

Epiphany 06

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Celebrate (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."

Opening Hymn: [ELW 558 – Lord God, We Praise You](#)

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.

Hymn of Praise: [ELW 876 – Let the Whole Creation Cry](#)

1st Reading: [Deuteronomy 30:15-20](#)

Psalmody: Psalm 119:1-8

The Glories of God's Law

- ¹Happy are those whose way is blameless,
who walk in the law of the LORD.
- ²Happy are those who keep his decrees,
who seek him with their whole heart,
- ³who also do no wrong
but walk in his ways.
- ⁴You have commanded your precepts
to be kept diligently.
- ⁵O that my ways may be steadfast
in keeping your statutes!
- ⁶Then I shall not be put to shame,
having my eyes fixed on all your commandments.
- ⁷I will praise you with an upright heart,
when I learn your righteous ordinances.
- ⁸I will observe your statutes;
do not utterly forsake me.

2nd Reading: [1 Corinthians 3:1-9](#)

The Gospel: [Matthew 5:21-37](#)

Hymn: [ELW 514 – O Word of God Incarnate](#)

The Message: [\(Sermon Audio Link\)](#)

Offering*: [\(On-Line giving Link\)](#)

We give thee but thine own, what e'er the gift may be; all that we have is thine alone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.

The Prayer

We pray for all who need your comforting and healing presence especially the Heidi Brackbill, Parker Brennan, the Elshafei family, Alexis Erdman, Samantha Erdman, the Fleming family, Jeff Fultz, Mary Goehring, Samuel Edward Hawkins Jr., Angela Hayes, Mark Hughes, the Johnson family, Faith Jolly, Robert Karner, William Lambert, Charles Larsen, Charlotte Leer, the McNamara family, Donna Mayhew, Wendy Neumann, Julie Obie, Peter Olsen, Brenda Penyak, Dottie Reitz, Robert Reitz, Colin Shea, Jerry Shea, Jack Smith, the Spiegler family, Esther Trautwein, and Pastor Jack.

We ask this in the name of Jesus. Amen

The Lord's Prayer

The Benediction

The Lord bless you and keep you;

The Lord make His face shine upon you;

The Lord lift up His presence upon you and give you peace. Amen

And now my brothers and sisters

Live on knowing God's love,

The joy of living this life of love,

And the peace which only comes through the power of His presence within you.

So live on in Love, Joy, Peace, and Power.

Closing Hymn: [ELW 624 – Jesus, Still Lead On](#)

Announcements

- Council Meeting, Wednesday, 2/15/2023 at 7:00 pm

- Pancake Supper – Tuesday, 2/21/2023 from 5 pm – 7 pm sponsored by Crew 851
- Ash Wednesday Service, 2/22/2023 7:30 pm
- **Wednesday** Lenten Series and Bread & Soup Dinners starting 3/1/2023 6:00 pm

*Offering to be sent to
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