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**Sixth Sunday after Epiphany**

**February 16, 2025, 9:00 am**

***Introduction to the day…***

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**GATHERING**

Blessings and curses abound on the sixth Sunday after Epiphany. We would do well to listen closely to whom the “blessed ares” 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.

**GATHERING HYMN We Come to the Hungry Feast ELW 479**

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

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.*

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.**

**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.**

**CHILDREN’S MUSIC Have No Fear, Little Flock (v.1) ELW 764**

**CHILDREN’S MESSAGE**

**SCRIPTURE READINGS**

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

A row of books in pews

Description automatically generated5 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.  
 6 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.  
 7 Blessed are those who trust in the Lord,  
  whose trust is the Lord.  
 8 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.  
 9 The heart is devious above all else;  
  it is perverse—  
  who can understand it?  
 10 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.

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM: Psalm 1**

1 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!  
2 **Their delight is in the law of the Lord,**  
 **and they meditate on God’s teaching day and night.**  
3 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.  
4 **It is not so with the wicked;**  
 **they are like chaff which the wind blows away.**  
5 Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes,  
 nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.  
6 **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**

12 Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say there is no resurrection of the dead? 13 If there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ has not been raised, 14 and if Christ has not been raised, then our proclamation is in vain and your faith is in vain. 15 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. 16 For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised. 17 If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile, and you are still in your sins. 18 Then those also who have died in Christ have perished. 19 If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.  
  20 But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died.

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION ACS pg. 33**

**GOSPEL: Luke 6:17-26**

17 [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.18 They had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases, and those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. 19 And everyone in the crowd was trying to touch him, for power came out from him and healed all of them.  
  20 Then he looked up at his disciples and said:  
 “Blessed are you who are poor,  
  for yours is the kingdom of God.  
 21 “Blessed are you who are hungry now,  
  for you will be filled.  
 “Blessed are you who weep now,  
  for you will laugh.  
  22 “Blessed are you when people hate you and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. 23 Rejoice on that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven, for that is how their ancestors treated the prophets.  
 24 “But woe to you who are rich,  
  for you have received your consolation.  
 25 “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.  
  26 “Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is how their ancestors treated the false prophets.”

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**SERMON**

**HYMN OF THE DAY Be Thou My Vision ELW 793**

**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 power of 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**

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

**Amen.**

**PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you always.  
**And also with you.**

**HOLY COMMUNION**

**OFFERING***In addition to our normal offering, a* ***Special Benevolence in February*** *(collected in a special*

*envelope) will be the* ***Orenda Center. (More information can be found on the last page of this bulletin)***

**OFFERING SONG**  **Canticle of the Turning ELW 723**

**OFFERTORY 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.**

**GREAT THANKSGIVING**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give our thanks to the Lord our God.

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

**Holy, Holy, Holy ACS pg. 36**

**THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE**

O God most mighty,

O God most merciful,

O God our rock and our salvation,

hear us as we praise,

call us to your table,

grant us your life.

When the earth was a formless void,

you formed order and beauty.

When Abraham and Sarah were barren,

you sent them a child;

When the Israelites were enslaved,

you led them to freedom.

Ruth faced starvation, David fought Goliath,

and the psalmists cried out for healing,

and full of compassion, you granted the people your life.

You entered our sorrows in Jesus our brother.

He was born among the poor,

he lived under oppression,

he wept over the city.

With infinite love, he granted the people your life.

In the night in which he was betrayed,

our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;

broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:

Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup,

gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying:

This cup is the new covenant in my blood,

shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering his death, we cry out Amen. **Amen.**

Celebrating his resurrection, we shout Amen. **Amen.**

Trusting his presence in every time and place, we plead Amen. **Amen.**

O God, you are Breath: send your Spirit on this meal.

O God, you are Bread: feed us with yourself.

O God, you are Wine:

warm our hearts and make us one.

O God, you are Fire: transform us with hope.

O God most majestic, O God most motherly,

O God our strength and our song,

you show us a vision of a tree of life

with fruits for all and leaves that heal the nations.

Grant us such life,

the life of the Father to the Son,

the life of the Spirit of our risen Savior,

life in you, now and forever.

**Amen.**

**THE 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** *- Certified gluten-free crackers are in the bowl on the communion plate.*

The joy of the Lord is our strength.

Come, eat this meal of gladness.

**HOLY COMMUNION**

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

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.**

**SENDING**

**BLESSING**

The Spirit of the triune God

☩ bless you with joy,

anoint you with compassion,

and send you in love.

**Amen.**

**CLOSING HYMN Let Streams of Living Justice ELW 710**

**DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Live in hope.

**Thanks be to God.**

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| **Coming up at GSLC** | | |
| Sunday, February 16 | 9:00 am | Worship Service – Sunday School   * Sixth Sunday after Epiphany * Luke 6:17-26; Jesus speaks blessings on the poor and hungry; woes on the rich and full |
| Tuesday, February 18 | 2:00 pm | Chapel at Three Oaks |
|  | 7:00 pm | AA Meeting |
| Sunday, February 23 | 9:00 am | Worship Service   * Seventh Sunday after Epiphany * Luke 6:27-38; Love your enemies |

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| ***Upcoming Worship Assistants*** | | | | | | |
|  | **Usher** | **Lector** | **Communion** | **Offering Counters** | | **Deep Clean** |
| February 16 | John & Jennifer Rickinger | Julie Will | Dan & Pam Mundt | Robin Beeman | David Schneider | February:  Dave & Shelly Schneider  Bruce & Nancy Tibbett |
| February 23 | Bruce & Nancy Tibbett | Christine Tipping | Matt & Margo Berrier | Heidi Binder | Kami Weis |
| March 2 | Matt & Margo Berrier | Jon Hill | John Wagner  Sarah Kopitzke | Pam Mundt | Margo Berrier | March:  Chris Tipping  Julie Will  Andrea Hovick |
| March 9 | Richard & Sarah Kopitzke | Kris Tarter | Bob & Laurel Peterson | Dan Mundt | Bob Peterson |

**There will be fellowship time after worship one Sunday a month. Please sign up on the table in the narthex.**

Names on the prayer list will now default to 6 weeks. If you would like a name to remain on the list longer, please let Pastor Katie know.

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SOS had 100 clients in the month of January 2025. The need is expected to grow in the next few months. Local churches have been asked to donate specific foods to help meet this need. Good Shepherd has been asked to provide noodle mix and rice mix.  Your continued generosity greatly appreciated.

Thank you to all the Good Shepherd members for their support.

**Urgently need: rice mix and noodle mix.**

**Pastor Katie’s Office Hours**: Monday-Thursday 9am-2pm. Tuesday mornings at Uptown Coffee. Afternoons available by appointment. You are welcome to stop in any time for conversation or concerns.

**Pastor Katie will be out of the office from**

**Feb 19th – February 23rd.**

**No Mid-Week worship or Confirmation on February 19th.**

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| **Notification from Outreach Ministry**  The February Pass Around offering will go to the Orenda Center. PDC faces an unsustainable budget shortfall of $600,000 due to state and federal funding reductions. These cuts have put programs and services at risk and jeopardize their ability to provide safety and stability to many individuals in our community. |

The Reconciling in Christ team will be hosting a 6-week book study on *Unclobber: Rethinking Our Misuse of the Bible on Homosexuality* to discuss how the Bible has been used as a tool to discriminate against the LGBTQ+ community. The book study will begin after worship on Sunday, March 9th. Books will be available for pickup from church.

**Bible Study is returning for Lent!**

We’ll follow a series on Exodus beginning Wednesday, March 12 at noon. All are welcome to join!

Session 1: Exodus 1:8-2:10

Session 2: Exodus 2:11-25

Session 3: Exodus 3 & 4

Session 4: Exodus 14

Session 5: Exodus 16:2-30

Session 6: Exodus 17:1-7

A poster for a soup event

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