

Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany
February 16, 2025
10:30 AM



"Christ- Students- Community Coming Together"

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WELCOME

PRELUDE

Stand

INVOCATION

P In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

WORDS OF CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P If we say we have no sin we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. Let us confess our sin to God who is faithful and just and who has promised to forgive our sin and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Kneel/ Remain Standing

P Most merciful God, **C** Have mercy on us.

C We confess to you that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not trusted you with our whole heart; we have not loved one another in deed and in truth. In your compassion forgive our sin and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ our light and our truth. Amen.

P With joy, I proclaim to you that Almighty God, rich in mercy, abundant in love, forgives you all your sin and grants you newness of life in Jesus Christ.


C Thanks be to God!

Stand


SHARING OF THE PEACE *Share a greeting of peace with those around you.*

SERVICE OF THE WORD


HYMN "Blessed Jesus At Your Word"




1 Bless - ed Je - sus, at Your Word We are gath - ered
 2 All our knowl - edge, sense, and sight Lie in deep - est
 3 Gra - cious Sav - ior, good and kind, Light of Light, from
 Δ 4 Fa - ther, Son, and Spir - it, Lord, Praise to You and



all to hear You. Let our hearts and souls be stirred
 dark - ness shroud - ed Till Your Spir - it breaks our night
 God pro - ceed - ing, O - pen now our heart and mind;
 ad - o - ra - tion! Grant that we may trust Your Word,



Now to seek and love and fear You, By Your teach - ings,
 With the beams of truth un - cloud - ed. You a - lone to
 Help us by Your Spir - it's plead - ing. Hear the cry Your
 Con - fi - dent of our sal - va - tion, While we here be -



sweet and ho - ly, Drawn from earth to love You sole - ly.
 God can win us; You must work all good with - in us.
 Church now rais - es; Hear and bless our prayers and prais - es.
 low must wan - der, Till we sing Your prais - es yon - der.

Text: Tobias Clausnitzer, 1619–84, sts. 1–3; *Geistreiches Gesang-Büchlein*, Berlin, 1707, st. 4;
 tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–78, sts. 1–3, alt.; tr. unknown, st. 4, alt.
 Tune: Johann Rudolph Ahle, 1625–73, alt.; setting: Paul G. Bunjes, 1914–98, alt.

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John 6:63–68; 8:31b–32; Heb. 4:12; 1 Cor. 2:14

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

KYRIE Refrain *(Lord, have mercy)*

Ky-ri-e e-le-i-son, Chri-ste e-le-i-son, Ky-ri-e e-le-i-son.

(Congregation sings Refrain after each verse)

Kyrie Verses *(soloist or choir or pastor):*

1. Lord Jesus, you came to gather the nations into the peace of God's Kingdom.
2. You come in word and sacrament to strengthen us in holiness.
3. You will come in glory with salvation for your people.

GLORIA Refrain *(pastor sings the first half of Refrain)* *(congregation sings Refrain after each verse as shown)*

P Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to his peo-ple on earth.

C Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to his peo-ple on earth.

Verses *(sung by soloist or choir or pastor)*

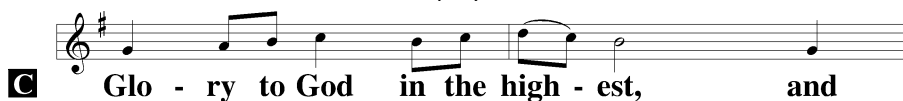
1. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.

C Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to his peo-ple on earth.

Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and



2. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.



3. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.



PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Lord God, mercifully receive the prayers of your people. Help us to see and understand the things we ought to do, and give us grace and power to do them; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **C** Amen.

Sit

Children are invited to the Fireside Lounge for the Children's Lesson.

FIRST LESSON Jeremiah 17:5-8

These verses compose a poem that is part of a larger collection of wisdom sayings contrasting 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.

R 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.

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.

Blessed are those who trust in the LORD,
whose trust is the LORD.

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.

R This is the Word of the Lord. **C** Thanks be to God.

SECOND LESSON 1 Corinthians 14:12b-20

R Since you are eager for gifts of the Spirit, try to excel in those that build up the church.


For this reason the one who speaks in a tongue should pray that they may interpret what they say. For if I pray in a tongue, my spirit prays, but my mind is unfruitful. So what shall I do? I will pray with my spirit, but I will also pray with my understanding; I will sing with my spirit, but I will also sing with my understanding. Otherwise when you are praising God in the Spirit, how can someone else, who is now put in the position of an inquirer, say “Amen” to your thanksgiving, since they do not know what you are saying? You are giving thanks well enough, but no one else is edified.

I thank God that I speak in tongues more than all of you. But in the church I would rather speak five intelligible words to instruct others than ten thousand words in a tongue.

Brothers and sisters, stop thinking like children. In regard to evil be infants, but in your thinking be adults.,

R This is the Word of the Lord. **C** **Thanks be to God.**

ALLELUIA *(Stand and sing twice; leader may also ask it to be sung in canon)*

C 

P The Holy Gospel according to Luke, Chapter 6, beginning at verse 17.

C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

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.

P 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. They had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases; and those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. And all in the crowd were trying to touch him, for power came out from him and healed all of them.

Then he looked up at his disciples and said:

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

"Blessed are you who are hungry now,
for you will be filled.

"Blessed are you who weep now,

for you will laugh.

"Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. 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.

"But woe to you who are rich,

for you have received your consolation.

"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.

"Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets."

[P] This is the Gospel of the Lord. **[C]** **Praise to you, O Christ.**

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence 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.

Sit

MESSAGE

Stand

HYMN "Jesus Sat With His Disciples"



1 Je - sus sat with His dis - ci - ples On a
2 "Bless-ed are the meek and hum - ble, All the
3 "Bless-ed are God's sons and daugh - ters, Mak - ing

moun - tain - side one day; As the crowds of peo - ple
earth to them is will'd. Those who hun - ger to be
peace where there is strife. Bless - ed are the per - se -

gath - ered, He be - gan to teach and say:
ho - ly, They are bless'd and will be filled.
cut - ed, Who for righ - teous - ness lose life;

"Bless - ed are the poor in spir - it, Heav - en's
Yes, the mer - ci - ful are bless - ed, Mer - cy
Their re - ward is great in heav - en, In the

king - dom they will share. Bless - ed are the sad and
will to them be shown. And the pure in heart are
king - dom up a - bove— So be glad to share My

mourn - ing, Joy and com - fort will be theirs.
bless - ed, They have eyes for God a - lone.
suf - f'ring And re - joice to know My love."

Text: Stephen P. Starke, b. 1955

Tune: Marty Haugen, b. 1950

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JOYOUS LIGHT

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Matt. 5:1-12; Luke 6:20-22

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

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

Other prayers are inserted here. Each petition ends with "Lord, in your mercy," to which the congregation responds, "hear our prayer." The prayers conclude:

P Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen.

Sit

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SERVICE OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

OFFERING

You may contribute online using the QR code or place a gift in the offering plate at the door along with the interest sheet.



Stand

[P] Let us pray. Merciful Father,

C we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us—ourselves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

[P] The Lord be with you.

C And al - so with you.

[P] Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them up

to the Lord.

[P] Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give God

thanks and praise.

[P] It is our duty and delight...
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

introduction: 3 notes

C

The musical score is written on ten staves in G major (one sharp) and common time. It begins with a C-clef on the first staff, followed by a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature (C). The melody is simple, using mostly half and quarter notes with some rests. The lyrics are: 'Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might, heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. 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. Ho - san - na in the high - - - est!' The score ends with a double bar line on the tenth staff.

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly
 Lord, God of pow-er and might,
 heav'n and earth are full of your
 glo-ry. 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. Ho -
 san - na in the high - - - est!

WORDS OF INSTITUTION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said; "Take, eat; this is My body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also he took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying; "Drink of it, all of you; this is My blood of the new testament, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

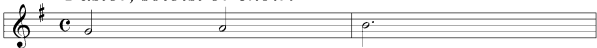
LORD’S PRAYER

Recognizing that the church, and this congregation, are comprised of people from many cultures, languages, and backgrounds, please speak this prayer in the language or version closest to your heart.

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.

LAMB OF GOD

Pastor, soloist or choir:



[P]

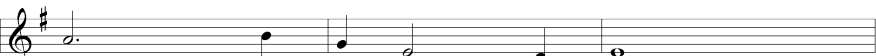
1) Lamb of God,
2) Prince of Peace,

Congregation:

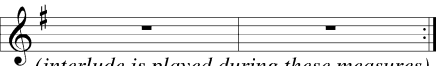


[C]

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you take a - way the sin of the



world: have mer - cy on us.
world: have mer - cy on us.



(interlude is played during these measures) (after 1st verse, go to beginning for 2nd verse)
(after 2nd verse, the song continues below)

*Pastor, soloist or choir:
for 3rd verse only:*



[P]

3) Lamb of God,

Congregation:



Sit

THE DISTRIBUTION *You are invited to approach the altar to receive communion elements along with an individual cup of wine or grape juice. Gluten-free available.*

HYMN "I Am Trusting Thee, Lord Jesus"

5 I am trusting Thee for power;
Thine can never fail.
Words which Thou Thyself shalt give me
Must prevail.

6 I am trusting Thee, Lord Jesus;
Never let me fall.
I am trusting Thee forever
And for all.

Text: Frances R. Havergal, 1836–79
Tune: Henry W. Baker, 1821–77; setting: *The Lutheran Hymnal*, 1941

STEPHANOS
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Stand

THE BLESSING

[P] The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **[C] Amen.**

P Let us pray. We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life; and we pray that in your mercy you would strengthen us, through this gift, in faith towards you and in fervent love toward one another; for that sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen.

BENEDICTION

P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

C Amen.

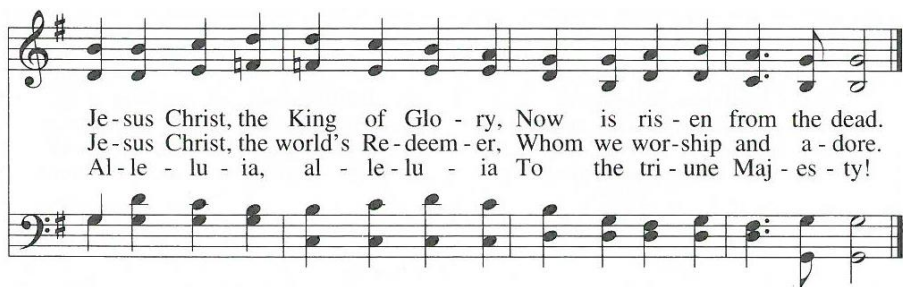
P Go in peace; serve the Lord. **C** Thanks be to God.

HYMN “Alleluia, Alleluia! Hearts to Heaven”

1 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Hearts to heav'n and voic - es raise:
2 Al - le - lu - ia, Christ is ris - en! Death at last has met de - feat:
△ 3 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Glo - ry be to God on high:

Sing to God a hymn of glad-ness, Sing to God a hymn of praise;
See the 'an-cient pow'rs of e - vil In con - fu - sion and re - treat;
Al - le - lu - ia to the Sav - ior Who has gained the vic - to - ry;

He who on the cross a vic-tim For the world's sal - va-tion bled—
Once He died, and once was bur-ied: Now He lives for - ev - er - more,
Al - le - lu - ia to the Spir-it, Fount of love and sanc-ti - ty!



Text: Christopher Wordsworth, 1807–85, sts. 1, 3; rev. Jubilate Hymns Ltd., st. 2
 Music: Ludwig van Beethoven, 1770–1827; adapt. Edward Hodges, 1796–1867

HYMN TO JOY
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1 Cor. 15:54b–57; Is. 25:7–9; Rev. 21:4; 2 Tim. 1:10

POSTLUDE

----- *The liturgy is ended; let the service begin* -----

Our Confession about Communion

1. Holy Communion is a divinely instituted act in which Jesus Christ gives His true (real) body and blood under the forms of bread and wine. We thus hold that the bread and wine are not mere symbols of Jesus' body and blood. When we receive the bread and wine, we receive in fact the body and blood of Christ for the forgiveness of sins.

2. We believe that Communion is a celebration of this forgiveness which comes to us through faith as we eat and drink. In communion we remember our Lord's passion and death, His resurrection and ascension, and the promise of His coming again. Communion is truly the Gospel made visible and is offered for those who "hunger and thirst after righteousness."

3. We believe that as we eat and drink this Supper we are strengthened in our faith in Jesus Christ and in our love for one another.

Therefore, we invite all to the Lord's Table who:

a. has been instructed in the meaning of Communion; have been baptized in the name of the Triune God; have received Jesus Christ as their own personal and living Savior and Lord, and concur in our confession;

b. is not living in open rebellion against the Word of God, and do not hold willful and persistent form of hatred, resentment or anger against any other person.

Those who have questions about communion are welcome to talk to one of the Pastors.
