

MESSIAH
LUTHERAN CHURCH
MADISON, ALABAMA
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February 12, 2023

The Sixth Sunday after Epiphany



Good Morning and Welcome!

Guests, we are glad you are here.

Please fill out the yellow "Connection Card" in the pew and place in the offering.

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SERVICE of WORSHIP

LBW Setting #2

** Please stand as you are able*

THE PRELUDE: “Fantasia” (D. Bédard)

Amanda Weiland,
Guest Organist

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION and FORGIVENESS

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

(silence for reflection and self examination)

Most merciful God,

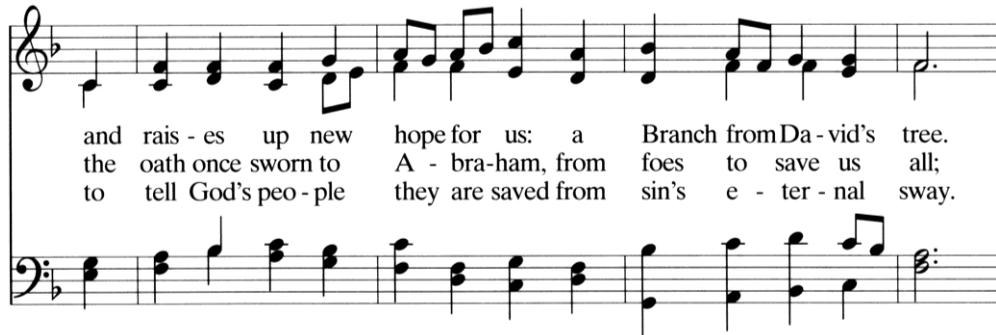
We confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen

Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

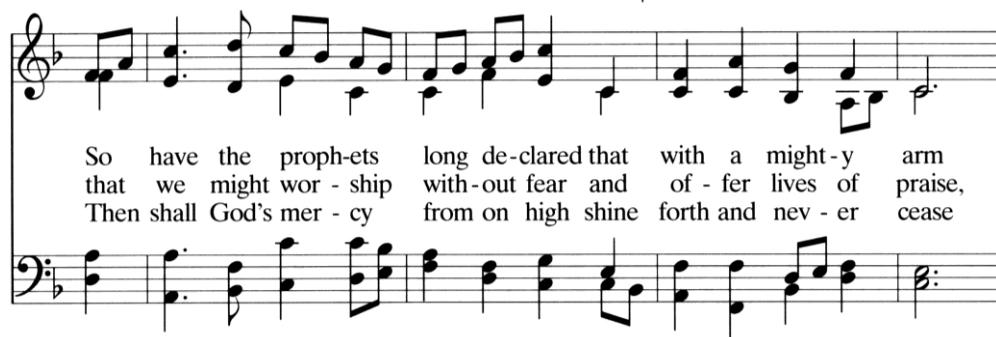
Amen



1 Bless'd be the God of Is - ra - el who comes to set us free
2 With prom-ised mer - cy will God still the cov - e - nant re - call,
3 My child, as proph-et of the Lord you will pre-pare the way,



and rais - es up new hope for us: a Branch from Da - vid's tree.
the oath once sworn to A - bra-ham, from foes to save us all;
to tell God's peo - ple they are saved from sin's e - ter - nal sway.



So have the proph-ets long de-clared that with a might - y arm
that we might wor - ship with-out fear and of - fer lives of praise,
Then shall God's mer - cy from on high shine forth and nev - er cease



God would turn back our en - e - mies and all who wish us harm.
in ho - li - ness and righ - teous-ness to serve God all our days.
to drive a - way the gloom of death and lead us in - to peace.

*THE GREETING

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

*THE KYRIE



A In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



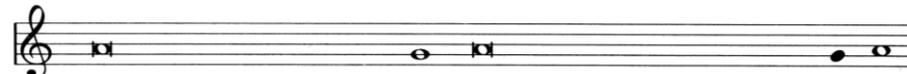
G Lord, have mer - cy.



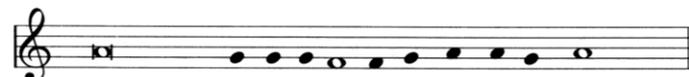
A For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal-vation, let us pray to the Lord.



G Lord, have mer - cy.



A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



and for the uni-ty of all, let us pray to the Lord.



G Lord, have mer - cy.



A For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord.



G Lord, have mer - cy.



A Help, save, comfort, and de-fend us, gra-cious Lord.



G A - men

*HYMN OF PRAISE



A This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al - le - lu - ia.



B Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose



blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.



Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and strength, and



hon - or and bless - ing and glo - ry are his.



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al - le -



lu - ia. Sing with all the peo - ple of



God and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion:



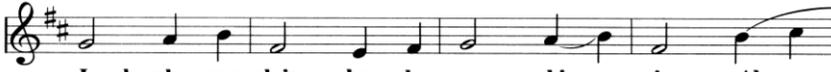
Bless - ing and hon - or and glo - ry and might be to



God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the



Lamb who was slain has be - gun his reign. Al -



- le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

*THE SALUTATION



☩ The Lord be with you.



☩ And al - so with you.

*THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

THE FIRST LESSON

Deuteronomy 30:15-20

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.

THE PSALM

Psalm 119:1-8

- ¹Happy are they whose way is blameless,
Who walk in the law of the Lord!
- ²Happy are they who observe his decrees
and seek him with all their hearts!
- ³Who never do any wrong,
but always walk in his ways.
- ⁴You laid down your commandments,
that we should fully keep them.
- ⁵Oh, that my ways were made so direct
That I might keep your statutes!
- ⁶Then I should not be put to shame, when I regard
all your commandments.
- ⁷I will thank you with an unfeigned heart,
when I have learned your righteous judgments.
- ⁸I will keep your statutes;
do not utterly forsake me.

THE SECOND LESSON

1 Corinthians 3:1-9

¹And so, brothers 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 quarrelling 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 labour of each. ⁹For we are God's servants, working together; you are God's field, God's building.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Lisa Bartel

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: "Alleluia, Lord to Whom Shall We Go"



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?
You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

*THE GOSPEL ANNOUNCEMENT

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 5th chapter.



Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

²¹“You have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, “You shall not murder”; and “whoever murders shall be liable to judgement.” ²²But I say to you that if you are angry with a brother or sister, you will be liable to judgement; 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

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.

The Gospel of the Lord.



THE SERMON



1 O Ho - ly Spir - it, en - ter in, and in our hearts your
2 Left to our - selves, we sure - ly stray; oh, lead us on the
3 O might - y Rock, O Source of life, let your good Word in



work be - gin, and make our hearts your dwell - ing. Sun of the soul,
nar - row way, with wis - est coun - sel guide us; and give us stead -
doubt and strife be in us strong - ly burn - ing, that we be faith -



O Light di - vine, a - round and in us bright - ly shine, your strength
fast - ness, that we may fol - low you for - ev - er free, no mat -
ful un - to death and live in love and ho - ly faith, from you



in us up - well - ing. In your ra - diance life from heav - en now is
ter who de - rides us. Gent - ly heal those hearts now bro - ken; give some
true wis - dom learn - ing. Lord, your mer - cy on us show - er; by your



giv - en o - ver - flow - ing, gift of gifts be - yond all know - ing.
to - ken you are near us, whom we trust to light and cheer us.
pow - er Christ con - fess - ing, we will cher - ish all your bless - ing.

***THE APOSTLES' CREED**

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen

***THE PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

***THE SHARING OF THE PEACE**

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

THE OFFERING

Organ Solo (8:30): "Meditation on 'Lord Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word'" (Z. Taylor)

Choir Anthem (11:00): "Glorious Things of You Are Spoken" (Haydn)

***THE OFFERTORY**

LBW (green hymnal) pg. 86

Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of blessing. Gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life. Gather the hopes and the dreams of all; unite them with the prayers we offer. Grace our table with your presence, and give us a foretaste of the feast to come.

***THE OFFERTORY PRAYER**

Blessed are you,

O Lord our God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts. With them we offer ourselves to your service and dedicate our lives to the care and redemption of all that you have made, for the sake of him who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

***THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

***THE PREFACE**

It is indeed right and salutary...we praise your name and join their unending hymn

*THE SANCTUS



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of
pow'r and might: Heav'n and earth are full of your
glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name
of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

*THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

*THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

*THE AGNUS DEI: "Lamb of God"



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the
sin of the world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of
God, you take a-way the sin of the world;
grant us peace, grant us peace.

*THE DISTRIBUTION

HYMN: "Blest Be the Tie That Binds"

LBW 370

F Gm7 Dm Bb

1 Blest be the tie that binds Our hearts in
 2 Be - fore our Fa - ther's throne We pour our
 3 We share our mu - tual woes, Our mu - tual
 4 From sor - row, toil, and pain, And sin - we

F Bbmaj7 C Bb6 F

Chris - tian love; The u - ni - ty of
 ar - dent prayers; Our fears, our hopes, our
 bur - dens bear, And of - ten for each
 shall be free; And per - fect love and

Bb6 C7 Dm Bb6 F Bb F C7 F

heart and mind Is like to that a - bove.
 aims are one, Our com - forts and our cares.
 oth - er flows The sym - pa - thiz - ing tear.
 friend - ship reign Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

1 We all are one in mis - sion; we all are one in call,
 2 We all are called to ser - vice, to wit - ness in God's name.
 3 Now let us be u - nit - ed, and let our song be heard.

our var - ied gifts u - nit - ed by Christ, the Lord of all.
 Our min - is - tries are dif - frent; our pur - pose is the same:
 Now let us be a ves - sel for God's re - deem - ing Word.

A sin - gle great com - mis - sion com - pels us from a - bove
 to touch the lives of oth - ers with God's sur - pris - ing grace,
 We all are one in mis - sion; we all are one in call,

to plan and work to - geth - er that all may know Christ's love.
 so ev - 'ry folk and na - tion may feel God's warm em - brace.
 our var - ied gifts u - nit - ed by Christ, the Lord of all.

*POST COMMUNION CANTICLE

Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell ev - 'ry - one what
he has done. Let ev - 'ry - one who seeks the Lord re -
joice and proud - ly bear his name. He re - calls his prom - is -
es and leads his peo - ple forth in joy with shouts of thanks -
giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

*POST COMMUNION PRAYER

*THE BENEDICTION & DISMISSAL

THE POSTLUDE: "Rejoice, the Lord Is King!" (arr. G. Young)

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Lutheran Book of Worship Setting Two

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WE REMEMBER IN THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH TODAY

Please refer to the names spokend during Prayers of the Church

THE FLOWERS today are given to the glory of God by Laura Peterson.

THANK YOU to Pastor James Korzun for preaching and leading worship today and Amanda Weiland for accompanying.

A NURSERY, staffed by Katrina Strand, is through the double doors in the Narthex leading to the Sunday School classrooms. Newborns, toddlers and children up to Pre-K are welcome.

ALL ARE INVITED to enjoy coffee, tea, and fellowship after worship in the Parish Hall.

SPECIAL CONGREGATION MEETING ON THE DISPOSITION OF THE PARSONAGE is today, February 12 at 9:45 a.m. in the Parish Hall. All confirmed members of MLC should attend in person if possible, or by Zoom if necessary. The notice and agenda was emailed on Feb. 2, 2022 with additional notices to follow.

SOUP-ER BOWL SUNDAY is today. MLC Youth will be collecting donations for House of the Harvest after each service. Donations of canned soups are also encouraged.

PASTOR KRIS' WILL START APRIL 1 Until she arrives, Pastor Diana Bottin will continue to provide pastoral care for urgent matters that may arise until then. Please contact Claire or the Church Office. Pulpit Supply for March is being coordinated by Laura Peterson, Council Representative for Worship and Music.

LENT BEGINS FEB 22 Services of worship with the Lord's Supper and imposition of ashes for those who wish to receive them will take place 12:00 and 7:00 p.m. Pastor Korzun will preside at these services. Unless otherwise designated, Lenten offerings will be shared equally with Christ Kiswahili Mission in Nashville and the Huntsville Assistance Program.

KIT MINISTRY ITEM - Dark Towels (52 x 27) FOOD PANTRY (see note below)

HUNTSVILLE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM'S FOOD PANTRY seeks food donations for January and February. Shopping lists can be picked up at the Mission Control area of the Narthex. You can return the items to MLC or contact HAP directly for larger pickups. POC Claire Strand

COORDINATORS ARE NEEDED for Coffee Makers & Wednesday Night Dinners in 2023.

CHANCEL FLOWER SPONSORSHIPS for Sundays in 2023 are available. The cost to sponsor Sunday Flowers is \$30 per household. Up to two households can each sponsor a bouquet on a given Sunday. Please see the sign up board in the Narthex.

<u>Director of Outreach Ministries</u>	Claire Strand	<u>Acolytes</u>	Natalie Zesinger (8:30)
<u>Communication & Tech Director</u>	Meredith Kilby		(11:00)
<u>Office Managers</u>	Bobbey Huwaldt	<u>Greeters</u>	Pitchko Family (8:30)
	Meredith Kilby		Dagmar Miller (11:00)
<u>Choir Director</u>	Randall Fields	<u>Ushers</u>	(8:30)
<u>Nursery Attendant</u>	Katrina Strand		(11:00)
		<u>Lectors</u>	Tim Pitchko/ Kari Pitchko (8:30)
			Laura Peterson (11:00)
		<u>Altar Guild</u>	Janet Smith, Janell Zesinger (8:30)
			Debbie Neely (11:00)
		<u>Stream Team</u>	Meredith Kilby, Paul Zutter (11:00)
		<u>Flower Guild</u>	Jutta DeMarsh

****CHURCH CALENDAR****

Sunday, February 12

- 9:45 a.m. - Sunday School for Youth
- 9:45 a.m. - Special Congregation Meeting (Parsonage)
- 12:00 p.m. - Brief Youth Meeting (no evening meeting)
- 4:00 p.m. - 1st Year Confirmation

Tuesday, February 14

- 9:00 a.m. - Comforters

Wednesday, February 15

- 5:00 p.m. - 2nd Year Confirmation
- 5:30 p.m. - Wednesday Night Dinner
- 6:00 p.m. - Cherub Choir
- 6:00 p.m. - Seraph Choir
- 6:30 p.m. - Notabella
- 7:30 p.m. - Messiah Choir

Thursday, February 16

- 7:00 p.m. - Kit Ministries

Saturday, February 18

- 9:00 a.m. - Contemporary Worship Setup

Sunday, February 19

- 8:30 a.m. - Service of Worship: LBW Setting 2 w/the Lord's Supper
- 9:45 a.m. - Sunday School for All Ages
- 11:00 a.m. - *Service of Worship: *Contemporary Service* w/the Lord's Supper
- 4:00 p.m. - 1st Year Confirmation
- 5:00 p.m. - Jr/Sr Youth

**These services are live streamed on mlutheran.org*

LOOKING AHEAD

February 22 - Ash Wednesday Services at Noon and 7:00 p.m.

April 1 - Pastor Kris Schroeder first day at MLC

April 2 - Palm Sunday

April 9 - Easter Sunday

April 30 - Installation of Pastor Kris Schroeder

Attendance:

January 29 Online: - 70

February 5: 8:30 a.m. - 118, 11:00 a.m. - 77

Offerings Counted February 5, 2023 (Includes e-giving for January)

Church Ministries	Owen's House
Current Mortgages	Weekend Food Program
Sanctuary Debt	Comforters
Lutheran World Disaster Response	On Eagle's Wings
Wednesday Night Dinners	Flowers
Lunches for Learning	Miscellaneous
Kids to Love - Davidson Farms	Facility Usage
Kit Ministries	Inspiritus
Madison Area Interfaith Mission	HAP
Ramp Builders	German Food Festival
Lutheran World Relief	Stephens Ministry
Messiah Mugs	Office Supplies/Postage
Initial Offering	

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