

Sixth Sunday After Epiphany
Sunday, February 12, 2023
Holy Communion

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

+ *Please stand as you are able.*

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who makes all things new, whose mercy endures forever. **Amen.**
Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Holy One, source of our renewal, **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.**

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. **Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN: *O Master, Let Me Walk With You* LBW # 492

GREETING

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

CANTICLE OF PRAISE



1 Glo-ry be to God in heav-en; peace, good-will to all the earth.
2 Glo-ry be to Christ for - ev - er, Lamb of God and Lord of love.
3 Ho - ly One we now ac-claim you; Lord a - lone, to you we call;



Might-y God of all cre - a - tion, Fa - ther of sur - pass - ing worth:
Son of God and gra - cious Sav - ior, you have come from heav'n a - bove;
Ho - ly One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all:



we ex - alt you, we a - dore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.
on the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God's right hand.
Je - sus Christ, with God the Spir - it, in the Fa - ther's splen - dor bright.



Saints and an - gels bow be - fore you; here on earth our songs we raise.
Hear our prayer; re - store, for - give us; in your prom - ise firm we stand.
For the peace that we in - her - it, glo - ry be to God on high!

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.**

+ *Please be seated*

CHOIR ANTHEM: *Thy Work, O Lord*

FIRST READING: Deuteronomy 30: 15-20

The First Reading is from the 30th chapter of 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.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM: Psalm 119: 1-8 (Please read responsively)

¹Happy are they whose way is blameless, who follow the teaching of the Lord!

²**Happy are they who observe your decrees and seek you with all their hearts,**

³who never do any wrong, but always walk in your ways.

⁴**You laid down your commandments, that we should fully keep them.**

⁵Oh, that my ways were made so direct that I might keep your statutes!

⁶**Then I should not be put to shame, when I regard all your commandments.**

⁷I will thank you with a true heart, when I have learned your righteous judgments.

⁸**I will keep your statutes; do not utterly forsake me.**

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 3: 1-9

The Second Reading is from the 3rd chapter of 1 Corinthians.

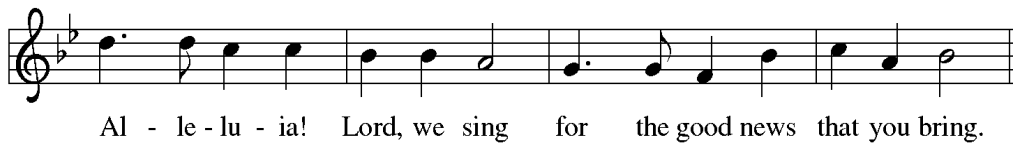
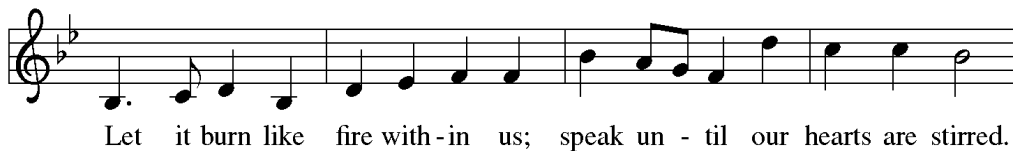
¹Brothers and sisters, I could not speak to you as spiritual people, but rather as people of the flesh, as infants in Christ. ²I fed you with milk, not solid food, for you were not ready for solid food. Even now you are still not ready, ³for you are still of the flesh. For as long as there is jealousy 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.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

+ *Please stand as you are able.*

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL: Matthew 5: 21-37

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 5th chapter.

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. ²⁵Come 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. ²⁶Truly I tell you, you will never get out until you have paid the last penny. ²⁷“You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall not commit adultery.’ ²⁸But I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lust has already committed adultery with her in his heart. ²⁹If 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. ³⁰And 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. ³¹“It was also said, ‘Whoever divorces his wife, let him give her a certificate of divorce.’ ³²But 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. ³³“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.’ ³⁴But I say to you, Do not swear at all, either by heaven, for it is the throne of God, ³⁵or by the earth, for it is his footstool, or by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the great King. ³⁶And do not swear by your head, for you cannot make one hair

white or black. ³⁷Let your word be ‘Yes, Yes’ or ‘No, No’; anything more than this comes from the evil one.”

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

+ *Please be seated. Children are invited to come forward for time with the Pastor.*

CHILDRENS' SERMON

THE SERMON

+ *Please stand as you are able.*

HYMN OF THE DAY: *Blessed Assurance* WOV # 699

THE APOSTLES' CREED

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

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s 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 THE PEOPLE

Response: Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

DIALOGUE

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

PREFACE

HOLY. HOLY, HOLY



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,



heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san - na in the high - est.



Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -



san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:

Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

LORD'S PRAYER

Let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**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.**

+ *Please be seated.*

LAMB OF GOD

☐ Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us peace.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

COMMUNION

All baptized children of God are welcome at the Lord's Table, when we celebrate and receive the true presence of Jesus Christ in the bread and fruit of the vine.

Communion will be received in a continuous line. Come forward, forming a line down the center aisle. Stop at the end of the aisle, receive your bread, empty cup, and wine.

Grape juice is available in the pre-poured cups in the middle of the tray.

There is no need to hurry through Communion. Please take as much time as you wish for prayer and reflection.

If you are more comfortable remaining in your seat for Communion, individual bags containing Communion elements are available on the table at the back of the sanctuary. For those with mobility issues, the Pastor can bring Communion to you at your seat.

As the bread and wine/grape juice are given, the following is said:

The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you.

*Each person may respond **Amen**. As you receive the bread and wine/grape juice, saying "Amen" means "Yes, truly, it is so: this is the body and blood of Jesus, given for me."*

After you have received Communion, please place your empty cup in the bowl, then return to your seat.

After all have received Communion, the Pastor will ask the congregation to stand, then give a blessing, ending with the following words:

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

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray. **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. Amen.**

BLESSING

God bless you and keep you, † Jesus grant you grace and truth, and the Spirit send peace upon your hearts, now and forever. **Amen.**

SENDING SONG: O Christ, Our Hope LBW # 300

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Follow the way of Jesus. **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

You may contact Pastor Stina at any time by phone or text: **(845) 636-9487** or email: **stinaschaeffer@gmail.com**.

Communion: If you prefer to remain in your seat, or have mobility issues, the Pastor will be happy to bring Communion to you at your seat.

Offerings: For your convenience, offering plates are located at the back of the sanctuary to receive your offerings as you enter.

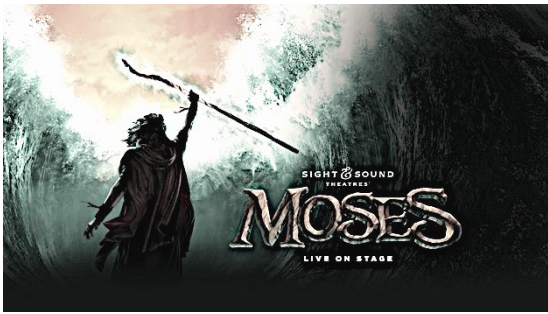


The **“SWEETHEART DINNER”** follows the Worship Service **TODAY**. A delicious dinner of Chicken and Shrimp Alfredo, salad, rolls and dessert will be served to all who signed-up. **Special Thanks to Ricky Bower and Joe Bogetti** for planning the dinner and being our “Chefs” for the day!

Reading today’s lessons is Judy Kuhn.

There will be **NO Choir Practice** tonight.

Council Meeting will be held tomorrow, **Monday, February 13th** at 7:00 pm.



SIGHT & SOUND! Together with Milton Lutheran Church, we are planning a trip to *Sight & Sound Theaters* for their Spring production of “**Moses**”. On **Wednesday, April 19th**, we will depart from Salem Lutheran Church at 8:30 am and return is estimated to be 6:00 pm. The show is at 11:00 am. The cost is \$135, which includes your “Moses” ticket, bus, gratuity for the driver and lunch at ‘Shady Maple’. We have 25 spots available for Salem. Please see Brenda Stranko to sign-up. Checks can be made payable to Milton Lutheran Church.

Last Sunday was “Newsletter Sunday”. If you receive a printed copy of the newsletter, and have not already done so, **please pick-up your copy from your congregational mailbox TODAY.** If you receive your newsletters via email, please check your Inbox.

Reminder – If you are making food to go to Milton on Tuesday the 14th, please have it at the church **between 12:30 & 2:30 pm.** If you’d like it picked up, please contact Donna Moyer (dowimoyer56@gmail.com)

The **Ash Wednesday Service** will be held in the sanctuary on **Wednesday, February 22nd at 7:00 pm.**

This year, Pastor Stina is offering “**Ashes-To-Go**”. If you would like to receive ashes but cannot attend the evening Ash Wednesday Service, she will bring them to you (within a reasonable distance!). Please contact her by email (stinaschaeffer@gmail.com) or call the church (570-374-9544) to set-up a time to receive ashes.



“Lunch and Learn”! Mark Your Calendars! **Wednesdays during Lent at 12:30 pm** in the church basement, we will gather to enjoy a lunch of soup and bread, followed by Bible Study. The studies are not continuous, so if you cannot come every Wednesday, you will not miss out. Come when, and as often, as you can!

Upcoming Fundraiser! We are planning on holding a **Sandwich Fundraiser** in March! We are beginning to raise funds for some much-needed picnic grove repairs. Please watch the bulletins for more information to come!



meeting.”

“Salem Church is going to enter a parade float in the Selinsgrove Halloween Parade again this year! I am looking for a group of individuals who will help with the “brawn and brains”! I’d like to have an initial meeting at the end of March to brainstorm some ideas. The date of the meeting will be announced closer to the time. I’m not sure how we can ever top our “Jonah” float, but I know with all the talent we have in the congregation, we can do it, or have a ton of fun trying! Watch future bulletins for more information on the

~ Jessica Moyer



Don’t forget to continue to support our College Students and those in the Military. Cards of encouragement and gift cards are sent to them to let them know their Salem Family is praying for and thinking about them. Donation cans are always available on the back table and on top of the sound system. If you have questions, please ask Linda Carl (dwarfgrumpy@yahoo.com). **Thank You** to all who continue to contribute.



The new Reader’s sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board. Please stop by and sign-up to read the Sunday lessons. Readers are always needed and much appreciated. The Lessons are posted for your convenience as they are received.

The 2023 Altar Flower Chart is hanging in the vestibule. Choose a Sunday, sign-up to provide altar flowers. If they are for a special occasion or in memory of someone, please contact the Secretary so it can be noted in the bulletin.

Adult Sunday School is held each Sunday at 9:30 am. Join us as we open the Scriptures and learn with and from one another.

Would you like to have offering envelopes? If so, please notify the Treasurer, Toni Longacre (toni17801@verizon.net) or the Secretary (lmaurer56@outlook.com). Envelopes are not required; however, they are needed in order to receive an end-of-the-year Contribution Statement you can use for tax purposes. Thank you.



Camp Mount Luther is participating in The First Community Foundation Partnership of PA's **"Raise the Region"** on **March 8-9, 2023**. It is a 30-hour fundraising event starting at **6:00 pm & ending the next day at 11:59 pm**. Money donated by the Blaise Alexander Family Dealerships will help stretch donations made to organizations that day. Additional monetary prizes & incentives will be awarded, too. Proceeds raised for Mount Luther these days go to the Camp's Annual Fund unless a donor gets in touch with the camp office to designate it for another camp cause. **To be part of "Raise the Region", visit www.raisetheregion.org during the event & make an online donation to Camp Mt. Luther.** Running totals will be shown throughout the day on the "Raise the Region" website. Camp Mount Luther has participated in "Raise the Region" for 10-years & has garnered about \$179,000 in donations during this event. The camp hopes you will help us to have another successful year!

UPCOMING EVENTS (all events weather permitting)

Monday, February 13 – Council Meeting – 7:00 pm

Sunday, February 19 – Adult Sunday School – 9:30 am
Holy Communion Worship – 10:30 am

Wednesday, February 22 – Ash Wednesday Worship – 7:00 pm

Sunday, February 26 – Adult Sunday School – 9:30 am
Holy Communion Worship – 1st Sunday of Lent – 10:30 am

Wednesday, March 1 – Lent "Lunch & Learn" – 12:30 pm

Sunday, March 5 – Adult Sunday School – 9:30 am
Holy Communion Worship – 10:30 am
Family Ministry Sunday – following Worship

Wednesday, March 8 – Lent "Lunch & Learn" – 12:30 pm