

Old Testament

Deuteronomy 30:15–20

¹⁵“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.”

Epistle

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.

Holy Gospel

Matthew 5:21–37

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.

²⁷“You 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.

³¹“It 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.

³³“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.’ 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.”

But only God

1 Corinthians 3:7



About the Cover: The Lord has used many servants for planting and watering to tend to the blossoming faith of His people. But we would be mistaken to place greater significance on them than is owed. Only God gives the growth. It is a humbling and freeing reality at the same time. Because all depends upon Him, He alone ought to be praised!

6th SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

February 8 & 12, 2023

Sharing, Believing, Living, Caring

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Liturgy: Divine Service Setting One p. 151
Hymns: 865, 585, 496, 704, 921

***Holy Communion:** Members of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod are invited to receive the Lord's Supper. Non-members are requested to speak with Pastor before worship.*

THE MEASURE OF OUR LOVE

Attendance 2/1	(Wed): 42	Comm.: 38	Offering: \$1,493.07
Attendance 2/5	(Sun): 78	Comm.: 60	Offering: \$3,743.09
Budget Needs: \$3,098.21			Scrip Profit 2/5: \$10.00
S.S. – 8	Staff – 3		B.C. – 13

KINGDOM WORK THIS WEEK

SUN (2/12) 6:00 p.m. – Farm & Home 4H
Stewardship Cookie/Bake Sale

MON (2/13) March Newsletter Items Due

TUES (2/14) 9:30 a.m. – Circuit Pastor's Conf., Manitowoc

WED (2/15) 1:45 p.m. – Confirmation
6:00 p.m. – Choir
7:00 p.m. – Worship w/Comm.
Stewardship Cookie/Bake Sale

THUR (2/16) 7:00 p.m. – Women's Devotional Hour

SUN (2/19) 8:00 a.m. – S.S./B.C.
9:00 a.m. – Worship w/Comm.

IN OUR PRAYERS we remember Vincent Sucivic (grandson of Duane & Karen Loose), Wilfred Boldt, Julie Boldt, Kay Koffarnus, Jules & Carol Clausing, Sandy Haberland, Joan Zutz, Elaine Zeamer, Lori Krueger, Nancy Davidson, and Terry Brandenburg.

BAPTISM – Being received into God's family by the waters of Baptism is Aria Levash, daughter of Nathan Levash & Vanessa Nenahlo. Aria's sponsors are Chris Levash and Stephanie Nenahlo. Welcome to God's family!

2023 CHURCH DIRECTORIES are available in the church narthex if you'd like a copy.

LADIES AID IS PLANNING A CHILI DINNER on February 26. We will serve from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. You can take out or eat here right after the church service. If you wish to take out, please bring your own container. Sign-up sheets are on the bulletin board if you would like to help purchase some of the ingredients or bake a pie. Please have items here by Wednesday February 22nd.

LADIES AID IS REQUESTING YOUR HELP with their chili dinner on Saturday Feb. 25 for preparing and on Sunday, Feb. 26 for serving. Please sign-up on the bulletin board if you are available to help.

MITE BOX – The LWML Mite Box is on the small table in the narthex for anyone wishing to put their change in throughout the year. Mites go towards many different grants to help those in need. There is a list of them by the mite box.

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS NEEDED – We are in need of Sunday school teachers for this year. If interested, contact Amanda Zoellner.

OUR STEWARDSHIP LIFE

Luke 8:11 – “The seed is the word of God.” It all starts with the Word. “In the beginning ... the Word was with God” (John 1:1). “He saved us by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit” (Titus 3:5). “The word of our God will stand forever” (Is. 40:8). We never outgrow our need to hear the Word of God. We never achieve such greatness that we don't need the blessings of God's Word. Rather, the Christian life is one of always striving to conform our lives to God's Word by living out the truth of our Baptism: that we are God's children by the power of his Word.