

## Sixth Sunday after Epiphany

February 16, 2025

### PRELUDE

### WELCOME STATEMENT

PROCESSIONAL      *Jesus Calls Us; O'er the Tumult*      ELW 696

### GREETING

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

**Amen.**

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.**

### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

*Brief silence for self-examination*

**Merciful God, 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.**

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.**

### CHORAL ANTHEM

*Alleluia! I Will Sing*

David Waggoner

*"Come lift your voice on high; let music fill the air."*

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

**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.**



## FIRST READING

*Jeremiah 17:5-10*

A reading from Jeremiah.

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.

The heart is devious above all else;  
it is perverse—  
who can understand it?

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.

Holy wisdom, holy word.

**Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM RESPONSE

*Psalm 1*

*(Assembly reads the bold font in the Congregational Response.)*

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!

**Their delight is in the law of the LORD, and they meditate on God's teaching day and night.**

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.

**It is not so with the wicked; they are like chaff which the wind blows away.**

Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes,  
nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.

**For the LORD knows the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked shall be destroyed.**

## **SECOND READING**

*1 Corinthians 15:12-20*

A reading from First Corinthians.

Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say there is no resurrection of the dead? If there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ has not been raised; and if Christ has not been raised, then our proclamation has been in vain and your faith has been in vain. 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. For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised. If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. Then those also who have died in Christ have perished. If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.

But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died.

Holy wisdom, holy word.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

*ELW Setting 3, page 142*

*(Assembly stands for the gospel reading.)*

## **GOSPEL**

*Luke 6:17-26*

The gospel according to Luke.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

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.”

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**PROFESSION OF FAITH: THE APOSTLES' CREED**

With the whole church, let us affirm our faith through the words of 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. Amen.**

**PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

*After each prayer petition, please respond:* ...God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

... We entrust our prayers to you, O God, in the sure and certain hope that your promise is revealed among the people. **Amen.**

**SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

**OFFERING**

*We Come to the Hungry Feast*

ELW 479

**OFFERING PRAYER**

**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.**

**THE 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 ... 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.

**HOLY, HOLY, HOLY**

*ELW Setting 8, page 190*

**EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER**

We give you thanks, Father, through Jesus Christ, your beloved Son ... through whom all glory and honor are yours, almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy church, both now and forever. **Amen.**

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

*Modern Version*

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, we pray as our Savior 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.**

## INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION

### DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

*All who wish to know the love of God in Jesus Christ are invited to Holy Communion. Inform a communion assistant if you need a gluten-free host. Grape juice is located in the center ring of the tray. If you are not receiving the sacrament today, please come forward with your arms crossed over your chest for a blessing.*

## COMMUNION MUSIC

*Blest Are They*

ELW 728

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### BLESSING

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

## RECESSIONAL

*Healer*

Dakota Road

*Chorus*

Healer, healer, come and heal this world  
Healer, healer, come and heal this world  
May we all offer up our hands  
May we all, all together stand (*Chorus*)

May we all lay our weapons down  
May we all find our common ground (*Chorus*)

May we all offer up our hands  
May we all, altogether stand (*Chorus*)

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## SENDING

Siblings in Christ, our Eucharist has ended. **Now, it must be lived.**  
Go in peace. Live in hope. **Thanks be to God.**

*Verse 1*

Blessed are the humble  
In spirit  
For theirs is the kingdom  
Of heaven  
And blessed are the mourners  
They will find comfort  
And blessed are the lowly  
They shall reign (they shall reign)  
On the earth (on the earth)

*Verse 2*

And blessed are those who hunger  
Who thirst for justice  
For surely You'll fill them  
Completely  
And those who show mercy  
Will be shown mercy  
And blessed are the pure hearts  
They'll see God (they'll see God)  
They'll see God (they'll see God)

*Chorus*

Oh how You bless us Lord  
Blessing upon blessing Lord  
Making us a blessing  
A blessing for the world  
Oh how You bless us Lord  
Blessing upon blessing Lord  
Making us a blessing  
A blessing for the world

*Bridge*

And blessed are peacemakers  
Called the sons of God  
Blessed are those oppressed  
For righteousness' sake  
For theirs shall be  
Shall always be  
Yes theirs shall be  
Heaven's kingdom