

Be reconciled

MATTHEW 5:24



Hope Lutheran Church

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Pastor

Jim Helgren

Organist

Alberta Block

Sixth Sunday after Epiphany

Prelude, Welcome, Announcements

Opening Hymn "Living for Jesus"

FOG # 462

P: Right from the beginning God's love has reached.

C: And from the beginning man has refused to understand.

P: But love went on reaching, offering itself.

C: Love offered deep joy...we wanted thrills.

P: Love offered freedom...we wanted license.

C: Love offered communion with God Himself...we wanted approval for our wars...

P: Even yet love went on reaching. Right through the chaos of our world.

C: Through the confusion of our minds, He is reaching...

P: Right past the shackles of my mind.

C: And the Word of the Father became Mary's little Son.

All: And His love reached all the way to where I was.

-Gloria Gaither

Hymn of Praise "We Praise Thee, O God, Our Redeemer" Vrs. 1
FOG # 334

Prayer of the Day (in unison) 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.

The Lessons	Deuteronomy 30:15-20	
	Psalm 119:1-8	LBW pg. 273
	1 Corinthians 3:1-9	
Alleluia		pg. 361
Gospel	Matthew 5:21-37	
Sermon		
Hymn of the Day “Trust and Obey”		FOG # 454
Affirmation of Faith		pg. 199
Offering/Offertory		
Prayers of the Church -----	The Lord’s Prayer	
Benediction & Dismissal		
Closing Hymn “Precious Lord, Take My Hand”		FOG # 611
In Our Prayers: Garry Carman, Bruce Gerking, & Kathy Helgren.		

We welcome you to worship with us today. If you are a guest please sign the guest book in the entry.

Tuesday 14th: Valentine’s Day, 7:30 Hope Council Meeting

Wednesday 15th: 6:00 p.m. Confirmation,

Thursday 16th: 1:30 Bible Study Alberta has Bible Study & Devotions.

Sunday 19th: 10:00 a.m. Holy Communion Worship

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FIRST READING: Deuteronomy 30:15-20 [not printed]

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. ²I fed you with milk, not solid food, for you were not ready for solid food. Even now you are still not ready, ³for 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? ⁴For when one says, “I belong to Paul,” and another, “I belong to Apollos,” are you not merely human?

⁵What then is Apollos? What is Paul? Servants through whom you came to believe, as the Lord assigned to each. ⁶I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth. ⁷So neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth. ⁸The one who plants and the one who waters have a common purpose, and each will receive wages according to the labor of each. ⁹For 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.’ ²²But 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. ²³So when you

are offering your gift at the altar, if you remember that your brother or sister has something against you, ²⁴leave your gift there before the altar and go; first be reconciled to your brother or sister, and then come and offer your gift. ²⁵Come 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. ²⁶Truly 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 say to 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 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. ³⁰And 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.

³¹“It was also said, ‘Whoever divorces his wife, let him give her a certificate of divorce.’ ³²But 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.

³³“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.’ ³⁴But I say to you, Do not swear at all, either by heaven, for it is the throne of God, ³⁵or by the earth, for it is his footstool, or by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the great King. ³⁶And do not swear by your head, for you cannot make one hair white or black. ³⁷Let your word be ‘Yes, Yes’ or ‘No, No’; anything more than this comes from the evil one.”