

ST. LUCAS EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN

CHURCH AND SCHOOL

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The Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany

February 11 & 12, 2023

The Season

The word epiphany means "appearance." In the Season of Epiphany, we watch Jesus begin his public ministry. Jesus makes his first appearances. In those appearances, it quickly becomes clear that this is more than a random carpenter's son. As Jesus appears, we see exactly who he is and what he came to do.

The Series

Jesus teaches us what it means to be one of his followers through the most famous sermon of all time. It is not delivered while standing in a pulpit but while sitting on a hill. Elevated above the crowd, Jesus' voice would carry through the air. His followers hung on his every word as the Christ talked about living an authentic Christian life. It is called the Sermon on the Mount.

The Sunday

We have a holy God. He wants us to live a holy life, one that is wholly dedicated to him, one that is spiritually and emotionally healthy for us. As Jesus continues his Sermon on the Mount, he makes the crucial point that he came to free us from sin. Secure in his grace and empowered by the Holy Spirit, each day we strive to live the holy lives to which we have been called.

The Service

Today we celebrate the Sacrament of the Altar in which we joyfully receive Christ's body and blood, in, with, and under bread and wine, for the forgiveness of our sins. As we celebrate the Sacrament we also give public confession of our complete unity in the Christian faith. We invite communicant members of St. Lucas Lutheran Church, or of another congregation in the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (WELS) or of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod (ELS) to commune. If you are a guest visiting with us today, please refrain from communing until you have spoken with our pastor. The congregation reads the potions in bold print.

Prayer before Worship

Lord Jesus, you have invited me to come and receive your holy Sacrament. I believe that in the bread and wine you give me your true body and blood to eat and drink. Forgive my sins and nourish my faith through this precious meal. I long for the comfort that comes with your promises; I yearn for the assurance of your faithful love. Bless me now as I receive you by faith. Amen.

Serving in Worship

Presiding Minister: Pastor Timothy Henning Organist: Coralee Henning Ushers: Chris Peters (6 pm) Matthew Stoltz (8 am) Steve Wolter (10:30 am)



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

Confession

If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

Let us confess our sins to the Lord. Holy God, gracious Father, I am sinful by nature and have sinned against you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have not loved you with my whole heart; I have not loved others as I should. I deserve your punishment both now and forever. But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my sins with his innocent suffering and death. Trusting in him, I pray: God, have mercy on me, a sinner.

Silence for meditation and reflection

Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, who gave his life as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. 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. **Amen.**





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The Word

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Prayer of the Day

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 your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Be seated

Reading

1 Thessalonians 4:1–12

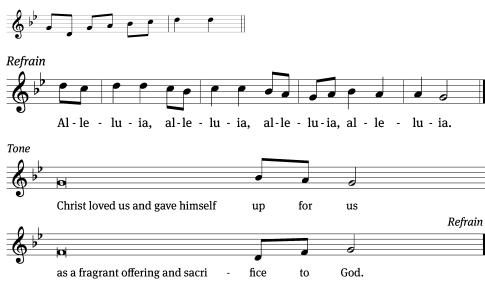
¹As for other matters, brothers and sisters, we instructed you how to live in order to please God, as in fact you are living. Now we ask you and urge you in the Lord Jesus to do this more and more. ²For you know what instructions we gave you by the authority of the Lord Jesus.

³It is God's will that you should be sanctified: that you should avoid sexual immorality; ⁴that each of you should learn to control your own body in a way that is holy and honorable, ⁵not in passionate lust like the pagans, who do not know God; ⁶and that in this matter no one should wrong or take advantage of a brother or sister. The Lord will punish all those who commit such sins, as we told you and warned you before. ⁷For God did not call us to be impure, but to live a holy life. ⁸Therefore, anyone who rejects this instruction does not reject a human being but God, the very God who gives you his Holy Spirit.

⁹Now about your love for one another we do not need to write to you, for you yourselves have been taught by God to love each other. ¹⁰And in fact, you do love all of God's family throughout Macedonia. Yet we urge you, brothers and sisters, to do so more and more, ¹¹and to make it your ambition to lead a quiet life: You should mind your own business and work with your hands, just as we told you, ¹²so that your daily life may win the respect of outsiders and so that you will not be dependent on anybody.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation



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Gospel

Matthew 5:21–37

²¹"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.' ²²But 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.

²³"Therefore, if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother or sister has something against you, ²⁴leave your gift there in front of the altar. First go and be reconciled to them; 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 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. ²⁶Truly I tell you, you will not get out until you have paid the last penny.

²⁷"You have heard that it was said, 'You shall not commit adultery.' ²⁸But 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 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. ³⁰And 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.

³¹"It has been said, 'Anyone who divorces his wife must give her a certificate of divorce.' ³²But 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.

³³"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.' ³⁴But I tell you, do not swear an oath at all: either by heaven, for it is God's throne; 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 even one hair white or black. ³⁷All you need to say is simply 'Yes' or 'No'; anything beyond this comes from the evil one.

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise be to you, O Christ!**

Be seated



Sermon

Stand

Nicene Creed

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 truly 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.

Forward Presentation

Prayer of the Church

Dearest Jesus, you became poor so that we might become rich. In addition to forgiveness and eternal life, you have given us blessings far too numerous to count. So inspire us by your generosity that we devote all we have and all we are to the glory of your name and the well-being of others. Help us learn the joy of giving, the value of faithful labor, and the satisfaction of time well spent. Replace our fear and selfishness with the confidence that you will provide everything we need for doing good and will do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine.

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.

Offering God's people offer their first and best to the Lord in response to the Lord's blessings to them. The offering is gathered in a basket in the church entrance before or after the service. If you prefer to give electronically, you may scan this graphic to access <u>www.stlucaswels.org/donate</u>.



The Sacrament

Stand



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:

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Holy, Holy, Holy

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Words of Institution

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, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always. **Amen.**

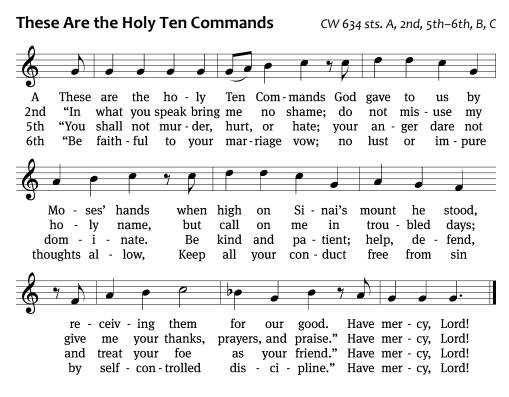


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Be seated

Distribution



- B You have this law to see therein that you have not been free from sin but also that you clearly see how pure toward God life should be. Have mercy, Lord!
- C Our works cannot salvation gain; they merit only endless pain.Forgive us, Lord! To Christ we flee, who pleads for us endlessly.

Have mercy, Lord!

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After all have communed, the minister says:

The true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you to life everlasting. Go + in peace. **Amen.**

Stand

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his mercy endures forever.

Whenever we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

We give you thanks, O Lord, for the foretaste of the heavenly banquet you have given us in this Sacrament. Through this gift you have fed our faith, nourished our hope, and strengthened our love. By your Spirit, help us to live as your holy people until that day when you will receive us as your guests at the wedding supper of the Lamb, 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.** Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus

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Announcements

Dear members and school families of St. Lucas, Over the last few weeks, I have appreciated the opportunity to deliberate the two calls that I have been holding and their unique ministry opportunities, both to St. Lucas and Divine Savior Academy. I have appreciated the communications and conversations over this time as well. Divine Savior has a unique level of growth that the Lord has blessed them with and St. Lucas has been given opportunities that add so much potential for their future as well.

The Lord has promised us that He has a plan for each of us and we can take comfort that He knows that plan. He will also use both ministries to work with His little lambs and nourish their young faith. After much prayer and deliberation, I have come to the peaceful decision that, at this time, my gifts and talents would best be used in the Lord's service at St. Lucas. To God be the glory and in His service, Jennifer Trimmer

Offering Envelope Update from The Church-Budget Envelope and Mailing Company Some of you may be aware of delays in the offering envelope mailings over the past couple months. Due to supply chain and the inability to add employees at the rate necessary has

created a slow draw on production and shipping. Recently, both of those issues have been resolved. However the "catchup" would jeopardize long term delivery.

In order to get back to expected levels of timely deliveries, we are forced to suspend the production of the remaining supply of your February envelopes. The offering envelopes will resume and be delivered by the first Sunday in March. Quarterly supply will restart in April. Never in our company's history have we had to skip scheduled mailings and we are doing all we can to make sure this never happens again. We deeply apologize for this necessary course of action and the inconveniences this has caused you and your church family. Extra bulk envelopes are available in the church entry.

Wisconsin Parental Choice Program The enrollment window is now open! Apply for the WPCP between February 1st and April 2oth. To apply for a voucher, go to <u>dpi.wi.gov/choice</u>, verify your income, preferably with the Department of Revenue method to receive instant verification, and submit proof of residency. We hope this program can be a blessing to our St. Lucas families and allow us to share the light of God's Word even more.

If you have questions please contact Kevin Scheunemann, school choice administrator, at (262) 339-5425 or kewaskumdq@gmail.com or Mr. Hesse.

2022 Offering Statements are on a table in the back of church, on the left side as you leave.

The women of St. Lucas Lutheran invite you to join us for our 18th annual Women's Retreat, titled *Working for the Lord*. Saturday, March 11, 2023 with registration and refreshments at 8:30 AM and the retreat concluding at about 2:45. A non-refundable registration fee of \$25.00 includes lunch and presentations. This is a one-day retreat filled with speakers, worship, and fellowship. Speakers for this retreat will include: Ryan Halter, Pastor Joe Radsek, and Juli Hesse. Please call Lynn Garvey at 262-626-4749 with questions. Registrations are due by February 17. Registration is available at https://Stlucasretreat.eventbrite.com . Brochures are available in the narthex.

New Beginnings – A Home for Mothers in Milwaukee, WI (the daughter ministry of Christian Life Resources in Richfield, WI) has an immediate opening for a Resident Supervisor. This is a relief staff position for an individual or couple looking to live and work closely with the residents at New Beginnings. For questions, interest, or more information, contact Madison Schulz, Interim Executive Director, by phone (414-376-0595) or by email (madisons@homeformothers.com).

St. Paul Little Learners Preschool and Childcare in Slinger is accepting applications for part-time or full-time teachers in our childcare as well as summer positions. no nights or weekends! Must be over 18 with a background in education or be willing to take at least one class. Contact Lisa Meissner: 262-644-8295 ext. 1 <u>littlelearners@stpaulslinger.org</u>

Our Savior Lutheran in Grafton is looking for a part-time position to provide childcare. Before School from 6:30am - 7:50am (Time fluctuates based on need). Wrap Around Care from 11:30am - 3:15pm. After School Care from 3:15pm - 5:30pm. Starting pay is \$15-17/hour. If you are interested in covering partially or fully, please contact Principal Nathan Schultz at 262-377-7780 or 262-338-4593 or email resume/message to <u>nschultz@oursaviorgrafton.org</u>.

Midweek Lenten Series: His final Steps

February 22 (Ash Wednesday) Lord, Have Mercy on Me March 1 His Final Steps Led to Some Greeks — Pastor Bode, Zion Kohlsville March 8 His Final Steps Led to His Enemies — Pastor Woldt, David's Star, Jackson March 15 His Final Steps Led to a Dinner Celebration — Pastor Henning March 22 His Final Steps Led to His Father's House — Pastor Loescher, David's Star Jackson March 29 His Final Steps Led to a Fig Tree — Pastor Rohrback — Redeemer Cedarburg

Services will be held each Wednesday at 3:30 pm and 6:30 pm A soup supper will be served in the school gymnasium between the services.

Celebrating God's blessings this week

Birthdays

Michael Beyer 13 Stuart Scheunemann 14 Eric Shaske 15 Owen Schmidt 18

Calendar

Readings for February 11 – February 19

Saturday: Usher : Peters Job 7:1-21; John 4:7-26 Worship 6:00 pm w/Communion Sunday: Job 8:1-22; John 4:27-45 Ushers : Stoltz 8 am Worship 8 or 10:30 am w/Communion Wolter 10:30 am Sunday School and Bible Hour 9:15 am Job 9:1-35; John 4:46-54 Monday: Tuesday: Job 10:1-22; John 5:1-18 Bible Study 6:30 pm Wednesday: Job 11:1-20; John 5:19-29 Public School Catechism class 3:30-5:00 pm Thursday: Job 12:1-6,12-25; John 5:30-47 Bible Study 10:00 am Ladies' Guild 6:30 pm Friday : Job 13:1-12; John 6:1-21 School Chapel Service 7:45 am Saturday: Job 13:13-28; John 6:22-40 Usher : Beyer Worship 6:00 pm w/Communion Sunday: Job 14:1-22; John 6:41-59 Ushers : Schacht 8 am Worship 8 or 10:30 am w/Communion Strack 10:30 am Sunday School and Bible Hour 9:15 am

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