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6TH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

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WELCOME to all who are visiting today! Our greatest desire is to share that wonderful message of forgiveness and eternal salvation for all in Jesus' name. We pray you will be drawn closer to Christ as the Holy Spirit nurtures us through God's Word in this service. Before you leave, please, take time to sign our guest register in the entrance way, and we hope you will join us every week as we gather as God's family in worship.

WE CELEBRATE this weekend the entrance of Kellan Michael Mueller into Christ's kingdom through the waters of Holy Baptism. We pray that Kellan will follow the Holy Spirit as He seeks to keep him in the true faith to inherit eternal life.

**8:00am**  
WELCOME

**INVOCATION:**

P. O Lord, open my lips,

C. AND MY MOUTH WILL DECLARE YOUR PRAISE

P. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

C. AS IT WAS IN THE BEGINNING, IS NOW, AND WILL BE FOREVER. AMEN.

**CALL TO WORSHIP:** *(Adapted from Psalm 100)*

P. Give glory to God, our light and our life.

C. OH, COME, LET US WORSHIP HIM.

P. Oh, come, let us sing to the Lord;

C. LET US MAKE A JOYFUL NOISE TO THE ROCK OF OUR SALVATION.

P. Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;

C. LET US MAKE A JOYFUL NOISE TO HIM WITH SONGS OF PRAISE.

P. For the Lord is a great God and a great King above all gods.

**HYMN: "Dearest Jesus, at Your Word" (tune TLH #300)**

1. Dearest Jesus, at your word, We have come again to hear you; Let our thoughts and hearts be stirred, And in glowing faith be near you. As the promises here given, Draw us wholly up to heaven.

- 2. All our knowledge, sense, and sight; Lie in deepest darkness shrouded. Till your Spirit breaks the night, Filling us with light unclouded. All good thoughts and all good living. Come but by your gracious giving.
- 3. Radiance of God's glory bright, Light of light from God proceeding, Jesus, send your blessed light; Help our hearing, speaking, heeding. That our prayers and songs may please you. As with grateful hearts we praise you.
- 4. Father, Son, and Holy Ghost; Praise to you and adoration! Grant us what we need the most; Your blest Gospel's consolation. While we here on earth await you. Till in heav'n with praise we greet you. (C. Concordia Publishing House Used by permission)

**PRAYER**

**OLD TESTAMENT READING:** Deuteronomy 30:15-20

15 See, I set before you today life and prosperity, death and destruction. 16 For I command you today to love the LORD your God, to walk in his ways, and to keep his commands, decrees and laws; then you will live and increase, and the LORD your God will bless you in the land you are entering to possess. 17 But if your heart turns away and you are not obedient, and if you are drawn away to bow down to other gods and worship them, 18 I declare to you this day that you will certainly be destroyed. You will not live long in the land you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess. 19 This day I call heaven and earth as witnesses against you that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Now choose life, so that you and your children may live 20 and that you may love the LORD your God, listen to his voice, and hold fast to him. For the LORD is your life, and he will give you many years in the land he swore to give to your fathers, Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.

**EPISTLE READING:** 1 Corinthians 2:6-13

6 We do, however, speak a message of wisdom among the mature, but not the wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are coming to nothing. 7 No, we speak of God's secret wisdom, a wisdom that has been hidden and that God destined for our glory before time began. 8 None of the rulers of this age understood it, for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. 9 However, as it is written: "No eye has seen, no ear has heard, no mind has conceived what God has prepared for those who love him"— 10 but God has revealed it to us by his Spirit. The Spirit searches all things, even the deep things of God. 11 For who among men knows the thoughts of a man except the man's spirit within him? In the same way no one knows the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God. 12 We have not received the spirit of the world but the Spirit who is from God, that we may understand what God has freely given us. 13 This is what we speak, not in words taught us by human wisdom but in words taught by the Spirit, expressing spiritual truths in spiritual words.

**RESPONSE:** *(From Hebrews 1)*

P. In many and various ways God spoke to his people of old by the prophets.

C. BUT NOW IN THESE LAST DAYS HE HAS SPOKEN TO US BY HIS SON.

P. Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel,

C. HE HAS COME TO HIS PEOPLE AND REDEEMED THEM.

**HYMN: #416 “Oh, that the Lord Would Guide My Ways”**

**SERMON:** Matthew 5:21-37 **“What Good are God's Commands?”**

*(A sermon outline with the Scripture reading is printed in the bulletin to aid your meditation on God's Word)*

**SONG MEDLEY: “My All in All” (Colossians 3:11)**

You are my strength, O God; You are my help, O God; You are the One on whom I call. You are my shield, O God; my life I yield, O God; for You will ever be my all in all. *(repeat)*

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**“Step By Step” (O God, You Are My God)** (O God, You are my God, earnestly I seek you....Psalm 63:1)

O God, You are my God and I will ever praise You;

O God, You are my God and I will ever praise You;

I will seek You in the morning, I will learn to walk in Your ways;

And step by step You lead me, and I will follow You all of my days

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**“Cry of My Heart”**

*(Teach me your way, O Lord, and I will walk in your truth. Psalm 86:11)*

*Chorus:* It is the cry of my heart to follow You. It is the cry of my heart to be close to You.

It is the cry of my heart to follow, all of the days of my life.

1. Teach me Your holy ways, oh, Lord. So I can walk in Your truth.

Teach me Your holy ways, oh, Lord. And make me wholly devoted to You. *(chorus)*

2. Open my eyes so I can see. The wonderful things that You do.

Open my heart up more and more, And make me wholly devoted to You. *(chorus)*

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**OFFERING + RITE OF FELLOWSHIP**

*(Please sign fellowship book at end of pew.)*

**PRAYER:**

P. Lord, the light of Your Word calls us to follow You, yet we are frequently distracted and obsessed with our sinful thoughts and deeds.

C. FORGIVE OUR WAYWARDNESS, AND HELP US LIVE OUR LIVES IN LINE WITH YOUR WILL.

P. We confess, Lord, that we are often consumed with emotions that grip us in fear, and paralyze our ability to act as Your servants.

C. BY YOUR GRACE, ARREST OUR FEARS AND INCREASE OUR FAITH THAT WE MAY LIVE IN UNENDING HOPE.

P. By the shed blood of Jesus Christ, we have been cleansed from the magnitude and enormity of our sin revealed to us by Your Commandments.

C. KEEP US EVER MINDFUL OF THE WORK OUR SAVIOR DID TO DELIVER US, THAT OUR HEARTS AND LIVES MIGHT BE CHANGED, AND WE MIGHT SERVE AS HIS LIGHT IN THE WORLD TODAY.

P. For those with specific concerns, especially...(special requests)...Lord, in Your goodness and mercy,

C. LISTEN TO OUR PRAYERS ON THEIR BEHALF, AND FOR THE SAKE OF YOUR SON, GRANT US THESE REQUESTS.

P. Trusting in Your goodness as our Savior and God, and taught by You Lord, we pray...

**THE LORD'S PRAYER:** *(Spoken together)*

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.

**BLESSING:** *(Adapted from Colossians 1:9-14)*

P. May God fill you with the knowledge of his will through all spiritual wisdom and understanding.

C. MAY WE LIVE A LIFE WORTHY OF THE LORD AND PLEASE HIM IN EVERY WAY.

P. Bearing fruit in every good work, growing in the knowledge of God,

C. BEING STRENGTHENED WITH ALL POWER ACCORDING TO HIS GLORIOUS MIGHT.

P. So that you may have great endurance and patience, and joyfully give thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the kingdom of light.  
C. FOR HE HAS RESCUED US FROM THE DOMINION OF DARKNESS AND BROUGHT US INTO THE KINGDOM OF THE SON HE LOVES, IN WHOM WE HAVE REDEMPTION, THE FORGIVENESS OF SINS. AMEN.

**HYMN: #427 "How Firm a Foundation, Ye Saints of the Lord" vs. 1-3**

ANNOUNCEMENTS + POSTLUDE  
PRAISE BAND SCHEDULE FOR MONTH OF FEBRUARY:  
February 13<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> – 10:30 Service

**Matthew 5:21-37**

**"What Good are God's Commands?"**

21 "You have heard that it was said to the people long ago, 'Do not murder, and anyone who murders will be subject to judgment.' 22 But I tell you that anyone who is angry with his brother will be subject to judgment. Again, anyone who says to his brother, 'Raca,' is answerable to the Sanhedrin. But anyone who says, 'You fool!' will be in danger of the fire of hell. 23 "Therefore, if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother has something against you, 24 leave your gift there in front of the altar. First go and be reconciled to your brother; then come and offer your gift. 25 "Settle matters quickly with your adversary who is taking you to court. Do it while you are still with him on the way, or he may hand you over to the judge, and the judge may hand you over to the officer, and you may be thrown into prison. 26 I tell you the truth, you will not get out until you have paid the last penny. 27 "You have heard that it was said, 'Do not commit adultery.' 28 But I tell you that anyone who looks at a woman lustfully has already committed adultery with her in his heart. 29 If your right eye causes you to sin, gouge it out and throw it away. It is better for you to lose one part of your body than for your whole body to be thrown into hell. 30 And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away. It is better for you to lose one part of your body than for your whole body to go into hell. 31 "It has been said, 'Anyone who divorces his wife must give her a certificate of divorce.' 32 But I tell you that anyone who divorces his wife, except for marital unfaithfulness, causes her to become an adulteress, and anyone who marries the divorced woman commits adultery. 33 "Again, you have heard that it was said to the people long ago, 'Do not break your oath, but keep the oaths you have made to the Lord.' 34 But I tell you, Do not swear at all: either by heaven, for it is God's throne; 35 or by the earth, for it is his footstool; or by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the Great King. 36 And do not swear by your head, for you cannot make even one hair white or black. 37 Simply let your 'Yes' be 'Yes,' and your 'No,' 'No'; anything beyond this comes from the evil one.

1. How can the 5th Commandment be broken apart from murder?
2. How can the 6th Commandment be broken apart from adultery?
3. How can the 2nd Commandment be broken apart from breaking an oath in God's name?
4. What's so shocking about the Commandments?
5. What purpose do the Commandments serve?
6. Why does learning about our sin help us appreciate Jesus more?