

February 12, 2023  
6th Sunday after Epiphany



Let your  
**LIGHT**  
so shine!



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✠ Opening Prayer ✠

Hymn: TLH #12

*"This Day at Thy Creating Word"*

**P** In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**G** Amen.

**Confession & Absolution**

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**P** We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve Him as His dear children. But we have disobeyed Him and deserve only His wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to Him and plead for His mercy.

**G** **Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from conception. In countless ways I have sinned against You and do not deserve to be called Your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to Your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin and take away my guilt.**

**P** God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, He has removed your guilt forever. You are His own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to His will!

**G** Amen!

**The Introit**

*Ps. 119:9-16*

*A collection of passages that set the tone for the service.*

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**P** Blessèd are you, O Lord; teach me your statutes!

**G** **How can a young man keep his way pure? By guarding it according to your word.**

**P** With my whole heart I seek you; let me not wander from your commandments!

**G** **I have stored up your word in my heart, that I might not sin against you.**

**P** Blessèd are you, O Lord; teach me your statutes!

**G** **With my lips I declare all the just decrees of your mouth.**

**P** In the way of your testimonies I delight as much as in all riches.

**G** **I will meditate on your precepts and fix my eyes on your ways.**

**P** I will delight in your statutes; I will not forget your word.

**G** **Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

## The Offertory

*In this prayer we offer our hearts, asking God for the best gift, the Holy Spirit.*

- C** ♪ Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from Your presence. Take not Your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of Your salvation. Uphold with Your Spirit free.

✠ The Offering of Thankful Hearts ✠

Hymn: TLH #408

*"Jesus Christ, My Pride and Glory"*

✠ The General Prayer & The Lord's Prayer ✠

## The Benediction

*Numbers 6:24-26*

*The blessing given by God for His people.*

- P** The LORD bless you and keep you; The LORD make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you; The LORD lift up His countenance upon you and give you His peace.

**C** Amen!

Hymn: TLH #359

*"Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Sky"*

**KINSHIP Orphan** – If you are able to contribute to the sponsorship of our congregation's orphan in Myanmar (\$540 annually), please do so in your offering! Thank you!

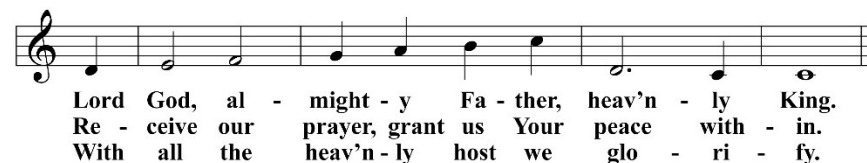
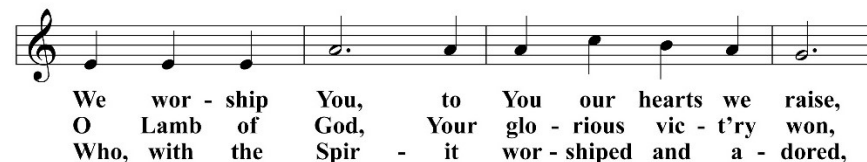
**CLC Call News** Pastor Neil Radichel of Immanuel, Mankato **has received the call** the call to Messiah, Eau Claire, as the third pastor. <> Retired Pastor Mark Bernthal **has accepted the call** to serve in a part-time vacancy capacity at Messiah, Eau Claire. <> Mrs. Eileen Tiefel **has announced her retirement** from teaching kindergarten at Messiah, Eau Claire. <> Mrs. Haley Seffens, a member of Messiah, Eau Claire, **has received the call** to teach kindergarten at Messiah, Eau Claire.

## February 5<sup>th</sup> Offerings:

Weekly Offerings needed for budget	\$ 817.75
General Fund Balance	\$ 1,661.54
Faith-Blue Springs Balance	\$19,336.07
Faith-Blue Springs Balance	\$30,657.75
<b>Total Cash All Funds</b>	<b>\$65,329.66</b>

## The Kyrie & The Gloria Patri

*Latin for "Lord, Have Mercy" and "Glory be to the Father"*



## Collect Prayer of the Day

*A prayer to God that collects together the thoughts and theme of the day.*

- P** O Lord, keep Your family the Church continually in the true faith that, relying on the hope of Your heavenly grace, we may ever be defended by Your mighty power; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.



## Isaiah 58:5-8

Is it a fast that I have chosen,  
A day for a man to afflict his  
soul? *Is it* to bow down his

head like a bulrush, And to spread out sackcloth and ashes?  
Would you call this a fast, And an acceptable day to the  
LORD? <sup>6</sup> *Is* this not the fast that I have chosen: To loose the  
bonds of wickedness, To undo the heavy burdens, To let the  
oppressed go free, And that you break every yoke? <sup>7</sup> *Is it* not  
to share your bread with the hungry, And that you bring to  
your house the poor who are cast out; When you see the  
naked, that you cover him, And not hide yourself from your  
own flesh? <sup>8</sup> Then your light shall break forth like the morning,  
Your healing shall spring forth speedily, And your  
righteousness shall go before you; The glory of the LORD shall  
be your rear guard.

## 1 Corinthians 2:1-5

And I, brethren, when I came  
to you, did not come with  
excellence of speech or of

wisdom declaring to you the testimony of God. <sup>2</sup> For I  
determined not to know anything among you except Jesus  
Christ and Him crucified. <sup>3</sup> I was with you in weakness, in fear,  
and in much trembling. <sup>4</sup> And my speech and my preaching  
were not with persuasive words of human wisdom, but in  
demonstration of the Spirit and of power, <sup>5</sup> that your faith  
should not be in the wisdom of men but in the power of God.

**P** Blessed are they who hear the Word of God and keep it.

C: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

These words are writ - ten that we may be - lieve that

Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

## Confession of Faith

*The Apostles' Creed*

*The Apostles' Creed is a summary of Christian faith as taught by the  
Apostles. We boldly confess what God has taught us to believe.*

### I BELIEVE...

**in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth;**

**And in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord; who was  
conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and  
buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again  
from the dead; He ascended into Heaven, and sitteth on the  
right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall  
come to judge the quick and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Ghost; the Holy Christian Church,  
the Communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the  
resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Hymn: WS #751

*"God's Own Child, I Gladly Say It"*

## Matthew 5:13-19

"You are the salt of the earth;  
but if the salt loses its flavor,  
how shall it be seasoned? It is

then good for nothing but to be thrown out and trampled  
underfoot by men. <sup>14</sup> "You are the light of the world. A city that  
is set on a hill cannot be hidden. <sup>15</sup> "Nor do they light a lamp  
and put it under a basket, but on a lampstand, and it gives  
light to all *who are* in the house. <sup>16</sup> "Let your light so shine  
before men, that they may see your good works and glorify  
your Father in heaven. <sup>17</sup> "Do not think that I came to destroy  
the Law or the Prophets. I did not come to destroy but to fulfill.  
<sup>18</sup> "For assuredly, I say to you, till heaven and earth pass away,  
one jot or one tittle will by no means pass from the law till all is  
fulfilled. <sup>19</sup> "Whoever therefore breaks one of the least of these  
commandments, and teaches men so, shall be called least  
in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does and teaches  
*them*, he shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven.

Jesus Says to His Disciples...  
Jesus Says to You...

**You are Salt and Light!**