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The Sixth Sunday After Epiphany

Today's theme:
Live A Holy Life

Welcome, guests! God’s love welcomes you—no matter who you are or where you come from— and so do we. We believe that Jesus Christ is the true Savior of all people. By his perfect life, innocent death, and triumphant resurrection he saves all sinners even without our help. Jesus Christ makes us special people, right with God and ready for life! We learn this from the Bible, God’s authentic message of grace and guidance for us. Whether you are a first-time guest or a curious observer with little religious background, we are delighted to share our worship with you. Please come back and worship with us again.

Children’s “My Worship Notes” are included in another document. They can be used by children of any age to keep notes during the service.

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Live A Holy Life

The word “holy” comes from an Old English word, “halig” which means “whole” or “healthy.” 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. So, as Jesus continues his Sermon on the Mount, he makes a crucial point that not all his followers (including present day followers) understand well. Jesus came to free us from sin. He did not come to free us to sin. God commands that we live a holy life. He provides dire warnings to remind us just how holy he wants us to be. Today we face a rapid decline in public morals and private piety. Yet, Jesus calls his followers to be different. He urges personal purity. After examining our lives, we can only despair over our lack of holiness. So, the Gospel Acclamation reminds us to flee to Christ who loves us despite our failures and who sacrificed himself for unholy people. 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.

Invocation

[We invoke, that is, call upon the name of the Triune God to be with us this morning. The name of the Triune God and the sign of the cross remind worshipers of their baptisms]

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

Before You I Kneel

CW 735

Confession of Sins

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.

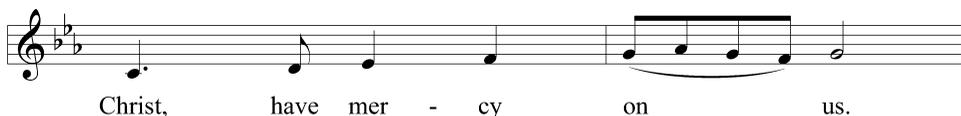
I deserve your punishment both now and forever.

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.

Kyrie (Lord, Have Mercy)

[Kyrie is the Greek word for Lord. The expression "Lord, have mercy" is one of the oldest worship responses in the Christian church.]



Absolution

[The use of the keys is that special power and right which Christ gave to his church on earth: to forgive the sins of penitent sinners (The Small Catechism, First: What is the use of the keys?) See John 20:21-23]

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.

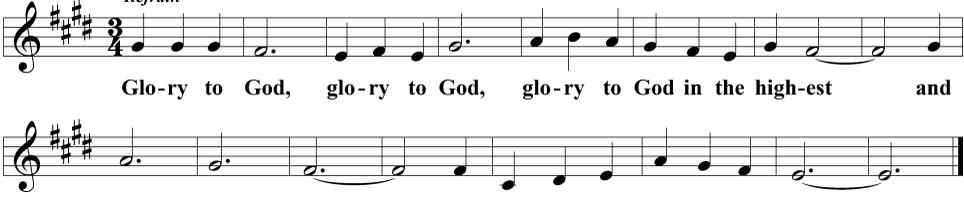
Amen.

Gloria in Excelsis (Glory to God)

[Throughout this order of service, we will hear and tell the story of our greatest brother, Jesus. As we sing the Gloria, we are reminded of the song the angels sang at Jesus' birth, a song the Christian Church has sung for almost 2,000 years.]

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Soloist will sing the verses. Congregation will sing the refrain.

Refrain



Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God in the high-est and
peace, peace, peace, and peace to his peo-ple on earth.

The image shows two staves of musical notation in treble clef with a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#) and a 3/4 time signature. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of the refrain, and the second staff contains the melody for the second line. The lyrics are printed below the notes.

Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father. We worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. *Refrain*

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of God the Father: receive our prayer, receive our prayer. *Refrain*

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in the glory of God the Father. *Refrain*

Prayer of the Day

[The Prayer of the Day summarizes the theme of the day.]

**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.**

The Word

[Like Mary, we sit at the feet of Jesus to hear his Word (Luke 10:39).]

First Reading

2 Samuel 11:1-17, 26-27

King David committed adultery first in his heart, then in the flesh. David's example illustrates the danger of unrepentant sin. It is the antithesis of a holy life.

¹In the spring, at the time when kings go off to war, David sent Joab out with the king's men and the whole Israelite army. They destroyed the Ammonites and besieged Rabbah. But David remained in Jerusalem.

²One evening David got up from his bed and walked around on the roof of the palace. From the roof he saw a woman bathing. The woman was very beautiful, ³and David sent someone to find out about her. The man said, "She is Bathsheba, the daughter of Eliam and the wife of Uriah the Hittite." ⁴Then David sent messengers to get her. She came to him, and he slept with her. (Now she was purifying herself from her monthly uncleanness.) Then she went back home. ⁵The woman conceived and sent word to David, saying, "I am pregnant."

⁶So David sent this word to Joab: "Send me Uriah the Hittite." And Joab sent him to David. ⁷When Uriah came to him, David asked him how Joab was, how the soldiers were and how the war was going. ⁸Then David said to Uriah, "Go down to your house and wash your feet." So Uriah left the palace, and a gift from the king was sent after him. ⁹But Uriah slept at the entrance to the palace with all his master's servants and did not go down to his house.

¹⁰David was told, "Uriah did not go home." So he asked Uriah, "Haven't you just come from a military campaign? Why didn't you go home?"

¹¹Uriah said to David, "The ark and Israel and Judah are staying in tents, and my commander Joab and my lord's men are

camped in the open country. How could I go to my house to eat and drink and make love to my wife? As surely as you live, I will not do such a thing!”

¹²Then David said to him, “Stay here one more day, and tomorrow I will send you back.” So Uriah remained in Jerusalem that day and the next. ¹³At David’s invitation, he ate and drank with him, and David made him drunk. But in the evening Uriah went out to sleep on his mat among his master’s servants; he did not go home.

¹⁴In the morning David wrote a letter to Joab and sent it with Uriah. ¹⁵In it he wrote, “Put Uriah out in front where the fighting is fiercest. Then withdraw from him so he will be struck down and die.”

¹⁶So while Joab had the city under siege, he put Uriah at a place where he knew the strongest defenders were. ¹⁷When the men of the city came out and fought against Joab, some of the men in David’s army fell; moreover, Uriah the Hittite died.

²⁶When Uriah’s wife heard that her husband was dead, she mourned for him. ²⁷After the time of mourning was over, David had her brought to his house, and she became his wife and bore him a son. But the thing David had done displeased the LORD.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

[As they worshiped, Old Testament believers responded to readings from the Scriptures by singing psalms. We continue this custom in the divine service.]

119A Teach Me, O LORD

Psalm 119A

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Refrain



The musical notation is on a single staff with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody consists of quarter notes: G4, A4, B4, C5, D5, E5, F#5, G5, A5, B5, C6, D6, E6, F#6, G6, A6, B6, C7. A triplet of eighth notes (G5, A5, B5) is marked with a '3' above it. The lyrics 'Teach me, O LORD, the way of your statutes.' are written below the staff.

Blessed are those whose ways are / blameless,
who walk according to the law / of the LORD.
Blessed are those who keep his / statutes
and seek him with / all their heart.
You have laid down / precepts
that are to be ful- / ly obeyed. *Refrain*
Oh, that my ways were / steadfast
in obeying / your decrees!
Then I would not be / put to shame
when I consider all / your commands.
I will praise you with an / upright heart
as I learn your / righteous laws.
**Glory be to the Father and / to the Son
and to the Holy / Spirit,
as it was in the be- / ginning,
is now, and will be forever. / Amen. *Refrain***

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Second Reading

1 Thessalonians 4:1-12

Christians sincerely desire to live for Christ. St. Paul explains how. We seek to control our body in a way that is holy.

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.

[It has been a tradition in the Christian church to stand for the reading of the gospel for the past 2,000 years. Just as subjects rise when a king speaks, we rise out of respect for the words of our King.]

Please stand

Gospel Acclamation

Matthew 5:16

[The Gospel Acclamation is a familiar scripture that compliments the theme of the day and prepares our hearts to hear the Gospel reading.]

**Soloist will introduce the refrain. Congregation will repeat the refrain.
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Refrain



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Let your light shine before others,
that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in
heaven.

Refrain

Gospel

Matthew 5:21-37

What a high bar Jesus sets! He calls us to be holy in our relationships with our brothers, our adversaries, our bodies, our spouse, and our God.

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!

Children's Sermon

The children are invited to come to the front of the church

**The Hymn of the Day is chosen because of its strong connection to the Gospel reading.*

Take My Life and Let It Be

CW 695

Sermon

based on Matthew 5:21-37

Pure Disciples

Please stand

Confession of Faith

The Fifth Commandment

You shall not murder.

What does this mean?

We should fear and love God that we do not hurt or harm our neighbor in his body, but help and befriend him in every bodily need.

The Sixth Commandment

You shall not commit adultery.

What does this mean?

We should fear and love God that we lead a pure and decent life in words and actions, and that husband and wife love and honor each other.

The Second Commandment

You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God.

What does this mean?

We should fear and love God that we do not use his name to curse, swear, lie, or deceive, or use witchcraft, but call upon God's name in every trouble, pray, praise, and give thanks.

Please be seated

Offering

[If you wish to give an offering you may do so on our website, lambogodlafayette.com and click GIVE in the upper right corner or text any dollar amount to 84321 to give or mail a check to the church—1893 E 600 North West Lafayette, IN 47906] or you may scan this QR code:



Prayer for the Church

[The Prayer for the Church includes prayers for our brothers and sisters in our congregation. Since we belong to something bigger than ourselves, the Christian Church, we pray for the needs and struggles of all God's people on earth.]

Lord's Prayer

Matthew 6:9-13

**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.**

Prayer

How can I thank you, Father, for allowing me to worship in your house today! I have heard the promises of your love in the gospel. I have praised you, confessed you, and prayed for your blessings. I have been strengthened by the witness and worship of others. Keep my faith strong as I live out the tasks of my life, take away my doubts and fears, and give me courage to share the good news of your Son wherever I go and however I can.

Amen

The Blessing

[This blessing has been spoken over God's people for the past 3,500 years, when God commanded Aaron, Moses' brother, to bless the Israelites, "...and so I will put my name on them." Numbers 6:22-27]

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.

Serving at Worship

Pastor Paul Horn
Liz Schmidt - piano

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Wednesday Evening Prayer Service begins February 22nd

During the season of Lent we offer an evening prayer service on **Wednesdays at 7pm**. This year's theme is: His Final Steps. The series ponders the significance of the people and places on Jesus' resolute final steps to the cross and three days later, his first steps from the tomb.

His Final Steps...

Feb 22 - Ash Wednesday "Dust you are and to dust you shall return"

Mar 1 - ...Led to some Greeks

Mar 8 - ...Led to his enemies

Mar 15 - ...Led to a dinner celebration

Mar 22 - ...Led to his Father's house

Mar 29 - Pizza and canvassing for Easter (6pm)

Ice Skating at Riverside

Campus Ministry has reserved the ice skating rink for a private ice skating party on Saturday, February 25th from 10:30am-12:30pm so admission is free and skate rental is \$3! The campus ministry students invite you, the members of Lamb of God to join them! This would be a great opportunity to invite a friend, relative or neighbor. 100 Tapawingo Dr, West Lafayette, IN 47906

FAMILY BIBLE HOUR—SUNDAY MORNINGS AT 9:15

Pre-K–8th Grade—Bible history stories, apologetics, crafts, games, songs and more!

What are people saying about our current Bible study series?

“I’ve heard these stories since I was a child but I’m learning that there’s so much more to them!”

“This has been one of my favorite bible studies.”

“I have friends who are unchurched and ask these same questions that we’re asking in bible study. This has been so helpful finding simple ways to have a conversation with them.”

Spend some quality time with Jesus and your church family as we dig a little bit deeper into well known stories from the gospels. **Sunday mornings at 9:15am.** Bibles provided or bring your own!

Catechism Class—7th & 8th grade (after worship) - This class prepares young people for confirmation and receiving the Lord's Supper. We use Martin Luther's Small Catechism and the Bible as textbooks for an in-depth study of the six main teachings of the Bible (Ten Commandments, Apostles Creed, Lord's Prayer, Baptism, Lord's Supper, Keys and Confession).

Building up the Body of Christ

It’s amazing when you read Romans 12:3-8 and then look around at all the folks in our church family and see it in action... how God uses all of us with our individual gifts to build up the body of Christ and expand his kingdom. Here’s a couple ways you can do that in the next couple of weeks.

Property Improvement

The leadership team has started remodeling the basement. If you are able to help with installing drywall, electrical work and finishing work contact Eric Becker, 42ofvarget@gmail.com, for more details.

Seminary Student Hosts

The Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary choir will be in concert at Lamb of God on **Thursday, April 6th**. We will need hosts to house students overnight. For more details contact Vicar Schlomer, jonah.schlomer@wisluthsem.org.

Seminary Choir Dinner Coordinator

Prior to the seminary choir concert on **Thursday, April 6th** we will provide a meal for them. If you and another family would like to coordinate this, please speak to Pastor Horn.

Easter Brunch Coordinator

To give us an opportunity to visit with guests and members after the Easter service we will be hosting brunch. If you and another individual would like to coordinate this meal, please speak to Pastor Horn.

Livestream Tech

If you would like to be on the livestream crew on Sunday mornings, broadcasting the Word of God to nearly 70 households every week, please see Pastor Horn for more information.

Prayer Requests

"I urge, then, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for all people - for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness." (1 Timothy 2:1-2)

Keep in your prayers this week: All those in our midst who may be dealing with physical ailments, emotional hurts or the loss of a loved one; for Jim Holmes, Gail Rathgeber, Joan Bonnet, and Bryant Monk, who are experiencing health difficulties; Mark Klockziem's father who was hospitalized this past week; Andy and Ben Kennedy's father Ron who remains hospitalized; for our outreach efforts in Boone County as they meet this week for bible study and fellowship; for our Pastors, teachers and staff ministers as they reach the lost sheep of their communities with the Good News of Jesus; for all military families who are separated by deployment or other training/schools; for our brothers and sisters in Christ in Ukraine and all those who are suffering in the war in Ukraine; that God grant peace between Ukraine and Russia as well as between the warring nations in Africa; that the Holy Spirit would work in the hearts of all those who join us for worship each Sunday; for all those who are suffering from abuse in the home, that they might seek help; that the Lord grant wisdom to Governor Holcomb, President Biden, Vice President Harris, and for the 118th US Congress, that they be guided by sound reason and the wisdom that comes from God above to pass bills that allow us to flourish in our vocations and spread the gospel in peace; for the current state of our world, that we remember our God is still in charge and will sustain us and give us what we need; that our Lord would give us the means to show the love of Christ as we support our neighbors in need. Pray that the Holy Spirit will bless our outreach efforts as we invite friends, relatives, and neighbors to our Bible studies, worship, and fellowship events.

