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Sixth Sunday after Epiphany

February 12, 2017

GATHERING

PRELUDE

Barb Hanson

BELLS

WELCOME SONG

Come, All You People

WOV 717

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who stretches out the heavens,
who sends light to the nations, who gives breath to us all.

C: Amen.

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence for reflection

P: Loving God,

C: we confess that we have turned from your way to follow our own ways. Forgive us for the times we have spoken or acted too quickly; we have not spoken or acted at all; we have hurt those closest to us; we have hurt those we have yet to know; we have thought more about ourselves than others; we have thought less of ourselves than we ought. Turn us around, and give us a fresh start, so that we can live again as your children. Amen

P: Even when we have done wrong, God makes us right. Even when we have messed up, God puts us together. God's love never runs out. God never tires of calling us beloved children. Hear God say to you now: Your sins are forgiven, for the sake of † Jesus Christ our Savior.

C: Amen.

GATHERING HYMN *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

LBW 499

GREETING

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: O God,

C: the strength of all who hope in you, because we are weak mortals we accomplish nothing good without you. Help us to see and understand the things we ought to do, and give us grace and power to do them, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

WORD

FIRST READING

Deuteronomy 30:15-20

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 3:1-9

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Jesus Loves Me, This I Know

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GOSPEL

Matthew 5:21-37

SERMON

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HYMN OF THE DAY

O Christ, Our Hope

LBW 300

APOSTLES' CREED

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PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

P: Lord, in your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

MEAL

PEACE

MISSION FOCUS:

Audrey's Purple Dream

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

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OFFERTORY PRAYER

P: Merciful God,

C: receive the gifts we bring, our selves, our time, and our possessions. Through this meal unite us as your body, shining with the light of your justice and mercy; for the sake of him who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

(please sing)

DISTRIBUTION

(intinction)

COMMUNION MUSIC

Listen, God Is Calling.

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

P: O Morning Star, fair and bright,

C: you have refreshed us again with heavenly food. You are our dearest

treasure. Go with us now— today, tomorrow, every day— that we tell the story of your never-ending love and sing your praise both now and forever. Amen.

SENDING

BLESSING

P: The God of glory dwell in you richly, name you beloved, and shine brightly on your path; and the blessing of almighty God, the Father, the † Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you always.

C: Amen

BELLS

SENDING HYMN *Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us*

LBW 481

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Be the light of Christ.

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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* denotes a favorite hymn

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This Week's Bible Readings

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| Mon | Psalm 119:9-16, Exodus 20:1-21, James 1:2-8 |
| Tue | Psalm 119:9-16, Deuteronomy 23:21-24:4, 10-15, James 2:1-13 |
| Wed | Psalm 119:9-16, Proverbs 2:1-15, Matthew 19:1-12 |
| Thu | Psalm 119:33-40, Exodus 22:21-27, 1 Corinthians 10:23—11:1 |
| Fri | Psalm 119:33-40, Leviticus 6:1-7, Galatians 5:2-6 |
| Sat | Psalm 119:33-40, Leviticus 24:10-23, Matthew 7:1-12 |
| Sun | Leviticus 19:1-2, 9-18, Psalm 119:33-40, 1 Corinthians 3:10-11, 16-23, Matthew 5:38-48 |

Service Assistants

| | This Week | Next Week |
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| Greeters | Everyone | Everyone |
| Ushers | Tom & Shane Synstegard | Tom & Shane Synstegard |
| Acolyte | Maddie Mitchell | Mackensie Mitchell |
| Reader | Lorna Cooper | Jeanne Gaston |
| Communion | Lorna Cooper | Jeanne Gaston |

Prayer Concerns: *family of Mike Duclos, Vince Arvik, Jeanette Johnson, Tim Cooper, Judy Sacre (friend of Debbie Hodapp), Tami (friend of Debbie Hodapp), Dennis Sweeney (brother of Linda Anderson), Eloise McLaughlin (friend of Carole Ann Morris), Futz (friend of Tom Synstegard), Dennis Lecy (friend of Peg Davies), Chad Jarman (Lorna Cooper's friend), Jennifer Lyons (Carol Jones's niece), Wayne Hrubby (Dorothy Pohl's friend), Ryan Lau, Dina Carlson (Phyllis Carlson's granddaughter), Tina Mitchell (Carole Ann Morris's sister), Linda Husby, Arnold Dahl, Hannah Gass (granddaughter of Larry Gass), Barb Doerring, Jim & Lorrie Bergquist, Annika Mae Feist (grandniece of Lorna Cooper), Keith Andress (David Andress's dad), Joy & Tim Atwater (Carol Jones's sister & brother-in-law), Judy Gerdtis (friend of Peg Davies), Jerry Johnson, (Jeanette Johnson's son), Shawn Semmler (Rachelle Krotzer's brother)*

Welcome!

We are blessed by the presence of every individual as we are called together to worship God. Everyone is invited to the Lord's Table.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

February 12, 2017

Souper Bowl of Caring results (proceeds to Akeley/Nevis food shelf):

Patriots – Cash: \$0, Food: 13 pounds
 Falcons – Cash: \$54, Food: 73 pounds

A free class “**Powerful Tools for Caregivers**” will be held Friday mornings starting February 17th at the Park Rapids Senior Center. Call Judi Weiss at 732-9932 to register.

Thanks to all for volunteering on the ice at **Audrey's Purple Dream**

PLEASE help with the cleaning of the church. The sign-up sheet is in the narthex.

Opportunities This Week

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| Today | Coffee Fellowship | 9:30 AM |
| | Worship Service – FLC | 10:30 AM |
| | Bible Study – BLC | 5:00 – 6:00 PM |
| Mon | Pr. Carleton's office hours | 9:00 AM – Noon |
| | AA Meeting | 8:00 PM |
| Tues | Quilting | 9:00 AM |
| | UCAN Office | 10:00 – 12:00 AM |
| | Yes, You Can! | 10:00 – 12:00 AM |
| | Worship, Music and Fellowship meeting | 5:00 PM |
| | Church Council meeting | 6:00 PM |
| Wed | Men's Breakfast & Bible study – BLC | 7:30 AM |
| | Parish Council meeting – FLC | 6:00 PM |
| | Confirmation Class – FLC | 7:00 – 7:45 PM |
| Sun | Coffee Fellowship | 9:30 AM |
| | Worship Service | 10:30 AM |