

Readings, Sermon Notes, Prayers, Hymns  
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WEEK OF FEB. 12, 2023

## CONCORDIA

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**We are  
God's  
building  
and  
God's field.**

Matt. 5

Hymn of Invocation. **Holy Spirit, Light Divine** 496

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

### INTROIT PSALM 98

The LORD has made known his sal- | vation;\* he has revealed his righteousness in the sight of the | nations. **Let the sea roar, and all that | fills it;\* the world and those who | dwell in it!** Let the rivers clap their hands; let the hills sing for joy together be- | fore the LORD,\* for he comes to | judge the earth. **He will judge the world with | righteousness,\* and the peoples with | equity. Glory to the Father and | to the Son\* and to the Holy | Spirit; as it was in the be- | ginning,\* is now, and will be forever. | Amen.** The LORD has made known his sal- | vation;\* he has revealed his righteousness in the sight of the | nations.

### COLLET OF THE DAY

**O Lord, graciously hear the prayers of Your people that we who justly suffer the consequence of our sin may be mercifully delivered by Your goodness to the glory of Your name; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.**

### PSALM 119

Blessèd are those whose way is blameless, who walk in the Teaching of the LORD!  
**Blessèd are those who keep his testimonies, who seek him with their whole heart, who also do no wrong, but walk in his ways! You have commanded your precepts to be kept diligently.** Oh that my ways may be steadfast in keeping your statutes! **Then I shall not be put to shame, having my eyes fixed on all your commandments.** I will praise you with an upright heart, when I learn your just and righteous decrees. **I will keep your statutes; do not utterly forsake me!**

**Glory to the Father and to the + Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now and will be forever, Amen.**

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### APPOINTED READINGS 12 FEBRUARY 2023

**Old Testament/Deut.30:15–20. Epistle/1 Corin.3:1–9, Gospel/ Matthew 5:21–37**

### **Christ Sets Life Before Us so that We Can Walk in His Ways**

- The God who reveals Himself in His incarnate Son promises life and blessing to all who obey His commandments *“by loving the LORD your God, by walking in his ways, and by keeping his commandments and his statutes and his rules.”* (Deut. 30:16)
- However, we are *“people of the flesh”* and *“infants in Christ”*, among whom *“there is jealousy and strife”*. (1 Cor. 3:3)
- Jesus must instruct us against the human ways of anger, adultery, divorce and false witness because all who live in these ways *“shall surely perish”*. On the cross, He died to forgive our sins and free us from the ways of curse and death. Since Jesus Christ is our *“life and length of days”* we can be reconciled to our brother, live in chastity and marital faithfulness, and speak with honesty. He who serves from His cross also offers His gift of reconciliation at His altar, and we can be at peace with our brothers and sisters in Christ who are *“God’s field, God’s building.”* (Matt. 5:21–37)

**CONFESSION OF OUR COMMON FAITH: THE NICENE CREED**

Hymn of the Day. **Lord, Help Us Ever to Retain** 865

Sermon Notes **Treating the Root Cause** Matthew 5:23-24

**Mercies that are new every morning, along with peace, and love are multiplied to you from God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit!**

*“So if you are offering your gift at the altar and remember there that another believer has something against you, leave your gift at the altar. First go away and make peace with that person. Then come back and offer your gift.*

Unlike most modern pharmaceutical medicines that only treat or cover up symptoms of disease, Jesus offers true healing, redemption, and reconciliation by treating the root cause of sin in His perfect sacrifice on the Cross.

- 1. We live in a world that ignores root causes at all costs**
  1. Most proposed solutions are satisfied with treating symptoms
  2. Our great temptation to turn Good News into Law
- 2. We live in a Kingdom of grace that gets to the root cause of sin**
  1. Jesus destroys the power of sin and death
  2. Jesus demolishes the works of the evil one
- 3. We live in a Church made holy by mutual love and forgiveness**
  1. The absolute necessity of forgiveness
  2. A foretaste of the Feast to come

**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH. 6TH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY. 12 FEB. 2023**

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

**Almighty God**, the seas roar and the rivers clap their hands because You come to judge the earth. Receive our thanks that You declare us righteous by water and the Word, and grant that we would live in that baptismal grace until You come in glory.

Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

**Heavenly Father**, You make us Your children in Baptism and desire that we grow and mature in the faith. Bless pastors, teachers, parents and all who teach Your Word, and give us a constant desire to hear and obey it. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

**Almighty God**, You condemn unrighteous anger even as You command, “You shall not murder.” You have poured out Your righteous anger on Your Son at the cross, that we might be reconciled to You. Where there is division, move us to repent and seek reconciliation with one another so that we might live in peace. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

**God of life**, You condemn sexually impure thoughts even as You command, “You shall not commit adultery.” Deliver us from lustful thoughts and defend us from the temptations of pornography, that we may lead a sexually pure and decent life in what we say and do.

Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

**O God, the Author of truth**, You command us, “You shall not swear falsely.” Give us faith to acknowledge Your Word and, by Your strength, do what You command.

Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

**Lord of all**, You judge the peoples in righteousness and equity. Give wisdom to our nation’s authorities, preserve us from unjust division and cause us to love one another.

Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

**Lord, our God**, You are our life and our length of days. Sustain and strengthen those who suffer sickness and affliction, [*especially \_\_\_\_\_,*] and comfort all who mourn [*especially \_\_\_\_\_*]

with the promise of everlasting life in Christ. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

**Almighty God**, You give growth to the Church by Your Holy Word and Sacraments. Preserve Your people from the wisdom of the world, which creates division and follows after the winds of the age. Unite the Church in a common confession of Your truth.

Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Graciously receive our prayers, deliver and preserve us, for to You alone we give all glory, honor and worship, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**