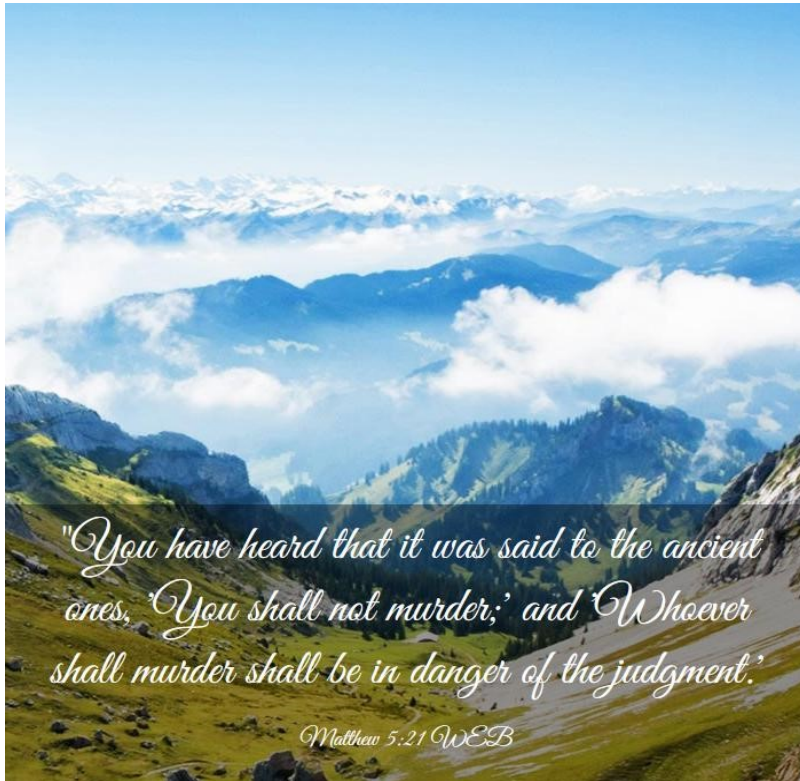


February 12, 2023
Worship & Communion
Sixth Sunday after Epiphany



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WELCOME TO OUR WORSHIP CELEBRATION! Thanks for coming to be with us at Zion Lutheran Church. If this is your first visit, or if you worship here regularly, we are delighted that you chose to share with us. We worship together on Saturday at 5:00 p.m. and Sunday at 10:00 a.m. If you have a “prayer request” or a “praise report”, please let the pastor know. God bless you on your journey of faith.

INTRODUCTION *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.*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

RECOGNITION OF SCOUTS / SCOUT SUNDAY

PRELUDE

This Little Light of Mine

Arr. Hassell

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

C: **Amen.**

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

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Holy One, source of our renewal,

C: **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.**

P: 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.

C: **Amen.**

GREETING / PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Sisters and brothers in Christ, beloved children of God: grace, mercy and peace be with you all.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Let us pray . . .

C: **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.**

CHANCEL CHOIR Director: Bill Jones
Composer: Jon Paige

Lift Up Your Heads

SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM Calvin Andrew Flayler **Red hymnal page 227**

Parents: Brandon & Colleen Flayler Big Brother: Harrison

Grandparents: Bob & Deb Keppel

THE WORD

FIRST READING: Deuteronomy 30:15-20:

R: [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.

R: The word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 3:1-9

R: 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.

R: The word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Red hymnal page 102

C: **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Lord to who shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

HOLY GOSPEL

P: The Holy Gospel is from **Matthew 5:21-37**

C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

P: [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. ²⁷You 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. ³¹It 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. ³³Again, 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."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SERMON Dale Schaefer

HYMN Red hymnal #612

Healer of Our Every Ill

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH (*Response after each petition*)

P: Lord in your mercy,

C: **Hear our prayer . . .**

OFFERING—Invitation—God's Work Continues

OFFERTORY SONG Red hymnal page #113

C: **Now, Lord, you let your servant go in peace: your word has been fulfilled. My**

own eyes have seen the salvation which you have prepared in the sight of ev-'ry people: a light to reveal you to the nations and the glory of your people Israel. Now Lord, you let your servant go in peace.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER WITH WORDS OF INSTITUTION

OFFERTORY SONG Red hymnal page #113

C: Now, Lord, you let your servant go in peace: your word has been fulfilled. My own eyes have seen the salvation which you have prepared in the sight of ev-'ry people: a light to reveal you to the nations and the glory of your people Israel. Now Lord, you let your servant go in peace.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER WITH WORDS OF INSTITUTION

LORD'S PRAYER

C: 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 *(All who confess Jesus as their Lord and Savior and believe in the real presence of Christ in the sacrament are invited to receive Holy Communion.)*

BLESSING

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

C: Amen.

HYMN Red hymnal #544

Praise the Lord, Rise Up Rejoicing

DISMISSAL

P: What is the mission of Zion Lutheran Church?

C: The mission of Zion Lutheran Church is: "Serving Christ through serving others."

Troy. Please consider putting your spare change or a few bills, or a check made payable to **Women of Zion** in the bowl. Women of Zion will match funds donated up to \$300.00.

REMINDER

Ash Wednesday is on February 22nd this year. A worship service will be held at 7:00 PM in the sanctuary. More information to follow.



WOMEN OF ZION NIGHT OUT / Sunday, February 19 @5:00 P.M. We will meet at: **Dos Lunas Mexican Bar & Grill—12 S. Tippecanoe Dr. (behind O’Reilly’s) Tipp City. Bring one valentine card signed by you. Bring \$ to pay for your meal.** This event will take the place of our February Women of Zion meeting. While we are waiting for our meals to be served, a brief business meeting will be held. **Please sign up in the hallway if you plan to attend.**

THIS WEEK AT ZION:

Monday, Feb.13	11:00 am	Quilting
Tuesday, Feb. 14	10:00 am	Quilting
	8:00 pm	AA (basement)
Wednesday, Feb 15	7:00 pm	Choir Rehearsal
Saturday, Feb. 18	5:00 pm	Worship / Pastor Dale returns
Sunday, Feb. 19	9:00 am	Sunday School
	10:00 am	Worship
	5:00 pm	Women of Zion / Night Out / Dos Lunas

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