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**Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany
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A warm welcome to those who are visiting us today. You may hang your coat in the entry way of the church or on the coat rack downstairs. The bathrooms are located in the basement of this building. Before you go home today, please sign our guest book located on the podium in the entry way. Also, refreshments are served in the basement after our service this morning. We invite you to join us for something to eat and drink.

Our lower level is wired for sound. If you need to take your child out during the service, you won't miss any of the sermon.

In the unlikely event of an emergency during this morning's service, you can exit the building using the main entryway or the exit to the right of the chancel. Our building does have a fire alarm system which is wired directly to the fire department.

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God Comforts His People with His Forgiveness

BEFORE WORSHIP

Personal prayers for worship are found on pages 10-11 in the front part of the hymnal. A personal preparation for Holy Communion is found on page 156 in the front part of the hymnal.

HYMN

CW 221 "Blessed Jesus, At Your Word"

(Christian hymns preach Jesus Christ: crucified, risen and seated at God's right hand.)

Please stand.

(The work of worship belongs to every Christian. Each of us stands as a priest before God.)

INVOCATION

(The sign of the cross may be made by those present in remembrance of their Baptism.)

M: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: (spoken) Amen.

CONFESSION OF SINS

CONFESSION

(1 John 1:8-9)

M: Have mercy on me, O God, according to Your steadfast love;

C: according to Your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.

M: Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity,

C: and cleanse me from my sin! *Psalm 51:1, 2*

M: Let us then confess our sins to God, our gracious Father.

M & C: Almighty God, merciful Father, we poor sinners beseech You to hear our words of repentance. We have sinned against You and have transgressed Your commands in thought, word, and deed. We have done the evil You forbid and have not done the good You demand. We do repent and are truly sorry for all of our sins, both known and unknown to us. Have mercy on us because of Jesus, our Savior. Grant that, by the working of the Holy Spirit, we may walk as Your forgiven and restored children here on earth until that time when we finally come into Your glorious heavenly presence.

ABSOLUTION

(John 20:21-23)

(“The use of the keys is that special power and right which Christ gave to His church on earth: to forgive the sins of the penitent sinners.” Luther’s Small Catechism: The Use of the Keys and Confession.)

M: God has promised His mercy and forgiveness to those who repent of their sins and turn to Him in repentance and humility. In the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. May our merciful Lord keep you steadfast in the Holy Spirit, lead you to greater faith and obedience, and bring you to live with Him forever, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: Amen.

KYRIE

(Mark 10:47)

(These are the words to the oldest canticle in the Christian church, the Kyrie.)

M: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, hear our prayer.

M: For the well-being of all people everywhere, that they may receive from You all they need to sustain body and life, hear our prayer, O Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

M. For the spread of Your life-giving gospel throughout the world, that all who are lost in sin may be brought to faith in You, hear our prayer, O Christ.

C: Christ, have mercy.

M: For patience and perseverance in this life, that we may not lose the hope of eternal life as we await Your return, hear our prayer, O Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

M. Lord of life, live in us that we may live for You.

C: Amen.

SONG OF PRAISE

M: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

**All glory be to God on high!
Your name, O Lord, we glorify;
We praise You for Your peace and grace,
Your favor toward our fallen race.**

**Our grateful thanks to You we bring,
For Your great glory, heav'nly King,
For all, O Father, You have done
Through Jesus Christ, Your only Son.**

**O Lamb of God, to You we pray.
You take all human sin away.
Have mercy, Lord; receive our prayer;
From God's right hand, Your mercy share.**

**You, Christ, are holy—Lord alone;
The Father's glory You made known.
We by Your Spirit sing again:
"All glory be to God!" Amen. (tune, CW 334)**

SALUTATION AND PRAYER OF THE DAY

(The salutation is a Christian greeting, offered here for mutual encouragement as the congregation prepares to hear God's word.)

M: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

M & C: Lord God, in mercy receive the prayers of Your people. Grant them the wisdom to know the things that please You and the grace and power always to accomplish them; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Please be seated.

THE WORD

[We sit at the feet of Jesus like Mary did, to hear His word (Luke 10:42).]

FIRST LESSON

2 Samuel 11:1-17, 26-27

¹ In the spring, at the time when kings go off to war, David sent Joab out with the king's men and the whole Israelite army. They destroyed the Ammonites and besieged Rabbah. But David remained in Jerusalem.

² One evening David got up from his bed and walked around on the roof of the palace. From the roof he saw a woman bathing. The woman was very beautiful, ³ and David sent someone to find out about her. The man said, "She is Bathsheba, the daughter of Eliam and the wife of Uriah the Hittite." ⁴ Then David sent messengers to get her. She came to him, and he slept with her. (Now she was purifying herself from her monthly uncleanness.) Then she went back home. ⁵ The woman conceived and sent word to David, saying, "I am pregnant."

⁶ So David sent this word to Joab: "Send me Uriah the Hittite." And Joab sent him to David. ⁷ When Uriah came to him, David asked him how Joab was, how the soldiers were and how the war was going. ⁸ Then David said to Uriah, "Go down to your house and wash your feet." So Uriah left the palace, and a gift from the king was sent after him. ⁹ But Uriah slept at the entrance to the palace with all his master's servants and did not go down to his house.

¹⁰ David was told, "Uriah did not go home." So he asked Uriah, "Haven't you just come from a military campaign? Why didn't you go home?"

¹¹ Uriah said to David, "The ark and Israel and Judah are staying in tents, and my commander Joab and my lord's men are camped in the open country. How could I go to my house to eat and drink and make love to my wife? As surely as you live, I will not do such a thing!"

¹² Then David said to him, "Stay here one more day, and tomorrow I will send you back." So Uriah remained in Jerusalem that day and the next. ¹³ At David's invitation, he ate and drank with him, and David made him drunk. But in the evening Uriah went out to sleep on his mat among his master's servants; he did not go home.

¹⁴ In the morning David wrote a letter to Joab and sent it with Uriah. ¹⁵ In it he wrote, "Put Uriah out in front where the fighting is fiercest. Then withdraw from him so he will be struck down and die."

¹⁶ So while Joab had the city under siege, he put Uriah at a place where he knew the strongest defenders were. ¹⁷ When the men of the city came out and fought against Joab, some of the men in David's army fell; moreover, Uriah the Hittite died.

²⁶ When Uriah's wife heard that her husband was dead, she mourned for him. ²⁷ After the time of mourning was over, David had her brought to his house, and she became his wife and bore him a son. *But the thing David had done displeased the LORD.* (NIV 2011)

VERSE OF THE DAY Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia. (John 6:68)

Please Stand

(The congregation stands and speaks words of acclamation out of respect for the words of Christ, our King.)

M: The gospel according to St. Matthew, the 5th chapter.

C: Glory be to You, O Lord.

GOSPEL

Matthew 5:21-37

²¹ "You have heard that it was said to the people long ago, 'You shall not murder, and anyone who murders will be subject to judgment.' ²² But I tell you that anyone who is angry with a brother or sister will be subject to judgment. Again, anyone who says to a brother or sister, 'Raca,' is answerable to the court. And 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 or sister has something against you, ²⁴ leave your gift there in front of the altar. First go and be reconciled to them; 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 together on the way, or your adversary 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 Truly I tell you, you will not get out until you have paid the last penny.

²⁷ "You have heard that it was said, 'You shall 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 stumble, 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 stumble, 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 sexual immorality, *makes her the victim of adultery*, and anyone who marries a divorced woman *commits adultery*.

³³ “Again, you have heard that it was said to the people long ago, ‘Do not break your oath, but fulfill to the Lord the vows you have made.’ ³⁴ But I tell you, do not swear an oath 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 All you need to say is simply ‘Yes’ or ‘No’; anything beyond this comes from the evil one. (NIV 2011)

M: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise be to You, O Christ.**

THE NICENE CREED

We believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten not made, of one being with the Father.

Through Him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation, He came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and became fully human.

For our sake He was crucified under Pontius Pilate.

He suffered death and was buried.

On the third day He rose again in accordance with the Scriptures.

He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and His kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Please be seated.

HYMN OF THE DAY

CWS 763 “Jesus Sat With His Disciples”

(The Hymn of the Day is a hymn specially assigned to this day for its richness, its content and its connection to the day’s Gospel.)

THE SERMON

OFFERING

(Moved by God’s love in Christ, we offer Him our first and our best gifts, purely out of thanks to Him. Visitors to our service can participate in this act of worship, but are not expected to.)

OFFERTORY

Please stand.

OFFERING PRAYER

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

(1 Timothy 2:1)

THE SACRAMENT

M: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you. (spoken)

M: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them up to the Lord.

M: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is good and right so to do.

M: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God. You have not only told us what is pleasing in Your sight, but have also given us the mind and example of Christ, that we may also desire to accomplish what is good and pleasing in Your eyes. Grant us grace to living in the light of Your love with grateful hearts, remaining steadfast in hope throughout each day as we await the joys of heaven, where we will join the eternal chorus of angels and archangels in giving You unending praise, saying:

SANCTUS (*Latin for "Holy,"*)

(Isaiah 6:3, Matthew 21:9)

**O holy, holy, holy
Lord God of pow'r and might,
Your glory, earth and heaven
In countless ways recite.
Hosanna! Come and save us,
Lord God of hosts on high,
And in Your grace and mercy
Receive our fervent cry.**

**Hosanna in the highest!
How truly blest is He
Who in God's name is coming
To set His people free!
He comes to bring salvation
And with His blood outpoured,
Deliver us from bondage—
Hosanna, mighty Lord!** (tune, CW 388)

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

(Jesus took bread and "gave thanks" (Matthew 26:26))

M: Blessed are You, O Lord, our God, King of all creation, and how marvelous is all You have done for Your people in Jesus Christ, our Lord. We thank You for all of creation and for

every good gift with which You bless us. Receive our praise, Lord, and grant that all who partake of Christ's holy body and blood this day be filled with Your heavenly peace and joy. Sanctify us in body, soul, and spirit, and finally grant us our place among Your saints in glory. We ask through for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, in whose name we join in praying...

LORD'S PRAYER

(Matthew 6:9-13)

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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are Yours now and forever. Amen.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

(1 Corinthians 11:23-25)

M: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night He was betrayed, took bread; and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to His disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is My body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of Me."

Then He took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is My blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

M: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: Amen.

AGNUS DEI (*Latin for "Lamb of God,"*)

(John 1:29)

C 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 your peace. A - men.

Please be seated.

OUR COMMUNION PRACTICE

New Life Lutheran Church practices “close communion.” We ask that only members of New Life or other WELS or ELS churches partake of the sacrament. We ask our visitors to please respect our communion practice.

DISTRIBUTION

During the distribution the congregation will sing **CW 315 “Here, O My Lord, I see You Face to Face”**

Please stand.

NUNC DIMITTIS (*Latin for “Now Dismiss,”*)

(Luke 2:29-32)

**O Lord, now let Your servant
Depart in peace, assured:
For I have seen Your promised
Incarnate, saving Word—
A Light that will enlighten
All gloom where Gentiles dwell;
The brilliant, crowning glory
Of those in Israel!**

**All glory to the Father,
All glory to the Son,
All glory to the Spirit,
Forever three in one;
For as in the beginning,
Is now, shall ever be,
God’s triune name resounding
Through all eternity.** (tune, CW 388)

PRAYER

M: Heavenly Father, in Your kindness, You have again granted us peace, pardon, and comfort at Your blessed Table of grace. Strengthen us through what we have here received and keep us steadfast in faith and hope throughout our pilgrimage on earth, until we feast as invited guests with Christ the Lamb in His kingdom at the heavenly banquet. This we ask through Your beloved Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

BENEDICTION

M: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and give you peace.

C: Amen.

THE CLOSING HYMN CW 462 “Oh, that the Lord Would Guide My Ways”

SILENT PRAYER

ANNOUNCEMENTS

<p style="text-align: center;">Our Father’s Business in the Coming Week</p>
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Cleaning this Week: Meister / Spangle

Today—Communion Service at 9:30 AM

Sunday School & Bible Class at 10:45 AM

Confirmation Class at 6:00 PM

Tuesday—*Valentine’s Day*

Wednesday—Men’s Bible Class at Noon

Next Sunday—Worship Service at 9:30 AM

Sunday School & Bible Class at 10:45 AM

Bowling Outing at Noon

Confirmation Class at 6:00 PM

Volunteers are needed to bring something to eat and drink for fellowship on Sunday mornings. Please sign up on the sheet located on the bulletin board in the lower level.

The Sunday School and Preschool children will be singing in our service next Sunday. Please have your child/ren her at 9:15 AM to warm up their voices.

New Life will host a booth at the Lake Zurich Chamber of Commerce Community Showcase on Saturday, March 11. The activity at the booth will consist of helping kids plant tree seedlings into pots, as part of our “Tree of Life” Lutheran preschool promotion. A volunteer sign-up sheet is located on bulletin board in the lower level. Tree of Life currently has 4 three-year-old children and 13 four-year-old children registered for next year.

The Branch Connection will be hosting a “Ladies Night Out” at the Red Robin restaurant in the Deer Park Towne Center on **Tuesday, February 21st at 6:30 PM.** A sign-up sheet is located on the bulletin board in the lower level. All ladies of the congregation are welcome to attend!

Immediately after church today, Craig Dundore, who works as an ER nurse, will provide training on how to use our new AED machine. After the training, if you have any questions or want to get a close-up look at the machine, Craig will be happy to answer your questions in the New Life Café after church.

Lent begins Wednesday, March 1. This year’s Lenten theme is “Here I Stand—Lent with Luther.” Pastor Bauer will once again rotate with area pastors for the mid-week services. A meal will be served prior to each mid-week service. If you’d like to sign up to help with the meals, a sign-up sheet has been posted downstairs.

In the calendar year 2016, New Life remitted, as our Congregational Mission Offering, \$15,876 which was 7% of our general offerings. The CMO is used to train future pastors and teachers and for mission work at home and abroad.

The Branch Connection will be hosting a wedding shower for Lydia Bauer on Sunday, March 5th at noon at church. A sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board in the lower lever. Sandwiches, cupcakes and punch will be provided, please bring an appetizer to share. All women and girls of New Life are invited to attend!

<p>Our Faithfulness to God’s Word Last Sunday—53</p>
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**FELLOWSHIP
BOWLING OUTING**

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 19TH -- 12:00 PM

NORMALLY \$5 PER PERSON...

**Instead—FREE—Donations for Branch Lutheran School in
Haiti will be accepted!**

*Please sign up on the sheet in the lower level and
plan to attend!*



