

**The Sixth Sunday after Epiphany**

**February 16, 2025**

**9:30am Worship & Communion**

**The Prelude**

**Welcome & Announcements**

**Opening Prayer**

**\* Confession & Forgiveness p. 94-96**

*P: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.***

*P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires are known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of Your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love You and worthily magnify Your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **C: Amen.***

*P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.*

*P: Most merciful God, **C: we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. 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 loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.***

*P: Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **C: Amen.***

**\* Gathering Hymn #661**

**“I Love To Tell The Story”**

**\* Greeting p. 138** *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 p. 138** *P: In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **C: Lord, have mercy.***

*P: For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.*

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

*P: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord. **C: Lord, have mercy.***

*P: For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord. **C: Lord, have mercy.***

*P: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord. **C: Amen.***

**\* This is the Feast p. 140**

**\* The Prayer of the Day (all 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 Lord and Savior. Amen.**

### **First Lesson: Jeremiah 17:5-10**

**5** Thus says the LORD: "Cursed is the man who trusts in man and makes flesh his strength, whose heart turns away from the LORD. **6** He is like a shrub in the desert, and shall not see any good come. He shall dwell in the parched places of the wilderness, in an uninhabited salt land.

**7** "Blessed is the man who trusts in the LORD, whose trust is the LORD. **8** He is like a tree planted by water, that sends out its roots by the stream, and does not fear when heat comes, for its leaves remain green, and is not anxious in the year of drought, for it does not cease to bear fruit."

**9** The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately sick; who can understand it?

**10** "I the LORD search the heart and test the mind, according to the fruit of his deeds."

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

### **Responsive Reading: Psalm 1**

L:1 Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the wicked, nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of scoffers;

**C:2 but his delight is in the law of the LORD, and on his law he meditates day and night.**

L:3 He is like a tree planted by streams of water that yields its fruit in its season, and its leaf does not wither. In all that he does, he prospers.

**C:4 The wicked are not so, but are like chaff that the wind drives away.**

L:5 Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous;

**ALL<sup>6</sup> for the LORD knows the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish.**

### **Second Lesson: 1 Corinthians 15:12-20**

<sup>12</sup> Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say that there is no resurrection of the dead? <sup>13</sup> But if there is no resurrection of the dead, then not even Christ has been raised. <sup>14</sup> And if Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is in vain and your faith is in vain. <sup>15</sup> We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified about 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, not even Christ has been raised. <sup>17</sup> And 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 fallen asleep in Christ have perished. <sup>19</sup> If in Christ we have hope in this life only, we are of all people most to be pitied.

<sup>20</sup> But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep.

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

\* **Gospel Acclamation** p. 142

\* **Gospel Announcement**

\* Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke the 6<sup>th</sup> chapter.

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

\* **The Gospel Lesson: Luke 6:17-26**

<sup>17</sup> And he came down with them and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea and Jerusalem and the seacoast of Tyre and Sidon, <sup>18</sup> who came 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 the crowd sought to touch him, for power came out from him and healed them all.

<sup>20</sup> And he lifted up his eyes on 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 shall be satisfied. "Blessed are you who weep now, for you shall laugh.

<sup>22</sup> "Blessed are you when people hate you and when they exclude you and revile you and spurn your name as evil, on account of the Son of Man! <sup>23</sup> Rejoice in that day, and leap for joy, for behold, your reward is great in heaven; for so their fathers 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 shall be hungry. "Woe to you who laugh now, for you shall mourn and weep.

<sup>26</sup> "Woe to you, when all people speak well of you, for so their fathers did to the false prophets.

*Pastor:* The Gospel of the Lord. **C: Praise to You, O Christ.**

**Children's Sermon**

**Hymn #685** ( vs. 1,2,3)

**"Take My Life, That I May Be"**

**The Sermon**

**"True Blessing"**

*(text: Luke 6:17-26)*

**Emily Adamow**

\* **Apostle's Creed** p. 105

**The Hymn of the Day #256**

**"Comfort, Comfort Now My People"**

**Offering**

**Emily Adamow**

**"The Sitcom"**

\* **Offering Response #186**

**Prayers**

\* **Words of Institution**

\* **The Lord's Prayer** p. 154 **C: 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.**

**Communion**

*In the Lord's Supper, we believe that Jesus is truly present in this meal to share His forgiveness and grace. All who believe Jesus Christ is our Lord & Savior are welcome at the table. Communing children should hold their hand out to receive the bread. Cross arms in front to receive a blessing. **(Standing)** Come down the center aisle You will be served the bread & wine or white grape juice. (Gluten free wafers are available.) Deposit your cup in the baskets at the end of the rail. Return to your seats using the side aisles. During Communion, please join in singing ELW hymns # 487, 488, 490, 491.*

\* **Blessing**

\* **Benediction**

\* **Sending Hymn #848**

\* **Dismissal** *P:* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God!**

**Postlude**

**“Give To Our God Immortal Praise”**

**Announcements:**

**Weekly Events:**

Mon Feb. 17 – 6:30pm – Gideon Dinner Meeting  
Tues Feb. 18 – 7:00am – Jr. High Study  
                  9:30am – Rebekah Circle  
                  10:00am – LCMC Meeting  
                  3:00pm – Lydia Circle  
Wed Feb. 19 – 6:30am – Men’s Bible Study  
                  7:00am – Jr. High Study  
                  11:00am – Pastor’s Bible Study  
                  1:00pm – Prayer Group  
                  6:00pm – Confirmation  
                  7:00pm – Choir Practice  
Thurs Feb. 20 – 6:00pm – Pastor’s Bible Study  
Sat Feb. 22 -- 7:00am – Gideon’s Prayer meeting  
**Sunday, Feb. 23 – 9:30 am Worship**  
                  **10:45 am Coffee Fellowship**  
                  **Sunday School**

**FEBRUARY FOOD CHALLENGE!**

Feb. 23 - Canned Ravioli & all kinds of snacks.

**Sunday, March 9, 2025**  
**10:45am – 12 noon**  
**“The Most Reluctant Convert”**  
A movie about the life of C.S. Lewis.  
In the Fellowship Hall  
Come for the coffee & stay for this  
compelling movie.

**Lydia & Rebekah Circles**

**Tuesday, Feb. 18**

Please meet in the Library due to  
the LCMC meeting downstairs.  
9:30am – Rebekah  
3:00pm - Lydia

**Mobile Food Pantry**

**9:30am - February 27, 2025**  
**Bureau County Fairgrounds**  
**Bring wagons**

**Super Bowl Snack Sale**

Raised \$502.15  
for Club 56

**FIRST LUTHERAN  
HOSTING LCMC DISTRICT MEETING**

Tuesday, Feb. 18

10:00am – 2:00pm

Emily Adamow will be presenting  
to the group.

Members of the Congregation are welcome  
& encouraged to attend.

Please sign up today so we can  
plan for food.