



**WELCOME TO**



**GLORIA DEI**  
**LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
GATHERING IN CHRIST † SHARING HIS LOVE

# **6<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Epiphany**

## **February 16, 2025**

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 tos” 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.

**We welcome all who worship with us. If you are a guest, we are especially glad that you have chosen to worship with us today. Our worship is always enhanced by new faces and voices. If you are already a part of our church family, welcome home.**

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## **Prelude: Voluntary**

### **WELCOME AND WORSHIP ANNOUNCEMENTS PREPARE FOR WORSHIP**

### **P: CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

*The assembly stands. All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God,  
our creator,  
our protector,  
our wellspring of life.

**Amen.**

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

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Have mercy, O God,  
**against you, you alone,  
we have sinned.**  
**In your compassion,  
cleanse us from our sin  
and take away our guilt.  
Create in us a new heart**

**and give us a steadfast spirit.  
Do not cast us away,  
but fill us with your Holy Spirit  
and restore your joy within us.  
Amen**

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.  
**Amen.**

**GATHERING HYMN: ELW 434 "Jesus Shall Reign"**

**P: GREETING**

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

**KYRIE: ELW 155 "Kyrie Eleison" Russian  
Orthodox**

**HYMN OF PRAISE: ELW 167 "Now the Feast and  
Celebration"**

## **P: PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Let us pray....

*A brief silence is kept for our own intentions.*

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.

**Amen.**

*All respond: **Amen.***

*The assembly is seated.*

## **WORD**

### **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.*

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM: 1

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

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

<sup>3</sup> They are like trees planted by streams of water,  
bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that <sup>l</sup> do not wither;

everything they <sup>l</sup> do shall prosper.

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

<sup>5</sup> Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright  
when <sup>l</sup> judgment comes,

nor the sinner in the council <sup>l</sup> of the righteous.

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

## 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.*

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: ELW 172 "Halle, Halle, Hallelujah"**

**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.*

The holy gospel according to Luke. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

*The gospel concludes:*

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**SERMON**

*The assembly is seated.*

*Silence for reflection follows the sermon.*

**HYMN OF THE DAY: ELW 728 "Blest Are They"**

*The assembly stands to proclaim the word of God in song.*

## **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**

God of grace, **hear our prayer.**



## **PEACE**

*The presiding minister and the assembly greet each other.*

The peace of Christ be with you always.

### **And also with you.**

*The people greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace.*

*The assembly is seated.*

## **MEAL**

## **OFFERING**

*An offering is gathered for the mission of the church, including the care of those in need.*

Deuteronomy 16:17

Every man shall give as he is able, according to the blessing of the Lord, your God, which he has given you.

## **OFFERTORY: ELW 726 "Light Dawns on a Weary World"**

### **OFFERTORY PRAYER**

*After the table is set, the assisting minister leads in prayer. Please stand at the invitation to pray:*

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. **Amen.**

## **GREAT THANKSGIVING**

### **DIALOGUE**

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

### **PREFACE**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy.....we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**SANCTUS: ELW 191 "Holy, Holy, Holy"**

### **THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE, EPIPHANY**

*The presiding minister leads the Eucharistic Prayer*

*At the conclusion of the Eucharistic Prayer, all say:*

**Amen.**

**\*The Lord's Prayer (Spoken)**

*(Those who wish may hold hands as a sign of Christian unity).*

**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**

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

**LAMB OF GOD: ELW 197 "O Lamb of God"**

## **DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION**

*All Baptized Christians are welcome to commune. Those who do not wish to commune are invited to come forward to receive a blessing (fold your arms over your chest).*

*The Body is available as bread or gluten-free Host.*

*The Blood is available as wine (large chalices) or non.-alcoholic juice (small chalice). Worshipers may receive Communion via "intinction," dipping the Host into the Chalice, or by common cup, on the PULPIT side of the Altar. If you're on the Pulpit side, you may also feel free to intinct. The other chalice is for intinction ONLY.*

*When giving the bread and cup, the communion ministers say:*

*The body of Christ, given for you.*

*The blood of Christ, shed for you.*

*The appropriate response is:*

*Amen.*

*During the distribution, please pray silently or join in singing.*

**Hymn: ELW 723 "Canticle of the Turning"**  
**Special Music By: Susan & Bob Pierce**

## **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

*Please stand at the invitation to pray:*

*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. **Amen.**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **SENDING**

#### **BLESSING**

The Spirit of the triune God,  
✝ bless you with joy,  
anoint you with compassion,  
and send you in love.  
**Amen.**

#### **SENDING HYMN: "I Shall Not Be Moved"**

#### **DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Live in hope.  
**Thanks be to God.**

#### **Postlude: Voluntary**

*The end of Worship –  
The beginning of Christian Ministry.*

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## ***SERVING TODAY***

<b>Pastor:</b>		Pastor Lynn M. Fonfara
<b>Music Director:</b>		Len Cremisio
<b>Asst. Ministers:</b>	<b>9:30 a.m.</b>	
Reader:		MaryJean Kancel
Crucifer:		Leone Goding
Communion Assistant:		
Assisting Minister:		Arlene Kelly
<b>Ushers:</b>	<b>9:30 a.m.</b>	Crystal Kirkpatrick, Byron Kirkpatrick Craig Carlson, John Kelly
<b>Altar Care:</b>		Crystal & Byron Kirkpatrick, Craig Carlson
<b>Post Worship Sec.:</b>	<b>9:30 a.m</b>	Julie Eld
<b>Counters:</b>		Linda Steege, Janet Braun
<b>Greeters:</b>	<b>9:30 a.m.</b>	
<b>Fellowship:</b>		

**Communion Wine:** for February is given to the Glory of God

**Altar Flowers:** Jean Talts In loving memory of all the saints

**Musical Leadership:** Thank you to Bob Pierce and Susan Stack

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