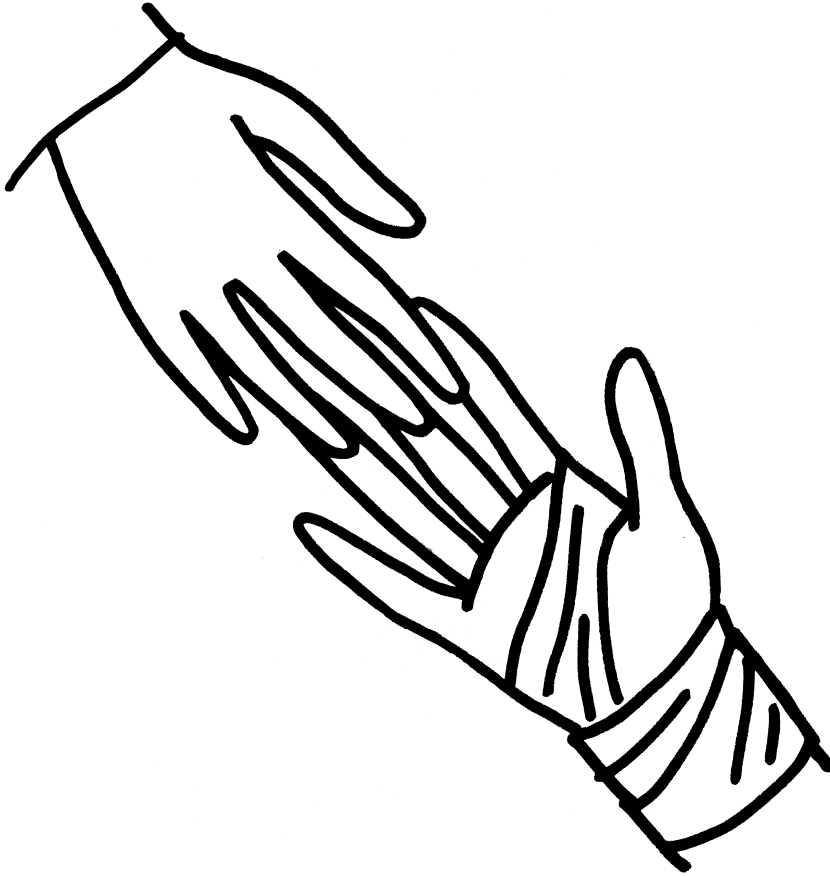


THE SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY
February 12, 2012
8 AM



***OUR MISSION IS:
TO LOVE, SERVE, AND STRENGTHEN ALL PEOPLE IN CHRIST JESUS.***

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Sunday, February 12, 2012
Sixth Sunday after Epiphany
Holy Communion

ANNOUNCEMENTS

***BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

L In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen**

L Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C **Amen**

L If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

L Most merciful God,

C **we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen**

L In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for you, and for his sake God forgives you all your sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ he gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen**

***ENTRANCE HYMN** (only those verses marked with an ►)

GRAY #86-89

***GREETING**

L The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C **And also with you.**

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

L The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

L Let us pray.

C **Lord God, mercifully receive the prayers of your people. Help us to see and understand the things we ought to do, and give us grace and power to do them; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

FIRST LESSON: 2 Kings 5:1–14

L The First Lesson is from 2nd Kings, the 5th chapter

Naaman, commander of the army of the king of Aram, was a great man and in high favor with his master, because by him the LORD had given victory to Aram. The man, though a mighty warrior, suffered from leprosy. ²Now the Arameans on one of their raids had taken a young girl captive from the land of Israel, and she served Naaman's wife. ³She said to her mistress, "If only my lord were with the prophet who is in Samaria! He would cure him of his leprosy." ⁴So Naaman went in and told his lord just what the girl from the land of Israel had said. ⁵And the king of Aram said, "Go then, and I will send along a letter to the king of Israel."

He went, taking with him ten talents of silver, six thousand shekels of gold, and ten sets of garments. ⁶He brought the letter to the king of Israel, which read, "When this letter reaches you, know that I have sent to you my servant Naaman, that you may cure him of his leprosy." ⁷When the king of Israel read the letter, he tore his clothes and said, "Am I God, to give death or life, that this man sends word to me to cure a man of his leprosy? Just look and see how he is trying to pick a quarrel with me."

⁸But when Elisha the man of God heard that the king of Israel had torn his clothes, he sent a message to the king, "Why have you torn your clothes? Let him come to me, that he may learn that there is a prophet in Israel." ⁹So Naaman came with his horses and chariots, and halted at the entrance of Elisha's house. ¹⁰Elisha sent a messenger to him, saying, "Go, wash in the Jordan seven times, and your flesh shall be restored and you shall be clean." ¹¹But Naaman became angry and went away, saying, "I thought that for me he would surely come out, and stand and call on the name of the LORD his God, and would wave his hand over the spot, and cure the leprosy! ¹²Are not Abana and Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? Could I not wash in them, and be clean?" He turned and went away in a rage. ¹³But his servants approached and said to him, "Father, if the prophet had commanded you to do something difficult, would you not have done it? How much more, when all he said to you was, 'Wash, and be clean?'" ¹⁴So he went down and immersed himself seven times in the Jordan, according to the word of the man of God; his flesh was restored like the flesh of a young boy, and he was clean.

L The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM: Psalm 30

I will exalt you, O LORD, because you have lifted me up and have not let my enemies triumph over me.

**²O LORD my God, I cried out to you,
and you restored me to health.**

³You brought me up, O LORD, from the dead; you restored my life as I was going down to the grave.

**⁴Sing to the LORD, you servants of his;
give thanks for the remembrance of his holiness.**

⁵For his wrath endures but the twinkling of an eye,* his favor for a lifetime.

**⁶Weeping may spend the night,
but joy comes in the morning.**

⁷While I felt secure, I said, "I shall never be disturbed. You, LORD, with your favor, made me as strong as the mountains."

**⁸Then you hid your face,
and I was filled with fear.**

⁹I cried to you, O LORD; I pleaded with the LORD, saying,

**¹⁰"What profit is there in my blood, if I go down to the pit?
Will the dust praise you or declare your faithfulness?**

¹¹Hear, O LORD, and have mercy upon me; O LORD, be my helper."

**¹²You have turned my wailing into dancing;
you have put off my sackcloth and clothed me with joy.**

¹³Therefore my heart sings to you without ceasing; O LORD my God, I will give you thanks forever

SECOND LESSON: 1 Corinthians 9:24–27

L The Second Lesson is from 1st Corinthians, the 9th chapter

²⁴Do you not know that in a race the runners all compete, but only one receives the prize? Run in such a way that you may win it. ²⁵Athletes exercise self-control in all things; they do it to receive a perishable wreath, but we an imperishable one. ²⁶So I do not run aimlessly, nor do I box as though beating the air; ²⁷but I punish my body and enslave it, so that after proclaiming to others I myself should not be disqualified.

L The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

***GOSPEL: Mark 1:40–45**

L The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark the 1st chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord

⁴⁰A leper came to him begging him, and kneeling he said to him, "If you choose, you can make me clean." ⁴¹Moved with pity, Jesus stretched out his hand and touched him, and said to him, "I do choose. Be made clean!" ⁴²Immediately the leprosy left him, and he was made clean. ⁴³After sternly warning him he sent him away at once, ⁴⁴saying to him, "See that you say nothing to anyone; but go, show yourself to the priest, and offer for your cleansing what Moses commanded, as a testimony to them." ⁴⁵But he went out and began to proclaim it freely, and to spread the word, so that Jesus could no longer go into a town openly, but stayed out in the country; and people came to him from every quarter.

L The Gospel of the Lord.
C Praise to you, O Christ

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Pastor Maurice Schaus

SERMON

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HYMN OF THE DAY

Because He Lives

GRAY #213

***CREED**

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

***PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

After each petition

L Lord in your mercy.

C Hear our prayer.

***PEACE**

L The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C And also with you.

OFFERING HYMN

He Leadeth Me

GRAY #461

OFFERTORY PRAYER

L Let us pray. Merciful Father,

C we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us—our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

***PREFACE**

L The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

L Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them to the Lord.

L Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give our thanks and praise.

***THANKSGIVING**

L You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God;
you are most holy, and great is the majesty of your glory.
You so loved the world that you gave your only Son,
that whoever believes in him may not perish but have eternal life.
Having come into the world, he fulfilled for us your holy will
and accomplished our salvation.

In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

***DISMISSAL**

L Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
C **Thanks be to God.**

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TIME OF FELLOWSHIP...at 9:15 in the Lounge each Sunday morning. Everyone is invited!

SUNDAY SCHOOL for ages 3 through 103 takes place at 9:15 AM each Sunday. Everyone is welcome to attend.

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