### **First Reading**

## Deuteronomy 30:15-20

[MOSES SAID TO THE PEOPLE:] <sup>15</sup>SEE, I HAVE SET BEFORE YOU TODAY LIFE and prosperity, death and adversity. <sup>16</sup>If you obey the commandments of the LORD your God that I am commanding you today, by loving the LORD your God, walking in his ways, and observing his commandments, decrees, and ordinances, then you shall live and become numerous, and the LORD your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to possess. <sup>17</sup>But if your heart turns away and you do not hear, but are led astray to bow down to other gods and serve them, <sup>18</sup>I declare to you today that you shall perish; you shall not live long in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess. <sup>19</sup>I call heaven and earth to witness against you today that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Choose life so that you and your descendants may live, <sup>20</sup>loving the LORD your God, obeying him, and holding fast to him; for that means life to you and length of days, so that you may live in the land that the LORD swore to give to your ancestors, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob.

### Second Reading

### 1 Corinthians 1:10-18

<sup>1</sup>BROTHERS AND SISTERS, I COULD NOT SPEAK TO YOU AS SPIRITUAL PEOPLE, but rather as people of the flesh, as infants in Christ. <sup>2</sup>I fed you with milk, not solid food, for you were not ready for solid food. Even now you are still not ready, <sup>3</sup>for you are still of the flesh. For as long as there is jealousy and quarreling among you, are you not of the flesh, and behaving according to human inclinations? <sup>4</sup>For when one says, "I belong to Paul," and another, "I belong to Apollos," are you not merely human?

<sup>5</sup>What then is Apollos? What is Paul? Servants through whom you came to believe, as the Lord assigned to each. <sup>6</sup>I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth. <sup>7</sup>So neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth. <sup>8</sup>The one who plants and the one who waters have a common purpose, and each will receive wages according to the labor of each. <sup>9</sup>For we are God's servants, working together; you are God's field, God's building.

### Gospel

### Matthew 5:21-37

[JESUS SAID TO THE DISCIPLES:] <sup>21</sup>"YOU HAVE HEARD THAT IT WAS SAID TO THOSE OF ANCIENT TIMES, 'You shall not murder'; and 'whoever murders shall be liable to judgment.' <sup>22</sup>But I say to you that if you are angry with a brother or sister, you will be liable to judgment; and if you insult a brother or sister, you will be liable to the council; and if you say, 'You fool,' you will be liable to the hell of fire. <sup>23</sup>So when you are offering your gift at the altar, if you remember that your brother or sister has something against you, <sup>24</sup>leave your gift there before the altar and go; first be reconciled to your brother or sister, and then come and offer your gift. <sup>25</sup>Come to terms quickly with your accuser while you are on the way to court with him, or your accuser may hand you over to the judge, and the judge to the guard, and you will be thrown into prison. <sup>26</sup>Truly I tell you, you will never get out until you have paid the last penny.

<sup>27</sup>"You have heard that it was said, 'You shall not commit adultery.' <sup>28</sup>But I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lust has already committed adultery with her in his heart. <sup>29</sup>If your right eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away; it is better for you to lose one of your members than for your whole body to be thrown into hell. <sup>30</sup>And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away; it is better for you to lose one of your members than for your whole body to go into hell.

<sup>31</sup>"It was also said, 'Whoever divorces his wife, let him give her a certificate of divorce. <sup>32</sup>But I say to you that anyone who divorces his wife, except on the ground of unchastity, causes her to commit adultery; and whoever marries a divorced woman commits adultery.<sup>33</sup>"Again, you have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, 'You shall not swear falsely, but carry out the vows you have made to the Lord.' <sup>34</sup>But I say to you, Do not swear at all, either by heaven, for it is the throne of God, <sup>35</sup>or by the earth, for it is his footstool, or by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the great King. <sup>36</sup>And do not swear by your head, for you cannot make one hair white or black. <sup>37</sup>Let your word be 'Yes, Yes' or 'No, No'; anything more than this comes from the evil one."

# A U G U S T A N A

Lutherans and Anglicans worshiping together

We are a Christ-centered, welcoming community. We commit ourselves to modeling Christ's unconditional love in our worship, learning, fellowship, friendship, and service to others. Just as God welcomes and cares for us, so we welcome everyone to participate in all aspects of our community, without regard to sexual orientation, gender identity and expression, race, culture or ethnic background, physical or mental abilities, family or economic status, gender, or age. We pledge to ourselves and all others that we will strive to live as a reconciling people in our life together and in our outreach to the world.

> Thank you for sharing in worship here today. May God's abundant grace be a blessing to you, a source of strength and hope.

# SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY February 12, 10:30 AM



AUGUSTANA Lutherans and Anglicans worshiping together (A congregation of the ELCIC, Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada)

Worship at 10:30 am YouTube Channel: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCua4E9ZVxlZ4Wfmct0ZLnBA



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# AUGUSTANA LUTHERAN CHURCH

SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY ELW - Setting 2 10:30 AM February 12, 2023

## GATHERING

Prelude Welcome Announcements Confession and Forgiveness, p. 116 Gathering Song: "*Come Down, O Love Divine*" Greeting & Kyrie, p. 120 Hymn of Praise: *Glory to God in the highest*, p. 121 Prayer of the Day

# THE WORD

First Reading: Deuteronomy 30:15-20 Children's Message Psalm 119:1-8

<sup>1</sup>Happy are they whose way is blameless, who follow the teaching of the LORD! <sup>2</sup>Happy are they who observe your decrees and seek you with all their hearts, <sup>3</sup>who never do any wrong, but always walk in your ways. <sup>4</sup>You laid down your commandments, that we should fully keep them. <sup>5</sup>Oh, that my ways were made so direct that I might keep your statutes! <sup>6</sup>Then I should not be put to shame, when I regard all your commandments. <sup>7</sup>I will thank you with a true heart, when I have learned your righteous judgments. <sup>8</sup>I will keep your statutes; do not utterly forsake me. Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 3:1-9

Gospel Acclamation, p. 124 Gospel: Matthew 5:21-37 Meditation Hymn of the Day: "*What Is the World Like*"

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- What is the world like when God's will is done? Mustard seeds grow more than we can conceive: roots thread the soil; branches reach for the sun. This is how God moves us each to believe.
- What is the world like when God's will is done? Witness the wandering child coming home; watch as the parent breaks into a run. This is how God longs for us when we roam.
- What is the world like when God's will is done? No more is neighbor just ally or friend; peace thrives in places where once that was none. This is how God works when rivalries end.
- What is the world like when God's will is done? Ready for feasting, we watch through the night, tending our lamps till the new day's begun. This is how God readies us for the light.
- These are the stories that Jesus imparts, filled with the Spirit who joins us as one.
  Born through our voices, our hands, and our hearts, this is a new world where God's will is done.

Apostles' Creed, p. 127 Prayers of the People: "Merciful God . . . **receive our prayer**" Sharing of the Peace, p. 128 Thanksgiving for the Word The Lord's Prayer, p. 134

### SENDING

Blessing, p. 136 Sending Hymn: "*Praise the Lord, Rise Up Rejoicing*" #544 Dismissal, p. 137 Postlude

Thank you to our lector Ruth Zuk, musician Mik Bickis, ushers D.-Jay Krozser and Bonnie Moser, and technical support Katie Ottley for assisting in worship today. Thank you also to our choir.

Last Sunday's attendance: 48

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PLEASE PLACE YOUR OFFERINGS IN THE PLATE AT THE BACK OF THE CHURCH.

Offering & Income for February to date: \$5,291 Rent: \$1855 February Expenses to date: \$2,243

### **Our Parish Calendar**

Sunday	5:30:00 pm	All Ages Youth Nigh (Zion)
Tuesday	7:00 am	Spiritual Growth Group (Zoom)
Tuesday	10:00 am	Forever in Motion
Tuesday	6:30 pm	Concordia Jr. Alpenrose Dancers
Wednesday	/ 8:00 am	Men's Book Club (Zoom)
Wednesday	7:00 pm	The Living Room NA Group
Thursday	10:00 am	Forever in Motion
Thursday	7:00 pm	Choir
Thursday	7:00 pm	Church Council (Zoom)
Saturday	3:00 pm	The Tea Room AA Group
Sunday	10:30 am	Evang. Luth. Worship w Communion

The Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada (ELCIC) joins with partner Canadian Lutheran World Relief (CLWR) in calling for prayers for those affected by the **earthquakes in Turkey and Syria**. On February 6, during the early hours of the morning, a 7.8 magnitude earthquake hit the border region, with a second major earthquake hitting Turkey again just hours later. Among those affected are millions of refugees and displaced people living near the border of Syria and Turkey. **Individuals and congregations wishing to support relief efforts can donate as follows:** Make a designated offering for "Türkiye and Syria Earthquake" through any ELCIC congregation.

- Call CLWR at 1-800-661-2597 (locally at 204-694-6502) to donate or go online to <u>clwr.org/earthquake</u>

- Send a cheque made payable to CLWR and mailed to CLWR, 600-177 Lombard Avenue, Winnipeg, MB R3B 0W5. Please indicate that you wish to contribute to "Türkiye and Syria Earthquake"

Trinity Lutheran will be hosting the ELCIC Joint **Ash Wednesday worship** at **7:30 pm on February 22nd** (419 Avenue E North). All are welcome! If you can't attend in person but would like to worship online please go to *Trinity Lutheran Church Saskatoon* on YouTube to find the church channel where the livestream will be made available.

https://www.youtube.com/@trinity-lutheransaskatoon7119/streams

Augustana's **Annual Meeting will be held March 5**<sup>th</sup> after worship and this will both an in-person and online meeting. More details will be forthcoming.