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ST. PETER'S

Evangelical Lutheran Congregation

SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY
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THE COMMANDMENTS



"YOU SHALL NOT COMMIT ADULTERY;"

YOU SHALL NOT MURDER;



YOU SHALL NOT STEAL ..."

St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Congregation*Building on the Rock of Jesus and His Word*

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Worship: Thursday, 6:30 pm ~ Sunday, 8:00 & 10:30 am

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WELCOME TO GOD'S HOUSE May God bless our families through the time we spend together in God's Word.*Thank you for joining us for worship. If you have any questions about our service or practice, please feel free to ask one of the ushers or a pastor.*

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- Visitors, we are pleased that you have joined us this morning. Please fill out a Visitor Card and hand it to an usher. Feel free to inquire about our congregation through the pastors, one of the ushers, or one of the members. If you are a visitor from out of town, please be sure to introduce yourself to one of the pastors after the service. We welcome all of you to come and worship with us again.

A PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP Help us, O Lord, our homes to make your Holy Spirit's dwelling-place; our hands' and hearts' devotion take to be the servants of your grace. We pray that all who with us dwell your love and joy and peace may know. And while our lips your praises tell, may faithful lives your glory show. Amen.

SERVICE THEME

The Savior's Sermon: Live a Holy Life!

ORDER OF WORSHIP*Setting Two* | 172-182, 171**OPENING HYMN***Soloist sings stanza 1, congregation will join in stanzas 2-4***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

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 your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

FIRST LESSON

2 Samuel 11:1-17, 26-27

David's sin and cover up illustrates the danger of unrepentant sin. It is the opposite of a holy life.

Springtime arrived, the time when kings go out to war. David sent Joab out with his officers and with all Israel. They ravaged the Ammonites and besieged Rabbah. But David stayed in Jerusalem. ²One evening David had gotten up from his couch and was walking around on the roof of the palace. From the roof he saw a woman bathing. The woman was very good looking. ³David sent to inquire about the woman, and he was told, "Isn't this Bathsheba daughter of Eliam, the wife of Uriah the Hittite?"

⁴David sent messengers to bring her. She came to him, and he lay down with her. (She had been purifying herself from her ceremonial uncleanness.) She then returned to her house. ⁵The woman became pregnant, so she sent a message and told David, "I am pregnant." ⁶David sent a message to Joab, "Send Uriah the Hittite to me." So Joab sent Uriah to David, ⁷and Uriah came to him. David asked how Joab and the troops were doing, and how the war effort was going. ⁸Then David said to Uriah, "Go down to your house and wash your feet." When Uriah went out from the palace, the king sent a gift to him. ⁹But Uriah slept at the entrance to the palace with all the servants of his master. He did not go down to his own house. ¹⁰David was informed, "Uriah has not gone down to his house." So David said to Uriah, "Haven't you come a long distance? Why didn't you go down to your house?"

¹¹Uriah said to David, "The ark and Israel and Judah are living in shelters, and my master Joab and the servants of my master are camped on the bare ground in the open countryside. Should I go to my house to eat and to drink and to lie down with my wife? By your life, as surely as you live, I will not do such a thing." ¹²Then David said to Uriah, "Stay here today also. Tomorrow I will send you back." So Uriah remained in Jerusalem that day and the next. ¹³David summoned him, and Uriah ate as his guest,

and David got him drunk. But in the evening he went and slept on his mat where the servants of his master were. He did not go to his own house.

¹⁴In the morning David wrote a letter to Joab, and he sent it in the hands of Uriah. ¹⁵In the letter he wrote, “Station Uriah opposite the fiercest fighting. Then withdraw from behind him so that he will be struck down and die.” ¹⁶So when Joab was besieging the city, he assigned Uriah to a place where he knew that the enemy’s strongest warriors were. ¹⁷The men of the city came out and fought against Joab, and some of the troops of David fell. Uriah the Hittite also died...

²⁶The wife of Uriah the Hittite heard that her husband was dead, so she mourned for her husband. ²⁷When her mourning was completed, David sent for her and brought her to his house, and she became his wife. She gave birth to a son for him. But what David had done was evil in the eyes of the LORD.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM OF THE DAY IN THURSDAY & 8:00

Teach Me, O Lord | 119A

ADULT CHOIR IN 10:30 SERVICE

Father of Light
by Craig Courtney

*Refrain: All praise to the name of the Father of Light, One who listens and hears when I call.
Every step He ordains, I shall walk without fear. In His light I'll not stumble or fall,
in His light I'll not stumble or fall.*

What can mortal man do while I'm safe in His hand? He is God on His Word I
reply. In the midst of my fear I will trust in His name,
for I know He will hear when I cry.

He knows all of my feelings, the depths of despair, all the limits my soul can endure.
I will trust in His name, I have nothing to lose,
for in Him all my hopes are secure. *Refrain*

God alone can deliver a soul from its death, lift a life from a wasteland of need. God
alone can replenish with blessings untold, until into His light we are freed,
we are freed. *Refrain*

SECOND LESSON

1 Thessalonians 4:1-12

Christians desire to live for Christ. We seek to control our body in a way that is holy.

Therefore, beyond this, brothers, just as you received instruction from us about how you are to walk so as to please God (as indeed you are doing), we ask and urge you in the Lord Jesus that you do so even more. ²To be sure, you know what instructions we gave you through the Lord Jesus. ³Indeed, this is God’s will: that you be sanctified, namely, that you keep yourselves away from sexual immorality. ⁴He wants each of you to learn to obtain a wife for yourself in a way that is holy and honorable, ⁵not in lustful passion like the heathen, who do not know God. ⁶No one is to overstep and take advantage of his brother in this matter, because the Lord is an avenger in all these things, just as we said previously and solemnly testified to it. ⁷For God did not call us for uncleanness, but in sanctification. ⁸Consequently, whoever rejects this is not rejecting a man, but the God who gives you his Holy Spirit.

⁹Concerning brotherly love, there is no need to write to you, for you yourselves have been taught by God, with the result that you love one another. ¹⁰In fact, you are doing so toward all the brothers throughout Macedonia. But we encourage you, brothers, to do this even more, ¹¹and to make it your ambition to live a quiet life, to mind your own business, and to work with your own hands, just as we instructed you. ¹²Do this so that you are conducting yourselves decently toward outsiders and are not lacking anything.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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Refrain



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Jesus is the light of the world; in him we have the light of life. *Refrain*

GOSPEL (sermon)

Matthew 5:21-37

What a high bar Jesus sets! He calls us to be holy with our enemies, our spouses, and our God.

“You have heard that it was said to people long ago, ‘You shall not murder, and whoever murders will be subject to judgment.’ ²²But I tell you that everyone who is angry with his brother without a cause will be subject to judgment, and whoever says to his brother, ‘*Raca*,’ will have to answer to the Sanhedrin. But whoever says, ‘You fool!’ will be in danger of hell fire. ²³So if you are about to offer your gift at the altar, and there you remember that your brother has something against you, ²⁴leave your gift there in front of the altar and go. First be reconciled to your brother. Then come and offer your gift. ²⁵If someone accuses you, reach an agreement with him quickly, while you are with him on the way. Otherwise your accuser may bring you to the judge, and the judge may hand you over to the officer, and you will be thrown into prison. ²⁶Amen I tell you: You will never get out until you have paid the last penny.

²⁷“You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall not commit adultery,’ ²⁸but I tell you that everyone who looks at a woman with lust has already committed adultery with her in his heart. ²⁹If your right eye causes you to fall into sin, pluck it out and throw it away from you. It is better for you to lose one part of your body than for your whole body to be thrown into hell. ³⁰If your right hand causes you to fall into sin, cut it off and throw it away from you. It is better for you to lose one part of your body than for your whole body to be thrown into hell. ³¹“It was also said, ‘Whoever divorces his wife must give her a certificate of divorce.’ ³²But I tell you that whoever divorces his wife, except for sexual immorality, causes her to be regarded as an adulteress. And whoever marries the divorced woman is regarded as an adulterer.”

³³“Again you have heard that it was said to people long ago, ‘Do not break your oaths, but fulfill your vows to the Lord.’ ³⁴But I tell you, do not swear at all: not by heaven, because it is God’s throne; ³⁵and not by earth, because it is his footstool; and not by Jerusalem, because it is the city of the great King. ³⁶And do not swear by your own head, since you cannot make one hair white or black. ³⁷Instead, let your statement be, ‘Yes, yes,’ or ‘No, no.’ Whatever goes beyond these is from the Evil One.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!**HYMN OF THE DAY***From High Atop the Mount | 635 v 1, 4-9***“Jesus Accomplished the Impossible for You”***Pastor Boehringer***APOSTLES’ CREED & PRAYER OF THE CHURCH***page 181-182***GATHERING OF OUR OFFERING****HYMN***From High Atop the Mount | 635 v 10-13, 3***PRAYERS & BLESSING***page 171***CLOSING HYMN***Take My Life and Let It Be | 695***ORGANIST**

Laura Nolte

GREETERS

8:00 ~ Marv & Vicki Mortensen

10:30 ~ Tom & Joan Mrazek