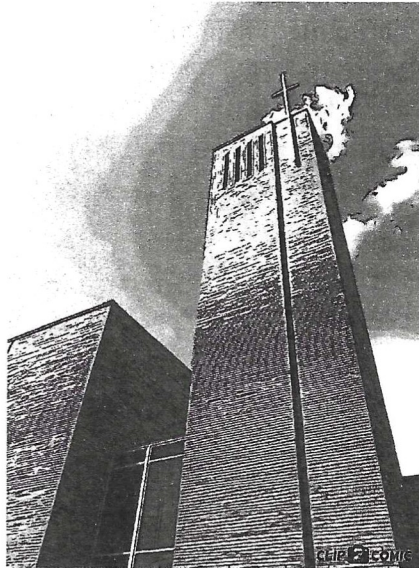


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+Order of Service+
February 12, 2023
6th Sunday after Epiphany
Setting 4
LSB 203

Opening Hymn: **Thy Strong Word** LSB 578

Confession and Absolution LSB 204

Kyrie and Gloria in Excelsis LSB 204

Old Testament Reading: Deuteronomy 30:15-20

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 3:1-9

Holy Gospel: Matthew 5:21-37

Creed

Hymn of the Day: **Songs of Thankfulness and Praise** LSB 394

Sermon

Offering

Prayers of the Church

Communion Liturgy LSB 208

Distribution Hymns:

Lord Jesus, Think on Me LSB 610

Lord Jesus Christ, Life-Giving Bread LSB 625

Built on the Rock LSB 645

Nunc Dimittis LSB 211

Concluding Liturgy LSB 212

Closing Hymn: **Thanks to Thee, O Christ, Victorious** LSB 548

February 5, 2023 Of Our Time: 120 Communion: 90
Giving: \$ 5,823.00

Old Testament

Deuteronomy 30:15-20

“See, I have set before you today life and good, death and evil. (16) If you obey the commandments of the LORD your God that I command you today, by loving the LORD your God, by walking in his ways, and by keeping his commandments and his statutes and his rules, then you shall live and multiply, and the LORD your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to take possession of it. (17) But if your heart turns away, and you will not hear, but are drawn away to worship other gods and serve them, (18) I declare to you today, that you shall surely perish. You shall not live long in the land that you are going over the Jordan to enter and possess. (19) I call heaven and earth to witness against you today, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and curse. Therefore choose life, that you and your offspring may live, (20) loving the LORD your God, obeying his voice and holding fast to him, for he is your life and length of days, that you may dwell in the land that the LORD swore to your fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give them.”

Epistle

1 Corinthians 3:1-9

But I, brothers, could not address you as spiritual people, but as people of the flesh, as infants in Christ. (2) I fed you with milk, not solid food, for you were not ready for it. And even now you are not yet ready, (3) for you are still of the flesh. For while there is jealousy and strife among you, are you not of the flesh and behaving only in a human way? (4) For when one says, “I follow Paul,” and another, “I follow Apollos,” are you not being merely human? (5) What then is Apollos? What is Paul? Servants through whom you believed, as the Lord assigned to each. (6) I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth. (7) So neither he who plants nor he who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth. (8) He who plants and he who waters are one, and each will receive his wages according to his labor. (9) For we are God's fellow workers. You are God's field, God's building.

Gospel

Matthew 5:21-37

“You have heard that it was said to those of old, ‘You shall not murder; and whoever murders will be liable to judgment.’ (22) But I say to you that everyone who is angry with his brother will be liable to judgment; whoever insults his brother will be liable to the council; and whoever says, ‘You fool!’ will be liable to the hell of fire. (23) So if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother has something against you, (24) leave your gift there before the altar and go. First be reconciled to your brother, and then come and offer your gift. (25) Come to terms quickly with your accuser while you are going with him to court, lest your accuser hand you over to the judge, and the judge to the guard, and you be put in prison. (26) Truly, I say to 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.’ (28) But I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lustful intent has already committed adultery with her in his heart. (29) If your right eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away. For it is better that you lose one of your members than that your whole body be thrown into hell. (30) And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away. For it is better that you lose one of your members than that your whole body go into hell. (31) “It was also said, ‘Whoever divorces his wife, let him give her a certificate of divorce.’ (32) But I say to you that everyone who divorces his wife, except on the ground of sexual immorality, makes her commit

adultery, and whoever marries a divorced woman commits adultery. (33) "Again you have heard that it was said to those of old, 'You shall not swear falsely, but shall perform to the Lord what you have sworn.' (34) But I say to you, Do not take an oath at all, either by heaven, for it is the throne of God, (35) or by the earth, for it is his footstool, or by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the great King. (36) And do not take an oath by your head, for you cannot make one hair white or black. (37) Let what you say be simply 'Yes' or 'No'; anything more than this comes from evil.

FREQUENT FAMILY DINNERS are important, but none more so than the gracious meal to which God invites His family, the Church. Next week listen to Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler's message: "Table Manners" (Exodus 24:11) on the Lutheran Hour on WCCO (830): 6.05 AM, KSUM (1370): 11:00 AM. Today's message: "Shine Like Stars" (1 Corinthians 3:6-7).

ANNUAL REPORTS ARE on the desk in the narthex.

THE FRESHMAN CLASS Martin Luther JR/SR High School, Northrop invites you to their Waffle Feed on Sunday, February 26th. They will be serving waffles with all the trimmings from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Cost is a free will offering. Proceeds will help fund their senior class trip.

ENROLLMENT FOE THE 2023-2024 school year is now open at Martin Luther JR/SR High School, Northrop. Interested families are invited to visit the school at any time. Call 507-436-5249 to set up a time. The Vision of Martin Luther JR/SR High School is: Partnered with families and congregations, Empowered by the Gospel, Academically Accredited, Christ-Centered and Cross-Curricular, Engaged in Excellence. Early enrollment discounts apply until March 15th. For more information visit www.martinlutherhs.com. All teens are welcome to be blessed by a quality Christian high school education.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR! The **OH! What a KNIGHT! Dinner Auction** will be held on Saturday, April 22nd. Doors open at 4:30 p.m. The committee is gathering new items, handmade items, gift certificates, or collectibles. Your donations are welcome! Notification and pictures are appreciated by March 1st to help with pre-event publicity. Please call 507-436-5249. Thank you!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS – The LWML Blue Earth Zone invites all women and men to the LWML Spring Rally on Tuesday, April 18, 2023, at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Truman. The topic will be led by Rev. Craig McCourt. A light supper will be served at 5 PM.

Rev. Craig McCourt is originally from Fond du Lac, Wisconsin. Craig served congregations in the area of youth and adult ministry in Wisconsin, Indiana, Texas, and Minnesota for more than 30 years. Craig and his wife, Shirley, raised 2 sons, Isaiah and Noah. In 2013, Craig and Shirley launched GodPonders as a full time speaking-leading-teaching ministry. Craig recently returned to full-time ministry after completing the SMP program and is now serving as Pastor at Peace Lutheran Church in Arlington, MN. Craig has spoken at schools, churches, prisons, colleges, camps, youth gatherings, retreats, and conferences. He also hosts a morning coffee chat on Peace Lutheran Church's YouTube channel. His first book *Pondering God* is a set of 30 devotions designed to help you Ponder God. His newest book is a small group Bible Study on Ephesians, "The Church - The Body of Christ." It was made available in the fall of 2022. You can visit his website at craigmccourt.com

Introit *Ps. 98:7-9; antiphon Ps. 98:2*

The LORD has made known his sal-|vation;

he has revealed his righteousness in the sight of the| nations.

Let the sea roar, and all that| fills it;

the world and those who |dwell in it!

Let the rivers clap their hands; let the hills sing for joy together be-|fore
the LORD,

for he comes to| judge the earth.

He will judge the world with| righteousness,

and the peoples with| equity.

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.

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YOUR DAILY PRAYERS REMEMBER:

+ **Gladys Belgard, Marci Barfknecht, DeLaine Krenz, Dick Eckmann, Alania Jans, Norman Wiederhoeft, Pastor Fretham, Mel Breitbarth, Terry Bentele, Brandi Stohs, Cliff Dobie, Marlen Halverson, Gloria Drevlow, Marsha Miller, Carol Ritz, Ron Schultz, Larye Anderson, Engel Dougherty, Shari Voit,** who face prolonged illnesses. May the Lord's grace be their strength in their weakness.

+ **Our Shut-Ins: Jo Rusert, RoseMary Kasten, Janis Olson, June Mausling, Dallas & Wendy Becker, Mary Breitbarth.** May the Lord comfort them in their old age.

+ **Our Servicemen: Mike Hintz, Lance Halverson, Josh Rusert, Duane Cox, Andrew Reed, Cade Hotzler.** May the Lord protect them as they serve us.

I WILL BE out of the office from Feb. 15 – March 5. Allison Slabbert will be in the office on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday mornings. Please have any bulletin announcements to the office by 8:00 AM on Thursdays.

THIS WEEK'S EVENTS AT ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL

Sun.	Feb.	12	9:00	Divine Service & Holy Communion
			10:15	Sunday School & Adult Bible Study
Mon	Feb.	13	7:00	Trustees meet
Tues.	Feb.	14	10:00	Women's Bible Study
			7:00	Board of Education meets
			7:30	Elders meet
Wed.	Feb.	15	10:00	Chapel
			4:30	after school Confirmation
Sun.	Feb.	19	9:00	Divine Service & Holy Communion
			10:15	Sunday School & Adult Bible Study

Organists: 02/12 Heidi 02/19 Sylvia

02/05 Scott Halverson, Randy Miller, John Matasovsky, Skip Henton, Wade Krenz, Gerald Urban, Ken Urban


02/12 Kerry Krenz, Sawyer Krenz, Cade Ekstrom, Alex Weihe, Cade Hotzler

02/19 Lonnie Smith, Elliot Belgard, Randy Miller, Glenn Kubly

Our Visitors

We welcome you to the Divine Service. May the Lord Jesus bless you through His Word preached, spoken, sung and given in the Sacraments. We believe that the Bible is the Word of God and therefore it is without error. We believe that Jesus Christ is true God, together with the Father and the Holy Spirit. Further, we believe that Jesus Christ atoned for all the world's sins and that we are saved alone by God's undeserved love. Scripture teaches that God declared the whole world to be righteous in Christ's crucifixion and resurrection. For Christ's sake He justifies those who believe in Jesus and trust in God's forgiveness in the blood of The Crucified One.

Holy Communion

 **L** **O** **R** **D** **'** **S** Scripture declares that in the Sacrament of the Altar each communicant receives the body and blood of Christ to eat and to drink with the mouth of their bodies. Communicants who believe this receive forgiveness of sins, those who don't eat and drink judgement unto themselves.

S **U** **P** **P** **E** **R** Communion also is a confession of oneness of the Faith we are baptized into, is preached in our pulpit, and summarized in the Small Catechism. Sadly, since these clear doctrines of The Holy Bible are not accepted by all Christian denominations, we continue the historic Christian practice of Closed Communion. **We request that anyone who is not a communicant member of the LC-MS please speak with our Pastor or an elder before the service and join our congregation in singing hymns during the distribution. Membership classes are offered.**