

## 6th Sunday after the Epiphany

***February 12th, 2023***

**Opening Hymn: Come, Thou Almighty King**

LSB 905

**Matins**

**Psalmody**

**Venite**

LSB 220

**Salutation and Collect of the Day**

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C And also with you.**

**P** Let us pray.

O Lord, graciously hear the prayers of Your people that we who justly suffer the consequence of our sin may be mercifully delivered by Your goodness to the glory of Your name; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C Amen.**

**Old Testament Reading**

Deuteronomy 30:15–20

<sup>5</sup>"See, I have set before you today life and good, death and evil. <sup>16</sup>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. <sup>17</sup>But if your heart turns away, and you will not hear, but are drawn away to worship other gods and serve them, <sup>18</sup>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. <sup>19</sup>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, <sup>20</sup>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."

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

**Epistle Reading**

1 Corinthians 3:1–9

<sup>1</sup>But I, brothers, could not address you as spiritual people, but as people of the flesh, as infants in Christ. <sup>2</sup>I fed you with milk, not solid food, for you were not ready for it. And even now you are not yet ready, <sup>3</sup>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? <sup>4</sup>For when one says, "I follow Paul," and another, "I follow Apollos," are you not being merely human?


<sup>5</sup>What then is Apollos? What is Paul? Servants through whom you believed, as the Lord assigned to each. <sup>6</sup>I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth. <sup>7</sup>So neither he who plants nor he who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth. <sup>8</sup>He who plants and he who waters are one, and each will receive his wages according to his labor. <sup>9</sup>For we are God's fellow workers. You are God's field, God's building.


**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

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Holy Gospel

Matthew 5:21–37

 The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the fifth chapter.


 **Glory to You, O Lord.**


<sup>21</sup>[Jesus said:] “You have heard that it was said to those of old, ‘You shall not murder; and whoever murders will be liable to judgment.’ <sup>22</sup>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. <sup>23</sup>So if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother has something against you, <sup>24</sup>leave your gift there before the altar and go. First be reconciled to your brother, and then come and offer your gift. <sup>25</sup>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. <sup>26</sup>Truly, I say to you, you will never get out until you have paid the last penny.

<sup>27</sup>“You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall not commit adultery.’ <sup>28</sup>But I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lustful intent has already committed adultery with her in his heart. <sup>29</sup>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. <sup>30</sup>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.

<sup>31</sup>“It was also said, ‘Whoever divorces his wife, let him give her a certificate of divorce.’ <sup>32</sup>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.

<sup>33</sup>“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.’ <sup>34</sup>But I say to you, Do not take an oath at all, either by heaven, for it is the throne of God, <sup>35</sup>or by the earth, for it is his footstool, or by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the great King. <sup>36</sup>And do not take an oath by your head, for you cannot make one hair white or black. <sup>37</sup>Let what you say be simply ‘Yes’ or ‘No’; anything more than this comes from evil.”

 This is the Gospel of the Lord.

 **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Responsory

LSB 221

Sermon Hymn: Built on the Rock

LSB 645

Sermon

Apostles’ Creed

Canticle

Te Deum

LSB 223

Offering

Kyrie

LSB 227

Prayer of the Church

Confession and Absolution

LSB 167

Service of the Sacrament

LSB 177

Preface

Proper Preface

Sanctus

LSB 178

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Lord’s Prayer

The Words of Our Lord

Pax Domini

LSB 180

Agnus Dei

Distribution Hymns

Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness

LSB 636

O Christ, Our Hope, Our Hearts’ Desire

LSB 553

Nunc Dimittis

LSB 182

Post-Communion Collect

LSB 183

Benediction

Closing Hymn: On What Has Now Been Sown

LSB 921

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## Christ Sets Life Before Us so that We Can Walk in His Ways

The God who reveals Himself in His incarnate Son promises life and blessing to all who obey His commandments *“by loving the LORD your God, by walking in his ways, and by keeping his commandments and his statutes and his rules”* (Deut. 30:16). However, we are *“people of the flesh”* and *“infants in Christ”* (1 Cor. 3:1), among whom *“there is jealousy and strife”* (1 Cor. 3:3). Jesus must instruct us against the human ways of anger, adultery, divorce and false witness (Matt. 5:21–37), because all who live in these ways *“shall surely perish”* (Deut. 30:18). On the cross, He died to forgive our sins and free us from the ways of curse and death. Since Jesus Christ is our *“life and length of days”* (Deut. 30:20), we can be reconciled to our brother, live in chastity and marital faithfulness, and speak with honesty. He who serves from His cross also offers His gift of reconciliation at His altar, and we can be at peace with our brothers and sisters in Christ who are *“God’s field, God’s building”* (1 Cor. 3:9).



**WE WELCOME ALL** who worship today, especially guests and visitors, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Guests are invited to sign our guest register. Please include your phone number and address in the guest book located in the Narthex. Thank you for visiting.

**ALTAR FLOWERS:** Today’s altar flowers are provided by the Floral Fund.

## **IN RESPONSE TO GOD’S LOVE:**

	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Contributions</u>
02/05/2023 Sunday Service	101	\$6,462.47

**THE LUTHERAN HOUR:** Did you know that we sponsor *The Lutheran Hour* locally? As you are getting ready for church or if you are unable to attend worship, consider tuning in to *The Lutheran Hour*. It can be found on KRLN 1400AM at 8:00am Sunday mornings.



**MISSIONARIES:** Please remember JP and Aimee Cima, the missionaries that our congregation have adopted, asking God to protect them and use them to spread His gospel.

**CONGREGATIONAL SHUT-INS:** Orgene Reimers, Ada Pendarvis, and Edie Cook.

**CONGREGATIONAL SERVICE MEMBERS:** Ryan Lehmpuhl

**SITTING AND STANDING IN CHURCH:** It is customary to stand during the worship service when we address God directly (*Confession, Prayers, etc.*) or out of respect (*Gospel Reading, Creed, etc.*). These actions have purpose and meaning; but they are not meant to be painful or difficult. In contrast, Psalm 51:17 says, “The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.” If at any time during the service, it is too difficult or painful to stand, please remain seated. Our Lord knows your heart.

**SPECIAL PRAYERS:** Please call Pastor prior to the Sunday service for special prayers.

**NEED A RIDE TO CHURCH?** If you or another member who you know needs transportation to church on Sundays, please call Ken Davidson at 719-429-4919.



## **PLEASE PRAY FOR: Sick and/or Recovering:**

Jean Wyss  
Carolyn Westlund  
Doris Cunningham  
Doug Lampson (Tricia’s brother)  
Rod Willard

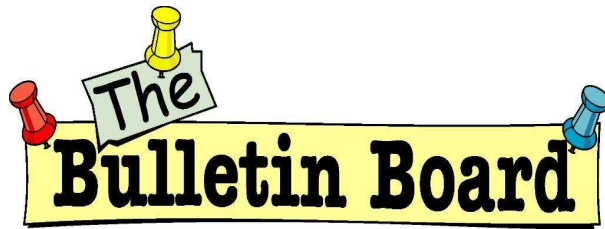
Miranda Beason (Gordon’s  
Granddaughter)  
Took Blanchard  
Gordon Gross

**PRAYER CHAIN:** If you have a prayer concern and would like to send it through a prayer chain, we have 2 options.

- To send the prayer through a phone prayer chain, please contact Mary Richardson at 719-269-1426.
- To send the prayer via email, please contact Carolyn Westlund at her email address [1956cew@gmail.com](mailto:1956cew@gmail.com).

If you would like to join either prayer chain, please contact Mary or Carolyn ([1956cew@gmail.com](mailto:1956cew@gmail.com)) respectively.

If you would like a Christian greeting card from St. John sent to your loved one listed on the above prayer list, please contact Mary Richardson with the address where it should be sent.



**LOAVES AND FISHES:** For those of you interested in volunteering to cook and serve at Loaves and Fishes, there will be a meeting on Sunday, February 18<sup>th</sup> after church.

**LENTEN SOUP SUPPERS:** It is time to start planning for our Lenten Soup Suppers. A sign-up sheet is available in the Fellowship Hall. We are in need of soup, bread and dessert each week. Please sign up as you are able to help.

**SPRING CHURCH CLEANUP:** We are planning a pre-Easter, spring cleaning at the church. Scheduling it for March 25<sup>th</sup>. We will meet at 9:00 am and we'll plan for sandwiches, chips and drink for lunch. There is a sign-up sheet in the Fellowship Hall. Please come and join us to make our sanctuary and church grounds beautiful for Easter Sunday. May God bless you all. Thank you, Carol

**BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Please send all announcements for bulletins to [office@StJohnCanonCity.org](mailto:office@StJohnCanonCity.org). Thank You.

**PARISH PAPER:** Articles for the March Parish Paper are due next Sunday. Please email any articles to [Office@StJohnCanonCity.org](mailto:Office@StJohnCanonCity.org). Thanks.

## Sermon Notes

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