

Our Savior's Lutheran Church and School

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"Inspired to Love, Encouraged to Think and Sent to Serve."



Sixth Sunday after Epiphany

*A special welcome to all.
Please join us each and every Sunday
as we worship the risen Lord.*

Sunday | February 12, 2023 | 9:30am

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Introduction

In today's reading from Deuteronomy we are called to choose life by loving and obeying God. Much of today's gospel reading echoes portions of the Ten Commandments. Jesus' instructions to the crowd reveal a pattern of behavior that honors both God and the neighbor, resulting in life and health for the whole community. We too are invited to embrace these commandments, not out of fear of retribution, but because God has promised that to do so means life for us.

Welcome

Thanksgiving for Baptism

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, the fountain of living water, the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation.

C **Amen.**

P We give you thanks, holy and gracious God, for you created the waters of the earth: wide oceans, rushing streams, clear lakes, mighty rivers.

P You led your people through the sea and called them to life in covenant with you. Your Son was baptized in the river Jordan to begin his mission among us. You pour out your Holy Spirit to renew the face of the earth. Through this water remind us of the gift of baptism. Renew us in your promise so that we may serve this world in all its need; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Gathering Hymn

“Your Name Is Power”

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Greeting

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C **And also with you.**

Jesus, the Light of the World

Christ, by high - est heav'n a-dored, Je - sus, the Light of the world;

5 Christ, the ev - er - last - ing Lord! Je - sus, the Light of the world. —

We'll walk in the light, beau-ti - ful light, come where the dew - drops of

12 mer-cy are bright. Shine all a-round us by day and by night, Je-sus, the Light of the world.

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'Jesus, the Light of the World'. It consists of four staves of music in G major, 6/8 time. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff starts with a treble clef, a key signature of one flat (F), and a 6/8 time signature. The lyrics are 'Christ, by high - est heav'n a-dored, Je - sus, the Light of the world;'. The second staff begins with a measure rest marked '5' and continues with 'Christ, the ev - er - last - ing Lord! Je - sus, the Light of the world. —'. The third staff continues with 'We'll walk in the light, beau-ti - ful light, come where the dew - drops of'. The fourth staff begins with a measure rest marked '12' and concludes with 'mer-cy are bright. Shine all a-round us by day and by night, Je-sus, the Light of the world.'.

Prayer of the Day

P Let us pray
O God, the strength of all who hope in you, because we are weak mortals we accomplish nothing good without you. Help us to see and understand the things we ought to do, and give us grace and power to do them, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen

Children's Message

First Reading

Deuteronomy 30:15-20

The LORD sets before the people of God a clear choice. Life and prosperity will come to the faithful; loss of the land will be the consequence of disobedience. Choosing life entails loving and holding fast to the Lord. Life in God's presence presupposes the promise made to the ancestors.

[Moses said to the people:] ¹⁵See, I have set before you today life and prosperity, death and adversity. ¹⁶If you obey the commandments of the LORD your God that I am commanding you today, by loving the LORD your God, walking in his ways, and observing his commandments, decrees, and ordinances, then you shall live and become numerous, and the LORD your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to possess. ¹⁷But if your heart turns away and you do not hear, but are led astray to bow

down to other gods and serve them, ¹⁸I declare to you today that you shall perish; you shall not live long in the land that you are crossing 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, blessings and curses. Choose life so that you and your descendants may live, ²⁰loving the LORD your God, obeying him, and holding fast to him; for that means life to you and length of days, so that you may live in the land that the LORD swore to give to your ancestors, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob.

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 3:1-9

Human leaders in the church are not the ones who control ministry. Rather they are coworkers who belong to God, the one who truly controls and continuously empowers the ministry of the church.

¹Brothers and sisters, I could not speak to you as spiritual people, but rather as people of the flesh, as infants in Christ. ²I fed you with milk, not solid food, for you were not ready for solid food. Even now you are still not ready, ³for you are still of the flesh. For as long as there is jealousy and quarreling among you, are you not of the flesh, and behaving according to human inclinations? ⁴For when one says, "I belong to Paul," and another, "I belong to Apollos," are you not merely human?

⁵What then is Apollos? What is Paul? Servants through whom you came to believe, as the Lord assigned to each. ⁶I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth. ⁷So neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth. ⁸The one who plants and the one who waters have a common purpose, and each will receive wages according to the labor of each. ⁹For we are God's servants, working together; you are God's field, God's building.

Gospel Acclamation

Come, light, light of God, give light to cre - a - tion. Al -
le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Gospel

Matthew 5:21-37

In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus exhorts his followers to embrace standards of righteousness that exceed legal requirements and traditional expectations.

[Jesus said to the disciples:] ²¹“You have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, ‘You shall not murder’; and ‘whoever murders shall be liable to judgment.’ ²²But I say to you that if you are angry with a brother or sister, you will be liable to judgment; and

if you insult a brother or sister, you will be liable to the council; and if you say, ‘You fool,’ you will be liable to the hell of fire. ²³So when you are offering your gift at the altar, if you remember that your brother or sister has something against you, ²⁴leave your gift there before the altar and go; first be reconciled to your brother or sister, and then come and offer your gift. ²⁵Come to terms quickly with your accuser while you are on the way to court with him, or your accuser may hand you over to the judge, and the judge to the guard, and you will be thrown into prison. ²⁶Truly I tell 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 lust has already committed adultery with her in his heart. ²⁹If your right eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away; it is better for you to lose one of your members than for your whole body to be thrown into hell. ³⁰And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away; it is better for you to lose one of your members than for your whole body to 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 anyone who divorces his wife, except on the ground of unchastity, causes her to commit adultery; and whoever marries a divorced woman commits adultery.

³³“Again, you have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, ‘You shall not swear falsely, but carry out the vows you have made to the Lord.’ ³⁴But I say to you, Do not swear 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 swear by your head, for you cannot make one hair white or black. ³⁷Let your word be ‘Yes, Yes’ or ‘No, No’; anything more than this comes from the evil one.”

Message

Pastor Cole McGlynn

Hymn of the Day

“Refiner’s Fire”

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Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven; by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand

of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

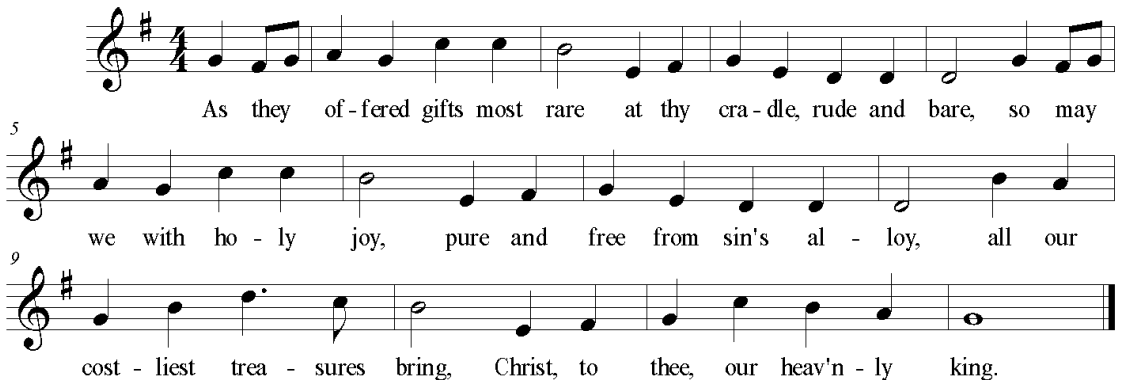
Sharing of the Peace

P The peace of the Lord be with you always

C **And also with you.**



Offering



As they of-fered gifts most rare at thy cra-dle, rude and bare, so may
we with ho-ly joy, pure and free from sin's al-loy, all our
cost-liest trea-sures bring, Christ, to thee, our heav'n-ly king.

The musical notation consists of three staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The lyrics are written below the notes. The second staff starts with a measure rest labeled '5'. The third staff starts with a measure rest labeled '9'. The piece ends with a double bar line.

Offering Prayer

P God of abundance, receive and bless these gifts we have offered. Join our hearts with the song of the angels, and gather us at your table of celebration. Strengthen us to share with all the world the abundance of your grace upon grace, poured out in Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh.

C **Amen.**

Prayers of the People *(each petition shall end...)*

P Merciful God

C **Receive our prayer**

Holy Communion

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 indeed right...

The Lord's Prayer

C **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**

Distribution

Song of Assurance

I Love to Tell the Story



I I love to tell the sto - ry of un - seen things a - bove,



of Je - sus and his glo - ry, of Je - sus and his love.



I love to tell the sto - ry, be - cause I know it's true;



it sat - is - fies my long - ings as noth - ing else would do.

Refrain



I love to tell the sto - ry; 'twill be my theme in glo - ry



to tell the old, old sto - ry of Je - sus and his love.

Blessing

P God bless you and keep you, ✝ Jesus grant you grace and truth, and the Spirit send peace upon your hearts, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Announcements

Sending Hymn *“Will You Let Me Be Your Servant”* **(page 11)**

Dismissal

P Christ the Savior is born! Go in peace. Proclaim this good news.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Gathering Hymn

“Your Name Is Power”

You're the only answer to the darkness
You're the only right among the wrong
You're the only hope among the chaos
You are the voice that calls me on

(Pre-Chorus)

Louder than ev'ry lie
My sword in ev'ry fight
The truth will chase away the night

(Chorus)

**Your name is power over darkness
Freedom for the captives
Mercy for the broken and the hopeless
Your name is faithful in the battle
Glory in the struggle
Mighty it won't let us down or fail us
(Your name is power)
(Your name is power)**

I know it is written hope is certain
I know that the Word will never fail
I know that in ev'ry situation
You speak the power to prevail

(Pre-Chorus)

Louder than ev'ry lie
My sword in ev'ry fight
The truth will chase away the night

(Chorus)

**Your name is power over darkness
Freedom for the captives
Mercy for the broken and the hopeless
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Glory in the struggle
Mighty it won't let us down or fail us
(Your name is power)
(Your name is power)**

(BRIDGE)

When You speak You scatter darkness
Light arrives and heaven opens
Holy Spirit let us hear it
When You speak the church awakens
We believe the change is coming
Holy Spirit let us see it

(Chorus)

**Your name is power over darkness
Freedom for the captives
Mercy for the broken and the hopeless
Your name is faithful in the battle
Glory in the struggle
Mighty it won't let us down or fail us**

(TAG)

Your name is power over darkness
Your name is power in the chaos
Your name is power

Hymn of the Day

“Refiner’s Fire”

Purify my heart
Let me be as gold
And precious silver
Purify my heart
Let me be as gold
Pure gold

(Chorus)

**Refiner's fire
My heart's one desire
Is to be holy
Set apart for You Lord
I choose to be holy
Set apart for You my Master
Ready to do Your will**

Purify my heart
Cleanse me from within
And make me holy
Purify my heart
Cleanse me from my sin
Deep within
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Sending Hymn

Will You Let Me Be Your Servant



1 Will you let me be your ser - vant, let me be as
2 We are pil - grims on a jour - ney, we are trav - 'lers
3 I will hold the Christ - light for you in the night - time
4 I will weep when you are weep - ing; when you laugh I'll
5 Will you let me be your ser - vant, let me be as



Christ to you? Pray that I may have the grace to
on the road; we are here to help each oth - er
of your fear; I will hold my hand out to you,
laugh with you. I will share your joy and sor - row
Christ to you? Pray that I may have the grace to



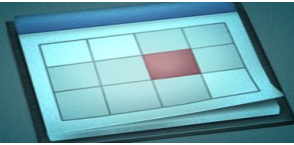
let you be my ser - vant, too.
walk the mile and bear the load.
speak the peace you long to hear.
till we've seen this jour - ney through.
let you be my ser - vant, too.

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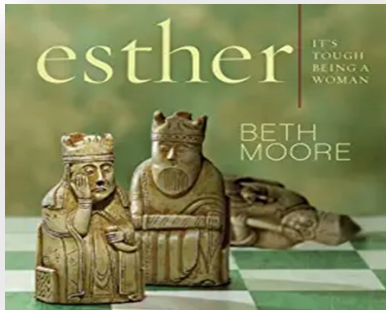


SCHEDULE

TODAY'S FLOWERS are given to the honor and glory of God from the Greco family in joyful celebration of Ethan's 12th birthday. *"Happy Birthday!"*

Women's Bible Study
"Esther" by Beth Moore

Tuesday, February 14 & 28
9:30am in the Founders Room



Sunday, February 12
"Souper Bowl Sunday"

9:30am - Worship,
No HSYG

Tuesday, February 14

8:00am - OWLs Walk, @ N Beach

9:30am - Women's Bible Study
No Manna Bible Study

6:00pm - Gilchrist House

Wednesday, February 15

5:30pm - Potluck & Bingo, FR

6:30pm - MSYG, YR

Thursday, February 16

6:30pm - Council Meeting, FR

Saturday, February 18

Family Winterfest @Luther Glen

Sunday, February 19

9:30am - Worship,
No HSYG



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