



The Sixth Sunday  
after the Epiphany  
February 12, 2023  
Peace Lutheran Church  
Hutchinson, Minnesota

6:30pm / 8:30am: HYMN 700 (Maroon): Love Divine, All Loves Excelling  
10:30am Love the Lord, Your God

**INVOCATION & CALL TO WORSHIP – Psalm 119:1-8**

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

<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.**

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**CONFESSION** (*Scripture, 1 John 3:1-7*)

See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are! The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Dear friends, now we are children of God, and what we will be has not yet been made known. But we know that when Christ appears, we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is. All who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

Everyone who sins breaks the law; in fact, sin is lawlessness. But you know that he appeared so that he might take away our sins. And in him is no sin. No one who lives in him keeps on sinning. No one who continues to sin has either seen him or known him. Dear children, do not let anyone lead you astray. The one who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous. (NIV)

**Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. 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. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. 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.**

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for His sake God forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ He gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. May the Lord, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

**SONG: Wonderful, Merciful, Savior**

**Wonderful, merciful Savior, Precious Redeemer and Friend  
Who would have thought that a Lamb, Could rescue the souls of men  
Oh, You rescue the souls of men**

*Chorus:* **You are the One that we praise, You are the One we adore  
You give the healing and grace, Our hearts always hunger for  
Oh, our hearts always hunger for**

**Counselor, Comforter, Keeper, Spirit we long to embrace  
You offer hope when our hearts have, Hopelessly lost our way  
Oh, we've hopelessly lost the way**

*Chorus:* **You are the One that we praise, You are the One we adore  
You give the healing and grace, Our hearts always hunger for  
Oh, our hearts always hunger for**

**Almighty, infinite Father, Faithfully loving Your own  
Here in our weakness You find us, Falling before Your throne  
Oh, we're falling before Your throne**

*Chorus:* **You are the One that we praise, You are the One we adore  
You give the healing and grace, Our hearts always hunger for  
Oh, our hearts always hunger for**



**OLD TESTAMENT READING: Deuteronomy 30:15-20**

<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. (NIV)

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

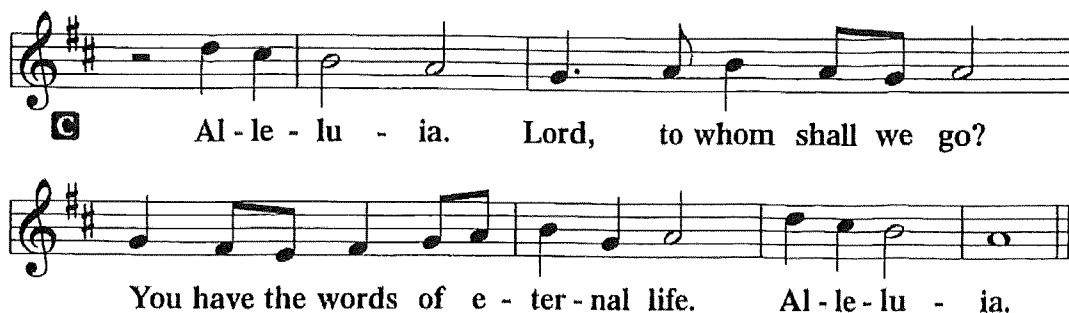
**EPISTLE READING: 1 Corinthians 3:1-9**

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. (NIV)

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**▲ 6:30pm & 8:30am, Gospel Acclamation, Divine Setting Two, page 173**



**10:30am SONG: Carribean Hallelujah (We will sing this twice.)**

Halle, halle, hallelujah. Halle, halle, hallelujah.

Halle, halle, hallelujah. Hallelujah, hallelujah.

## **GOSPEL READING: Matthew 5:21-37**

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 5<sup>th</sup> chapter. **Glory to You, O Lord.**

<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. (NIV)

This is the Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to You, O Christ.**

**THE APOSTLE’S CREED - I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, his 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 into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**



**Children’s Message: Love One Another (as God has first loved you!)**

**HYMN: The Gift of Love**

Though I may speak with bravest fire,  
And have the gift to all inspire,  
And have not love, my words are vain,  
As sounding brass, and hopeless gain.

Though I may give all I possess,  
And striving so my love profess,  
But not be given by love within,  
The profit soon turns strangely thin.

Come, Spirit, come, our hearts control,  
Our spirits long to be made whole.  
Let inward love guide every deed;  
By this we worship, and are freed.

**MESSAGE The Sermon on the Mount (Matthew 5-7) Speaker/Writer: Jesus**

**PRESENTATION OF OFFERINGS**

*Please sign the friendship pad in the pew and pass it along to others. As it is passed back to the center aisle, please take the opportunity to note the names of others seated in your pew.*

**INSTALLATION OF ELECTED OFFICERS**

**PRAYERS & THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**10:30 SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT**

**SONG: Rescue Story**

**BENEDICTION**

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. **Amen.**



**SONG:   Amazing Grace / My Chains Are Gone**

Amazing grace how sweet the sound  
That saved a wretch like me  
I once was lost, but now I'm found  
Was blind, but now I see

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear  
And grace my fears relieved  
How precious did that grace appear  
The hour I first believed

*Chorus:*   My chains are gone, I've been set free  
My God, my Savior has ransomed me  
And like a flood His mercy reigns  
Unending love, Amazing grace

The Lord has promised good to me  
His word my hope secures  
He will my shield and portion be  
As long as life endures

*Chorus:*   My chains are gone, I've been set free  
My God, my Savior has ransomed me  
And like a flood His mercy reigns  
Unending love, Amazing grace (*repeat chorus*)

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