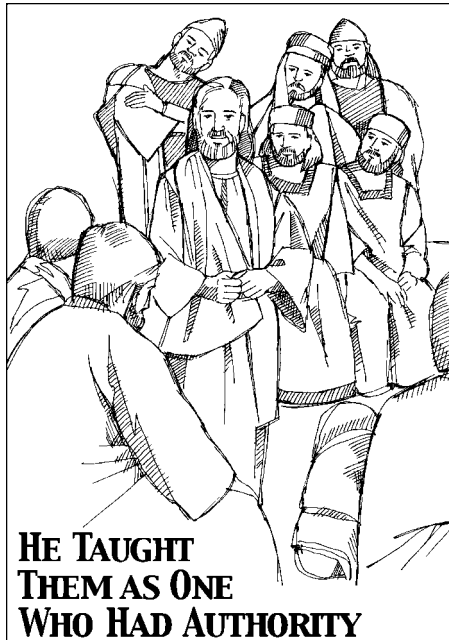


THE SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

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Worship Focus

Jesus is Revealed as the Ultimate Authority



**HE TAUGHT
THEM AS ONE
WHO HAD AUTHORITY**

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OPENING HYMN

348 - Jesus, Jesus, Only Jesus



1 Je - sus, Je - sus, on - ly Je - sus Can my heart - felt
2 One there is for whom I'm liv - ing, Whom I love most
3 What to me may seem a trea - sure But dis - pleas - ing
4 Let me ear - nest - ly en - deav - or Thy good plea - sure
5 Je - sus, con - stant be my prais - es, For thou un - to



long - ing still. Lo, I pledge my - self to Je - sus,
ten - der - ly; Un - to Je - sus I am giv - ing
is to thee— Oh, re - move such harm - ful plea - sure;
to ful - fill; In me, through me, with me ev - er,
me didst bring Thine own self and all thy grac - es



What he wills a - lone to will, For my heart, which
What in love he gave to me, Je - sus' blood hides
Give in - stead what prof - its me, Let my heart by
Lord, ac - com - plish thou thy will. In thy ho - ly
That I joy - ful - ly may sing: Be it un - to



he hath filled, Ev - er cries, "Lord, as thou wilt."
all my guilt— Lord, oh, lead me as thou wilt,
thee be stilled; Make me thine, Lord, as thou wilt,
im - age built, Let me die, Lord, as thou wilt.
me, my Shield, As thou wilt, Lord, as thou wilt,

Text: Ludimilia Elisabeth, 1640–72; tr. August Crull, 1845–1923, alt.

Tune: JESUS, JESUS, NICHTS ALS JESUS (87 87 77) *Das . . . vollkommene Musikalische Choral-Buch*, Hamburg, 1715, alt.

INVOCATION

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



Congregation A - men.

M Beloved in the Lord: Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

C Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord have mercy on me a sinner.

LORD HAVE MERCY (*Kyrie*)

Musical notation for the 'Lord Have Mercy' section, consisting of two staves in G major with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat. The melody is: G4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), B4 (quarter), C5 (quarter), B4-A4 (beamed eighth notes), G4 (quarter), F#4 (quarter), E4 (quarter), D4 (half).

C: Lord, have mer - cy on us. Christ, have mer - cy
on us. Lord, have mer - cy on us.

ABSOLUTION

M God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given His only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Musical notation for the Absolution, consisting of a single staff in G major with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat. The melody is: G4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), B4 (quarter), C5 (quarter), B4-A4 (beamed eighth notes), G4 (quarter), F#4 (quarter), E4 (quarter), D4 (half).

C: A - men.

M In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord:

Hymn 273 – Sung by the choir

*Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.*

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M The Lord be with you.



C: And al - so with you.

M Let us pray. Lord God, in mercy receive the prayers of your people. Grant them the wisdom to know the things that please you and the grace and power always to accomplish them; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C: A - men.

THE WORD

FIRST LESSON Deuteronomy 30:15-20

Moses spoke with an authority that anticipated Jesus' authority. Moses placed before the people two paths – one holy and the other one not.

DEUTERONOMY 30:15 See, I set before you today life and prosperity, death and destruction.

¹⁶ For I command you today to love the LORD your God, to walk in his ways, 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.

¹⁷ 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, ¹⁸ 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.

¹⁹ This day I call heaven and 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 ²⁰ 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.

PSALM

Psalm 119a

Sung by the choir

Refrain

Let me sing of your law, O my God

Let your love come upon your people.

1. *Through your own word, Lord, give us life;
In your holy keeping, happy is my soul.*
2. *I have made known to you my ways;
You have heard my pleading; now teach me your laws.*
3. *Show me the way to keep your law;
Let your holy precepts dwell within my mind.*
4. *Deep in my soul my sorrow lies;
Ever keep your promise, let my heart be glad.*
5. *O take me far from evil ways,
And in your great mercy guide me in your paths.*
6. *Within your law I choose to live;
In the paths of wisdom I walk evermore.*
7. *My heart is strong, my joy is full;
Following your law, Lord, freely do I walk.*

SECOND LESSON 1 Corinthians 2:6-13

An authority no less than the Spirit lead us to know and understand what God has done for us which creates true, godly wisdom that will show itself as we live holy lives.

1CORINTHIANS 2:6 We do, however, speak a message of wisdom among the mature, but not the wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are coming to nothing. ⁷ No, we speak of God's secret wisdom, a wisdom that has been hidden and that God destined for our glory before time began. ⁸ None of the rulers of this age understood it, for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. ⁹ However, as it is written:

“No eye has seen,
no ear has heard,
no mind has conceived
what God has prepared for those who love him” --

¹⁰ but God has revealed it to us by his Spirit.

The Spirit searches all things, even the deep things of God. ¹¹ For who among men knows the thoughts of a man except the man's spirit within him? In the same way no one knows the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God. ¹² We have not received the spirit of the world but the Spirit who is from God, that we may understand what God has freely given us. ¹³ This is what we speak, not in words taught us by human wisdom but in words taught by the Spirit, expressing spiritual truths in spiritual words.

VERSE OF THE DAY

**Your works, not mine, O Christ, Speak gladness to this heart.
They tell me all is done; They bid my fear depart.
To whom but you, who can alone
For sin atone, Lord, shall I flee? (401:1)**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

After the announcement of the Gospel the congregation responds:



GOSPEL Matthew 5:21-37

Jesus proves himself the ultimate authority on matters of the Law as he explains various commandments in their full holiness.

MATTHEW 5:21 “You have heard that it was said to the people long ago, ‘Do not murder, and anyone who murders will be subject to judgment.’²² But I tell you that anyone who is angry with his brother will be subject to judgment. Again, anyone who says to his brother, ‘Raca,’ is answerable to the Sanhedrin. But anyone who says, ‘You fool!’ will be in danger of the fire of hell.

²³ “Therefore, if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother has something against you,²⁴ leave your gift there in front of the altar. First go and be reconciled to your brother; then come and offer your gift.

²⁵ “Settle matters quickly with your adversary who is taking you to court. Do it while you are still with him on the way, or he may hand you over to the judge, and the judge may hand you over to the officer, and you may be thrown into prison.²⁶ I tell you the truth, you will not get out until you have paid the last penny.

²⁷ “You have heard that it was said, ‘Do not commit adultery.’²⁸ But I tell you that anyone who looks at a woman lustfully has already committed adultery with her in his heart.²⁹ If your right eye causes you to sin, 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.³⁰ And if your right hand causes you to sin, 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.

³¹ “It has been said, ‘Anyone who divorces his wife must give her a certificate of divorce.’³² But I tell you that anyone who divorces his wife, except for marital unfaithfulness, causes her to become an adulteress, and anyone who marries the divorced woman commits adultery.

³³ “Again, you have heard that it was said to the people long ago, ‘Do not break your oath, but keep the oaths you have made to the Lord.’³⁴ But I tell you, Do not swear at all: either by heaven, for it is God’s throne;³⁵ or by the earth, for it is his footstool; or by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the Great King.³⁶ And do not swear by your head, for you cannot make even one hair white or black.³⁷ Simply let your ‘Yes’ be ‘Yes,’ and your ‘No,’ ‘No’; anything beyond this comes from the evil one.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

After the reading of the Gospel the congregation responds:



C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

CONFESSION OF FAITH – THE APOSTLES’ CREED

**C I believe in God, the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.**

**I believe 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 is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty.
From there 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.**

HYMN OF THE DAY

283 - Speak, O Savior; I Am Listening



1 Speak, O Sav - ior; I am lis - t'ning, As a ser - vant
 2 Oh, what bless - ing to be near you And to lis - ten
 3 Lord, your words are wa - ters liv - ing Where I quench my
 4 As I pray, dear Je - sus, hear me; Let your words in



to his lord, Let me show re - spect and hon - or
 to your voice! Let me ev - er love and fear you;
 thirst - y needs. Lord, your words are bread life - giv - ing;
 me take root, May your Spir - it e'er be near me



To your ho - ly, pre - cious Word, That each day, my
 Let your Word still be my choice. Man - y hard - ened
 On your words my spir - it feeds. Lord, your words will
 That I bear a - bun - dant fruit. May I dai - ly



whole life through, I may serve and fol - low
 sin - ners, Lord, Flee in ter - ror at your
 be my light Through death's cold and drear - y
 sing your praise, From my heart glad an - thems



you, Let your Word e'er be my plea - sure
 Word, But to all who feel sin's bur - den
 night; Yes, they are my sword pre - vail - ing
 raise, Till my high - est praise is giv - en



And my heart's most pre - cious trea - sure,
 You give peace and words of par - don,
 And my cup of joy un - fail - ing,
 In the end - less joy of heav - en.

Text: Anna Sophia of Hesse-Darmstadt, 1638-83, abr.; tr. composite,
 Tune: WERDE MÜNTER (87 87 77 88) Johann Schop, c. 1590-1667.

SERMON

Matthew 5:21-37

What Have You Heard about Keeping God's Commands?

PRAISE AND PRAYER

RESPONSE TO THE WORD



C: Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -
way from your pres - ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of your sal - va -
tion, and up - hold me with your free Spir - it. A - men.

FRIENDSHIP REGISTER

GATHERING OF OFFERINGS

MUSICAL OFFERTORY

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

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

Brief silence

Lord God, heavenly Father, You are a loving, faithful and truthful God. Raise us, as children whom You have called to be Your spiritual people, to exhibit the same traits. Curb our anger and help us to be reconciled to our brothers. Shield our eyes from lust, that we may look at others in purity as brothers and sisters whom You have created. Guard our lips from deceit, that we may praise Your name, comfort our neighbors and speak Your truth. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

O God, our King, You rule the nations of the world. Give wisdom to all who rule this land, that they may serve You faithfully and obey Your commandments. Help them to promote all that is good and right and to prevent and punish what is evil. Wherever our courts or laws are unjust and contrary to Your will, lead us to reform them, that our ways may be blameless in Your sight. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Merciful Lord, look down from heaven; behold, visit and relieve Your servants who are heavy laden with afflictions or griefs of body and mind [*especially ...*]. Look upon them all in mercy, call them to the shelter that is Your Church, defend them from every danger to body and soul, and comfort them with a sure confidence in You. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Almighty Lord, before us always lie life and good, death and evil. Bless us to walk in Your ways, that we may be blameless before You and that we may steadfastly keep Your statutes. Do not let our hearts turn to other gods, but keep them fixed on You. Help us to see that in Your Word and Sacraments You have not forsaken us, but that by them You bring us life through Your Son, in the power of Your Spirit. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Into Your hands, dear Father, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

C Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins,
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and forever. Amen.

SERMON HYMN

287 - The Law of God Is Good and Wise



1 The law of God is good and wise; It sets his
2 The law is good, but since the fall Its ho - li -
3 Its light of ho - li - ness im - parts The knowl - edge
4 To Je - sus we for ref - uge flee, Who from the

will be - fore our eyes, Shows us the way of right - eous -
ness con - demns us all; It dooms us for our sins to
of our sin - ful hearts That we may see our lost es -
curse has set us free, And hum - bly wor - ship at his

ness, But dooms to death when we trans - gress.
die And has no pow'r to jus - ti - fy.
tate And seek re - lief be - fore too late.
throne, Saved by his grace through faith a - lone.

Text: Matthias Loy, 1828–1915, abr., alt.

Tune: ERHALT UNS, HERR (LM) Klug, *Geistliche Lieder zu Wittenberg*, Wittenberg, 1543, alt.

PRAYER AND BLESSING

M Almighty God, grant to your Church the Holy Spirit and the wisdom that comes from above. Let nothing hinder your Word from being freely proclaimed to the joy and edifying of Christ's holy people, so that we may serve you in steadfast faith and confess your name as long as we live, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



M The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look on you with favor and (+) give you peace.

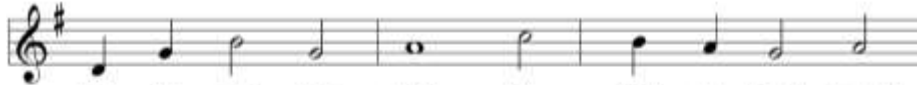


CLOSING HYMN

462 - Oh, that the Lord Would Guide My Ways



1 Oh, that the Lord would guide my ways To
2 Or - der my foot - steps by your Word, And
3 As - sist my soul, too apt to stray, A
4 Make me to walk in your com - mands— 'Tis



keep his stat - utes still! Oh, that my God would
make my heart sin - cere; Let sin have no do -
strict - er watch to keep; And should I e'er for -
a de - light - ful road— Nor let my head or



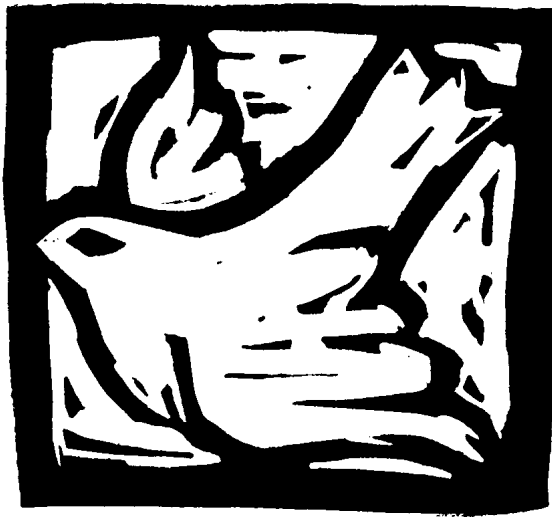
grant me grace To know and do his will!
min - ion, Lord, But keep my con - science clear.
get your way, Re - store your wan - d'ring sheep.
heart or hands Of - fend a - gainst my God.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748, abr., alt.

Tune: EVAN (CM) William H. Havergal, 1793–1870, adapt.

After worship, please feel free to stay and greet your neighbors.

WHAT NO EYE HAS SEEN
NOR EAR HEARD
NOR HUMAN HEART
CONCEIVED... THESE
THINGS GOD HAS
REVEALED TO US



THROUGH THE SPIRIT

1 CORINTHIANS 2:9,10

Lent and Holy Week



On Wednesday evenings during Lent, together with Holy Week, we will examine various Ironies that the Passion History of our Lord, Jesus present us with. Dates and themes for those services are as follows:

| <u>Wednesday/Festival (Date)</u> | <u>Worship Theme</u> |
|----------------------------------|---|
| Ash Wednesday (March 1) | Repent: Turn to Jesus and Not to Yourself |
| Lenten Service (March 8) | Repent: Turn to Jesus; Do Not Turn Away |
| Lenten Service (March 15) | Repent: Turn to Jesus; He Holds the Key to Heaven |
| Lenten Service (March 22) | Repent: Turn to Jesus; He Longs to Forgive You |
| Lenten Service (March 29) | Repent: Turn to Jesus; He Changes Your Life |
| Lenten Service (April 5) | Repent: Turn to Jesus When You Face Temptations |
| Palm Sunday (April 9) | Repent: Turn to Jesus, Your King |
| Maundy Thursday (April 13) | Repent: Turn to Jesus and Receive a Special Assurance of Your Forgiveness |
| Good Friday (April 14) | Repent: Turn to Jesus; He and He Alone Finished Your Salvation |
| Easter Sunday (April 16) | Repent: Turn to Jesus for Resurrection and Life |