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7TH 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.

WELCOME

INVOCATION

OPENING PRAYER

CALL TO WORSHIP: (From Psalm 96 & 117)

P. Praise the Lord, all you nations; extol him all you peoples.

C. FOR GREAT IS HIS LOVE TOWARD US, AND THE FAITHFULNESS OF THE LORD
ENDURES FOREVER.

P. Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name;

C. BRING AN OFFERING AND COME INTO HIS COURTS. AMEN.

SONGS: "For You Are Glorious"

Verse: We see Jesus, for His suffering crowned with glory and with praise, tasting death for all men by God's grace, given power to put all things in place; And we see Jesus, seated at the right hand of the throne, making intercession for His own, upholding all things by His Word alone.

Chorus: For You are glorious, shining victorious over powers and principalities, for You are glorious, shining victorious, disarming all Your enemies; The rulers of this world beneath Your feet are hurled as You reign, our conquering King.

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"Blessed Be the Lord God Almighty"

Chorus: Blessed be the Lord God Almighty, Who was and is and is to come; Blessed be the Lord God Almighty, Who reigns forevermore.

Verse: Father in heaven, how we love You; We lift Your name in all the earth. May Your kingdom be established in our praises, as Your people declare Your mighty works.

(chorus)

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"I Know that My Redeemer Lives" (TLH 200 vs.1,2)

1. I know that my Redeemer lives; What comfort this sweet sentence gives!
He lives, He lives, Who once was dead; He lives, my ever-living Head.

2. He lives triumphant from the grave, He lives eternally to save,
He lives all glorious in the sky, He lives exalted there on high.

OLD TESTAMENT READING: Leviticus 19:1,2,17,18

1 The LORD said to Moses, 2 "Speak to the entire assembly of Israel and say to them: 'Be holy because I, the LORD your God, am holy. 17 "'Do not hate your brother in your heart. Rebuke your neighbor frankly so you will not share in his guilt. 18 "'Do not seek revenge or bear a grudge against one of your people, but love your neighbor as yourself. I am the LORD.

EPISTLE READING: 1 Corinthians 3:10,11,16-23

10 By the grace God has given me, I laid a foundation as an expert builder, and someone else is building on it. But each one should be careful how he builds. 11 For no one can lay any foundation other than the one already laid, which is Jesus Christ. 16 Don't you know that you yourselves are God's temple and that God's Spirit lives in you? 17 If anyone destroys God's temple, God will destroy him; for God's temple is sacred, and you are that temple. 18 Do not deceive yourselves. If any one of you thinks he is wise by the standards of this age, he should become a "fool" so that he may become wise. 19 For the wisdom of this world is foolishness in God's sight. As it is written: "He catches the wise in their craftiness"; 20 and again, "The Lord knows that the thoughts of the wise are futile." 21 So then, no more boasting about men! All things are yours, 22 whether Paul or Apollos or Cephas or the world or life or death or the present or the future—all are yours, 23 and you are of Christ, and Christ is of God.

RESPONSE:

P. This is the Word and promise of our Lord!

C. THANKS BE TO GOD!

GOSPEL READING: Matthew 5:38-48

38 “You have heard that it was said, ‘Eye for eye, and tooth for tooth.’ 39 But I tell you, Do not resist an evil person. If someone strikes you on the right cheek, turn to him the other also. 40 And if someone wants to sue you and take your tunic, let him have your cloak as well. 41 If someone forces you to go one mile, go with him two miles. 42 Give to the one who asks you, and do not turn away from the one who wants to borrow from you. 43 “You have heard that it was said, ‘Love your neighbor and hate your enemy.’ 44 But I tell you: Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, 45 that you may be sons of your Father in heaven. He causes his sun to rise on the evil and the good, and sends rain on the righteous and the unrighteous. 46 If you love those who love you, what reward will you get? Are not even the tax collectors doing that? 47 And if you greet only your brothers, what are you doing more than others? Do not even pagans do that? 48 Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect.

HYMN: #423 “Jesus, I My Cross have Taken” vs. 1-4

SERMON: Matthew 5:38-42 **"Eye for An Eye?"**

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

OFFERINGS + RITE OF FELLOWSHIP

(Please sign fellowship book at end of pew)

Anthem: “On Eagle’s Wings” Adult Choir 10:30am

PRAYERS

CONFESSION OF SIN: *(Spoken together)*

Lord God, today we pause to confess our shortcomings in life and love. You call us to return kindness for harm, but sinfully centered on ourselves, we often look for vengeance. We need the power to change, but we realize now we cannot do it on our own. We are sinful. We fall short of Your holy will, and so come to You, trusting in Your willingness to forgive, and Your power to renew our broken lives. Amen.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

SONG: “Jesus, You Alone Are Worthy” (Philippians 2:9) 8:00am

Chorus: Jesus, You alone are worthy, And I sing this song to You; Jesus,
You, alone are worthy, I will worship none but You.

1. Precious Lamb of God who took away my sin, so I could enter in a new and better covenant; By Your mighty pow’r You ripped the veil in two, so I could come to You and be with You forever! *(chorus)*

Anthem: “Agnus Dei” Adult Choir 10:30am

Alleluia, Alleluia, for our Lord God Almighty reigns.*(repeat)*

Alleluia. Holy, Holy, are You, Lord God Almighty.

Worthy is the Lamb; Worthy is the Lamb;

You are Holy. Holy, are You, Lord God Almighty.

Worthy is the Lamb; Worthy is the Lamb. You are

Holy, Holy, are You, Lord God Almighty.

Worthy is the Lamb; Worthy is the Lamb;

You are Holy. Holy, are You, Lord God Almighty.

Worthy is the Lamb; Worthy is the Lamb; Amen.

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THOSE DESIRING COMMUNION: *The Bible teaches under the bread and wine of Communion Jesus gives His real body and blood to assure us of forgiveness. (Mt 26:26-28) It also teaches in receiving this meal together, we are by that act professing a unity of faith with the church at whose altar we commune. (1 Cor 10: 16-21) While Communion is meant as a blessing, we can however misuse it to our harm. Those who eat without repentance or recognizing the presence of Jesus' body and blood sin against the Lord. (1 Cor 11:27-29). Also, when fellowship at this meal is practiced with others who hold beliefs contrary to God's Word, the church is weakened and the truth God tells us to guard is compromised. (Ro 16:17, 2 Thess 3:14) In an effort to avoid these sins and follow God's Word, before communing anyone we first seek to teach them about Christ's meal, and have them make a public profession of their agreement with us in the faith. As a matter of loving spiritual care then, not judgment, we invite to commune with us today confirmed members in good standing of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, or the American Association of Lutheran Churches (AALC) who have received instruction, and by current membership in one of these sister churches confess a unity of faith with us here at St. Paul's.*

NON-ALCOHOLIC COMMUNION WINE: *Out of consideration for those who have difficulty with alcohol a few glasses in the center ring of each Communion tray contain non-alcoholic white wine.*

DISTRIBUTION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

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 1 Thessalonians 3:12,13)*

P. May the Lord make your love increase and overflow,

C. FOR EACH OTHER AND FOR EVERYONE ELSE.

P. May he strengthen your hearts,

C. SO THAT WE WILL BE BLAMELESS AND HOLY IN THE PRESENCE OF OUR
GOD AND FATHER, WHEN OUR LORD JESUS COMES WITH ALL HIS HOLY
ONES. AMEN.

HYMN: #38 "The Lord, My God, be Praised" vs.1-3

ANNOUNCEMENTS + POSTLUDE

PRAISE BAND SCHEDULE FOR MONTH OF FEBRUARY:

February 27th – 10:30 Service

Matthew 5:38-42

"Eye for An Eye?"

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1. Who did the phrase "eye for an eye" originally apply to?
2. Why was God's command "eye for an eye" good?
3. How do we misinterpret this word of God in our life?
4. Why could God rightfully take revenge upon us?
5. When was God's vengeance at our sin poured out?
6. What gives us the right to defend ourselves from harm?
7. According to verses 39-42 how does God want us to respond to others we may have to deal with in life?
8. What do we usually think when we hear passages telling us how God wants us to be?
9. Whose life is really displayed in these verses?
10. As we trust in Jesus we're not just forgiven _____
_____.
11. What makes it possible for us to start to live the life described in this bible passage?