

Grace Lutheran Church

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9:00 am ~ February 13th, 2022 ~ 6th Sunday after Epiphany

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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.

*Indicates where those who are able are invited to stand.

If standing seems long at times or is difficult for you, we invite you to remain seated.

The Gathering

THE PRELUDE

CHRIS LEHNE, ORGANIST

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever. **C: Amen.**

P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires 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: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another. Gracious God, C: Have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

P: God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith. **C: Amen.**

*THE APOSTOLIC GREETING AND PRAYER OF THE DAY

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. P: Let us pray... C: 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.

The Word

THE PSALM Psalm 1

Happy are those who do not follow the advice of the wicked, or take the path that sinners tread, or sit in the seat of scoffers; ²but their delight is in the law of the Lord, and on his law they meditate day and night. ³They are like trees planted by streams of water, which yield their fruit in its season, and their leaves do not wither. In all that they do, they prosper. ⁴The wicked are not so, but are like chaff that the wind drives away. ⁵Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous; ⁶for the Lord watches over the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish.

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

THE SECOND LESSON

1 Corinthians 15:12-20

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

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

*THE ALLELUIA VERSE

Cong sings: Alleluia, alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia! (repeat)

*The Holy Gospel Luke 6:17-26

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

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, Jerusalem, and the coast of Tyre and Sidon. ¹⁸They had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases; and those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. ¹⁹And all in the crowd were trying to touch him, for power came out from him and healed all of them. ²⁰Then 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. ²³Rejoice 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. 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 what their ancestors did to the false prophets.

THE RESPONSE P: The Gospel of the Lord. *C: Praise to you, O Christ.*

THE SERMON

"Yays and Woes"

"They had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases." - Luke 6:18

SPECIAL MUSIC

"In This Very Room!"

CHRIS LEHNE

*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.

The Offering

THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

After each petition the congregation responds with, "Hear our prayer".

THE OFFERING

For your convenience, offering envelopes are located in the pew racks in front of you. Baskets are placed in the entryways for your offering to be placed. For online giving, simply scan the QR code or go to gracedawson.org. You can also download our "Vanco Faith" offering app on your smartphone for your offerings and to keep up with everything happening at Grace. Or simply text your offering amount to 800-675-7430. Thank you for your shared support of our ministry.



* THE OFFERTORY PRAYER

P: Let us pray... C: Blessed are you, O God. Sovereign of the universe. You offer us new beginnings and guide us on our journey. Lead us to your table, nourish us with this heavenly food, and prepare us to carry your love to a hungry world, in the name of Christ our light. Amen.

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

*THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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

Cong sings: Holy, holy are you. God of power and might; Heaven and earth are filled with your glory. Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is the One who comes in your name. Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest!

*WORDS OF INSTITUTION

*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.

THE COMMUNION

[All are invited to come and receive the real presence of Christ in the sacrament. Additional instructions for communion are located in the announcement section of the bulletin. The ushers will direct you from your rows toward the middle aisle for communion. Children are invited to come and receive the blessing of Christ. As we commune, we invite you to sing the following response:]

Cong sings:

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; Have mercy on us, mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you break the chains of hatred and fear; Have mercy on us, mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you are the way of justice and peace; Have mercy on us, mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you are the way of mercy and love; Have mercy on us, mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world; Grant us peace, grant us peace, grant us peace.

The Sending

*THE SACRAMENTAL BLESSING

*THE BENEDICTION

*The Sending Hymn *"Praise to The Lord, the Almighty"* -858-

*The Dismissal L: Go in peace. Serve the Lord. All: Thanks be to God!

THE POSTLUDE

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