

THE SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

February 12, 2023

Worship Focus

**Rooted in Christ... Building for the Future –
with Hope and without Worry!**



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IN CHRIST**

Honoring the past,
Celebrating the present,
Building for the future.

Colossians 2:6-7

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Order of Service for SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

✘ Gathering ✘

OPENING HYMN

579 – His Mercy Is More

The cantor will sing the verses. Congregation is invited to sing the refrain.



1 What love could re - mem - ber no wrongs we have done?
2 What pa - tience would wait as we con - stant - ly roam,
3 What rich - es of kind - ness he lav - ished on us;



Om - ni - scient, all - know - ing, he counts not their sum;
what Fa - ther so ten - der is call - ing us home!
his blood was the pay - ment, his life was the cost.



thrown in - to a sea with - out bot - tom or shore,
He wel - comes the weak - est, the vil - est, the poor;
We stood 'neath a debt we could nev - er af - ford;



our sins they are man - y, his mer - cy is more.
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Refrain



Praise the Lord! His mer - cy is more!
Strong - er than dark - ness, new ev - 'ry morn; our
sins they are man - y, his mer - cy is more!

The refrain for stanza 3 is sung three times (twice, with no break between, then a final time).

INVOCATION

In the name of the Father and of the Son † and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

CONFESSION

God promises that if we admit to our wrongdoings, he forgives us and wipes our record clean. Let us confess our sins together and ask God to forgive us.

Heavenly Father, I have not lived up to the way you want me to think, speak, or act. I do things I ought not to do and avoid things you want me to do. Please show me mercy. I ask for your forgiveness, not because I have earned or deserved it, but because of your great love.

LORD HAVE MERCY (*Kyrie*)



Praise the Lord! His mer - cy is more!
Strong - er than dark - ness, new ev - 'ry morn; our
sins they are man - y, his mer - cy is more!

ABSOLUTION

God is gracious and merciful. Because of the innocent death on the cross of his son, Jesus, he has forgiven all your sins. He has adopted you as his own child. 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. Go and live a life free from the burden of your sin.

Amen.

SONG OF PRAISE

One Church, One Faith

Sung by the choir.

*One church, one faith, one Lord of life, one Father, one Spirit, one Christ.
One church, one faith, one Lord of life, one Heavenly King, Lord of all.
Your hand, O God, has guided Your church from age to age;
The tale of love is written for us on ev'ry page.
Our fathers knew Your goodness and we Your works record;
And each of these bear witness: One church, one faith, one Lord.*

*One church, one faith, one Lord of life, one Father, on Spirit, one Christ.
One church, one faith, one Lord of life, one Heavenly King, Lord of all.
Your mercy never fails us or leaves Your work undone;
With Your right hand to help us, the vic'try shall be won.
And then by all creation Your name shall be adored;
With earth and heaven singing: One church, one faith, one Lord.*

*One church, one faith, one Lord of life, one Father, one Spirit, one Christ.
One church, one faith, one Lord of life, one Heavenly King, Lord of all,
One Heavenly King, Lord of all!*

*One church, one faith, one Lord of life, one Father, one Spirit, one Christ.
One church, one faith, one Lord of life, one Heavenly King, Lord of all.
One Heavenly King, Lord of all, Lord of all!*

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. Merciful Lord, comforter and teacher of your faithful people, increase in your church the knowledge of your will. Strengthen the hearts of those who hope in you, and show them the depth of your promises. Let our children follow the light of your Word, and follow you with eager footsteps; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.



✠ The Word ✠

FIRST READING

Isaiah 49:13-18

Rooted in Christ we can build for the future, knowing that God will never forsake us.

ISAIAH 49:13 Shout for joy, you heavens;

rejoice, you earth;

burst into song, you mountains!

For the LORD comforts his people

and will have compassion on his afflicted ones.

¹⁴But Zion said, “The LORD has forsaken me,
the Lord has forgotten me.”

¹⁵“Can a mother forget the baby at her breast
and have no compassion on the child she has borne?

Though she may forget,

I will not forget you!

¹⁶See, I have engraved you on the palms of my hands;
your walls are ever before me.

¹⁷Your children hasten back,
and those who laid you waste depart from you.

¹⁸Lift up your eyes and look around;
all your children gather and come to you.

As surely as I live,” declares the LORD,
“you will wear them all as ornaments;
you will put them on, like a bride.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Psalm 62 – My Soul Finds Rest in God Alone

The cantor will sing the verses. Congregation is invited to sing the refrain.



1 My soul finds rest in God a-lone, my rock and my sal -
2 Find rest, my soul, in God a-lone a - mid the world's temp -
3 I'll set my gaze on God a-lone and trust in him com -



va - tion; a for - tress strong a - gainst my foes, and
ta - tions; when e - vil seeks to take a hold I'll
plete - ly; with ev - 'ry day pour out my soul and



I will not be shak - en. Though lips may bless and
cling to my sal - va - tion. Though rich - es come and
he will prove his mer - cy. Though life is but a



hearts may curse, and lies like ar - rows pierce me, I'll
rich - es go, don't set your heart up - on them; the
fleet - ing breath, a sigh too brief to mea - sure, my



fix my heart on right-eous-ness, I'll look to him who hears me.
fields of hope in which I sow are har-vest-ed in heav - en.
King has crushed the curse of death and I am his for - ev - er.

Refrain



O praise him, hal-le - lu - jah, my de-light and my re - ward;



ev - er - last - ing, nev - er fail - ing, my Re - deem - er, my God.

SECOND READING

Philippians 4:8-20

Rooted in Christ we can build for the future, knowing that God promises to meet all our needs.

PHILIPPIANS 4:8 Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things. ⁹ Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me, or seen in me—put it into practice. And the God of peace will be with you.

¹⁰ I rejoiced greatly in the Lord that at last you renewed your concern for me. Indeed, you were concerned, but you had no opportunity to show it. ¹¹ I am not saying this because I am in need, for I have learned to be content whatever the circumstances. ¹² I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want. ¹³ I can do all this through him who gives me strength.

¹⁴ Yet it was good of you to share in my troubles. ¹⁵ Moreover, as you Philippians know, in the early days of your acquaintance with the gospel, when I set out from Macedonia, not one church shared with me in the matter of giving and receiving, except you only; ¹⁶ for even when I was in Thessalonica, you sent me aid more than once when I was in need. ¹⁷ Not that I desire your gifts; what I desire is that more be credited to your account. ¹⁸ I have received full payment and have more than enough. I am amply supplied, now that I have received from Epaphroditus the gifts you sent. They are a fragrant offering, an acceptable sacrifice, pleasing to God. ¹⁹ And my God will meet all your needs according to the riches of his glory in Christ Jesus.

²⁰ To our God and Father be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Stand



Confession of Faith

The Apostles' Creed

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.**

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 6:24-34

Rooted in Christ we can build for the future without worry because God has promised to provide.

MATTHEW 6:24 “No one can serve two masters. Either you will hate the one and love the other, or you will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and money.

²⁵ “Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothes? ²⁶ Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they? ²⁷ Can any one of you by worrying add a single hour to your life?

²⁸ “And why do you worry about clothes? See how the flowers of the field grow. They do not labor or spin. ²⁹ Yet I tell you that not even Solomon in all his splendor was dressed like one of these. ³⁰ If that is how God clothes the grass of the field, which is here today and tomorrow is thrown into the fire, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? ³¹ So do not worry, saying, ‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we drink?’ or ‘What shall we wear?’ ³² For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them. ³³ But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. ³⁴ Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.

Be seated

ANTHEM

Sung by the Worship Team and the children of Calvary Lutheran School

Living Hope

*How great the chasm that lay between us,
How high the mountain I could not climb.
In desperation, I turned to heaven,
And spoke Your name into the night.*

*Then through the darkness, Your loving-kindness
Tore through the shadows of my soul.
The work is finished, the end is written.
Jesus Christ, my living hope.*

*Who could imagine so great a mercy?
What heart could fathom such boundless grace?
The God of ages stepped down from glory
To wear my sin and bear my shame.*

*The cross has spoken; I am forgiven.
The King of kings calls me His own.
Beautiful Savior, I'm Yours for-ever.
Jesus Christ, my living hope.*

Chorus

*Hallelujah! Praise the One who set me free.
Hallelujah! Death has lost its grip on me.
You have broken every chain,
There's salvation in Your name.
Jesus Christ, my living hope.*

Chorus

*Then came the morning that sealed the promise.
Your buried body began to breathe.
Out of the silence, the roaring Lion
Declared the grave has no claim on me.
Jesus, Yours is the victory!*

Chorus

✠ Sermon ✠

Isaiah 49:18

Our Future is Never in Doubt

Sermon notes:

After the sermon, please stand.

The peace of God that surpasses all understanding shall keep your hearts and minds through faith in Christ Jesus.

Be seated

ANNOUNCEMENTS

We appreciate the offerings given to support the work of God's Kingdom here and throughout the world.

Offerings can be given in any of four ways:

- *Set in the offering plate at the back of the sanctuary*
- *On the Calvary website: <https://calvarydallas.org/give/>*
- *On your phone with the Vanco Mobile Faith Engagement app*
- *Scan the QR code to the right...*



Give us a record of your visit through our online Connection Card, or by filling out the card in the pew and placing it in the offering plate as you leave. The Connection Card tab can be found at the bottom right of any page of the Calvary website, <https://calvarydallas.org> or by scanning the code to the left...

MUSICAL OFFERING

Sung by the Worship Team

*He knows my thoughts
The things that no one sees
He knows my heart
It's every broken piece
Somehow still I'm held by this one thing
And somehow still I'm held by this one thing*

Chorus

*Yes, Jesus loves me
Even me, even me
I stand forgiven and free
Even me, even me*

*He knows my past
The choices I have made
When I have wandered
When I pushed away
Somehow still I'm held by this one thing
Somehow still I'm held by this one thing*

Chorus

*Nothing could ever stop this love
Nothing could ever take it away
My life was lost, His life He gave
Even to the grave, even to the grave
Even to the grave*

Chorus

Final Chorus

*Yes, Jesus loves me
Even me, even me
I stand forgiven and free
Even me, he loves even me (He loves me)
Even me, he loves even me (He loves me)
Even me, even me*

A DIALOGUE OF HOPE

You may remain seated.

Dear children of the heavenly Father, we have the sure hope of God's promises to preserve and protect us as we journey on our earthly pilgrimage toward heaven. We confess our hope in God's temporal blessings for the future:

I believe that God still preserves me by richly and daily providing clothing and shoes, food and drink, house and home, spouse and children, land, cattle, and all I own, and all that I need to keep my body and life, and by defending me against all danger and guarding and protecting me from all evil. All this God does only because he is my good and merciful Father in heaven, and not because I have earned or deserved it. For all this I ought to thank and praise, to serve and obey him.

Dear children bought by Christ, we have the sure hope of God's promises to take us to be with him in heaven for eternity. We confess our hope in God's eternal blessing for our future in heaven:

I believe that Jesus Christ has redeemed me, a lost and condemned creature, purchased and won me from all sins, from death, and from the power of the devil, not with gold or silver, but with his holy, precious blood and with his innocent suffering and death. All this he did that I should be his own, and live under him in his kingdom, and serve him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness, just as he is risen from death and lives and rules eternally.

Dear children set apart by the Holy Spirit, we have the sure hope of God's promises to preserve his Holy Christian Church on earth long after we have entered glory. We confess our hope for God's care in the generations to come:

I believe that the Holy Spirit has called me by the gospel, enlightened me with his gifts, sanctified and kept me in the true faith. In the same way he calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian church on earth, and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith. In this Christian church he daily and fully forgives all sins to me and all believers.

Dear children of God, we have the sure hope of both temporal and spiritual blessings as we seek to strengthen our faith now and in the future through the Word of God. We commend ourselves to the power and purity of the Word:

We believe that God's name is kept holy when his Word is taught in its truth and purity, and we as children of God lead holy lives according to it. Help us to do this, dear Father in heaven! But whoever teaches and lives contrary to God's Word dishonors God's name among us. Keep us from doing this, dear Father in heaven.

Dear children of God, we have the sure hope that others, not now part of your flock, may be lead to join you, as we, your servants, reach out with the Word. We confess that your kingdom will come among us:

We believe that God's kingdom certainly comes by itself even without our prayer, but we pray in this petition that it may come to us and to many others. God's kingdom comes when our heavenly Father gives his Holy Spirit, so that by his grace we and others believe his holy Word and lead a godly live now on earth and forever in heaven.

Dear children of God, we have the sure hope that God's discipline is evidence of his love. We trust God's love and grace to guide us through hardships in the future:

We believe that God surely tempts no one to sin, but we pray that God would guard and keep us, so that the devil, the world and our flesh may not deceive us or lead us into false belief, despair and other great and shameful sins; and though we are tempted by them, we pray that we may overcome and win the victory.

Dear children of God, we have the sure hope of God's promises to hear and answer our prayers. He has done so for his children in the past - he will continue to do so in the future. We confess our trust in the Lord:

We believe that we can be sure that these petitions are acceptable to our Father in heaven and are heard by him, for he himself has commanded us so to pray and has promised to hear us. Therefore we say, "Amen," "Yes, it shall be so."

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

735 – Before You I Kneel

The cantor will lead the singing. The congregation is invited to join as comfortable.



1 Be - fore you I kneel, my Mas - ter and Mak - er, to of - fer the
2 Be - fore you I kneel and ask for your good - ness to cov - er the
3 Be - fore you we kneel, our Mas - ter and Mak - er; es - tab - lish the



work of my hands. For this is the day you've giv - en your
work of my hands, for pa - tience and peace to shape all my
work of our hands, and or - der our steps to seek first your



ser - vant; I will re - joice and be glad
la - bor; your grace for thorns in my path.
king - dom in ev - 'ry small and great task.



for the strength I have to live and breathe, for each
Flow with - in me like a liv - ing stream; wear a -
May we live the gos - pel of your grace, serve your



skill your grace has giv - en me, for the needs and op - por -
way the stones of pride and greed, till your ways are dwell - ing
pur - pose in our fleet - ing days, then our lives will bring e -



tu - ni - ties that will glo - ri - fy your great name.
deep in me and a har - vest of life is grown.
ter - nal praise and all glo - ry to your great name.

SENDING PRAYER

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.

Amen.

BLESSING

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.

Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

The Word of God

Sung by the Choir

The hymn "The Word of God" was specially commissioned by Calvary Lutheran Church and School in celebration of the 50th anniversary of her Lutheran Elementary School. The text and tune were written by Jeremy Bakken.

1. *The Word of God, first carried to this place
by faithful Christians seeking souls to win,
the cornerstone, the source of truth and grace,
the sole foundation for this church has been.*
2. *The Word of God continues to be preached,
that faithful ones yet deeper roots would grow,
and lost ones with the gospel would be reached,
their Savior-Shepherd's voice to hear and know.*
3. *This Word exposes all our sinfulness,
our filthy rags and inborn fatal flaw,
our futile bid to prove self-righteousness,
our souls condemned by God's most holy law.*
4. *This Word as well reveals the gospel bright:
the Savior sent our lost souls to restore.
The Christ our punishment bore with delight
and peace with God is ours forevermore.*
5. *The Word of God we ever will proclaim,
relying on his promise, ever sure,
that it, a harvest great, will ever gain—
a kingdom built on Christ, forgiv'n and pure.*

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

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Arr. By Dan Galbraith

Even Me

Jonathan Smith, Jason Ingram, Matthew Hein, Stephanie Kulla & Adam Palmer

Arr. By Erik Foster

Hymn 735 – Before You I Kneel

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