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Sunday, February 16, 2025  
Sixth Sunday after Epiphany

*Blessings and curses abound on the sixth Sunday after Epiphany. We would do well to listen closely to whom the “blessed are” and the “woe to” are directed and to find our place in the crowd among those who desire to touch Jesus. The risen Christ stands among us in the mystery of the holy supper with an invitation to live in him and offers power to heal us all.*

**GATHERING**

*The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.*

*Let us prepare for Worship*

**GATHERING PRELUDE:**

*Two Settings of “Jesus Shall Reign” ..... Timothy Albrecht*  
*When the Poor Ones (Sanctuary Choir) ..... Jose Antonio Olivar/Miguel Manzano*

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

✠ *All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism.*

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God, our creator, our protector, our wellspring of life.

**All: Amen.**

P: Trusting that God receives our words and the meditations of our hearts, let us confess our sin.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

P: Merciful God,

**All: you speak blessing and compassion into the world.**

**Forgive us for the ways we act with judgment, cruelty, or indifference.**

**We ignore the needs of our neighbors; we resist your call to oppose injustice;**

**we give in to scarcity and fear; we assume the worst about one another.**

**Cleanse us from our faults and release us from their grasp.**

**Show us your lovingkindness. Restore our hearts and repair your world,**

**that we may live in Christ’s ways.**

**Amen.**

P: God proclaims these words of assurance:

“Do not fear, for I have redeemed you. I have called you by name. You are mine.”

In ✠ Christ, you are forgiven. In the Spirit, you are made free. Refreshed by the waters of mercy,  
live anew as beloved children of God.

**All: Amen.**

*Follow the cross as the procession passes by.*

1 Je - sus shall reign wher - e'er the sun does its suc -  
 2 To him shall end - less prayer be made, and prais - es  
 3 Peo - ple and realms of ev - 'ry tongue dwell on his  
 4 Bless - ings a - bound wher - e'er he reigns: the pris - 'ners  
 5 Let ev - 'ry crea - ture rise and bring pe - cu - liar

ces - sive jour - neys run; his king - dom stretch from  
 throng to crown his head; his name like sweet per -  
 love with sweet - est song; and in - fant voic - es  
 leap to lose their chains, the wea - ry find e -  
 hon - ors to our king; an - gels de - scend with

shore to shore, till moons shall wax and wane no more.  
 fume shall rise with ev - 'ry morn - ing sac - ri - fice.  
 shall pro - claim their ear - ly bless - ings on his name.  
 ter - nal rest, and all who suf - fer want are blest.  
 songs a - gain, and earth re - peat the loud a - men.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674-1748, alt.  
 Music: DUKE STREET, attr. John Hatton, d. 1793

## GREETING

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All: And also with you.

## HYMN OF PRAISE

Assisting minister



Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

All



Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther,



we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.



Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,



you take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;



you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.



For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,



you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,



in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

#### PRAYER OF THE DAY

**P:** Let us pray.... Living God, in Christ you make all things new. Transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace, and in the renewal of our lives make known your glory, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**All:** Amen.

#### WORD

*God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.*

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#### FIRST READING: Jeremiah 17:5-10

*These verses compose a poem that is part of a larger collection of wisdom sayings that contrast two ways of life. Life with God brings blessing; the power and vitality of God is active in our life. Life without God brings a curse, the power of death.*

<sup>5</sup> Thus says the LORD:

Cursed are those who trust in mere mortals  
and make mere flesh their strength,  
whose hearts turn away from the LORD.

<sup>6</sup> They shall be like a shrub in the desert,  
and shall not see when relief comes.

They shall live in the parched places of the wilderness,  
in an uninhabited salt land.

<sup>7</sup> Blessed are those who trust in the LORD,  
whose trust is the LORD.

<sup>8</sup> They shall be like a tree planted by water,  
sending out its roots by the stream.

It shall not fear when heat comes,  
and its leaves shall stay green;  
in the year of drought it is not anxious,  
and it does not cease to bear fruit.

<sup>9</sup> The heart is devious above all else;  
it is perverse—  
who can understand it?

<sup>10</sup> I the LORD test the mind  
and search the heart,  
to give to all according to their ways,  
according to the fruit of their doings.

**Psalm 1** (Sing Responsively; Congregation sings the Refrain and **Bold** verses.)

Refrain:

They are like trees plant-ed by streams of wa - ter.

Verse:

<sup>1</sup> Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel | of the wicked,  
nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the seats | of the scornful!

<sup>2</sup> **Their delight is in the law | of the LORD,  
and they meditate on God's teaching | day and night. R**

<sup>3</sup> They are like trees planted by streams of water, bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that | do not wither;  
everything they | do shall prosper.

<sup>4</sup> **It is not so | with the wicked;  
they are like chaff which the wind | blows away.**

<sup>5</sup> Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when | judgment comes,  
nor the sinner in the council | of the righteous.

<sup>6</sup> **For the LORD knows the way | of the righteous,  
but the way of the wicked shall | be destroyed. R**

**SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 15:12-20**

*For Paul, the resurrection of Christ is the basis for Christian hope. Because Christ has been raised, those who are in Christ know that they too will be raised to a new life beyond death.*

<sup>12</sup> Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say there is no resurrection of the dead? <sup>13</sup> If there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ has not been raised; <sup>14</sup> and if Christ has not been raised, then our proclamation has been in vain and your faith has been in vain. <sup>15</sup> We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified of God that he raised Christ—whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised. <sup>16</sup> For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised. <sup>17</sup> If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. <sup>18</sup> Then those also who have died in Christ have perished. <sup>19</sup> If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.

<sup>20</sup> But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died.

R: Word of God, word of life.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:**

*Refrain:*

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

*Verse:*

Rejoice, and <sup>l</sup> leap for joy, \* for surely your reward is <sup>l</sup> great in heaven. Repeat refrain.

**P:** The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 6<sup>th</sup> chapter.

**All:** **Glory to you, O Lord.**

**Gospel: Luke 6:17-26**

*After choosing his twelve apostles, Jesus teaches a crowd of followers about the nature and demands of discipleship. He begins his great sermon with surprising statements about who is truly blessed in the eyes of God.*

<sup>17</sup> [Jesus] came down with [the twelve] and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea, Jerusalem, and the coast of Tyre and Sidon. <sup>18</sup> They had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases; and those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. <sup>19</sup> And all in the crowd were trying to touch him, for power came out from him and healed all of them.

<sup>20</sup> Then he looked up at his disciples and said:

“Blessed are you who are poor,  
for yours is the kingdom of God.

<sup>21</sup> “Blessed are you who are hungry now,  
for you will be filled.

“Blessed are you who weep now,  
for you will laugh.

<sup>22</sup> “Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. <sup>23</sup> Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets.

<sup>24</sup> “But woe to you who are rich,  
for you have received your consolation.

<sup>25</sup> “Woe to you who are full now,  
for you will be hungry.

“Woe to you who are laughing now,  
for you will mourn and weep.

<sup>26</sup> “Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets.”

**R:** The Gospel of the Lord.

**All:** **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

Silence is kept for reflection.

HYMN OF THE DAY: *Light Dawns on a Weary World*..... ELW 726



1 Light dawns on a wea - ry world when eyes be - gin to  
2 Love grows in a wea - ry world when hun - gry hearts find  
3 Hope blooms in a wea - ry world when crea-tures, once for -



see all peo - ple's dig - ni - ty. Light dawns on a  
bread and chil - dren's dreams are fed. Love grows in a  
lorn, find wil - der - ness re - born. Hope blooms in a



wea - ry world: the prom-ised day of jus - tice comes.  
wea - ry world: the prom-ised feast of plen - ty comes.  
wea - ry world: the prom-ised green of E - den comes.



The trees shall clap their hands; the dry lands, gush with springs;



the hills and moun-tains shall break forth with sing - ing!



We shall go out in joy, and be led forth in peace,



as all the world in won-der ech - oes sha - lom.

Text: Mary Louise Bringle, b. 1953  
Music: TEMPLE OF PEACE, William P. Rowan, b. 1951  
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**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. Amen.**

**PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

*Respond after each petition.*

**P:** God of Grace,  
**All:** Hear our prayer.

**PEACE**

*The presiding minister and the congregation greet each other in the peace of the risen Christ.*

**P:** The peace of the Lord be with you always.  
**All:** And also with you.

**MEAL**

*God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.*

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**TABLE SETTING SONG:** *Now the Silence*..... **ELW 460**  
*(Join in singing from the red ELW hymnal in the pew.)*

**OFFERTORY PRAYER:**

**A:** Let us pray . . . God of grace, your love reaches to the heavens, and your abundance to the depths of the seas. Bless what we offer to your service: our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts. Let us overflow with gratitude and generosity, now and always.  
**All:** Amen.



## GREAT THANKSGIVING DIALOGUE

P: The Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

All: **We lift them to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

## PREFACE

.....And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,



heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -



san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who



comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

## EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

### LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come, thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,  
forever and ever. Amen.**

**INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

**P:** The joy of the Lord is our strength. Come, eat this meal of gladness.

**All:** **Thanks be to God.**

**COMMUNION SONG**

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have  
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the  
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
sin of the world; grant us peace.

**COMMUNION SONG:** *Let Not the Needy Be Forgotten (Sanctuary Choir)* .....Brett Hesla/Tom Witt  
*We Come to the Hungry Feast* ..... **ELW 479**  
*(Join in singing from the red ELW hymnal in the pew.)*

**COMMUNION BLESSING**

**P:** The body and blood of Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

**All:** **Amen.**

**SENDING**

*God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.*

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

**A:** Let us pray... Nourishing God, at this table you have refreshed us with holy gifts of food and drink. Strengthen us for service, and send us out to embody your good news of liberation and healing for the sake of the world. In the name of Christ we pray,

**All:** **Amen.**

**BLESSING**

**P:** The Spirit of the triune God ✠ bless you with joy, anoint you with compassion, and send you in love.

**All:** **Amen.**

Follow the cross as the procession passes by.



1 Let streams of liv - ing jus - tice flow down up - on the earth;  
 2 For heal - ing of the na - tions, for peace that will not end,  
 3 Your ci - ty's built to mu - sic; we are the stones you seek;



give free - dom's light to cap - tives, let all the poor have worth.  
 for love that makes us lov - ers, God grant us grace to mend.  
 your har - mo - ny is lan - guage; we are the words you speak.



The hun - gry's hands are plead - ing, the work - ers claim their rights,  
 Weave our var - ied gifts to - geth - er; knit our lives as they are spun;  
 Our faith we find in ser - vice, our hope in oth - ers' dreams,



the mourn - ers long for laugh - ter, the blind - ed seek for sight.  
 on your loom of time en - roll us till our thread of life is run.  
 our love in hand of neigh - bor; our home - land bright - ly gleams.



Make lib - er - ty a bea - con, strike down the i - ron pow'r;  
 O great weav - er of our fab - ric, bind church and world in one;  
 In - scribe our hearts with jus - tice; your way—the path un - tried;



a - bol - ish an - cient ven - geance: pro - claim your peo - ple's hour.  
 dye our tex - ture with your ra - diance, light our col - ors with your sun.  
 your truth—the heart of strang - er; your life—the Cru - ci - fied.

Text: William Whitla, b. 1934  
 Music: THAXTED, Gustav Holst, 1874–1934  
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**DISMISSAL**

A: Go in peace. Live in hope.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE: *Festive Postlude on THAXTED (Let Streams of Living Justice)*..... David Lasky

**BULLETIN IN THE CHURCH TODAY**

The bulletin is given in loving memory of Robert O. Bettleyon by his daughter, Vicki, and his family.

**SERVING TODAY**

**Assisting Minister:** .....Donna Artley  
**Communion Assistants:**.....Deb Brooks and Rodney Gross  
**Livestream:** ..... Kirk Sponaugle  
**Reader:**..... Danielle Mariano  
**Crucifer:**..... Anderson Rossetti  
**Torchbearers:**..... Kiva Fox and Sydney Keeler



Dear Lord Jesus, When You walked upon this earth, You healed the sick, gave sight to the blind, caused the lame to walk, and raised the dead. Now we come to You on behalf of those who are in need today and pray that You would send them Your healing power. Hear our prayer for Your name’s sake. Amen.

**PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH TODAY**

**Bereaved:** The Family of Charles Mohn (Friend of Barb Trump)  
The Family of Jennifer Shirk (Friend of Sandy Stine)  
The Family of Kay Mahlon (grandmother of Ryan Duh)

**Prayer Concerns:** Susan Bianchi, Jack Bishop, Lucy Campbell (daughter of Jacob and Sarah Campbell), Barbie (Hocker) Colestock (friend of Kendra Ruhl), Donna Dixon, Bill Fosnacht, Izanne Haak, Glenn Hoffa, Chip Murray, Sharon Murray, Tammy Murray, Terry Longenecker, Wanda Oliver (friend of the Lechleitner’s), Julia Padgett, Dona Pastuck, Tony Primerano (friend of Steve Shuey), Chris Ruff, Greg Shirk (friend of Sandy Stine), Joyce Schroeder and Ed Zaenglein.

**DAILY PRAYERS**

Roberta Anderson, Jim Bomberger (friend of Jim and Peg Huebner), Carole Bowman, Virginia Frank, Mike Hamilton (friend of Kendra Ruhl and Steve Shuey), Drew Herdson (friend of the Dunham’s), Dennis Lubold, Nancy Miller, Darrin Mineke (cousin of the Dunham’s), Ed Schaeffer, Pete Stone, Bob Warden (friend of Mary Ann Kelly), Melissa West (friend of Susan Bianchi), Vwawa Congregation of the Konde Diocese in Tanzania and all of our Homebound members.

**Members of Armed Forces and their families:** Evan Briggs, Marshal Fox, Michael Kristian, Riley Litman, Patrick Stewart, Tory Young

*We invite you to pray for all on our prayer list. Please contact the office by email at [htluth@comcast.net](mailto:htluth@comcast.net) or leave a message on the office phone (717-533-2467) if you have any changes to the prayer list.*

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