

# St. Paul's Ev. Lutheran Church (LCMS)

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## Sixth Sunday after Epiphany

February 12, 2023



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Please pray for Roger Blum, Joyce Kenitzer, Miles Eisenbeisz, Barbara Dahme, Gladys Felix, Harry and Fern Preston, Sheyenne Seely, Janet Smith, Andrew & Cindy Ruenzel, Courtney Frohling, Dawn Dohn, Lorelei Hartung, Baelyn Schwab, Pam Dutenhoffer, Karen Johnson, Chet Lane, Sally Kushman, David Mammenga, Ella Jaaska, Dan Lingor, Viril Layton, Cody Bahn, Alvin Hamilton, LaVonne Helmer, and Doug Frohling.

**Please inform the Pastors** or the church office when you or a loved one is hospitalized.

**Prayer service** – TODAY at 12:30 pm. Prayers will be offered for repentance and preparation for Lent.

**Gathering God's Flock:** Beginning February 19 and every 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month from 2-3:00 pm we are going out to make inactive calls. Pastor Bobby and I have been doing this, but we need your help to reach more people! We simply want to welcome members who have not been in church for a while back to receive all the many blessings God gives to us in His services. Groups can be husbands and wives, entire families, or just two to three people that want to help. Reach out to either pastor if you have questions and hope to see you there! Pastor Smith

**Thrivent Choice Dollars** – Reminder for those members who have Thrivent Choice Dollars, that you need to allocate those dollars by the end of March.

**The Lighthouse Preschool** is now accepting registrations for the 2023-24 school year. Please call 725-1855 for more information or pick up an application in the South Narthex.

**Women's Bible Study** - If any women would like to join the Esther Bible Study, which is meeting via Zoom during January and February at 5:15 pm on Wednesdays, here is the Zoom link:  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86102004155>

**Romans Bible Study: Wednesdays, from 7-8 pm.** Join us for a study on an epistle that Martin Luther calls the “most important piece of the New Testament.” The book of Romans is full of the gospel in its purity. Let us go together to this fountain of salvation and drink deeply. Bring your Bibles and your thirst! This study will be led by DCE Michael Leapley and we will study 1 chapter per week.

**Usher Training** – There will be an usher training session on Feb. 26<sup>th</sup> between services for anyone needing a refresher course or new to ushering.

**Please sign the fellowship booklet** for attendance.

**Organist: Sunday** – Cyrece Kono **Wednesday** – Judah Bobby

**MAIN STREET LIVING – February 19, 2023** KDLT (NBC) This the Life – **10:00 AM** – “*In Search of Dignity*” **10:30 AM** – **Worship** – Rev. Jeremy Richert presents a message titled “All Witnesses Point to Jesus” based on Matthew 17:1-9. For more information go to the web site: [www.mainstreetliving.com](http://www.mainstreetliving.com)

**THE LUTHERAN HOUR – February 19, 2023** “*Table Manners*”  
Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Ziegler. The Lutheran Hour can be heard on KAWZ 88.1 at 9:00 am or Bismarck radio station KFYR at 7:30 am on Sundays.

**Offering: February 5, 2023** - \$5,415.25

Sunday School - \$17.25 Missions -\$30.00 Coffee - \$102.00

Shepherd Fund - \$394.44

**Amount to meet Budget:** \$13,615.00 per week

**Sunday Attendance – February 5, 2023:**

**8:00am** – 91 **10:45am** – 119 **Wed** - 24

**Bible Study:** Sunday - 62 Wed: 6am – 5

5:15pm – 7 7:00pm - 11

**THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL'S: (Feb. 12 – Feb. 19)**

**Sun 8:00 am      Worship Service**  
9:30 am Bible Study, Coffee and donuts  
9:30 am Sunday School  
**10:45 am      Worship Service**  
12:30 pm      Prayer Service  
5-7:00 pm      Youth Group Meeting

**Wed 6:00 am      Men's Bible Study**  
5:15 pm      Women's Bible Study – Zoom  
**6:15 pm      Worship Service**  
7:00 pm      Confirmation  
7:00 pm      Romans Bible Study

**Thur 9:00 am      Quilting**  
7:00 pm Rural Gospel Initiative Meeting

**Sun 8:00 am      Worship Service**  
9:30 am Bible Study, Coffee and Donuts  
9:30 am Sunday School  
**10:45 am      Worship Service**  
2:00 pm Gathering God's Flock

**Introit** *Psalm 98:7–9; antiphon: v. 2*

P: The LORD has made known his salvation;

**C: he has revealed his righteousness in the sight of the nations.**

P: Let the sea roar, and all that fills it;

**C: the world and those who dwell in it!**

P: Let the rivers clap their hands; let the hills sing for joy together before the LORD,

**C: for he comes to judge the earth.**

P: He will judge the world with righteousness,

**C: and the peoples with equity.**

P: The LORD has made known his salvation;

**C: he has revealed his righteousness in the sight of the nations.**

**Salutation and Collect of the Day**

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>! 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.”

P This is the Word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

### **Gradual** *Psalm 117:1–2a; 96:8*

P: Praise the LORD, all nations!

**C: Extol him, all peoples!**

P: For great is his steadfast love toward us,

**C: and the faithfulness of the LORD endures forever.**

P: Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name;

**C: bring an offering, and come into his courts!**

### **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.

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### **Holy Gospel**    *Matthew 5:21–37*

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

**C Glory be to Thee, 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 be to Thee, O Christ.**

## **Catechetical Review**

**P:** The Ninth Commandment

**C: You shall not covet your neighbor's house.**

*P: What does this mean?*

**C: We should fear and love God so that we do not scheme to get our neighbor's inheritance or house, or get it in a way which only appears right, but help and be of service to him in keeping it.**

**P:** The Tenth Commandment

**C: You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his manservant or maidservant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.**

*P: What does this mean?*

**C: We should fear and love God so that we do not entice or force away our neighbor's wife, workers, or animals, or turn them against him, but urge them to stay and do their duty.**