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Epiphany 6



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We at St. Luke's dedicate ourselves to grow in faith and love, to serve together, and to reach out with the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

8:15~ CHOIR~ The Garden of Prayer- Joseph Martin

WELCOME & GREETING

OPENING HYMN~ 'Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us' (vs. 1-3) LSB 851

- 1 Lord of glory, You have bought us
With Your lifeblood as the price,
Never grudging for the lost ones
That tremendous sacrifice;
And with that have freely given
Blessings countless as the sand
To the_unthankful and the evil
With Your own unsparing hand.

- 2 Grant us hearts, dear Lord, to give You
Gladly, freely of Your own.
With the sunshine of Your goodness
Melt our thankless hearts of stone
Till our cold and selfish natures,
Warmed by You, at length believe
That more happy and more blessed
'Tis to give than to receive.

- 3 Wondrous honor You have given
To our humblest charity
In Your own mysterious sentence,
"You have done it all to Me."
Can it be, O gracious Master,
That You deign for alms to sue,
Saying by Your poor and needy,
"Give as I have giv'n to you"?

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P: In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: “Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth.” 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, we 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.

P: “Behold, now is the favorable time; behold, now is the day of salvation.” Upon this, your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God to all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

THE KYRIE (*Sing*)

LSB 152

P: In peace let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: Help, save, comfort and defend us, gracious Lord.

C: Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE~ 'Glory in Excelsis

LSB 154

P: Glory to God in the highest and peace to His people on earth.

C: Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father:

We worship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God:

You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

You are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive our prayer.

For You alone are the Holy One, You alone are the Lord,

You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,

In the glory of God the Father. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray. Almighty God, You are the strength of all who put their trust in You. Defend us, O Lord against all adversity, as You guide us to fulfill Your will in whatever responsibilities you call us. We pray this through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

FIRST READING~ Psalm 103:1-9 (Responsive)

R: Praise the Lord, my soul;

C: all my inmost being, praise his holy name.

R: ²Praise the Lord, my soul, and forget not all his benefits—

C: ³who forgives all your sins and heals all your diseases,

R: ⁴who redeems your life from the pit

C: and crowns you with love and compassion,

R: ⁵who satisfies your desires with good things

C: so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

R: ⁶The Lord works righteousness and justice for all the oppressed.

C: ⁷**He made known his ways to Moses, his deeds to the people of Israel.**

R: ⁸The Lord is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in love.

C: ⁹**He will not always accuse, nor will he harbor his anger forever;**

R: ¹⁰he does not treat us as our sins deserve

C: **or repay us according to our iniquities.**

R: ¹¹For as high as the heavens are above the earth,

C: **so great is his love for those who fear him;**

R: ¹²as far as the east is from the west,

C: **so far has he removed our transgressions from us.**

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

C:*Sing* **Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READING~ 1 Timothy 2:1-7

I urge, then, first of all, that requests, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for everyone-- ²for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness. ³This is good, and pleases God our Savior, ⁴who wants all men to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth. ⁵For there is one God and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, ⁶who gave himself as a ransom for all men--the testimony given in its proper time.

⁷And for this purpose I was appointed a herald and an apostle--I am telling the truth, I am not lying--and a teacher of the true faith to the Gentiles.

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

C:*Sing* **Thanks be to God.**

6:00~ SPECIAL MUSIC~ Kim, Alexa, Levi Hintz

(Rise)

P: This is the Gospel according to St. Luke, the 6th chapter.

All: *sing* **Glory to You, O Lord.**

GOSPEL READING~ Luke 6:27-37

²⁷But I tell you who hear me: Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, ²⁸bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you. ²⁹If someone strikes you on one cheek, turn to him the other also. If someone takes your cloak, do not stop him from taking your tunic. ³⁰Give to everyone who asks you, and if anyone takes what belongs to you, do not demand it back. ³¹Do to others as you would have them do to you.

³²If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? Even `sinners' love those who love them. ³³And if you do good to those who are good to you, what credit is that to you? Even `sinners' do that. ³⁴And if you lend to those from whom you expect repayment, what credit is that to you? Even `sinners' lend to `sinners,' expecting to be repaid in full. ³⁵But love your enemies, do good to them, and lend to them without expecting to get anything back. Then your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High, because he is kind to the ungrateful and wicked. ³⁶Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.

³⁷Do not judge, and you will not be judged. Do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord

All:Sing Praise to You, O Christ.

CONFESSION OF FAITH~ The Apostle's Creed~ First Article w/ explanation

C: I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

P: What does this mean?

C: I believe that God has made me and all creatures; that He has given me my body and soul, eyes, ears, and all my members, my reason and all my senses, and still takes care of them. He also gives me clothing and shoes, food and drink, house and home, wife and children, land, animals, and all I have. He richly and daily provides me with all that I need to support this body and life. He defends me against all danger and guards and protects me from all evil.

All this He does only out of fatherly, divine goodness and mercy, without any merit or worthiness in me. For all this it is my duty to thank and praise, serve and obey Him.

All: This is most certainly true.

CHILDREN'S TIME

SERMON HYMN~ 'Savior of the Nations, Come'

LSB 332

- 1 Savior of the nations, come,
Virgin's Son, make here Your home!
Marvel now, O heav'n and earth,
That the Lord chose such a birth.
- 2 Not by human flesh and blood,
By the Spirit of our God,
Was the Word of God made flesh—
Woman's offspring, pure and fresh.
- 3 Here a maid was found with child,
Yet remained a virgin mild.
In her womb this truth was shown:
God was there upon His throne.
- 4 Then stepped forth the Lord of all
From His pure and kingly hall;
God of God, yet fully man,
His heroic course began.
- 5 God the Father was His source,
Back to God He ran His course.
Into hell His road went down,
Back then to His throne and crown.

- 6 For You are the Father's Son
Who in flesh the vict'ry won.
By Your mighty pow'r make whole
All our ills of flesh and soul.
- 7 From the manger newborn light
Shines in glory through the night.
Darkness there no more resides;
In this light faith now abides.
- 8 Glory to the Father sing,
Glory to the Son, our king,
Glory to the Spirit be
Now and through eternity.

SERMON

THE GATHERING OF OUR GIFTS & WE CARE CARDS

(Rise and sing as offerings are brought forward)

OFFERTORY MUSIC

C: Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.

THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

P: Lord, in Your mercy,

All: **hear our prayer.** *(after final petition: Amen.)*

THE SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

Guests Please Note: As Lutheran Christians we believe in the Real Presence of Christ in Holy Communion; that as we participate in the sacrament we receive His body and blood. If you are confirmed and trust in Jesus and Savior and Lord and accept this understanding of communion you are invited to commune with us. There is a choice of individual or communion cup. You may choose a Gluten free wafer from the brass container as the host is served.

PREFACE

P: The Lord be with you. 2 Timothy 4:22

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts. Colossians 3:1

C: We lift them up to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God. Psalm 136

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, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who sacrificed His life for us on the cross, thereby overcoming our worst and greatest enemies—sin, death, and hell—and leading us to an abundant life in the mercy and forgiveness of God. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

C:sing **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might: Heaven and earth are full of Your glory. Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord, Hosanna in the highest.** Isaiah 6:3 and Matthew 21:9

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P: Our Lord Jesus Christ.....This do in remembrance of me.

LORD'S PRAYER

All: Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

PEACE OF THE LORD

John 20:19

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

C: **And also with you.**

(Be seated)

DISTRIBUTION AND HYMN

"Precious Lord, Take My Hand"

LSB 739

- 1 Precious Lord, take my hand,
Lead me on, let me stand;
I am tired, I am weak, I am worn.
Through the storm, through the night,
Lead me on to the light.
Take my hand, precious Lord; lead me home.

- 2 When my way grows drear,
Precious Lord, linger near,
When my life is almost gone,
Hear my cry, hear my call;
Hold my hand lest I fall.
Take my hand, precious Lord; lead me home.

- 3 When the darkness appears
And the night draws near
And the day is almost gone,
At the river I stand;

Guide my feet, hold my hand,
Take my hand, precious Lord; lead me home.

“Be Still, My Soul”

LSB 752

- 1 Be still, my soul; the Lord is on your side;
Bear patiently the cross of grief or pain;
Leave to your God to order and provide;
In ev'ry change He faithful will remain.
Be still, my soul; your best, your heav'nly Friend
Through thorny ways leads to a joyful end.
- 2 Be still, my soul; your God will undertake
To guide the future as He has the past.
Your hope, your confidence let nothing shake;
All now mysterious shall be bright at last.
Be still, my soul; the waves and winds still know
His voice who ruled them while He dwelt below.
- 3 Be still, my soul; though dearest friends depart
And all is darkened in this vale of tears;
Then you will better know His love, His heart,
Who comes to soothe your sorrows and your fears.
Be still, my soul; your Jesus can repay
From His own fullness all He takes away.
- 4 Be still, my soul; the hour is hast'ning on
When we shall be forever with the Lord,
When disappointment, grief, and fear are gone,
Sorrow forgot, love's purest joys restored.
Be still, my soul; when change and tears are past,
All safe and blessèd we shall meet at last.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

P: Blessed are You, O Lord our God, King of all creation, for all You have done for Your people in Jesus Christ, our Lord. We thank You for all of creation and for every good gift you give us. Grant that all of us, by the food of this sacrament, will be filled with Your heavenly blessing. We ask this through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord.

C: Amen.

(Rise)

CLOSING HYMN~ 'Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us' (vs. 4) LSB 851

4 Lord of glory, You have bought us
With Your lifeblood as the price,
Never grudging for the lost ones
That tremendous sacrifice.
Give us faith to trust You boldly,
Hope, to stay our souls on You;
But, oh, best of all Your graces,
With Your love our love renew.

BENEDICTION & DISMISSAL

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.

All: sing Amen, Amen, Amen.

P: Go in peace and serve the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

POST-SERVICE MUSIC