

February 16, 2025
6<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Epiphany
8:00 AM & 10:30 AM Contemporary Worship Services

# ST. TIMOTHY LUTHERAN CHURCH

# Welcome in the name of Christ!

We rejoice that you have joined us this morning!!

He who would preach the Gospel must go directly to preaching the resurrection of Christ. He who does not preach the resurrection is no apostle, for this is the chief part of our faith...

-Martin Luther-Exposition on 1 Peter 1:3, 1522

# Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany

What does it mean to be blessed? God and the world have two different definitions. The prophet Jeremiah shares God's Word saying, to be blessed is to trust in the Lord and to be cursed is to put our trust in idols and material goods. Jesus taught his followers that they will be blessed when they follow his ways; it will happen when they least expect it: when they are poor, hungry, weeping, hated, and excluded.

## **GATHERING MUSIC**

#### **WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

\* indicates when the congregation is to stand. Anyone wishing to remain seated may do so during any part of the liturgy.

## \*OPENING SONG

# CCLI 1001179 - Blessing, Honor, and Glory



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#### \*BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

- P We gather today in the Name of the Father, **+** and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.
- P The Lord gives us mercy, wholeness and life.
- C Let us gladly turn to the Lord for our health and salvation.
- P So then let us today ask for our sin to be forgiven and to restore us to peace.

## (Silence)

- C Lord, we need your mercy. In this hour, help us to see our sin and pain and pray for a fresh start. Help us to see the shortcomings in our lives and look to You for the answers to our problems. Give us a new vision of what life can be like. Teach us to hope, to love, to give and to have faith. Lord, we need Your mercy.
- P Our God has heard the cries and felt your pain and has had mercy on us. God has seen our need and provided for our salvation; seen our condition and provided the solution; seen our heart and given us a Savior. Through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, our sin is no longer the weight that holds us down. We are free to live in victory, free from the sin of our self-deceit and free from Satan's power. Praise God for goodness.
- C Amen.

#### \*SONG OF PRAISE

# WOV 764 - "Blest Are They"



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BLEST ARE THEY Irregular

#### \*PRAYER OF THE DAY

P O God, you know the perilous choices we are prone to make that fall short of your desire for human faithfulness and obedience. Without you, our fragile nature cannot survive. Support us with your Word of truth, that we may grow in faith in the midst of our trials. Grant this, we pray, through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

SPECIAL MUSIC "Thou Art Worthy"-Arr. Fred Bock 8:00 AM

**ANTHEM** "Hope Was Born" – Arr. Mark Shepperd 10:30 AM

#### GOD SPEAKS TO HIS PEOPLE

## FIRST READING

*Jeremiah* 17:5-8

A reading from Jeremiah

<sup>5</sup>Thus says the LORD: "Cursed is the man who trusts in man and makes flesh his strength, whose heart turns away from the LORD. <sup>6</sup>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. <sup>7</sup>Blessed is the man who trusts in the LORD, whose trust is the LORD. <sup>8</sup>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."

**Lesson Response** 

- L The Word of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

# PSALM 1- read responsively by whole verse

<sup>1</sup>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! <sup>2</sup>Their delight is in the law of the LORD,\*

and they meditate on his law day and night.

<sup>3</sup>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.

<sup>4</sup>It is not so with the wicked;\*
they are like chaff which the wind blows away.

<sup>5</sup>Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes,\* nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.

<sup>6</sup>For the LORD knows the way of the righteous,\* but the way of the wicked is doomed.

### **SECOND READING**

# A reading from 1 Corinthians

[¹Now I would remind you, brothers, of the gospel I preached to you, which you received, in which you stand, <sup>2</sup>and by which you are being saved, if you hold fast to the word I preached to you — unless you believed in vain. <sup>3</sup>For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, 4that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures, 5 and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. <sup>6</sup>Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have fallen asleep. <sup>7</sup>Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. <sup>8</sup>Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. 9For I am the least of the apostles, unworthy to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. <sup>10</sup>But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me was not in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them, though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. <sup>11</sup>Whether then it was I or they, so we preach and so you believed.] 12Now 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. 14 And if Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is in vain and your faith is in vain. 15We 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 first fruits of those who have fallen asleep.

- \*Lesson Response
- L The Word of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

- P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the sixth chapter.
- C Glory to you, O Lord.

<sup>17</sup>{Jesus} 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, 18 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. 21Blessed 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."

- P The Gospel of the Lord.
- C Praise to you, O Christ.

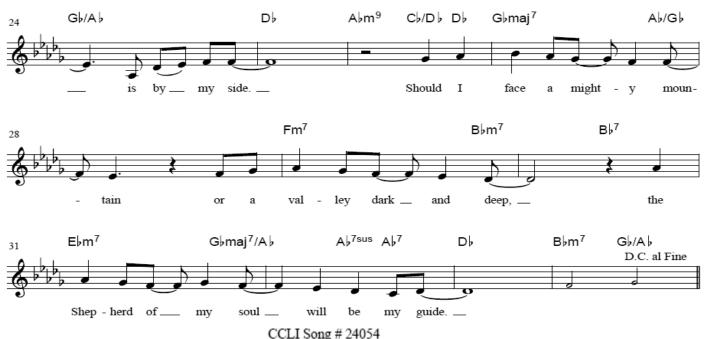
Pray and Play (during 10:30am service) Continued

#### **SERMON**

## \*SONG OF THE DAY

# CCLI 24054 - "Shepherd of My Soul" Words and Music by Martin Nystrom





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### \*APOSTLE'S CREED

C I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate,

was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven,

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again 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

### \*CALL TO PRAYER



#### \*THE PRAYERS

- A Let us pray... (The assisting minister ends each petition with "Let us walk." The congregation responds with "In the light of the Lord.")
- P Into your hands, Father, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.
- C Amen.

#### \*PEACE

- P The peace of our Lord Jesus be with you always.
- C And also with you.

(Worshippers, please respect the social-distancing preferences of those who remain seated during the sharing of the peace.)

#### **OFFERING**

**OFFERTORY** "Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing"- Arr. Teresa Wilhelmi 8:00 AM

"This We Pray" – Arr. Jay Althouse Solo: Will Harmon 10:30~AM

#### \*OFFERTORY PRAYER

- A Let us pray. Merciful Father,
- C As grains of wheat scattered upon the hills were gathered together to become one bread, so let your church be gathered together from the ends of the earth into your kingdom, for yours is the glory through your Son Jesus Christ, now and forever. Amen.

#### \*GOD COMES TO HIS PEOPLE IN HOLY COMMUNION

- P Let us offer these gifts to the Lord.
- C As signs of His love for us.
- P Let us give thanks to the Lord at all times and in all places.
- C For through these gifts He comes to feed us.
- P Let us bless God's Holy name, blessed be the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
- C And rejoice in his presence.
- P Let us come to the table with joy for God loves us.
- C For we come as God's invited guests.

#### \*EUCHARISTIC PRAYER AND WORDS OF INSTITUTION

- P Blessed are you, Lord of heaven and earth.
  - In mercy for our fallen world you gave your only Son, that all those who believe in him should not perish, but have eternal life.
  - We give thanks to you for the salvation you have prepared for us through Jesus Christ.
  - Send now your Holy Spirit into our hearts and upon these gifts of bread and wine, that we may receive our Lord with a living faith as he comes to us in his holy supper.
- C Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.
- P 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.

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.

#### \*THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

#### \* INVITATION TO COMMUNION

- P Come taste and see that the Lord is good.
- C Thanks be to God.

#### **COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION**

As Lutheran Christians, we believe Christ is truly present within our gathering, and the taking of bread and wine is for forgiveness, life and salvation. On behalf of Christ, we invite all who are baptized and believe in Jesus Christ to join us in His Holy Supper. Children or any visitor who have not made their first communion may come forward to the Altar for a blessing. If you are allergic to bread or wine, you may fully participate by taking either one or the other. White grape juice is offered in prefilled cups. Gluten free wafer upon request.

Anyone not able to come forward to partake please notify an usher and Pastor will come to commune you.

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#### **DISTRIBUTION HYMN**

giv - ing us Your Son,

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and leav - ing Your Spir - it till the work on earth is done.

### \*GOD SENDS HIS PEOPLE INTO THE WORLD

P The Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in His grace.

## C Amen

A Let us pray. O God for whom we wait, in this meal you give us a foretaste of that day when the hungry will be fed with good things. Send us forth to make known your deeds and to proclaim the greatness of your name; Jesus Christ our Lord.

### C Amen

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face to shine upon you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

#### C Amen



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#### \*DISMISSAL

- A Go in peace. Share the good news.
- C Thanks be to God.

### **POSTLUDE**

Worship Servers	February 16, 2025		February 23, 2025	
	8:00 AM	10:30 AM	8:00 AM	10:30 AM
Assisting Minister	Linda Townsend	Laura Hoover	Will Harmon	Russ Urffer
Lector	Pai Swanger	Lisa Wyant	Kevin Kincaid	Eric Brown
Ushers	Gary Larson Mel Strait	Deb Stein Roger Williams	Rich Lepley Nancy Frankenfield	Ken Black Jerry Bruns
Greeters	Bobbi Larson	Ann Krammes	Carole Harmon	Irvin Family
Acolytes		James Hoover		
Altar Guild *Bread Maker		Mindy Fesler Arlene Young *Dona Colberg		Carolyn Irvin Dona Colberg Dawn Urffer *Dona Colberg
Building Security	Charlie Boyle Tom Kachel	Charlie Boyle Tom Kachel	Charlie Boyle Tom Kachel	Charlie Boyle Tom Kachel

Lessons for	First Lesson	Genesis 45:3-15
February 23, 2025	Psalm	Psalm 103:1-13
7th Sunday after Epiphany	Second Lesson	1 Corinthians 15:21-26, 30-42
	Gospel Lesson	Luke 6:27-38



Live-streaming continues at both the 8:00 am and 10:30 am worship services. If you would prefer not to be filmed when you come forward for communion, remain in the pew and communion will be delivered to you.



**If you have any questions,** please ask an Usher, the Pastor, or any of the church members for assistance. We will be glad to answer as best we can! May God bless and inspire you today! *A Gentle Reminder: Please place all cell phones on vibrate mode during the service* 

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