St. John's Lutheran Church Sixth Sunday after Epiphany February 13, 2022



PRELUDE

WELCOME ~ This is the 6th Sunday of Epiphany where we affirm again "Christ's light is shining, in the midst of the darkness shining." The light that is shining is Love, the light that is always there for us, searching to open our hearts. Let us continue to look into ways Christ is revealed to us and ways we can be true to Christ's love in our church, in our community and in the world. Happy Valentines! ANNOUNCEMENTS

*GATHERING SONG ~ Shine, Jesus, Shine

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***GREETING**

- L The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
 - L In the beginning was the Word,
 - C and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.
 - L In the Word was life,
 - C and the life was the light of all people.
 - L The Word became flesh and lived among us,
 - C and we have seen his glory, full of grace and truth.



***PRAYER of the DAY** ~ (*in unison*)

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray...

Living God, in Christ you make all things new. Transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace, and in the renewal of our lives make known your glory, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

THE LESSONS

First Lesson ~ A reading from Jeremiah 17:5-10 after the reading

R The word of the Lord. C Thanks be to God.

Psalm 1 ~ with response

The psalm is announced, organ plays response 1x, cantor or pastor sings 1x, people join to sing response, then as psalm is read, congregation sings response at each R.

Second Lesson ~ A reading from 1 Corinthians 15:12-20

after the reading

R The word of the Lord. C Thanks be to God.

***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**



***GOSPEL READING**

- P The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 6th chapter.
- C Glory to you, O Lord. After the reading
- P The Gospel of the Lord.
- C Praise to you, O Christ.

MESSAGE

HYMN ~ Let Justice Flow like Streams

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Text: Jane Parker Huber, b. 1926 Music: Aaron Williams, 1731–1776 Text © 1984 Jane Parker Huber, admin. Westminster John Knox Press ST. THOMAS S M

***RESPONSE** to the WORD

- P In Christ, you have heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation.
- C We believe in him and are marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit.
- P Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

C 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

- P Build yourselves up on your most holy faith;
- **C** pray in the Holy Spirit.
- P Keep yourselves in the love of God;
- C look forward to the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ.
- P If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation:
- C Everything old has passed away; behold, everything has become new!
- P God has given us the ministry of reconciliation. Therefore, let us be reconciled to God and to one another.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

- P Gracious God,
- C have mercy on us. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone. Uphold us by your Spirit so that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

***THE PEACE**

- P Sisters and brothers, rejoice. Mend your ways, encourage one another, agree with one another, live in peace.
- P The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- C And also with you.

OFFERING ~ you may leave your gifts in one of the offering plates at the end of the front and back pews on your way out.

***OFFERTORY**



***OFFERTORY PRAYER**

- P Let us pray.
- P Merciful God,
- C in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you embrace our lives with your great love for humanity. With joy and gladness we ask that these gifts may be for many a sign of that love, and that we may continue to share in your divine life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

***PRAYERS of the PEOPLE** ~ *Found in Celebrate*

P The spirit of the Lord is poured out upon us in abundance; so we are bold to pray for the church, the world and all that God has made. *A brief silence*.

*LORD's PRAYER

- P Let us pray with confidence in the words our Savior gave us:
- C Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen

***THE BLESSING**

- P Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.
- C Amen

LBW # 385



Text: American folk hymn, alt. Tune: W. Walker, Southern Harmony, 1835 WONDROUS LOVE 12966129 *DISMISSAL P Go in Peace. Serve the Lord R Thanks be to God

*POSTLUDE

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Our Mission Statement

We, the members of St. John's congregation, promise to share the good news of Jesus Christ, to worship and to love one another in our homes, church, community and the world.

Our Vision Statement

To be people who are welcoming and encourage God's love in our community through our prayer, devotion, benevolence and deeds.

<u>Today</u> Greeters: John and Brenda Boring; Lay Reader: Ed Bilich

Next Sunday, February 20

Greeter: Gwen Hornberger; Lay Reader: Jim Buchanan

The Altar flowers are given to the Glory of God by Mike Boring and Jami Zook in memory of James Harmon, Bob and Barb Miller.

Please remember in prayer ~ John and Sue Bodner, Calvin Baker (stage 4 pancreatic cancer), Don F. Smith, Camden Peachey, Susan Keller, Steve Rodgers, Stacey Spicher, Samantha Smith, our members ~ Joyce Stuck (formerly Ohesson, now Greenwood Village), Betty Harmon (formerly Elmcroft, now Celebration Villa), Pastor Kramm, Don Wolfe, Carol Yoder (VVH).

FROM the PASTOR

This week:Mifflin County's Leader's Gathering Tuesday February 15 at 6:30 pm at Evangelical Lutheran Church at Reedsville Pastor Craig Miller, Assistant to the Bishop will lead us through the evening. This is a gathering for church leaders in any capacity - committees or Council from churches around Mifflin County to hear from our Synod leaders and to share ideas and fellowship with other about how we can best serve the ministry of Christ in our area. A wonderful and uplifting gathering. Please plan to attend.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Our congregational meeting is scheduled for Sunday, February 27. Information packets are available in member mailboxes. Please feel free to deliver to a friend or neighbor who is not here to pick theirs up. Any left following today's service will be mailed out tomorrow.

Kelly is taking vacation time this week, so the office will be closed. Pastor Ela is normally in Monday and Wednesday mornings, or you may leave a message on the answering machine.

A sign-up for volunteers to help with March and April Sunday duties can be found in the narthex. We are once again refraining from using altar flowers during the Lenten season, so no one is needed for flower delivery until Easter Sunday, April 17.

Committee sign-up sheets are in the narthex. There are two new committees this year, Mission and Website.

We have all been blessed with certain skills; talents and abilities...prayerfully consider using yours.

Under the stage, are several carts of old metal folding chairs. We have more than we will most likely ever use again, so council decided to first offer them to our members, before advertising their availability. If you are interested in any, please feel free to take some.

> January 1 thru February 10, 2022 Last Sunday Attendance ~ 28 Offering ~ \$ 1.990.00

St. John's ~ Income \$ 28,030.55 Expense \$ 26,758.33 Net Income \$ 1,272.22

Daycare ~ Income \$ 41,081.12 Expense \$ 24,516.65 Net Income \$ 16,564.47