

Sharing of the Peace

The Offering

\*The Offertory “*Create in me.....*” p. 96

\*The Offertory Prayer

**We give you thanks, O Lord, for your tender mercies and for all that you have so faithfully provided for us. May our gifts be a sign of our love toward you and our desire to do your holy will. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen**

\*Prayers

Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.

Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

\*The Lord’s Prayer p. 97

\*The Blessing

P: Go with the blessing of God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit, and may the Light of God’s Word ever shine within your hearts and lives so that his holy name is praised throughout the world.

**C: Amen**

\*SENDING HYMN “*Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word*” #230

P: Go in peace. Let your light shine!

**C: Thanks be to God!**

Postlude

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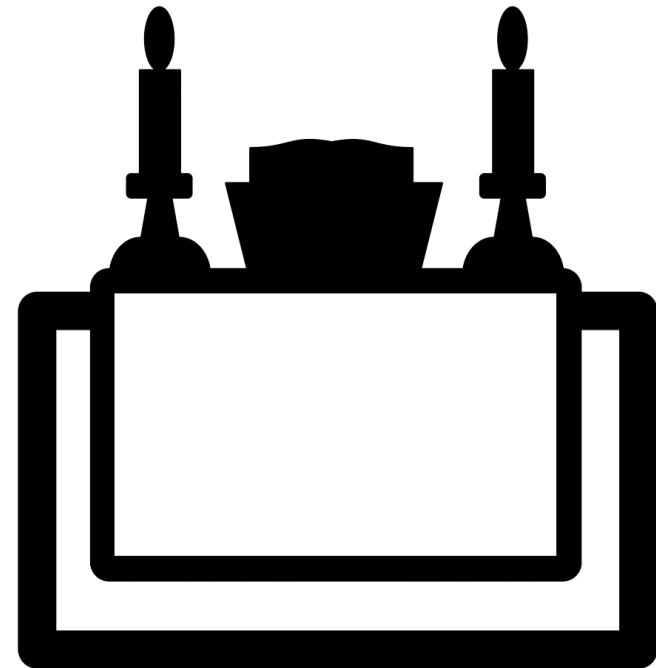
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## WEST PRAIRIE LUTHERAN CHURCH

40041 150th Ave

Leland, Iowa



Sixth Sunday after Epiphany  
February 12, 2023

*Mission:* To proclaim the gospel of Jesus Christ to all through worship, education, outreach, and fellowship.

Communion given the 1<sup>st</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays in February

*Please be advised, the service is livestreamed and posted on the internet.*

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## Sixth Sunday after Epiphany February 12, 2023

### ORDER OF WORSHIP

(\*Stand as you are able)

Prelude/Enter joyously to worship the Lord

Welcome and Announcements

#### \*Confession & Forgiveness

P: Arise, shine, your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you. We are gathered in this Season of Light to worship God, the Father, the Son, + and the Holy Spirit. (Isaiah 60:1)

**C: Amen**

P: Let us humble ourselves before the Lord of all, confessing our sins of which we are aware and for those things that grieve Him of which we are unaware.

*(Silence for self-reflection and examination)*

P: Gracious God who sent the Light of the World into the darkness of our human sin.

**C: We come before you asking for your gracious mercy for all the things we have done and left undone. We have lived in darkness rather than seeking your light; we have ignored your call to serve our neighbors; and we have neglected to show our gratitude for all you've done for us. Forgive us, dear Lord. Let the light of Christ shine upon us and restore us to your salvation, that we might live holy lives here and now, and be with you in eternity. Amen.**

P: Lift up your eyes all around and see! Your heart shall thrill and exult in the Lord's mercy. The Holy One of Israel, the Lord your God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit forgives you all your sin and grants you salvation in his holy name.

**C:Amen**

\*OPENING HYMN "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing" #499

\*Greeting

P: May the glorious light of the Son of God shine upon you, the abiding love of the Father fill your hearts, and the peace of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C: And also with you.**

\*The Kyrie p. 78

\*Hymn of Praise "Glory to God in the Highest" p. 79

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

\*Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

**Ever-living God, you offer us abundant and eternal life through the death and resurrection of your Son, Jesus. Grant that we may choose life and follow Him through our growing obedience to Him and our willingness to forgive as we have been forgiven; through our Lord, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

FIRST READING

**Deuteronomy 30:15-20**

PSALMS

**Psalm 119: 1-8**

SECOND READING

**1 Corinthians 3:1-9**

\*Gospel Acclamation "Alleluia" p. 83

"Glory to you, O Lord" p. 83

\*HOLY GOSPEL **Matthew 5:21-37**

"Praise to you, O Christ" p. 83

PULPIT HYMN "Breathe on Me Breath of God" #488

Children's Message

Sermon

Pastor Tony Scalisi

HYMN OF THE DAY

"Just a Closer Walk with Thee" **Grey Book #591**

\*Confession of Faith Apostles Creed p. 85

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**And also with you.**

## The Holy Gospel according to St Matthew the 5<sup>th</sup> Chapter

<sup>21</sup> "You have heard that it was said to the people long ago, 'You shall not murder, and anyone who murders will be subject to judgment.'  
<sup>22</sup> But I tell you that anyone who is angry with a brother or sister will be subject to judgment. Again, anyone who says to a brother or sister, 'Raca,' is answerable to the court. And anyone who says, 'You fool!' will be in danger of the fire of hell.<sup>23</sup> "Therefore, if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother or sister has something against you, <sup>24</sup> leave your gift there in front of the altar. First go and be reconciled to them; then come and offer your gift.  
<sup>25</sup> "Settle matters quickly with your adversary who is taking you to court. Do it while you are still together on the way, or your adversary may hand you over to the judge, and the judge may hand you over to the officer, and you may be thrown into prison. <sup>26</sup> Truly I tell you, you will not 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 tell you that anyone who looks at a woman lustfully has already committed adultery with her in his heart. <sup>29</sup> If your right eye causes you to stumble, gouge it out and throw it away. It is better for you to lose one part of your body than for your whole body to be thrown into hell. <sup>30</sup> And if your right hand causes you to stumble, cut it off and throw it away. It is better for you to lose one part of your body than for your whole body to go into hell. <sup>31</sup> "It has been said, 'Anyone who divorces his wife must give her a certificate of divorce.'  
<sup>32</sup> But I tell you that anyone who divorces his wife, except for sexual immorality, makes her the victim of adultery, and anyone who marries a divorced woman commits adultery. <sup>33</sup> "Again, you have heard that it was said to the people long ago, 'Do not break your oath, but fulfill to the Lord the vows you have made.'  
<sup>34</sup> But I tell you, do not swear an oath at all: either by heaven, for it is God's throne; <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 swear by your head, for you cannot make even one hair white or black. <sup>37</sup> All you need to say is simply 'Yes' or 'No'; anything beyond this comes from the evil one.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

## Sixth Sunday after Epiphany

February 12, 2023

### The first lesson is from the 30<sup>th</sup> Chapter of Deuteronomy

<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 obedience to him, 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 the heavens and the 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.

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**



**Let us pray Psalm 119 (responsively)**

<sup>1</sup> Blessed are those whose ways are blameless, who walk according to the law of the LORD.

<sup>2</sup> **Blessed are those who keep his statutes and seek him with all their heart**

<sup>3</sup> They do no wrong but follow his ways.

<sup>4</sup> **You have laid down precepts that are to be fully obeyed.**

<sup>5</sup> Oh, that my ways were steadfast in obeying your decrees!

<sup>6</sup> **Then I would not be put to shame when I consider all your commands.**

<sup>7</sup> I will praise you with an upright heart as I learn your righteous laws.

<sup>8</sup> **I will obey your decrees; do not utterly forsake me.**

**AMEN**

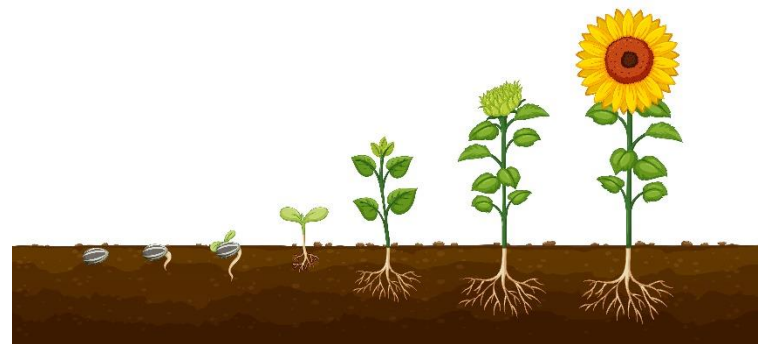


**The second lesson is found in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Chapter of 1 Corinthians**

**3** Brothers and sisters, I could not address you as people who live by the Spirit but as people who are still worldly—mere infants in Christ. <sup>2</sup> I gave you milk, not solid food, for you were not yet ready for it. Indeed, you are still not ready. <sup>3</sup> You are still worldly. For since there is jealousy and quarreling among you, are you not worldly? Are you not acting like mere humans? <sup>4</sup> For when one says, “I follow Paul,” and another, “I follow Apollos,” are you not mere human beings? <sup>5</sup> What, after all, is Apollos? And what is Paul? Only servants, through whom you came to believe—as the Lord has assigned to each his task. <sup>6</sup> I planted the seed, Apollos watered it, but God has been making it grow. <sup>7</sup> So neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God, who makes things grow. <sup>8</sup> The one who plants and the one who waters have one purpose, and they will each be rewarded according to their own labor. <sup>9</sup> For we are co-workers in God’s service; you are God’s field, God’s building.

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