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6th Sunday after
Epiphany

Welcome to
worship! Please
complete a
Connection Card
and place the card
in the offering
plate.
Thank you!

In today's reading
from Deuteronomy
we are called to
choose life by
loving and obeying
God. Much of
today's gospel
reading echoes
portions of the Ten
Commandments.
Jesus' instructions
to the crowd reveal
a pattern of behavior
that honors
both God and the
neighbor, resulting
in life and health
for the whole community.
We too are
invited to embrace
these commandments,
not out of
fear of retribution,
but because God
has promised that
to do so means life
for us.

GATHERING

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS *(please stand as you are able.)*

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who makes all things new, whose mercy endures forever. **Amen.**

Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Holy One, source of our renewal, **we confess that we are wrapped up in sin, and cannot free ourselves. We have not practiced your righteousness. Our hearts have turned away from you. For the sake of the world you so love, forgive us, that we may be reconciled to one another for the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

Thus says our God: "The former things have come to pass and new things I now declare." God's mercy makes us new. We are forgiven in the name of ☩ Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

OPENING HYMN

Come, All You People

#819

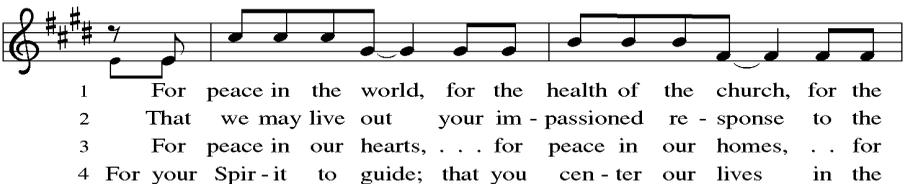
GREETING

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.

KYRIE

pp. 184-185





The LORD sets before the people of God a clear choice. Life and prosperity will come to the faithful; loss of the land will be the consequence of disobedience. Choosing life entails loving and holding fast to the Lord. Life in God's presence presupposes the promise made to the ancestors.

Happy are they who follow the teaching of the Lord. (Ps. 119:1)

Human leaders in the church are not the ones who control ministry. Rather they are coworkers who belong to God, the one who truly controls and continuously empowers the ministry of the church.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God, the strength of all who hope in you, because we are weak mortals we accomplish nothing good without you. Help us to see and understand the things we ought to do, and give us grace and power to do them, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen. *(please be seated.)*

WORD

FIRST READING: Deuteronomy 30:15-20

[Moses said to the people:] 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.

Word of God. **Word of Life. Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 119:1-8

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

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 3:1-9

¹Brothers 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 quarreling 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 labor of each. ⁹For we are God's servants, working together; you are God's field, God's building.

Word of God. **Word of Life. Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (please stand as you are able.) **p. 188**

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

GOSPEL: Matthew 5:21-37

The holy gospel according to...

Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said to the disciples:] ²¹"You have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, 'You shall not murder'; and 'whoever murders shall be liable to judgment.' ²²But I say to you that if you are angry with a brother or sister, you will be liable to judgment; 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 commits adultery. 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 our Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

(please be seated.)

In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus exhorts his followers to embrace standards of righteousness that exceed legal requirements and traditional expectations.

(please stand as you are able)

HYMN OF THE DAY

Blest Be the Tie That Binds

#656

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.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Called together to follow Jesus, we pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

A brief silence.

Inspire your church that it may be a sign of life throughout the world. From the exploration of faith with children and new believers to missionaries and bishops, shape lives of faithfulness, so that all find abundant life in your ways. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Nourish your creation. Accompany all who plant and water. Bless the work of farmers; provide for subsistence farmers facing drought and climate change. Guide the work of agricultural scientists toward sustainable ways to feed the world. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Give growth where there seems to be no hope for life. In nations and regions where reconciliation seems impossible, empower peacemakers with your Spirit. Where death holds sway through violence, disease, and hunger, equip relief workers to bring hope. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Nurture all in need. Bring healing to all who experience trauma caused by systems of injustice and destructive relationships. Give courage to those struggling to repent and those seeking reconciliation. Sustain all who work for restoration. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Encourage this congregation. Call us to a common purpose and keep us from quarrelling. Turn our hearts toward you and guide our leaders, so that our choices may be lifegiving for all. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Here other intercessions may be offered.

Thanks be to you for the lives of all who have died in Christ. Teach us to follow them in your ways and gather us with them into the promise of eternal life with you. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

We bring to you our needs and hopes, O God, trusting your wisdom and power revealed in Christ crucified. **Amen.**

SHARING OF CHRIST'S PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

MEAL

(please be seated)

OFFERING

OFFERING SONG

Oh, That the Lord Would Guide My Ways

#772

*Renew our lives
that we may
welcome and
care for one
another and
that we may
live and serve
within the
greater com-
munity of
Negaunee and
the world,
witnessing to
others your
abundant love,
grace, and
welcome.*



OFFERING PRAYER

(please stand as you are able.)

Liberating God, **you break the bonds of injustice and let the oppressed go free. Receive these offerings in thanksgiving for all your works of merciful power, and shape us as people of your justice and freedom. You we magnify and adore, through Jesus our Savior. Amen.**

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 our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise We praise your name and join their unending hymn:

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

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

*The risen Christ dwells with us here:
 All who are hungry, all who are thirsty, come.*

COMMUNION

(please be seated.)

We believe that the true body and blood of Jesus Christ is in/with/under the bread and wine.

All baptized Christians who believe this true presence are welcome and encouraged to receive Holy Communion today. Parents, please assist your child(ren) if you wish them communed.

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, Lamb of God.

COMMUNION HYMNS

One Bread, One Body #496

O Master, Let Me Walk with You #818

(please stand as you are able.)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Holy One, we thank you for the healing that springs forth abundantly from this table. Renew our strength to do justice, love kindness, and journey humbly with you. Amen.

SENDING

BLESSING

The God who faithfully brings forth justice and breaks the oppressor's rod ✠ bless, strengthen, and uphold you, today and always. Amen.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Follow the way of Jesus. Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Thank you Immanuel for all of your wonderful thoughts, prayers, cards, and for the beautiful prayer shawl that was sent to me. Your church is such a warm, wonderful, welcoming church, John & I just loved it and being there. John is surely missed a lot and I appreciate all of your caring and sympathy messages. John's obituary can be viewed online in the 'Nie' Newspaper out of Ann Arbor, Michigan. His funeral will also be live-streamed and on Utube. The Funeral will take place on Friday, February 17th, at 11:00 am. (For those wondering about where John was from, his family all came from Indiana.) God's Peace to All of You, and a sincere Thank You for your condolences. Sincerely, Ann Neiswander



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ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF February 12 - February 19, 2023

***SYMPATHY & GOD'S PEACE TO:** Connie (Randy) Champion, Paula Connors, Wendy (Rick) Champion, Dennis Connors, and Troy (Caitlin) Connors, on the loss of their mother, **Joann Dagmar Connors**, on Wednesday, February 1st. Also, condolences to her grandchildren: Stacy (Mark) McEachern, Wayne Champion, Tiffany Connors, James Champion, Taylor Connors, Roger Champion, & Travis Connors; to her great-grandchildren: Shane, Katie, Callie, & Derek McEachern, Joanna Champion, Connie & Colby Champion, and all of the Connors Family.



***FORTUNE LAKE SUMMER CAMP** Fortune Lake Registration is open for Summer Camp! Camp offers an early bird discount through April 1st and Immanuel offers scholarships to campers of all ages. Contact Stacy McEachern by April 1st for scholarship details! Call or text: (906) 361-9123 or stacymc6@gmail.com. *Hurry, Hurry. Get your registrations in!*



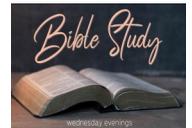
***PANCAKE EVENING BREAKFAST DINNER PLANNED FOR FEBRUARY** Our local Lutheran churches (the Northern Great Lakes Synod of the ELCA Conference 8) will be hosting a *Shrove Tuesday Pancake Breakfast Dinner* for local congregations & the wider community. 'Shrove' comes from the word 'shrive' meaning to absolve or hear confession. It is the eve of Ash Wednesday & thus Lent. It is a joyful day to celebrate & feast on items that you might be abstaining from in the more penitential season of Lent. It will be on **Tuesday, February 21st, 2023, from 4-7 pm, @ Immanuel Lutheran Church.** The meal is free, but a free-will offering will take place that will benefit Lutheran Campus Ministry at NMU & their upcoming trip to Iona Scotland. So, come, join the community, & feast on some pancakes with a variety of decadent toppings. **NOTE: THE CHURCH COUNCIL WILL NOT BE MEETING THAT NIGHT BUT WILL MOVE THEIR DATE TO TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 28th, SAME TIMES.**



***FELLOWSHIP HOUR:** Are you willing to help with Fellowship hour? Donations are needed such as bakery, crackers, cheese, fruit, or whatever suits your fancy, & cleanup! Your Fellowship Hour committee for February is FORTUNE LAKE YOUTH. If it fits your schedule to bring items before Sunday morning, there are shelves in the refrigerator tagged for Coffee hour. Or leave on the counter marked "Coffee Hour". Please contact **Stacy McEachern (361-9123)** with your date and any item you wish to bring.



***SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE CONVERSATION** A Sunday morning Bible Conversation Group meets after the 9:30 am worship service, at 11:00 am in the Youth Room for 1 hour. This is an opportunity for a discussion on the Bible lessons from the morning's worship service. There is a team of people who have volunteered to share the leadership for this group. The members of the leadership team consists of Pastor Tom Skrenes, Luanne Skrenes, Martha Hayward, Dan Collins, Andrew Crow-Roberts, Walter Scanlon, Mike Frustaglio, Jim Hayward, and Pastor Terry Cathcart. Here is the list of leaders and their dates: **Feb. 12** - Andrew Crow-Roberts; **Feb. 19** - Walter Scanlon; **Feb. 26** - Mike Frustaglio; **Mar. 5** - Dan Collins; **Mar. 12** - Jim Hayward; **Mar. 19** - Andrew Crow-Roberts, **Mar. 16** - Terry Cathcart. *Mark your calendars and plan to come.*



***VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL (VBS)** The beginning date for Vacation Bible School will be **June 12th, 2023.** Watch for more details. We will be in need of enrollment helpers. For more information, contact Paulette Patron @ (906) 475-4776.



***PROJECT KEEP KIDS WARM (PKKW).** This Project, *Keep Kids Warm*, runs through the winter months. This fall over 300 youth have been given warm winter clothing and the need continues to grow. Desperately needed are warm winter coats sizes 6-12 and water repellent gloves/mittens. Your donations can be placed in the boxes located at the West entrance. If you have questions, please contact Linda Sjolund (242-5020) or Westley United Methodist Church.





***TIME & TALENT FORMS / ESTIMATE OF GIVING FORMS** Can be found on the table in the hallway on the 2nd floor. They can be filled out at anytime and turned into the office. **PLEASE if you want to volunteer to help in any way at the church, fill out your *Time & Talent form*.** Consider your call to serve our Lord & this congregation with your *Estimate of Giving form* AND the *Time & Talent form* for 2023. (If you don't fill out a new *Time & Talent form*, your choices from the past will remain.) We are "Together Into God's Future."



***BAR CHURCH, 'Ruthless Elimination of Hurry', by John Mark Comer** This group will be meeting on the following Thursdays: February 23, March 9, 23, April 13, 27, May 11,25, 2023. There is also a Facebook group at: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/841985297052095/>, or scan the QR code. If you have any questions, please call Kaitrin Raymond at (540) 435-4915.

***CONFIRMATION UPDATE** During this 'Call Process', Confirmation will look a little different this year. The confirmation classes **will meet on the 3rd Monday of the month** for fellowship and service opportunities **from 6pm - 8pm**, with dinner provided. Classes will be combined with confirmands from Immanuel, Prince of Peace in Harvey, & Messiah in Marquette. These sessions will allow the youth to learn & connect during this important part of their faith walk. This new program is still being cultivated with the help of new team leaders. If anyone has questions, please email Hayley Smith, Hayley-smith@hotmail.com, or call/text 906-367-4295. **NOTE: There is 1 more Confirmation Retreat. The 3rd Confirmation Retreat will be at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church in Harvey on Saturday, February 25th, 2023, 10 am - 3 pm.**



KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS



Pray For: Betty Carilli, Kevin Carlson, Renae Carlson, Sue Cohan, Joann Connors, Dan Hendrickson, Michael Holman, Peggy Jackson, John Kallioinen, Betty Kinnunen, Michael Kjellman, Marian Kulju, Anna Laurila, Don & Mary Leece, Diane Nault, Gerald Neldon, Don Palomaki, Stephanie Penhale, Joyce Peterson, Shirley Pizziola (Sue Cohan's mother), Jim Ritzenhein, Jessica Roberts, Tim Romback, Louise Spickerman, Molly Taseris, Debbie Thornberg, and all COVID patients.

Our Shut-ins: Bettie Ahola, Jonelle Collins, Rudy Gagnon, Charlene Kivisto, Timothy Kjellman, Betty Lukkarinen, Leo Nirva, Butch Pynnonen, Dolores Reichel, Lillian Rivers, Paul Alan Smith, Lynne Tossava.

Members in the Armed Service: Luke DeWitt, Adrianna Gustafson, Michael Gustafson, Spencer Harvala, Hunter (Jessica) Hetrick, Dennis Koski, Tanner Romback, Trevor Romback, Michael Sedlock, Ethan Wallner, and all Armed Services Families.

VOLUNTEERS ASSISTING IN SERVICE
SERVING IN WORSHIP: Pastor Terry Cathcart

ORGANIST/PIANIST/MUSICIAN: Connie Scanlon

Worship Services: Sun. @ 9:30 am / Mon. @ 6 pm

Office Hours: 8 am-2 pm, Monday-Thursday (or by appt.)

ASSISTING IN THE SERVICE:

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| 9:30 am USHERS/GREETERS | - Linda Derocher | 6 pm - Reuven Romback |
| | - Jim Derocher | Kevin Crupi |
| 9:30 am LECTOR | - Alice Mutkala | 6 pm - Sheila Meier |
| 9:30 am COMM. ASST.'S | - Jim Derocher | 6 pm - Sheila Meier |
| | - Linda Derocher | |
| | - Walter Scanlon | |
| 9:30 am Tech Team | - Tyler Moore | |



(Communion Set-up for February is **Linda Sjolund**.)

FEBRUARY'S MONTHLY MISSION

IN FEBRUARY our Mission Emphasis is Messiah Lutheran Church Asylum Refugee Support.

Messiah Lutheran Church in Marquette is sponsoring a refugee family from Honduras in Central America seeking asylum in this country. The mother and two boys left Honduras over two years ago and spent two years at the Mexican border waiting for permission to enter this country. The family arrived in Marquette in August. The boys are in school and all are learning English. There are some long term medical issues that are being resolved. Asylum has not been granted yet but the process continues slowly and legally.



Thank you to Messiah for their continued financial and emotional support of this family. We are here to help you and the family with this undertaking.

If you wish to give above-and-beyond to this mission, please use February's mission emphasis envelope (when they arrive) from your offering envelope box or in some other way designate your gift.
Thank you for your generosity!

(NOTE: For now, please use a blank white envelope with 'Monthly Mission' written on it. Then, either have your envelope # on it or your name.)

Thank you for giving \$ 755.00 in January to
Our Tanzanian Companion Ministry Relationships.
The recipients will be richly blessed with your generosity! Thank you!

