

The Sermon On The Mount

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First Be Reconciled To Your Brother - 23-26



Matthew 5:23-24 (NKJV)

²³ Therefore if you bring your gift to the altar, and there remember that your brother has something against you,

²⁴ leave your gift there before the altar, and go your way. First be reconciled to your brother, and then come and offer your gift.

Sixth Sunday after Epiphany

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Setting Seven

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.

Welcome

Joys & Concerns

Prelude

Confession and Forgiveness

P. Blessed be the holy Trinity, †one God, who makes all things new,
whose mercy endures forever.

C. Amen

P. Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P. Holy One, source of our renewal,

C. **we confess that we are wrapped up in sin, and cannot free ourselves.
We have not practiced your righteousness.**

Our hearts have turned away from you.

**For the sake of the world you so love, forgive us, that we may be reconciled to one
another for the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

P. Thus says our God:

"The former things have come to pass and new things I now declare."

God's mercy makes us new. We are forgiven in the name of † Christ our Savior.

C. Amen

Gathering Hymn

Come, All You People (sung twice)

ELW 819

P. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit
be with you all.

C. **And also with you.**

Hymn of Praise



¡Glo - ria, glo - ria, glo - ria en las al - tu - ras a Dios!
Glo - ria, glo - ria, glo - ria, glo - ry to God . . on high!



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Y en la tie - rra paz pa-ra-a-que-llos que a-ma el Se - ñor.
And on earth . . . peace to God's peo-ple. Glo - ry to God.



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Prayer of the Day

A. Let us pray

C. **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, "See, I have set before you today life and prosperity, death and adversity. If 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. But if your heart turns away and you do not hear, but are led astray to bow down to other gods and serve them, I 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. I 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, loving

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. I fed you with milk, not solid food, for you were not ready for solid food. Even now you are still not ready, for 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? For when one says, "I belong to Paul," and another, "I belong to Apollos," are you not merely human?

What then is Apollos? What is Paul? Servants through whom you came to believe, as the Lord assigned to each. I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth. So neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth. The one who plants and the one who waters have a common purpose, and each will receive wages according to the labor of each. For we are God's servants, working together; you are God's field, God's building.

L. Word of God, word of life.

C. Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation



¡A - le - lu - ya, a - le - lu - ya, a - le - lu - ya!
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!



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P. The holy gospel according to Matthew, chapter five.

Matthew 5:21-37

Jesus said, “You have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, ‘You shall not murder’; and ‘whoever murders shall be liable to judgment.’ But 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. So when you are offering your gift at the altar, if you remember that your brother or sister has something against you, leave your gift there before the altar and go; first be reconciled to your brother or sister, and then come and offer your gift. Come 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. Truly I tell you, you will never get out until you have paid the last penny.

“You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall not commit adultery.’ But I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lust has already committed adultery with her in his heart. If 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. And 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.

“It was also said, ‘Whoever divorces his wife, let him give her a certificate of divorce.’ But 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.

“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.’ But I say to you, Do not swear at all, either by heaven, for it is the throne of God, or by the earth, for it is his footstool, or by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the great King. And do not swear by your head, for you cannot make one hair white or black. Let your word be ‘Yes, Yes’ or ‘No, No’; anything more than this comes from the evil one.”

C. Glory to you, O Lord.

P. The gospel of the Lord.

C. Praise to you, O Christ.

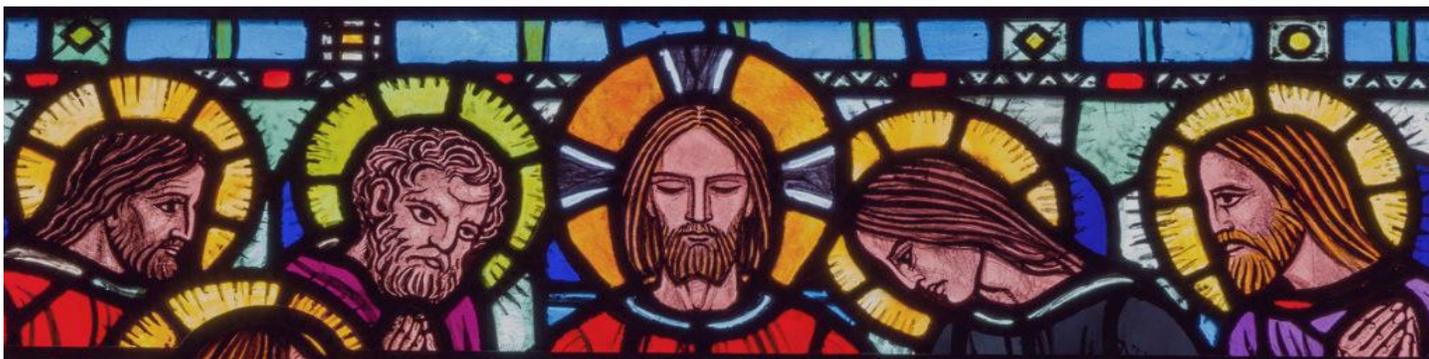
The Sermon

Pastor John Petry

Hymn of the Day

Healer of Our Every Ill

ELW 612



Apostles Creed



I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit,
and born of the Virgin Mary,
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended into hell.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again 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

A. Called together to follow Jesus, we pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

A brief silence.

Inspire your church that it may be a sign of life throughout the world. From the exploration of faith with children and new believers to missionaries and bishops, shape lives of faithfulness, so that all find abundant life in your ways. Merciful God,

C. **receive our prayer.**

P. We bring to you our needs and hopes, O God, trusting your wisdom and power revealed in Christ crucified.

C. **Amen.**

The Peace

P. Jesus said: Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you.
Do not let your hearts be troubled.
May His peace be with you always.



C. **And also with you.**

Special Music

Alleluia ~ W.A. Mozart

Nikita Pace, Soprano

The Offertory

Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful

ELW 182

Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of
bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be
fed with the bread of life. Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u -
nite them with the prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your
pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

Offertory Prayer

A. Liberating God,

C. **you break the bonds of injustice and let the oppressed go free. Receive these offerings in thanksgiving for all your works of merciful power, and shape us as people of your justice and freedom. You we magnify and adore, through Jesus our Savior. Amen**

The Great Thanksgiving

P. The Lord be with you.

C. **And also with you.**

P. Lift up your hearts.

C. **We lift them to the Lord.**

P. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

P. It is indeed right . . .



The Sanctus



San - to, san - to, san - to_es el Se - ñor,
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God,



Dios del u - ni - ver - so; san - to_es el Se - ñor.
God of might and pow - er; ho - ly is the Lord.



San - to, san - to, san - to, san - to_es el Se - ñor,
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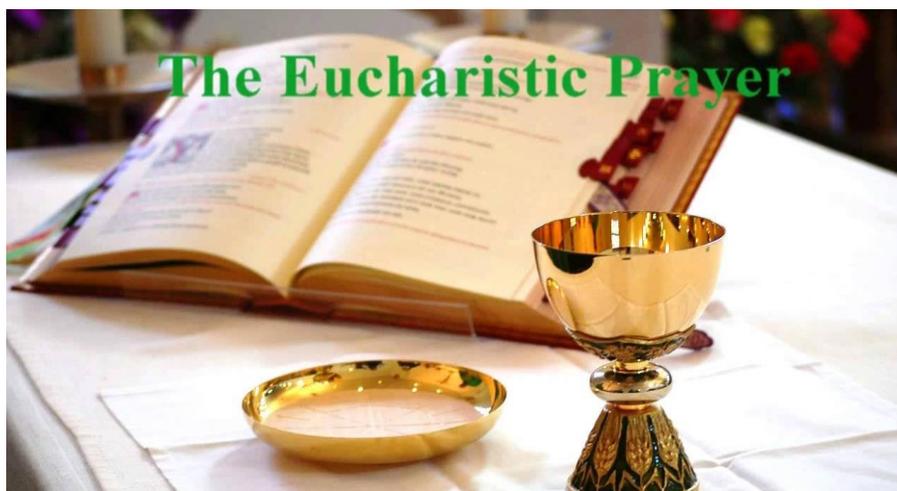
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Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,
 thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
 Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses,
 as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation,
 but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power,
 and the glory, forever and ever. Amen

Invitation to Communion

- P.** Come and taste the joy of God!
- C.** Amen

O Lamb of God



Cor - de - ro de Dios, tú que qui-tas el pe-ca-do del mun-do;
O Lamb of . . God, you . . take a-way the sin of the world; . .



ten pie-dad de no - so - tros, ten pie - dad de no - so - tros.
have . . mer-cy up - on us, have . . mer - cy up - on us.



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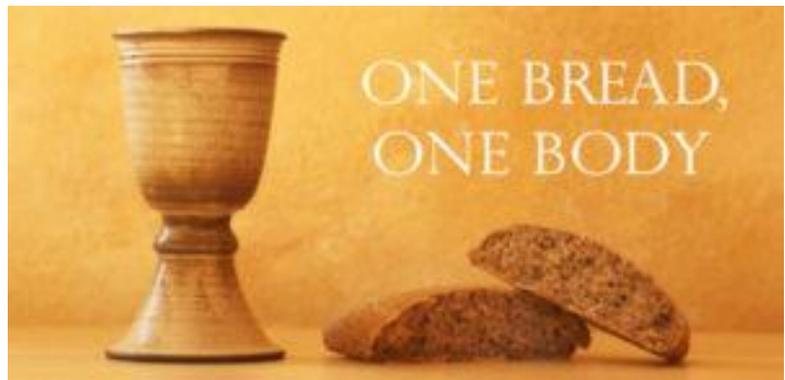
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da - nos tu paz, da - nos tu paz.
grant us your peace, grant us your peace.



Communion Hymns

One Bread, One Body
I Shall Not Be Moved
You Are Mine

ELW 496
(see below)
ELW 581

I Shall Not Be Moved

Refrain

I shall not be, I shall not be moved. I shall not be, I shall not be moved;

like a tree plant-ed by the wa - ter, I shall not be moved. be moved.

1 When my cross is heav - y, I shall not be moved,
2 The church of God is march - ing, I shall not be moved, the
3 Je - sus is our cap - tain, I shall not be moved,
4 Fight - ing sin and Sa - tan, I shall not be moved,

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Post Communion Blessing and Canticle

P. The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in His grace.

C. Amen

Lord, Now You Let Your Servant Go in Peace



Lord, now You let Your ser-vant go in peace. Your WORD has been ful-



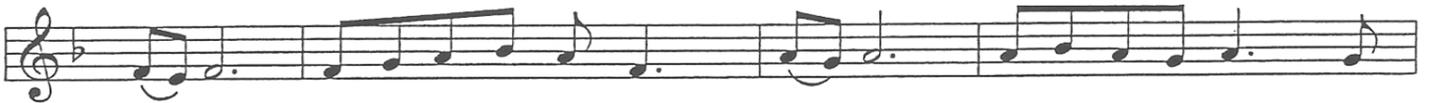
filled. My own eyes have seen the SAL-VA-TION which



You have pre-pared in the sight of ev'-ry peo-ple: a LIGHT, to re -



veal You to the na-tions, and the GLO-RY of Your peo-ple Is - ra - el!



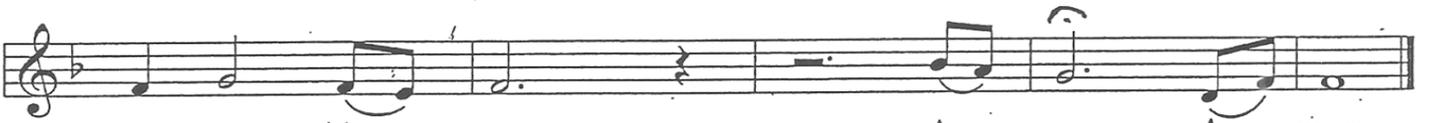
Glo ry! Glo-ry to the FA-THER! Glo- ry! Glo-ry to the SON! And



Glo - ry! Glo - ry to the HO - LY SPI - RIT!



As it was in the be - gin-ning, is now, and will be for -



ev - er, A - men. A - men. A - men.

Post Communion Prayer

A. Holy One, we thank you for the healing that springs forth abundantly from this table.

Renew our strength to do justice, love kindness, and journey humbly with you.

C. Amen

Blessing

P. The God who faithfully brings forth justice and breaks the oppressor’s rod † bless, strengthen, and uphold you, today and always.

C. Amen

Sending Hymn

Praise the Lord, Rise Up Rejoicing

ELW 544

Dismissal

A. Go in peace. Follow in the way of Jesus.

C. Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Brad Hunnicutt

Servers for Sunday, February 12th

Assisting Minister.....	Shannon Thomsen
Reader	Shannon Thomsen
Altar Guild	Helen Holderman
Acolyte	Antonio Smith



Sign-up sheets for the various worship assistant slots are on the board in the hallway. Please consider giving glory to God by filling one of these positions on a Sunday.



Flowers this week provided by Tom & Alecia Harrison In celebration of their 39th Wedding Anniversary.

Honor a loved one by making a donation for the candles in the sanctuary for the month or the flowers that beautify the church each Sunday. Sign-up sheets are on the board in the hallway.

A Pancake Supper will be held in the fellowship hall on Tuesday, February 21st at 6:00 pm. There will be a freewill offering for World Hunger.

Known also as “Mardi Gras”, Shrove Tuesday is basically the day of preparation for Lent. The tradition in the church of having pancake suppers and the secular tradition of just plain partying probably derives from the practice of feasting before the fast. It takes place on the Tuesday before Ash Wednesday (the first day of Lent.)

ALL are invited to attend the Pancake Supper and join in our special celebration!

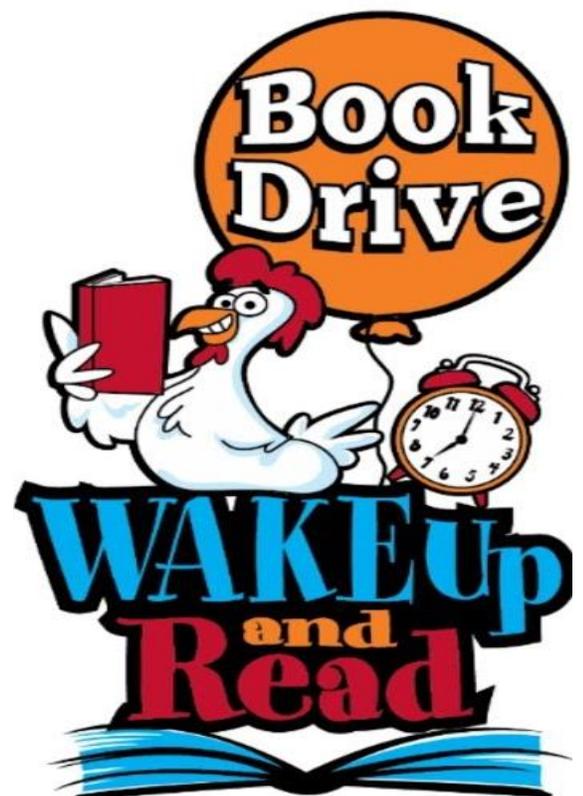
Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper



Lenten Soup Suppers

Simple Suppers – will be held during Lent on Wednesdays at 6:00 pm, prior to the Lenten Worships, from February 22nd thru April 5th. A sign-up sheet is on the board in the Fellowship Hall for those who would like to sponsor a meal.

Social Concerns is collecting new and gently used children's books for the Wake Up and Read program. There are plastic bins in the narthex where donations can be made through **February 19th**.





February EVENTS

♥ HAPPY Valentine's DAY ♥

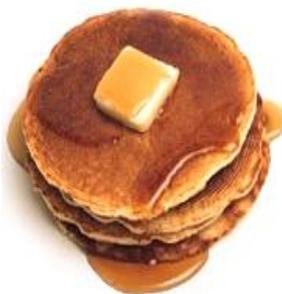
Feb 14

Feb 15 7:00 pm Choir Practice

Feb 18 9 - Noon **Church Clean-Up Day**

Feb 19 9:00 am Adult Bible Study in Fellowship Hall
10:00 am Worship Service – 7th Sunday after Epiphany

Feb 21 6:00 pm

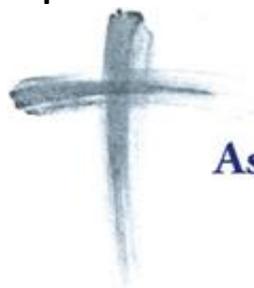


SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER

Feb 22 6:00 pm **Simple Supper & Fellowship**

7:00 pm **Ash Wednesday Worship
and Communion**

7:30 pm Choir Practice



Ash Wednesday
— Lent Begins

Feb 26 9:00 am Adult Bible Study in Fellowship Hall
10:00 am Worship Service – Transfiguration of Our Lord