

COMMUNION HYMNS: *Lamb of God* (ELW p. 146)
Will You Let Me Be Your Servant? (ELW 659)
There is a Balm in Gilead (ELW 614)
Blessed Assurance (ELW 638)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION: Let us pray. **Gracious God, in this meal you have drawn us to your heart and nourished us at your table with food and drink, the body and blood of Christ. Now send us forth to be your people in the world, and to proclaim your truth this day and evermore, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

BLESSING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SENDING SONG: *Spread, Oh, Spread, Almighty Word* (ELW 663)

DISMISSAL

All who desire communion with Jesus and approach the sacrament with faith, are welcome at the Lord's Table. While both the common cup and individual glasses are offered, we encourage the use of the common cup to emphasize the unity we share in the Body of Christ, the church (please indicate your preference to the servers). A non-alcohol option is available in the tray. You may also partake of bread only, or come to the table for a blessing only.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LECTIONARY STUDY: No Lectio tomorrow due to the Family Day Holiday.

MEDITATION GROUP: Wednesday, February 19, 5 pm, at FLC.

JOIN THE COUNCIL: FLC's Church Council is looking for three to four new members. If you are interested, or want to learn more about this wonderful opportunity to engage your talents, please contact Cecily Skuce, Pastor Martin, or any Council member, and they would be happy to speak with you!

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER: Julian of Norwich, invites you to a World Day of Prayer service on Friday, March 6 at 10:30 am. The theme is 'Rise! Take Your Mat and Walk' and celebrates Zimbabwe. Please let Pastor Martin know if you would like to join their choir or be a reader for this service.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING: FLC's AGM is after the service next week on Sunday, February 23rd. The *Annual Report* and the *Constitution & Bylaws* documents have been distributed. Please read them carefully and bring a print copy of the *Constitution & Bylaws* with you to the meeting.

PRAYER PAL, LENT EDITION: If you have a concern or know someone that would benefit from special daily prayers, join us after the service on March 1st. For more information, contact Rochelle Piske at rochellepiske@gmail.com.

Sixth Sunday after Epiphany

Sunday, February 16th, 2020

Evangelical Lutheran Worship (ELW), Setting 3



Pastor: Martin Malina

Honorary Assistant Pastor: Diane Raddatz

Church Secretary: Debra Boyd-Chisholm

Assisting Today:

Lector: Norman Richter

Assistant: Ron Shearer

Musician: Sharon Wirth

Cantor: Beth MacGillivray

Ushers: Marie & Wayne

Fortier

Counters: Ian McGill &

Pierre Quenneville

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Lector: Melvin Schwalm

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GATHERING AND WELCOME

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS: (ELW p. 94)

OPENING HYMN: *In All our Grief* (ELW 615)

GREETING

KYRIE: (ELW p. 138)

HYMN OF PRAISE: *Glory to God in the Highest ...* (ELW p. 139)

PRAYER OF THE DAY: Let us pray. **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

A reading from Deuteronomy.

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.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM: Psalm 119:1-8 (*Sung in unison*)

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 3:1-9

A reading from 1 Corinthians.

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.

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: *Alleluia* (ELW p. 142)

GOSPEL: Matthew 5:21-24

The holy gospel according to Matthew. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

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.

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON: (*Read along at www.raspberryman.wordpress.com*)

HYMN OF THE DAY: *O God of Mercy, God of Light* (ELW 714)

APOSTLES CREED: (ELW p. 105 or back cover of hymn book)

PRAYERS OF PETITION: Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

SHARING THE PEACE

GIFT GATHERING AND SONG: *Let the Vineyards...* (ELW 181)

OFFERING PRAYER: Let us pray. **Merciful God, as grains of wheat scattered upon the hills were gathered together to become one bread, so let your church be gathered together from the ends of the earth into your kingdom, for yours is the glory through Jesus Christ, now and forever. Amen.**

MEAL (ELW p. 144)

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY: (ELW p. 144)

LORD’S PRAYER: (ELW p. 145)

