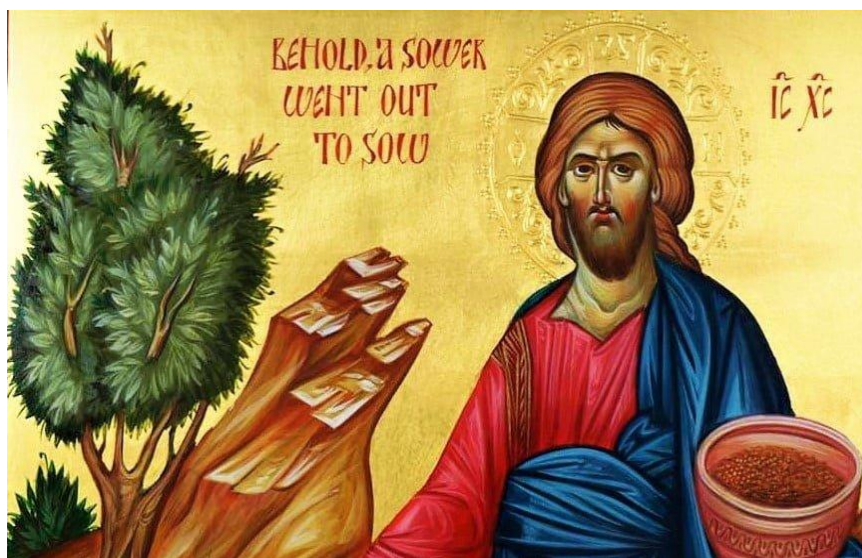


St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church
The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod
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To God Be the Glory!

SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

February 12, 2023

HOLY COMMUNION Our congregation believes and confesses that in Holy Communion not only does Jesus give us forgiveness; He also miraculously gives us His actual body and blood.

We seek to receive our Lord's Supper according to the guidelines God has established in His Word. God's Word states that the Sacrament is to be an expression of like-mindedness in faith (same in doctrine) and that only those should commune who are worthy to receive it (who have been properly instructed and are truly repentant).

In keeping with God's instruction, and out of deep love for the souls of His people, we invite visiting members of other Missouri Synod Lutheran congregations, who are members in good standing, to receive Holy Communion with us after announcing their intent to the pastor. Visitors who are not members of a Missouri Synod Lutheran congregation are asked to please refrain from the Sacrament at this time. Thank you.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Liturgy: Divine Service 2, pg. 167

Hymns: 584, 577, 630, 586, 643, 923

Organist: Ruth Fiscus

Acolyte: Jenni Platte

Ushers: Jon Petersen, Paul Zoske

THIS WEEK AS GOD LEADS US TOGETHER

Wednesday: 6:00-7:30p.m. Midweek Classes

6:00-7:00p.m. Handbell Choir

7:00p.m. Senior Choir

Next Sunday: 9:00a.m. Christian Education Classes

10:00a.m. Worship w/Holy Communion

Acolyte: Karlee Chaplin

Ushers: Jon Petersen, Paul Zoske

ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the glory of God by Lue Doering in memory of Harry's birthday.

BOARD OF DEACONS, Marvin Morgart (515-291-2047) and Dr. Dennis Winter (515-689-3462) will be assuming the responsibility of seeing that the Gerzhyk family (from Ukraine) is well cared for. If you have any questions regarding their well-being, needs, donations, etc. please contact either of the Deacons rather than Pastor. Thank you.
-Voter's Assembly

FELLOWSHIP HALL: In an effort to cut down on the noise and congestion in the hallway after worship, the ushers will be renewing the pre-covid practice of opening the fellowship hall curtains prior to ushering out the congregation. If you plan on visiting after worship, please give some thought to moving into the fellowship hall rather than directly into the hallway. Thank you. -Voter's Assembly

BIRTHDAYS: Today-Carolyn Dorsey; Mon.-Becky Ziebell, Marissane Hanson; Wed.-Liam Bell; Thurs.-Hallie Ites, James Winter; Fri.-Roger Zoske; Sat.-George Walters.

PSALM 84:1-12

antiphon vs. 8



⁸O LORD God of hosts, | hear my prayer;*

give ear, O God of | Jacob!

¹How lovely is your | dwelling place,*
O | LORD of hosts!

²**My soul longs, yes, faints
for the courts | of the LORD;*
my heart and flesh sing for joy
to the | living God.**

³Even the sparrow finds a home,
and the swallow a nest for herself,
where she may | lay her young,*
at your altars, O LORD of hosts,
my King | and my God.

⁴**Blessèd are those who dwell | in your house,*
ever sing- | ing your praise!**

⁵Blessèd are those whose strength is | in you,*
in whose heart are the highways to | Zion.

⁶**As they go through the Valley of Baca
they make it a | place of springs;*
the early rain also covers | it with pools.**

⁷They go from | strength to strength,*
each one appears before God in | Zion.

⁸**O LORD God of hosts, | hear my prayer;*
give ear, O God of | Jacob!**

⁹Behold our shield, | O God;*
look on the face of your a- | nointed!

¹⁰**For a day in your courts is better
than a thousand | elsewhere.*
I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God
than dwell in the tents of | wickedness.**

¹¹For the LORD God is a sun and shield;
the LORD bestows favor and | honor.*

No good thing does he withhold
from those who walk up- | rightly.

**¹²O | LORD of hosts,*
blesséd is the one who | trusts in you!**

**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.**

**⁸O LORD God of hosts, | hear my prayer;*
give ear, O God of | Jacob!**

ISAIAH 55:10-13

¹⁰"For as the rain comes down, and the snow from heaven,
And do not return there, But water the earth, And make it
bring forth and bud, That it may give seed to the sower And
bread to the eater,

¹¹So shall My word be that goes forth from My mouth; It
shall not return to Me void, But it shall accomplish what I
please, And it shall prosper in the thing for which I sent it.

¹²"For you shall go out with joy, And be led out with peace;
The mountains and the hills Shall break forth into singing
before you, And all the trees of the field shall clap their
hands.

¹³Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress tree, And
instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle tree; And it shall
be to the Lord for a name, For an everlasting sign that shall
not be cut off."

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

HEBREWS 4:9-13

⁹There remains therefore a rest for the people of God.

¹⁰For he who has entered His rest has himself also ceased from his works as God did from His.

¹¹Let us therefore be diligent to enter that rest, lest anyone fall according to the same example of disobedience.

¹²For the word of God is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.

¹³And there is no creature hidden from His sight, but all things are naked and open to the eyes of Him to whom we must give account.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

LUKE 8:4-15

⁴And when a great multitude had gathered, and they had come to Him from every city, He spoke by a parable:

⁵"A sower went out to sow his seed. And as he sowed, some fell by the wayside; and it was trampled down, and the birds of the air devoured it.

⁶Some fell on rock; and as soon as it sprang up, it withered away because it lacked moisture.

⁷And some fell among thorns, and the thorns sprang up with it and choked it.

⁸But others fell on good ground, sprang up, and yielded a crop a hundredfold." When He had said these things He cried, "He who has ears to hear, let him hear!"

⁹Then His disciples asked Him, saying, "What does this parable mean?"

¹⁰And He said, "To you it has been given to know the mysteries of the kingdom of God, but to the rest it is given in

parables, that 'Seeing they may not see, And hearing they may not understand.'

[11](#)"Now the parable is this: The seed is the word of God.

[12](#)Those by the wayside are the ones who hear; then the devil comes and takes away the word out of their hearts, lest they should believe and be saved.

[13](#)But the ones on the rock are those who, when they hear, receive the word with joy; and these have no root, who believe for a while and in time of temptation fall away.

[14](#)Now the ones that fell among thorns are those who, when they have heard, go out and are choked with cares, riches, and pleasures of life, and bring no fruit to maturity.

[15](#)But the ones that fell on the good ground are those who, having heard the word with a noble and good heart, keep it and bear fruit with patience.