your love until You come To bring Your scattered loved ones home.
- 5 Lord Jesus Christ, we humbly pray: O keep us steadfast till that day  
When each will be Your welcomed guest In heaven's high and holy feast.

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### **707 OH, THAT THE LORD WOULD GUIDE MY WAYS**

- 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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### **686 COME, THOU FOUNT OF EVERY BLESSING**

- 1 Come, Thou Fount of ev'ry blessing, Tune my heart to sing Thy grace;  
Streams of mercy, never ceasing, Call for songs of loudest praise.  
While the hope of endless glory Fills my heart with joy and love,  
Teach me ever to adore Thee; May I still Thy goodness prove.
- 2 Here I raise my Ebenezer, Hither by Thy help I've come;  
And I hope, by Thy good pleasure, Safely to arrive at home.  
Jesus sought me when a stranger, Wand'ring from the fold of God;  
He, to rescue me from danger, Interposed His precious blood.
- 3 Oh, to grace how great a debtor Daily I'm constrained to be;  
Let that grace now like a fetter Bind my wand'ring heart to Thee:  
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it; Prone to leave the God I love.  
Here's my heart, O take and seal it, Seal it for Thy courts above.
- 4 Oh, that day when freed from sinning, I shall see Thy lovely face;  
Clothed then in the blood-washed linen, How I'll sing Thy wondrous grace!  
Come, my Lord, no longer tarry; Take my ransom'd soul away;  
Send Thine angels soon to carry Me to realms of endless day.

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## POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

**P** Let us pray. We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## BENEDICAMUS

LSB 212

**P** Let us bless the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## BENEDICTION

**P** 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.

**C** Amen.

## 921 ON WHAT HAS NOW BEEN SOWN

- 1 On what has now been sown Thy blessing, Lord, bestow;  
The pow'r is Thine alone To make it sprout and grow.  
Do Thou in grace the harvest raise, And Thou alone shalt have the praise!
- 2 To Thee our wants are known, From Thee are all our pow'rs;  
Accept what is Thine own And pardon what is ours.  
Our praises, Lord, and prayers receive, And to Thy Word a blessing give.
- 3 O grant that each of us, Now met before Thee here,  
May meet together thus When Thou and Thine appear  
And follow Thee to heav'n, our home. E'en so, amen, Lord Jesus, come!

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## DISMISSAL

**P** Go in peace as you serve the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## POSTLUDE “On What Has Now Been Sown” (arr. Ritter)

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## Congregation at Prayer and Devotions for the Week

**Invocation** In the name of the Father, and of the Son  $\text{✠}$ , and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

**Introit** (found on front page)

**Catechism Review** (found on front page)

**Meditation:** Portals of Prayer, [www.lhm.org/dailydevotions](http://www.lhm.org/dailydevotions), Other

### *Daily Scripture Readings*

Sunday: Job 8:1-22; John 4:27-45

Monday: Job 9:1-35; John 4:46-54

Tuesday: Job 10:1-22; John 5:1-18

Wednesday: Job 11:1-20; John 5:19-29

Thursday: Job 12:1-6, 12-25; John 5:30-47

Friday: Job 13:1-12; John 6:1-21

Saturday: Job 13:13-28; John 6:22-40

### *In Our Prayers This Week (as of Thursday morning)*

Herb, health issues

Kathy, cancer

Diane, recovery

Jack, ongoing health issues

Lauren's mother, Phyllis

Shirley, health issues

Kent, recovery

Georgia, recovery

Jim, cancer

Tom, cancer

Lauren, cancer

Judi and Don

Mike's mother - Jean, health issues

Ellie, surgery

Sidney, granddaughter of Steinke's with medical issues

For those who mourn the evil in our world, that God's comfort and peace may point them to the hope of the resurrection.

For those with hearts where evil dwells, that God's kingdom would come and rule over their life.

For our nation, that God would bring about repentance through His Word that He may heal our land.

**Our Savior Families:** Patrick & Family, Dan & Family, Raymond, Fred & Sandy

William, a child with leukemia

Mary, Jan's sister-in-law, cancer

Pierce, an infant with leukemia

Georgia, recovery

Margo, health issues

Duane, cancer

Blake

Nate, cancer

Jim, Parkinson's

Steve, Guillain-Barre Syndrome

Barb, Healing

Jan, stroke

Jean, recovery

Rick, cancer

**Hymn of the Week** "Renew Me, O Eternal Light" LSB 704

**Collect** (found on front page)

**Apostles' Creed, Lord's Prayer, Benediction**