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The Sixth Sunday After the Epiphany

February 12, 2017

Food for the Poor Sunday
Special Guest: Pastor Bruce Rudolf

VISITORS – WE WELCOME YOU to this house of prayer this morning. May you feel at home among friends as we worship together. We invite you to sign your name in the guest book in the back of the church and hope you will return again soon.

Prelude
Welcome
Ring of the Bell

Opening Hymn: #905, "Come, Thou Almighty King"

Invocation

P: In the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Confession and Announcement of Grace

P: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

P: Our help is in the name of the Lord.

C: Who made heaven and earth.

P: I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord.

C: And You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

P: O almighty God, merciful Father,

C: I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

P: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and has given His only Son to die for us and for His sake forgives us all our sins. To those who believe on His name He gives power to become the children of God and has promised them His Holy Spirit. He who believes and is baptized shall be saved. Grant this, Lord, unto us all.

C: Amen.

Introit of the Day, prayed responsively worship insert

Hymn of Praise: #692, "Praise to You and Adoration"

Collect of the Day, spoken by Pastor worship insert

Old Testament Reading: Deuteronomy 30:15-20

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 3:1-9

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Holy Gospel: Matthew 5:21-37

Responses

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 5th chapter.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

(The Gospel is read.)

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ!

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Hymn of the Day: "Praise and Thanksgiving" #789 with extra verse

1)
Praise and thanksgiving, Father, we offer
For all things living, Created good:
Harvest of sown fields, Fruits of the orchard,
Hay from the mown fields, Blossom and wood.

2)
Bless, Lord, the labor We bring to serve You
That with our neighbor We may be fed.
Sowing or tilling, We would work with You,
Harvesting, milling For daily bread.

3)
Father, providing Food for Your children,
By Your wise guiding Teach us to share
One with another, So that, rejoicing
With us, all others May know Your care.

4)
Then will Your blessing Reach ev'ry people,
Freely confessing Your gracious hand.
Where all obey You, No one will hunger;
In Your love's sway You Nourish the land.

Sermon

Offering

Prayer of the Church

P: Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

P: Lord God, heavenly Father, You are a loving, faithful and truthful God. Raise us, as children whom You have called to be Your spiritual people, to exhibit Your truth and love. Curb our anger and help us to be reconciled to our brothers. Shield our eyes from lust, that we may look at others in purity as those whom You have created. Guard our lips from deceit, that we may praise Your name, comfort our neighbors and speak Your truth. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: God of life and good, grant aid and relief to those who lack the basic necessities of life. Use Food for the Poor and other charities like these to grant relief to hungry people. Grant that Your adopted sons and daughters of the Church would use their resources for the wellbeing of those in need. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Gracious Lord, You sent Paul and Apollos long ago to plant and water the seed that is Your Word. By Your grace, grow, train and send pastors and church workers to do the same in our day. Plant and bring that seed to fruition around the world, yet keep us ever mindful that it is You who provides the growth. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: O God, our King, You rule the nations of the world. Give wisdom to all who rule this land. Help them to promote all that is good and right and to prevent and punish what is evil. Wherever our courts or laws are unjust and contrary to Your will, lead us to seek reform, for the good of our neighbors. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Merciful Lord, look down from heaven; behold, visit and relieve Your servants who are heavy laden with afflictions or griefs of body and mind [*especially this week we pray for _____*]. Be with those who suffer from mental illnesses, many of whom are homeless. Look upon them in mercy, call them to the shelter that is Your Church, defend them from every danger to body and soul, and comfort them with a sure confidence in You. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Heavenly Father, bless the members of our congregation who celebrate birthdays and anniversaries this week. We remember before you:_____. Keep them in Your grace, kind Father, and use them and all of us as instruments of Your truth and compassion. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Almighty Lord, before us always lie life and good, death and evil. Bless us to walk in Your ways, that we may be blameless before You and that we may steadfastly keep Your statutes. Do not let our hearts turn to other gods, but keep our hearts fixed on You. Help us to know that in Your Word and Sacraments You have not forsaken us, but that by them You bring us life through Your Son, in the power of Your Spirit. Lord, in Your mercy,
C: hear our prayer.

P: Into Your hands, dear Father, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
C: Amen.

The Lord's Prayer back cover of the hymnal

The Benediction

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.
C: Amen.

Closing Hymn: #920, "Forth in the Peace of Christ We Go"

Chimes/Silent Prayer
Announcements
Postlude

FOOD FOR THE POOR - DOOR OFFERING TODAY

Food for the Poor's support to the poorest of the poor jumped an incredible 28% in 2015 over 2014 - including a 30% increase in the goods provided, while our administrative cost ratio (fundraising, management, and general support services) fell from 4.4% of total expenses to 3.6%. **96.4% of everything given to Food for the Poor last year went to the poor.** A basket has been placed at the back of the sanctuary for a special door offering this morning. Thanks for your generosity!

POTLUCK AND MEETING REGARDING CHURCH BASEMENT PLANS

On Sunday, March 12th, after the Sunday morning worship service, all members of the congregation are invited to stay after church for a potluck and meeting regarding the future use of the church basement. You do not need to be a member of the Voters' Assembly or hold a church office in order to participate. Everyone is invited, including families with children. Please plan on attending the meeting after church on March 12th and bring a dish to share!

CATECHISM REVIEW

The Third Commandment

When do we sin against the Third Commandment?

We sin against the Third Commandment when we despise preaching and the Word of God.

How is this done?

We despise preaching and the Word of God

- A) when we do not attend public worship.
- B) when we do not use the Word of God and the Sacraments;
- C) when we use the Word of God and the Sacraments negligently or carelessly.

What does God require of us in the Third Commandment?

- A) We should hold preaching and the Word of God sacred.
- B) We should gladly hear it, learn it, and meditate on it.
- C) We should honor and support the preaching and teaching of the Word of God.
- D) We should diligently spread the Word of God.