



February 13, 2022

Sixth Sunday after Epiphany

*An asterisk * invites you to stand in body or in spirit,
and you are invited to read responses found in **bold**.
You are welcome to sing during worship if you are vaccinated!
Welcome to First Lutheran Church!*

Gathering in God's Presence

Prelude — “Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness” (see Hymn no. 843) Setting by Paul Manz
Heidi Engman, GAC Music Scholar

Welcome

***Gathering Hymn** — no. 723 “Canticle of the Turning”
Stanza 1: High Voices, Stanza 2: Low Voices, Refrain: All Stanza 3: High Voices, Stanza 4: Low Voices, Refrain: All

*Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
who creates us, redeems us,
and calls us by name. Amen.
Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and
of one another.

Most merciful God,
**we confess that we have sinned against you
and your beloved children.
We have turned our faces away from your
glory when it did not appear as we expected.
We have rejected your word
when it made us confront ourselves.
We have failed to show hospitality
to those you called us to welcome.**

**Accept our repentance for the things we have
done and the things we have left undone.
For the sake of Jesus Christ, have mercy on us.
Forgive us and lead us, that we may bathe
in the glory of your Son born among us,
and reflect your love for all creation.
Amen.**

Rejoice in this good news:
In † Christ Jesus, your sins are forgiven.
You are descendants of the Most High,
adopted into the household of Christ,
and inheritors of eternal life.
Live as freed and forgiven children of God.
Amen.

***Kyrie** — from *Setting Twelve, All Creation Sings*

Ky - ri - e e - lei - son. Lord, have mer - cy.
Chris - te e - lei - son. Christ, have mer - cy.
Ky - ri - e e - lei - son. Lord, have mer - cy.

*Canticle of Praise — hymn no. 546

“To Be Your Presence”
Led by Heidi Engman, GAC Music Scholar

*Prayer of the Day

May God be with you. **And also with you.** Let us 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 Savior and Lord.
Amen.

Temple Talk — Fundraising for FLC

Nancy Timm

Hearing & Responding to Scripture

A Reading from Hebrew Scriptures — Jeremiah 17:5-10

5Thus says the Lord:
Cursed are those who trust in mere mortals
and make mere flesh their strength,
whose hearts turn away from the Lord.
6They 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.
7Blessed are those who trust in the Lord,
whose trust is the Lord.
8They 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.

9The heart is devious above all else;
it is perverse—
who can understand it?
10I the Lord test the mind
and search the heart,
to give to all according to their ways,
according to the fruit of their doings.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 1 — *sung responsively by verse*



1Happy 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.
3They 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.
5Therefore 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.

A Reading from the Epistles — 1 Corinthians 15:12-20

12Now 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.

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***Gospel Acclamation** — from *Setting Twelve, All Creation Sings*

“Alleluia”



***Gospel** — Luke 6:17-26

The Gospel of Luke, the 6th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

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. 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 Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Hymn — no. 725

“When the Poor Ones”

Stanza 1: Cantor Stanza 2: Font/Lectern Side Stanza 3: Piano/Pulpit Side Stanza 4: All

*Affirmation of Faith — 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

The Spirit of the Lord is poured out upon us in abundance; so we are bold to pray for the church, the world, and all that God has made.

Blessed are those whose trust is in you. Strengthen the faith of those who profess your name and bring reassurance to those who doubt or fear. Through your church speak continued blessing into the world. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Those who trust in you are like trees planted by streams of water. Bless fruit trees with an abundant harvest. Protect rainforests from human destruction. Restore land that has eroded after deforestation. Resurrect woodlands after forest fires. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Send your blessings of mercy upon those who long for consolation. Tend to those struggling with poverty, unemployment, or uncertainty. Provide for all who are hungry. Console those who face persecution. Grant peace to all who suffer. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Renew this congregation in our shared mission. As we plan and dream for the future you are preparing, inspire us by the examples of Martin Luther and all the reformers. Bless new projects and new ministry partnerships. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Christ is raised from the dead, and so we cling to the hope of the resurrection. We praise you for the lives of the saints who lived and died in the hope of eternal life with you. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Since we have such great hope in your promises, O God, we lift these and all of our prayers to you in confidence and faith; through Jesus Christ our Savior, who taught us to pray:

**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.**

Offering

Music at the Offering

“JOYOUS LIGHT”

Setting by Mark Sedio

Carrie Stelter, Cello

Departing to Serve God’s World

Announcements

*Sending Hymn —

“Jesus’ Heart Was Moved with Pity”

Sung to the tune JOYOUS LIGHT

Stanza 1: Low Voices Stanza 2: High Voices Stanza 3: All

1. Jesus’ heart was moved with pity
when we saw the sick and poor.
He would not dismiss them hungry
or their outstretched hands ignore.
So he turned to his disciples,
making clear their call to care:
“You yourselves must give them something,
little though you have to share.”

God, we know you long for justice,
for all selfish greed to cease,
for the day we share our plenty
and the nations live at peace.
May we claim as ours your fam’ly;
may the weak not stand alone.
We ourselves must give them something,
for their thriving is our own.

2. Still today the people hunger,
still the children cry for bread.
Will we answer Jesus’ challenge
till the last and least are fed?
Will we show our God’s compassion,
see the crowd through Jesus’ eyes,
set aside our private int’rests
for the common enterprise?

*Blessing

God, who leads you in pathways of righteousness,
who rejoices over you,
and who calls you by name,
✠ bless your going out and your coming in,
today and forever.
Amen.

*Dismissal

Go with Christ into a weary world. Share the good news. **Thanks be to God.**

*Postlude — “Allegro Maestoso” from *Water Music*

George Frideric Handell
Heidi Engman, GAC Music Scholar

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Announcements

- We welcome Heidi Engman as our GAC Music Scholar. She is a sophomore working with Dr. Chad Winterfeldt, and she is excited to be here with us!
- On March 6th, we will be joined by the Midland University Choir from Nebraska on their choir tour! To show them great FLC hospitality, we would like to send them on their way with a box lunch from GAC, which will cost around \$600. If you are willing to contribute to this lunch, please leave a donation labeled “lunch money for choir” in the offering plate or with Karen in the office by March 6th. The cost of one meal is \$9.
- Registration forms for Chair Yoga with Liz Hawkinson are in the gathering space. Free will donations will be accepted for ISAIAH.
- Join us for the Bob Ross Painting Challenge! Sunday, February 27th from 4:00 to 5:30 p.m. Registration online. For questions please contact Calleigh.
- Please pray for our delegates who will be attending our MN Valley Conference Assembly next Sunday, February 20 at 2:00 p.m. at Christ Lutheran Church in Glencoe.

Prayers

- We lift up prayers for those on our long-term list: Tom and Deb Johnson, Tom Michels, Abigail Christenson, Betty Gustafson, Elgene Lund, Chuck Petry, Bob Cady, Joan Williams, Myrene Bunge, Glen Stryker, Erika Schuldt, Tim Sebring, Mary Pieklo, Gloria Kane, Gwen Powell, Nancy Maag, and Urusla McRostie.
- We pray for Barb Haack and the entire family of Dale Haack, who passed away February 5. The funeral will be held at a later date.
- We pray for all those families continuing to adjust to the loss of loved ones.