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February 12, 2017 - 10:30 AM - ELW Service of the Word

Prelude

Welcome - Tom Gaun

* Confession and Forgiveness *(led by Lay Worship Assistant)*

L: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who stretches out the heavens, who sends light to the nations, who gives breath to us all.

C: Amen.

L: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another. *Silence for reflection and self-examination.*

L: Loving God,

C: we confess that we have turned from your way to follow our own ways. Forgive us for the times we have spoken or acted too quickly; we have not spoken or acted at all; we have hurt those closest to us; we have hurt those we have yet to know; we have thought more about ourselves than others; we have thought less of ourselves than we ought. Turn us around, and give us a fresh start, so that we can live again as your children. Amen.

L: Even when we have done wrong, God makes us right. Even when we have messed up, God puts us together. God's love never runs out. God never tires of calling us beloved children. Hear God say to you now: Your sins are forgiven, for the sake of + Jesus Christ our Savior.

C: Amen.

* Gathering Song . . . *"Come, All You People"* . . . **ELW #819**

* Greeting *(Lay Worship Assistant)* ELW page 213

* Hymn of Praise . . . *"Glory to God"* . . . ELW pages 213-214

* Prayer of the Day *(Lay Worship Assistant)*. TR

First Reading **Deuteronomy 30:15-20** TR

Psalm 119:1-8 *(read responsively)* TR

Second Reading . . . **1 Corinthians 3:1-9** TR

* Gospel Acclamation *"Alleluia"* ELW page 216

* Gospel **Matthew 5:21-37** TR

Sermon Time - *Tom Gaun*

* Hymn of the Day . . . *"O Master, Let me Walk"* . . **ELW #818**

* Apostles' Creed

C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

* Prayers of Intercession Each prayer ends with these words:

P: Lord in your mercy, **C: Hear our prayer.**

* Sharing of the Peace ELW page 218

Offering

Choir Anthem *"For Where Love is"* Doug Wagner

* Offertory Song *"This Little Light"* (vs 1) **ELW #677**

* The Lord's Prayer ELW page 221

Mission Announcements

* Blessing *(Lay Worship Assistant)*

* Sending Song *"Christ, Be Our Light"* **ELW #715**

Dismissal

L: Go in peace. Be the light of Christ. **C: Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

The Asterisk () indicates to please stand if you are able; ELW is the red "Evangelical Lutheran Worship" in the pew rack. TR is the Today's Readings insert found in your Bulletin.*

WELCOME TO ALL WHO WORSHIP WITH US TODAY.

THANK YOU to Tom Gaun, who is serving as worship assistant and preacher today. Pastor Deal is with youth on a Confirmation

Retreat in N.J.

Serving in our worship this morning:

Acolyte Makenzie Naska
Lay Worship Assistant Tom Gaun
Greeter Ed Xander
Head Usher Althea Crouse
Altar Guild Barb Naska and Nancy Moskella
Counters Lynn Gaun and Cheryl Mesko
Organist/ Choir Director Carolyn Williams
Parish Secretary Ann Wong
Custodian Dianna Streletz
Attendance for 2/5/17 Christian Ed: 22; Worship: 76.

Calendar

Care-A-Lot meets Tues., Wed., Thurs. 9 AM – 12:30 PM

TODAY Sunday, February 12 - Sundays after Epiphany

9:00 AM Christian Ed - Spark: "Jonah & the Big Fish"
Adult Bible Study

10:30 AM Worship (Pastor Deal & youth away at
Confirmation Retreat)

Tuesday, February 14 Valentine's Day - remember St.

Valentine who centuries ago was martyred for his faith.

Wednesday, February 15 - Soup Supper 4-6:30 - Soups are
Cream of Broccoli and Chicken Noodle

6:30 PM - Choir Rehearsal

NEXT Sunday, February 19 -Annual **Congregational Meeting**,

immediately after Worship. It will be a "Meet and Eat"
meeting. Everybody bring finger-food snacks to share in the
Fellowship Hall as we meet together around tables. Snow
Date: 2/26.

Sunday, February 26 - **Transfiguration of Our Lord** - Last
Sunday in Epiphany

Wednesday, March 1 - Ash Wednesday - 1 PM Spoken
Communion Service; 7:30 PM Communion with music





Today's Readings

Sixth Sunday after Epiphany

February 12, 2017

Prayer of the Day

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.**

First Reading

Deuteronomy 30:15-20

[Moses said to the people:] See, 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.

or Sirach 15:15-20 [not printed]

Psalm

Psalm 119:1-8; tone 1



Happy are they
whose way is blameless,
who follow the teaching of
the LORD!
²Happy are they
who observe your decrees
and seek you with all their hearts,
³who never do any wrong,
but always walk in your ways.
⁴You laid down your commandments,
that we should fully keep them.

⁵Oh, that my ways were made so direct
that I might keep your statutes!
⁶Then I should not be put to shame,
when I regard
all your commandments.
⁷I will thank you with a true heart,
when I have learned
your righteous judgments.
⁸I will keep your statutes;
do not utter-ly forsake me.

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 3:1-9

Brothers 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.

Gospel

Matthew 5:21-37

[Jesus said to the disciples:] "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.

²⁷"You 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.

³¹"It 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.

³³"Again, 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."

TODAY'S READINGS February 12, 2017

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