

THE SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

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Worship Focus

“Now Appearing”...
The Preacher, who says, “Live Holy”



Those who say they
live in God
should live their
—— lives as ——
Jesus did.

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Order of Service for

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Divine Service I with Communion

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✠ **Gathering** ✠

OPENING HYMN

223 – As We Begin Another Week



1 As we be - gin an - oth - er week, In Je - sus'
2 Your gen - tle bless - ings, Lord, out - pour On all our
3 In ev - 'ry sea - son, ev - 'ry place, May we re -
4 And keep with an - gels in your rest The end - less



name your grace we seek. God, grant that through these
la - bors ev - er - more. Our hearts with your good
call your Word of grace Un - til, when life's brief
Sab - bath of the blest. Grant this to us through



sev - en days No e - vil may be - fall our ways.
Spir - it fill That we may glad - ly do your will.
day is past, We reach e - ter - nal joy at last
Christ, your Son, Who reigns with you up - on your throne.

Text: Martin Wandersleben, 1608–68, abr.; tr. W. Gustave Polack, 1890–1950, alt.
Tune: HERR JESU CHRIST, MEINS (LM) *As hymnodus sacer*, Leipzig, 1625, alt.

INVOCATION

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

Congregation Amen.

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*)

Two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first staff contains the lyrics: Lord, have mer - cy on us. Christ, have mer - cy. The second staff contains the lyrics: on us. Lord, have mer - cy on us. A - men. The music features a mix of quarter, eighth, and half notes with some phrasing slurs.

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.

C Amen.

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

Oh, bless the Lord, my soul!
Let all within me join
And aid my tongue to bless his name
Whose favors are divine.

Oh, bless the Lord, my soul,
Nor let his mercies lie
Forgotten in unthankfulness
And without praises die.

'Tis he forgives my sins;
'Tis he relieves my pain;
'Tis he that heals my sicknesses
And makes me young again. (238:1-3)

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M The Lord be with you.

C And also 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 Amen.



✠ 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.

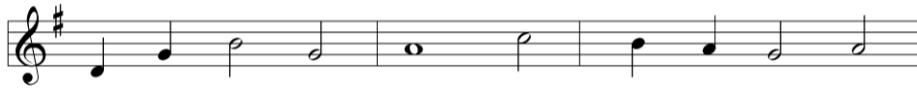
¹⁹ This day I call heaven and earth as witnesses against you that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Now choose life, so that you and your children may live ²⁰ and that you may love the LORD your God, listen to his voice, and hold fast to him. For the LORD is your life, and he will give you many years in the land he swore to give to your fathers, Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.

PSALM 119a

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.

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.

1 CORINTHIANS 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.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

After the announcement of the Gospel the congregation responds:



GOSPEL

Matthew 5:21-37

Jesus proves himself the 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.

²⁹If 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:



CONFESSION OF FAITH

The Nicene Creed

C We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,

**maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one being with the Father.**

Through him all things were made.

**For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary,
and became fully human.**

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate.

He suffered death and was buried,

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures.

He ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

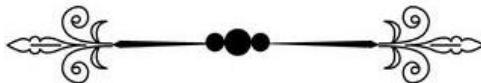
**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.**

We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

**We look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**



ADULT CHOIR

How Firm a Foundation

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*How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,
Is laid for your faith in His excellent Word!
What more can He say than to you He hath said
To you, who for refuge to Jesus have fled?*

*“Fear not, I am with thee O be not dismayed,
For I am Thy God, I will still give thee aid;
I’ll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,
Upheld by My righteous, omnipotent hand.”*

*“When through the deep waters I call thee to go,
The rivers of woe shall not thee overflow;
For I will be with thee thy trials to bless,
And sanctify to thee thy deepest distress.”*

*“When through fiery trials thy pathway shall lie,
My grace, all-sufficient, shall be thy supply;
The flame shall not hurt thee; I only design
Thy dross to consume and thy gold to refine.”*

*The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose,
I will not, I will not desert to his foes;
That soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,
I’ll never no, never no, never forsake!*

✠ Sermon ✠
Matthew 5:21-37

What Have You Heard about Keeping God’s Commands?

✠ Praise and Prayers ✠

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

FRIENDSHIP REGISTER and GATHERING OF OFFERINGS

MUSICAL OFFERTORY

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

In Your mercy, O Lord, hear the prayers of Your people as we call to You on behalf of ourselves and all people as they have need.

Brief silence

Gracious God, You have established Your Church through Your Word and called a people to wear Your name and do Your bidding. Guard her against all false teaching, and provide to her faithful pastors to preach Your Word and administer Your Holy Sacraments. Give to us church workers who will serve us in Your name according to their gifts and Your purpose. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Holy Lord, You have set before us life and good, death and evil. Grant to Your people faith in Christ, our Savior, and the desire to keep Your commandments, loving You above all things and loving our neighbor as Your Son has loved us. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Mighty Lord, Your power is greater than the works of man. Guide and direct those whom we have elected to serve us on all levels of government. Protect those who defend us against our enemies, and bless the emergency personnel who come to our aid in times of disaster and need. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Merciful Lord, You do not forget the poor or needy. Help us to remember those who suffer any want or need, especially the homeless, victims of abuse, the widowed, the orphaned and the unemployed, and help us to aid them with the manifold resources You have supplied. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Healing Lord, You are our very present help in time of need. Deliver the sick in mind or body from their ills according to Your mercy, comfort those who sorrow, and have mercy on those to whom death draws near [*especially...*]. Grant them the full measure of Your consolation and love, whether in healing of their affliction, strength to endure under trial, or the perfect healing of the resurrection of the body and the life everlasting. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Loving Lord, Your Son has set His table in the presence of our enemies. Help us to know the comfort and strength of His real presence as we feast in this blessed Sacrament. By this communion, grant us the gifts needful, that we may be strengthened in faith and perfected in holiness unto the day of His coming in glory. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Eternal Lord, we recall with thanksgiving all those who have loved Your appearing and who have departed this life in faith. Encouraged by Your favor toward them and their faithfulness to You, we pray You to keep us in fellowship with them and, at the last, to bring us with them to the marriage supper of the Lamb in Your Kingdom, which has no end. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Almighty and everlasting God, You know before we pray the needs of Your people. Hear our prayers, for we trust in You to grant to us all things needful for this body and life and to bring us to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **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.

✠ The Sacrament ✠

PREFACE and PROPER PREFACES

M The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

M Lift up your hearts.

C **We lift them up to the Lord.**

M Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

C **It is good and right so to do.**

M It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lived among us as a human being and revealed his glory as your only Son, full of grace and truth. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY (*Sanctus*)

C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er,
God of 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. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

M Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

M The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD (*Agnus Dei*)



C O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the



sin of the world; have mer - cy on us. O



Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the



sin of the world; have mer - cy on us. O



Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the



sin of the world; grant us your peace. A -



men. A - men.

DISTRIBUTION

The Scriptures teach that the celebration of the Lord's Supper connects us intimately with Christ and with one another as Christians who are united around a common confession of faith. Therefore, we ask that only those who are members of Calvary or churches within our fellowship come forward to receive the Lord's Supper.

DISTRIBUTION HYMN

453 – Come, Follow Me, the Savior Spoke



1 “Come, fol - low me,” the Sav - ior spoke, “All in my
2 “I am the light; I light the way, A god - ly
3 “My heart a - bounds in low - li - ness, My soul with
4 “I teach you how to shun and flee What harms your
5 Then let us fol - low Christ our Lord And take the



way a - bid - ing. De - ny your - selves; the
life dis - play - ing. I bid you walk as
love is glow - ing, And gra - cious words my
souls' sal - va - tion, Your hearts from ev - 'ry
cross ap - point - ed And, firm - ly cling - ing



world for - sake; O - bey my call and guid - ing.
in the day; I keep your feet from stray - ing.
lips ex - press, With meek - ness o - ver - flow - ing.
guile to free, From sin and its temp - ta - tion.
to his Word, In suf - f'ring be un - daunt - ed.



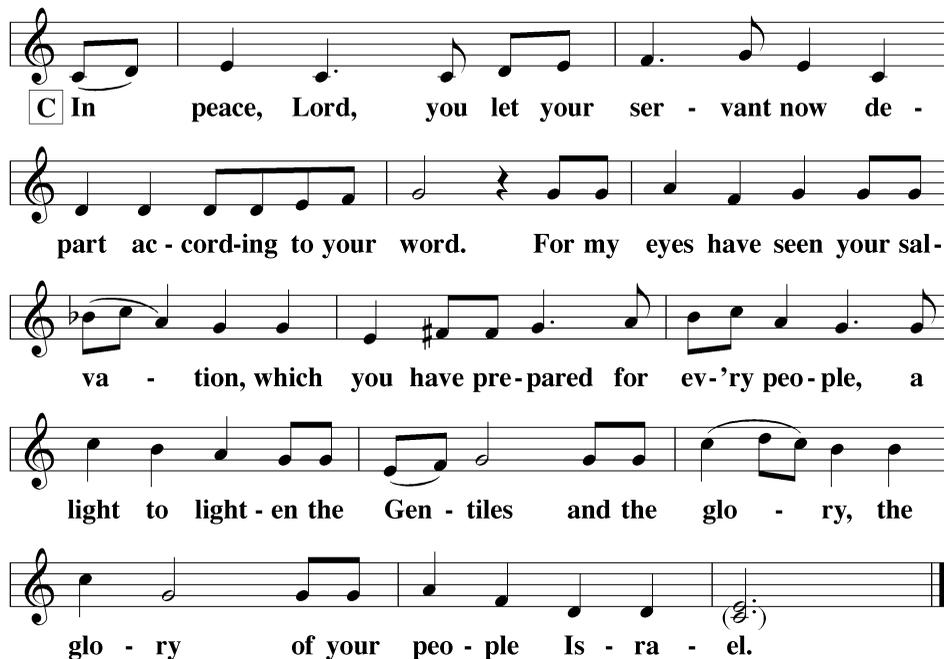
Oh, bear the cross, what - e'er be - tide; Take
I am the way, and well I show How
My heart, my mind, my strength, my all To
I am the ref - uge of the soul And
For those who bear the bat - tle's strain The



my ex - am - ple for your guide.
you should jour - ney here be - low.
God I yield; on him I call.
lead you to your heav'n - ly goal.”
crown of heav'n - ly life ob - tain.

✠ Sending ✠

SONG OF SIMEON (*Nunc Dimittis*)



C In peace, Lord, you let your ser - vant now de -
part ac - cord - ing to your word. For my eyes have seen your sal -
va - tion, which you have pre - pared for ev - 'ry peo - ple, a
light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the glo - ry, the
glo - ry of your peo - ple Is - ra - el.

M O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.

C And his mercy endures forever.

PRAYER AND BLESSING

M O God the Father, source of all goodness, in your loving kindness you sent your Son to share our humanity. We thank you that through him you have given us pardon and peace in this sacrament. We also pray that you will not forsake us but will rule our hearts and minds by your Holy Spirit so that we willingly serve you day after day, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

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.

C Amen.

CLOSING 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.

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

THE SEASON AFTER “THE EPIPHANY”

The season of the church year marked “After the Epiphany” is a time of revelation. “The Epiphany” isn’t a season, per se, but a one day event, traditionally celebrated on January 6th (the

final of the Twelve Days of Christmas). It marks the visit of the Wisemen to Jesus in Bethlehem, in this way revealing for the first time that Jesus was born for *the world*, both Jew and Gentile (the Wisemen were non-Jews or Gentiles).

The Sundays after the Epiphany continue to explore the theme of “revelation”. For example, on the First Sunday after the Epiphany the congregation hears the Gospel lesson concerning Jesus’ baptism, the event which revealed Jesus as the Christ or Anointed One. Subsequent Sundays make known the mission of Jesus through his messages or through his miracles.

Each of the three years of the Church Year cycle emphasizes one of the synoptic Gospels (Matthew, Mark, and Luke) with readings from John interspersed throughout each of the years. The Church Year 2019/2020 follows the readings appointed for Year A (confer *Christian Worship: A Lutheran Hymnal*, page 163) with Gospel lessons predominantly from Matthew.

OUR WORSHIP SERIES: “NOW APPEARING...”

During our worship in this season after the Epiphany we will focus on the theme, “**Now Appearing...!**” Just like a movie marquee whets the cinematic appetite with the words “Now Appearing!”, so we anticipate finding out more and more during the Sundays after the Epiphany about who Jesus is and why the Son of God came to earth in the first place.

OUR THEME FOR TODAY:

“NOW APPEARING...” THE PREACHER, WHO SAYS, “LIVE HOLY”

Jesus, the Preacher, is full of advice. Is there a better guide for “Christian Living” than Jesus’ Sermon on the Mount in Matthew 5-7? His message is as practical and relevant today as it was the day he first delivered it.

- Do you need help with anger management? Listen to the Preacher in Matthew 5:21-26.
- Do you need marriage counselling? Jesus offers some in Matthew 5:31,32
- Are you struggling with pornography? Jesus anticipated that in Matthew 5:27-30.
- Do you lack integrity? Take Jesus at his word in Matthew 5:33-37

Jesus’ words have been around for centuries. Then why have so many failed to put them into practice? Because the Preacher sets a standard of holiness unavailable for those defined by “sin”. Jesus gets beyond outward actions, which can be faked, and delves into the “heart” of the matter. God has always been interested in having the whole of us – hands, head, and hearts – living in a perfect relationship of love. “Live holy” is what the Preacher says, to our unfortunate demise. But “live holy” is exactly what the Preacher did, for our salvation.