

# St. Matthew's Ev. Lutheran Church

1615 N. Wauwatosa Ave., Wauwatosa, WI 53213

February 12<sup>th</sup>, 2023

8:30 am & 11:00 am Services

## 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Epiphany

**Worship Notes:** In today's reading from Deuteronomy, we are called to choose life by loving and obeying God. Much of today's gospel reading echoes portions of the Ten Commandments. Jesus' instructions to the crowd reveal a pattern of behavior that honors both God and the neighbor, resulting in life and health for the whole community. We too are invited to embrace these commandments, not out of fear of retribution, but because God has promised that to do so means life for us.

### Season of Epiphany – Global/World Music

*“Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you... Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn.” (Isaiah 60:1, 3)*

Epiphany is the time of the church year when we celebrate the revealing of Christ to the world.

During this season, we celebrate the arrival of the One who is the light of the world: a light that brings life, a light that brings hope. This light shines its brightest when we are in community—with God and with one another. During this time we explore Global/World music in worship; using Responses, Hymns and Anthems that are based on a global theme.

Global Christian music is defined as any music found in the Christian Church worldwide.

Particularly, it specializes in cultural musics from the non-Western world. We hope you enjoy the music and text from around the world that unifies all Christians together.

Prelude

Tune: Tōkyō - *Sekai no tomo tote o tsunagi*

*Here, O Lord, Your Servants Gather*

Arr. by Lynette Maynard & Anne Krentz Organ

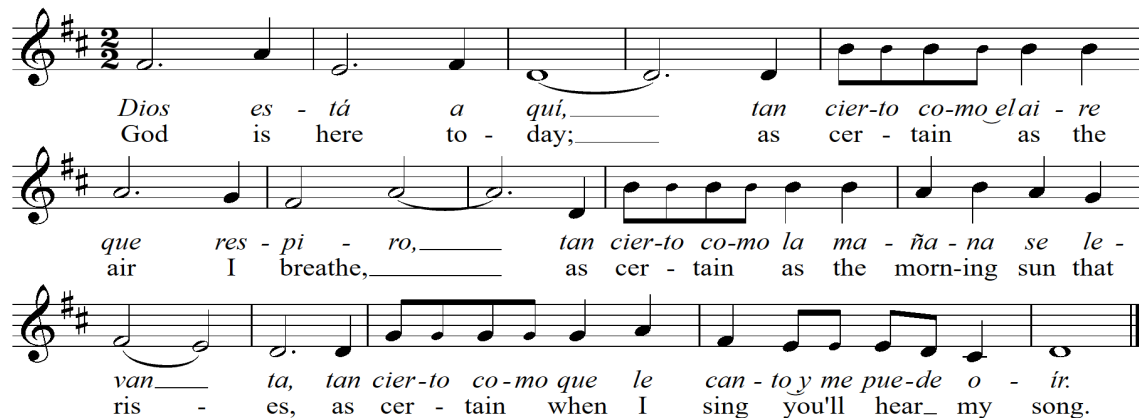
Welcome and Announcements

Pastor Karen Natterstad

## Call to Worship

## God Is Here Today

*This song of Invitation comes to us from Javier Gracías Mateo, theologian and musical composer, born in Albacete (Spain) in 1956, currently resides in Zaragoza, where he continues to compose his new songs. God is here is the news of "good news." A resounding affirmation of God's presence not only in the heavens, but also in nature and in the creatures of the earth thirsting for their Creator.*



*Dios es - tá a quí, tan cier-to co-mo el ai - re*  
 God is here to - day; as cer - tain as the

*que res - pi - ro, tan cier-to co-mo la ma - ña - na se le -*  
 air I breathe, as cer - tain as the morn-ing sun that

*van ta, tan cier-to co-mo que le can - to y me pue-de o - ír.*  
 ris - es, as cer - tain when I sing you'll hear my song.

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Gathering

*Please stand as you are able.*

## Confession &amp; Forgiveness

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

**Amen.**

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

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

God who searches us and knows us,

**you have shown us what is good, but we have looked to other lights to find our way.**

**We have not been just in our dealings with others. We have chosen revenge over mercy. We have promoted ourselves instead of walking humbly with**

**you. With what shall we come before you? Forgive us our sin, and show us your salvation in the face of Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

Beloved of God, you have not received the spirit of the world, but the Spirit that is from God, poured out for you in the faithfulness of Jesus Christ. Receive the promise of baptism: You are God's child; ✠ your sins are forgiven. Rejoice and be glad, for yours is the reign of heaven.

**Amen.**

Gathering Song

**Come to Be Our Hope, O Jesus**

***Tú, Jesús, nuestra Esperanza/Vem, Jesus, nossa esperança***

*Translated from Portuguese this hymn text reflects the always relevant Advent message of hope, building a new creation, and the road to servanthood.*

1. Come to be our hope, O Je - sus, come to  
2. Come to build your new cre - a - tion through the  
set your peo - ple free. From op - pres - sion, come, re -  
road of ser - vant - hood; give new life to ev - 'ry  
lease us, grant us your true lib - er - ty. Come, re -  
na - tion, chang-ing e - vil in - to good. Come and  
lease from ev - 'ry pris - on those who suf - fer -  
o - pen our to - mor - row for your joy - ful  
in our land. In your love we find the  
reign so near. Take a - way all hu - man  
rea - son still to live and un - der - stand.  
sor - row; give us hope a - gainst our fear.

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Litany for the Sixth Sunday after Epiphany

We worship the Lord within these walls.

**But our worship here extends beyond this church. It reaches into our everyday life.**

Our God revealed deep love for us.

**May we love as God first loved us.**

May all our words,

**and deeds bring glory to God.**

By the Spirit's power, the new commandments of Christ can be carried out,

**as we worship our Savior each day.**

Apostolic Greeting

Arise shine; for the Light has come!

**The glory of the Lord has risen upon us!**

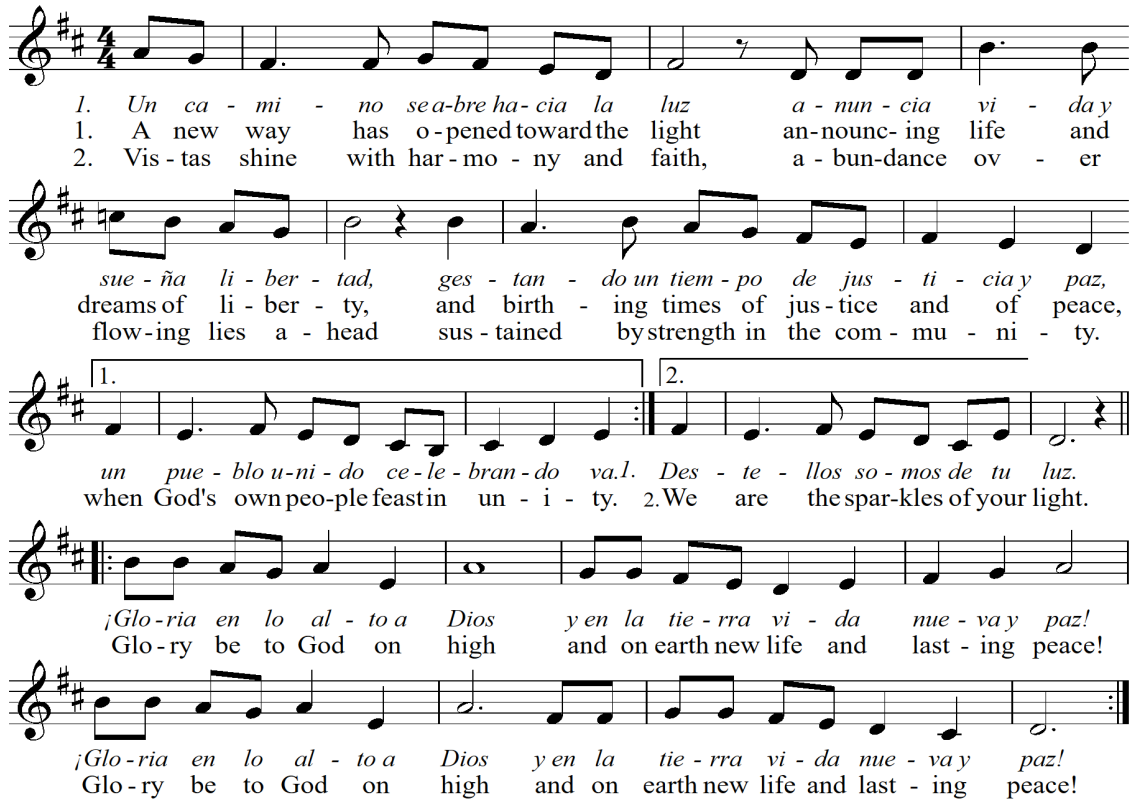
The grace of God that extends to all nations in Christ Jesus through the work of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**And also with you.**

## Hymn of Praise

## A New Way Has Opened – Gloria be to God

*This Cuban song speaks of light coming into the world for justice and peace. The refrain offers us a version of the Gloria.*



1. Un ca - mi - no se a-bre ha- cia la luz a - nun - cia vi - da y  
 1. A new way has o - pened toward the light an-nounc- ing life and  
 2. Vis - tas shine with har - mo - ny and faith, a - bun-dance ov - er

sue - ña li - ber - tad, ges - tan - do un tiem - po de jus - ti - cia y paz,  
 dreams of li - ber - ty, and birth - ing times of jus - tice and of peace,  
 flow-ing lies a - head sus - tained by strength in the com - mu - ni - ty.

1. un pue - blo u-ni - do ce - le - bran - do va.1. Des - te - llos so - mos de tu luz.  
 when God's own peo-ple feast in un - i - ty. 2. We are the spar-les of your light.

¡Glo-ria en lo al - to a Dios y en la tie - rra vi - da nue - va y paz!  
 Glo-ry be to God on high and on earth new life and last - ing peace!

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## Prayer of the Day

O God, 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.**

*Please be seated.*

## Word

### First Reading

Deuteronomy 30:15-20

*The LORD sets before the people of God a clear choice. Life and prosperity will come to the faithful; loss of the land will be the consequence of disobedience. Choosing life entails loving and holding fast to the Lord. Life in God's presence presupposes the promise made to the ancestors.*

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

### Second Reading

1 Corinthians 3:1-9

*Human leaders in the church are not the ones who control ministry. Rather they are coworkers who belong to God, the one who truly controls and continuously empowers the ministry of the church.*

Word of God, word of life.

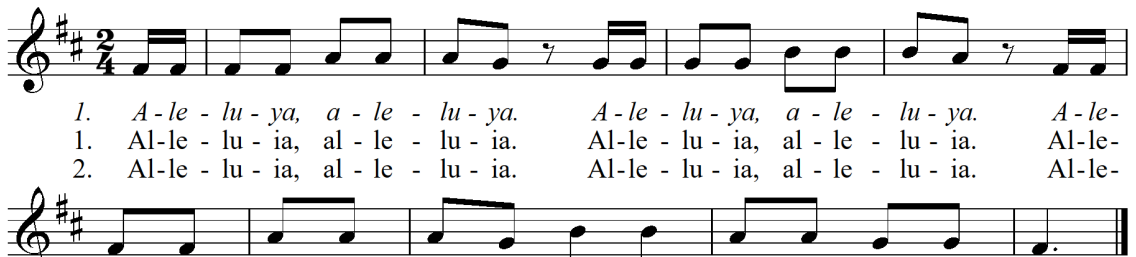
**Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand as you are able.*

### Gospel Acclamation

### Honduras Aleluya

*This gentle Alleluia from Honduras has a warmth which enables an affirmation of joy and praise different from a rousing Alleluia setting.*



1. A - le - lu - ya, a - le - lu - ya. A - le - lu - ya, a - le - lu - ya. A - le -  
 1. Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al-le-  
 2. Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al-le-

lu - ya, a - le - lu - ya. El Se - ñor re - su - ci - to.  
 lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Je - sus Christ is with us now.  
 lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Glo - ry love and praise to God.

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## Gospel

Matthew 5:21-37

*In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus exhorts his followers to embrace standards of righteousness that exceed legal requirements and traditional expectations.*

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 5<sup>th</sup> chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

The Gospel of the Lord for you this day.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## Sermon

Pastor Brent Halverson

*Please stand as you are able.*

## Hymn of the Day

**Humbly in Your Sight/Tiza Panazi Pinu**

*(Prayer Cards will be collected during the Hymn of the Day)*

*This text is a Tumbuka Hymn by J.P. Chirwa translated by Tom Colvin in 1967. The melody has been adapted from a traditional Northern Malawi Melody.*

1. Hum - bly in Your sight we come to - geth - er, Lord.\_\_\_\_  
 3. These, our eyes are Yours, we give them to You, Lord.\_\_\_\_  
 5. These, our feet are Yours, we give them to You, Lord.\_\_\_\_  
 7. These, our ears are Yours, we give them to You, Lord.\_\_\_\_

Grant us now the bless - ing of Your pres - ence here.\_\_\_\_  
 May we al - ways see Your world as with Your sight.\_\_\_\_  
 May we walk a - long the path of life with You.\_\_\_\_  
 O - pen them to hear Your words of guid - ance Lord.\_\_\_\_

2. These, our hearts, are Yours; we give them to You, Lord.\_\_\_\_  
 4. These, our hands, are Yours; we give them to You, Lord.\_\_\_\_  
 6. These, our tongues, are Yours; we give them to You, Lord.\_\_\_\_  
 8. Our whole selves are Yours; we give them to You, Lord.\_\_\_\_

Pur - i - fy our love to make it like Your own.\_\_\_\_  
 Give them strength and skill to do our work for You.\_\_\_\_  
 May we speak Your heal - ing words of life and truth.\_\_\_\_  
 Take us now and keep us Yours for - ev - er - more.\_\_\_\_

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## Profession of Faith

## The Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,**

**who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary,  
 suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he  
 descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right  
 hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the  
 forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.**

*Usher Volunteers gather for Offering Collection at the Welcome Center.*

## Prayers of Intercession



Called together to follow Jesus, we pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

...Merciful God,

**Receive our prayer.**

We bring to you our needs and hopes, O God, trusting your wisdom and power revealed in Christ crucified.

**Amen.**

Sharing the Peace of Christ

The peace of the Lord be with you all.

**And also with you.**

*Please be seated.*

*Meal*

Offering

8:30

*Tunaomba Mungu Atawale* by John Paradowski

– Senior Choir with Percussion: Brian Smith and Karie Clement

11:00

*Gammal fäbodpsalm från Dalarna*

by Oskar Lindberg [1887-1955]

*This chorale melody that has been widely disseminated through the arrangement for organ that Oskar Lindberg made before a radio broadcast in 1936. The melody is formerly known as "Psalm from Älvdalsåsen." The only verse remaining: "O God who faithfully hulpt me in all my distress and lack, I thank you every day assured You Lord. You give me a daily bread and are my strong support I live and I die out in Your love." The Swedish pop group Abba performed the song instrumentally as an introduction to their concerts during their last world tour in 1979–1980.*

*Please stand as you are able.*

Canticle of Thanksgiving

**Come and Sing the Praise of the Lord**

*This traditional Hebrew song of praise and thanks comes to us from Israel.*

English Come and sing the praise of the Lord, sing hal - le -  
 Hebrew Ha - l' - lu' - hu, ha - l' - lu - hu b' - zil - z' -  
 lu - jah! Come and sing the praise of the  
 le sha - ma. Ha - l' - lu - hu, ha - l' - lu -  
 Lord, sing hal - le - lu - jah!  
 hu b' - zil - z' - le t'ru - a.  
 Let all that lives, all that has breath, sing the praise of  
 Kol ha - n'sha - ma t' - ha - lel ja, ha - l' - lu -  
 God, hal - le - lu - jah! Let all that lives,  
 ja, ha - l' - lu - ja. Kol ha - n'sha - ma  
 all that has breath, sing the praise of God.  
 t' - ha - lel ja, ha - l' - lu - ja.

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### Offering Prayer

O Lord, if it were not enough that you have given us all things, life, love, moments of laughter, you have opened your heart to us as well. We thank you for your holy law, a law of love. United in your own love we bring these gifts before you today. Accept them, not as requirements of your law, but as signs of our love. Through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

### Words of Institution

### Lord's Prayer

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be      your name,  
                  your kingdom come, your will be done,  
                  on earth as in heaven.  
 Give us today our daily bread.  
 Forgive us our sins  
                  as we forgive those who sin against us.  
 Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.  
 For the kingdom, the power,  
                  and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

(11:00 Service)

### **First Communion**

We celebrate with Colette Schrubbe and Everett Asmus their First Communion today. Today this community of faith rejoices because Sunday is the day Christ arose from the dead. Once again Jesus calls us to join him for a meal. We celebrate with those who today, join in sharing of the Lord's Meal—Holy Communion.

**We welcome you to the Table for the Sacrament of Holy Communion. We thank God for your lives. We pray that you will find joy and strength in this meal. Come among us, O God, as we gather to worship you.**

(8:30 & 11:00 Services Continue Here)

Invitation to Communion

We who are many are one body, for we all partake of the one bread.

**We join in the feast.**

Come. Be filled with light and life.

*Please be seated.*

Call to Communion

**God Bless to Us Our Bread/  
*Bendice, Señor, Nuestro pan***

*This in an unusual prayer from Argentina which enables us who are well fed to pray for those who are hungry. The Old Testament often urges us to hunger and thirst for justice and is echoed by Jesus in the Beatitudes.*

Ben - di - ce, Se - ñor, nues - tro pan, y da pan a los que  
God bless to us our bread, and give food to all

tien - en ham - bre y ham - bre de jus - ti - cia a los que  
those who are hun - gry and hun - ger for jus - tice to

tien - en pan. Ben - di - ce, Se - ñor, nues - tro pan.  
those who are fed. God bless to us our bread.

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### Communion Hymn

### #491 Come, Let Us Eat

*In oral cultures songs are usually transmitted from one generation to another without recognition of specific authors. The Liberian song/hymn, "A va de las mioo" (Come, one and all), is in the Loma language.*

*Please stand as you are able.*

### Communion Response

May the body of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and keep you in his light and grace.  
**Amen.**

### Prayer after Communion

Holy One, we thank you for the healing that springs forth abundantly from this table.  
Renew our strength to do justice, love kindness, and journey humbly with you.  
**Amen.**

## Sending

### Blessing

The God who faithfully brings forth justice and breaks the oppressor's rod bless,  
strengthen, and uphold you, today and always. Almighty God the Father, the Son,  
and the Holy Spirit bless you now and forever.  
**Amen.**

Sending Song

**#525 You Are Holy/*Du är helig***

*Not much is known about this fast favorite, written in 1985 by Per Harling from Sweden.*

Dismissal

Go forth as light into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.

**Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

**FIRST READING: Deuteronomy 30:15-20**

[Moses said to the people:] 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.

or Sirach 15:15-20 [not printed]

**Psalm 119:1-8****SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 3:1-9**

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:] "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."

**Next Sunday's Readings:** Exodus 24:12-18; Psalm 2 or Psalm 99; 2 Peter 1:16-21; Matthew 17:1-9.

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