

## February 12, 2023 – Sixth Sunday after Epiphany

*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 or retribution, but because God has promised that to do so means life for us.*

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### Gathering *\*Indicates to stand if you are able*

Prelude and Bell

Welcome and Announcements

Confession & Forgiveness **pg. 94**

*"Come Now, O Prince of Peace" #247*

Greeting

Prayer of the Day

### Word

Deuteronomy 30:15-20 *(page 173 OT in pew Bible)*

Psalms 119:1-8 *(on screen)*

1 Corinthians 3:1-9 *(page 146 NT in pew Bible)*

Special Music

\* Gospel Acclamation **pg. 142**

\* Gospel: Matthew 5:21-37 *(page 4 NT in pew Bible)*

*(after announcement of Gospel: Glory to you, O Lord)*

*(response after reading of Gospel: Praise to you, O Christ)*

Children's Message

Message

*"Healer of Our Every Ill" #612*

Statement of Faith: Apostles Creed **pg. 105**

Prayers of the Church

Sharing the Pledge

### Meal

\* Offering

\* Offertory *"Create in Me a Clean Heart" #188*

\* The Great Thanksgiving **pg. 144**

\* Proper Preface

\* *"You Are Holy" #525*

\* Words of Institution

\* Lord's Prayer

Communion *You are welcome to come to the altar to receive Holy Communion. If you prefer, gluten-free wafers and grape juice are available. Just ask the server.*

Post Communion Prayer

### Sending

Blessing

*"O Master, Let Me Walk with You" #818*

Dismissal and Bell

### Remember in your prayers

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*Carol Voorhees, Steve Van Kempen, Carol Day, Anita Stoker, Marla Miller, Mick Rose, those affected by COVID-19, those who serve in the military, families of victims of war, natural disasters, violence, those in our nursing homes and those who are homebound. Continue to pray for the overseas missionary we support, Reverend Dr. Philip J. Knutson and Lou Knutson serving in South Africa.*

## upcoming events and announcements

**Valentine's Day Party!** Senior Ministry is hosting a Valentine's Party on Tuesday, February 14th from 2:00-4:00pm in the church fellowship hall. Everyone is invited, so bring your family and friends! Free transit rides for Morris residents.

**Caring for Caregivers Forum** on Sunday, February 19th at 10:45am in the Gathering Room. This open dialog will be facilitated by Diane Kittelson, who has a Master's Degree in Health and Human Services Administration, and has been working with the aging population for over 20 years. Through personal experience Diane can relate to the challenges caregivers face on a daily basis and offers a person-centered approach to assisting caregivers.

**First Lutheran Women (WELCA)** will hold a planning meeting on Saturday, March 4 at 8:00am at Common Cup. All are welcome as we look forward to the year ahead. **Please note change in date and time!**

**Visits at Common Cup!** Pastor Dan will be at Common Cup on Friday, February 17 from 10:00am to Noon for anyone that wants to stop by for coffee and conversation!

**Reminder!** If you or someone you know is hospitalized, in a nursing home, or home-bound and would like a pastoral visit or Holy Communion, please contact Pastor Dan at 320.894.3577 or the church office at 320.589.3242. Hospital and nursing home staff can not contact the Pastor or church office without permission.

**Volunteers Needed!** Looking for an opportunity to serve at church outside of Sunday mornings? We are looking for assistance with changing the altar paraments and baking communion bread. Paraments are changed reflecting the changing seasons of the church year. Homemade communion bread is served on the first and second Sundays of each month, plus special occasions. Training will be provided with both positions! For more information, please contact Sharon Ehlers at 320-808-4500 or the church office at 320-589-3242.

### In Today's Service: February 12

**Ushers:** Steve & Michelle Just family, Lindy Ekola

**Lector:** Lindy Ekola      **Nursery:** Jone Anderson & Hannah Schneider

**Acolytes:** Sawyer Fynboh & Jaxon Hilbrands

**Communion:** Sharon Ehlers (bread)

**Communion Servers:** Doug Ehlers, Liz Harris, Ward Voorhees

**Video:** Dave Jungst      **TV slides:** Brenna Jergenson

### Next Week's Service: February 19

**Ushers:** Bob Heck, Linda Holland, Dennis Feuchtenberger

**Lector:** Laurie Feuchtenberger      **Nursery:** Pam Wiese

**Acolytes:** Aaden Schultz & Brayden Carlson

**Video:** Kyle Dougherty      **TV slides:** Jennie Odello

# welcome

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Sun., Feb 12	8:30am	Choir Rehearsal
	9:30am	Worship with Holy Communion
	10:30am	Coffee/Fellowship
	2:00pm	Sons of Norway
	6:30-8:00pm	Sr. Fusion at First
Mon., Feb 13		— No events scheduled
Tues., Feb 14	11:00am	Pastor's Text Study
	2:00-4:00pm	Valentine's Party at First
Wed., Feb 15	6:00pm	Element Classes at First
Thurs., Feb 16	2:00pm	Zipporah Bible Study in fellowship hall
Fri., Feb 17	10am to Noon	Pastor at Common Cup
Sat., Feb 18	8:00am	Men's Bible Study at Faith Lutheran
Sun., Feb 19	8:30am	Choir Rehearsal
	8:30am	Sunday school
	9:30am	Worship
	10:30am	Coffee/Fellowship
	3:00-4:00pm	Cub Scouts
	6:30-8:00pm	Sr. Fusion at First