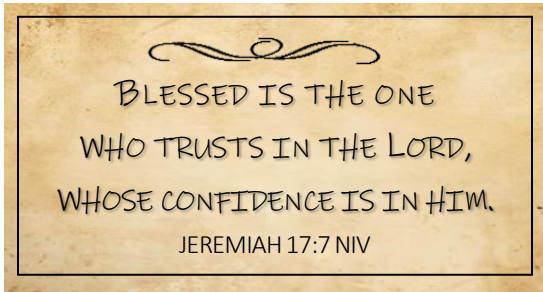


**February 16, 2025**

*6th Sunday after Epiphany / Lect. 6 C*



*Ringling of Bell*

PRELUDE *Bell Choir*

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

◆ CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,  
our creator, our protector,  
our wellspring of life.

**C: Amen.**

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

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

P: Merciful God,

**C: 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.**

P 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.

**C: Amen.**

HYMN *We Come to the Hungry Feast* No. 479

1 We come to the hungry feast, hungry for a word of peace. To hungry hearts unsatisfied the love of God is not denied. We come, we come to the hungry feast.

2 We come to the hungry feast, hungry for a world released, from hungry folk of ev'ry kind, the poor in body, poor in mind, we come, we come to the hungry feast.

3 We come to the hungry feast, hungry that the hunger cease, and knowing, though we eat our fill, the hunger will stay with us still; we come, we come to the hungry feast.

PRAYER OF THE DAY *We pray together*

L: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

L: Living God, in Christ you make all things new.

**C: 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.**

*Please be seated for the readings*

FIRST READING: JEREMIAH 17:5-10

*God tests the mind and heart*

<sup>5</sup> 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.

<sup>6</sup> 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.

<sup>7</sup> Blessed are those who trust in the LORD, whose trust is the LORD. <sup>8</sup> 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.

<sup>9</sup> The heart is devious above all else; it is perverse—who can understand it? <sup>10</sup> 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 1 We read responsively

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

*The resurrection of Christ is the basis for Christian hope.*

<sup>12</sup> Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say there is no resurrection of the dead? <sup>13</sup> If there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ has not been raised, <sup>14</sup> and if Christ has not been raised, then our proclamation is in vain and your faith is in vain. <sup>15</sup> 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. <sup>16</sup> For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised. <sup>17</sup> 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 died in Christ have perished. <sup>19</sup> If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.

<sup>20</sup> 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.**

◆ THE HOLY GOSPEL: LUKE 6:17-26

**C: GLORY TO YOU, O LORD.**

*Jesus speaks of blessings and woes*

<sup>17</sup> [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. <sup>18</sup> They had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases, and those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. <sup>19</sup> And everyone in the crowd was trying to touch him, for power came out from him and healed all of them.

<sup>20</sup> Then he looked up at 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 will be filled. Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh. <sup>22</sup> Blessed are you when people hate you and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. <sup>23</sup> 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."

<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 will be hungry. Woe to you who are laughing now, for you will mourn and weep. <sup>26</sup> Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is how their ancestors treated the false prophets."

P: THE GOSPEL OF THE LORD.

**C: PRAISE TO YOU, O CHRIST.**

*Please be seated*

CHILDREN'S WORD

MESSAGE *Pr. D.J. Chatelaine*

HYMN OF THE DAY

No. 717

*Let Justice Flow Like Streams*

**1 Let justice flow like streams of sparkling water, pure, enabling growth, refreshing life, abundant, cleansing, sure.**

**2 Let righteousness roll on as others' cares we heed, an ever flowing stream of faith translated into deed.**

**3 So may God's plumb line, straight, define our measure true, and justice, right, and peace pervade this world our whole life through.**

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

God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

## SHARING OF PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

**C: And also with you.**

## OFFERING—GLOBE OFFERING—Bell Choir

*Children are invited to bring an offering to the globe in the front of the church.*

## ◆ OFFERING PRAYER

P: God of grace, your love reaches to the heavens, and your abundance to the depths of the seas.

**C: 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 *Spoken*

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.**

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION & LORD'S PRAYER

## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

*The joy of the Lord is our strength.  
Come, eat this meal of gladness.*

*Please be seated*

## DISTRIBUTION

HYMN      *O God of Mercy*      No. 714

1 **O God of mercy, God of light, in love and mercy infinite, teach us, as ever in your sight, to live our lives in you.**

2 **You sent your Son to die for all, that our lost world might hear your call; oh, hear us lest we stray and fall! We rest our hope in you.**

3 **Teach us the lesson Jesus taught: to feel for those his blood has bought, that ev'ry deed and word and thought may work a work for you.**

4 **For all are kindred, far and wide, since Jesus Christ for all has died; grant us the will, and grace provide, to love them all in you.**

5 **In sickness, sorrow, want, or care, may we each other's burdens share; may we, where help is needed, there give help as though to you.**

6 **And may your Holy Spirit move all those who live to live in love, till you receive in heav'n above all those who live in you.**

## TABLE BLESSING

*The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.*

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P: Nourishing God, at this table you have refreshed us with holy gifts of food and drink.

**C: 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.**

## BENEDICTION

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

**C Amen.**

◆ HYMN      v. 1,2,4      No. 546

*To Be Your Presence*

1 **To be your presence is our mission here, to show compassion's face and list'ning ear, to be your heart of mercy ever near, al – le – lu – ia!**

2 **To be your presence is our mission blest, to speak for all the broken and oppressed, to be your voice of hope, your love expressed, al – le – lu – ia!**

4 **We are your heart, O Christ, your hands and voice, to serve your people is our call and choice, and in this mission we, the church, rejoice, al – le – lu – ia.**

*Ring of Bell*

DISMISSAL      Go in peace. Live in hope.  
**Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE      *Bell Choir*

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### MEN OF FIRST LUTHERAN

You are invited to join our Men's Ministry group.

This group can center around a Bible study,  
service work, social gatherings, etc. To express  
your interest in joining this group, please fill out  
the form linked here: <https://forms.gle/VuSULfaGKkraX4tX6>



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Team Grant available, please contact Bryana  
Lothert to discuss how this money could be used  
to support children and youth ministry here at  
First Lutheran. Find Contact Info Below ↓

## CALENDAR

Su 2-16	9 AM WORSHIP - 6th Sun aftr Epiph 10 AM Sun. School: <b>Birthday Bag Packing Party</b> benefiting Food Shelf. * <a href="#">See Flyer for Needed Items</a> 10 AM Coffee 2-4 PM Cannon River Conference Assembly <b>at FIRST</b>
We 2-19	5:30 – 7 PM Confirmation 6 PM Council
Th 2-20	7 PM AA
Su 2-23	9 AM WORSHIP - 7th Sun aftr Epiph 10 AM Sun. School 10 AM Coffee
Mo 2-24	5 PM <b>Pre-Event Meal at FIRST</b> <b>Tickets \$10</b> benefiting Organ Repair The EVENT is <i>Copper Street Brass Concert</i> , 7 PM @ KWHS AUDITORIUM.

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