

PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH
Sixth Sunday after Epiphany

February 16, 2025

9:00 a.m.

WE PREPARE FOR WORSHIP

Announcements, Silent Meditation, Personal Confession, Prelude

WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

“Melville Service”

OPENING PRAYER

P. Let us pray

Father in Heaven, we thank You for gathering us together today. Fill our hearts with Your Spirit, so that we may come to You with one mind and one purpose: to hear Your word. Open us to Your correction, encourage us with Your love, and strengthen us for Your service, whatever Your will might be. Bless our time together, Amen.

***OPENING HYMN**

“He is Exalted”

(Attached)

***WE CONFESS OUR SIN**

P. Let us pray

Lord, we confess our sin. You have promised to provide for all of our needs, and yet we mistrust your promise. We know the futility of our own ambitions and our inability to do that which we desire. Today we recognize the sin within us, and ask that You forgive us. Lord, in Your mercy, give us daily bread, not only for our bodies – but as food for our spirits. Forgive our sin and cleanse us so that we are pleasing in Your sight and minister in Your service.

We Hear the Good News:

Our God is a great God. He provides for all our needs. He gives us daily bread and meets every spiritual need. Our sin no longer controls us. Our response to His love is the focus for our lives. The death of His Son, Jesus Christ, has paid the cost of our sin and has set us free to live in victory. We are forgiven. We are sons and daughters of the King. We are ministers to each other. Praise God for his daily provision of our every need. Amen!

CHOIR

“A Psalm of Praise”

Words by J. Paul Williams
Music by Joseph M. Martin

FIRST LESSON

Jeremiah 17:5-8

⁵This is what the Lord says: “Cursed is the one who trusts in man, who draws strength from mere flesh and whose heart turns away from the Lord. ⁶That person will be like a bush in the wastelands; they will not see prosperity when it comes. They will dwell in the parched places of the desert, in a salt land where no one lives. ⁷“But blessed is the one who trusts in the Lord, whose confidence is in him. ⁸They will be like a tree planted by the water that sends out its roots by the stream. It does not fear when heat comes; its leaves are always green. It has no worries in a year of drought and never fails to bear fruit.”

The Word of the Lord.....**Thanks Be To God**

PSALM 1

¹ Blessed is the one who does not walk in step with the wicked or stand in the way that sinners take or sit in the company of mockers,

² **but whose delight is in the law of the Lord, and who meditates on his law day and night.**

³ That person is like a tree planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in season and whose leaf does not wither—whatever they do prospers.

⁴ **Not so the wicked! They are like chaff that the wind blows away.**

⁵ Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the assembly of the righteous.

⁶ **For the Lord watches over the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked leads to destruction.**

SECOND LESSON

1 Corinthians 15:1-11

Now, brothers and sisters, I want to remind you of the gospel I preached to you, which you received and on which you have taken your stand. ² By this gospel you are saved, if you hold firmly to the word I preached to you. Otherwise, you have believed in vain. ³ For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, ⁴ that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures, ⁵ and that he appeared to Cephas, and then to the Twelve. ⁶ After that, he appeared to more than five hundred of the brothers and sisters at the same time, most of whom are still living, though some have fallen asleep. ⁷ Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles, ⁸ and last of all he appeared to me also, as to one abnormally born. ⁹ For I am the least of the apostles and do not even deserve to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. ¹⁰ But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace to me was not without effect. No, I worked harder than all of them—yet not I, but the grace of God that was with me. ¹¹ Whether, then, it is I or they, this is what we preach, and this is what you believed. The Word of the Lord.....**Thanks Be To God**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? Al - le -



lu - ia. You have the words of e - ter - nal life.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, chapter 6

Glory to you, O Lord

GOSPEL

Luke 6:17-26

¹⁷ He went down with them and stood on a level place. A large crowd of his disciples was there and a great number of people from all over Judea, from Jerusalem, and from the coastal region around Tyre and Sidon, ¹⁸ who had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases. Those troubled by impure spirits were cured, ¹⁹ and the people all tried to touch him, because power was coming from him and healing them all. ²⁰ Looking at his disciples, he said: “Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God. ²¹ Blessed are you who hunger now, for you will be satisfied. Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh. ²² Blessed are you when people hate you, when they exclude you and insult you and reject your name as evil, because of the Son of Man. ²³ “Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, because great is your reward in heaven. For that is how their ancestors treated the prophets. ²⁴ “But woe to you who are rich, for you have already received your comfort. ²⁵ Woe to you who are well fed now, for you will go hungry. Woe to you who laugh now, for you will mourn and weep. ²⁶ Woe to you when everyone speaks well of you, for that is how their ancestors treated the false prophets.

The Gospel of our Lord

Praise to you O Christ

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

Pr. Andrew Young

SERMON

“Jesus-like Part 1”

SERMON HYMN

“Here I Am, Lord”

ELW #574 Attached

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

I believe in God, who created all things and continues to create new life within us.

I believe in Jesus – Son of God – Son of Man – The Savior of the World. By His life, His death, and His resurrection I can know the true depth of human possibility and experience the true joy of a meaningful life.

I believe that the Holy Spirit is present – now and always – calling us to faith, giving us His gifts and empowering us for service.

I believe that the community of believers called the Church can experience the fullness of life through the Word, the Sacraments and all that we do. Amen.

***THE PRAYERS....let us pray**

P. Lord in your mercy

C. Hear Our Prayer

***PEACE**

OFFERING

***COMMUNION LITURGY** (we prepare our hearts and minds for Holy Communion)

***THE INVITATION**

P. Welcome to the celebration! God who supplies our every need has given us this meal to share.

C. Lord, we thank You for the bread of eternal life.

P. We come to the table, acknowledging our shortcomings and our need to experience His presence in bread and wine.

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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 DISTRIBUTION**

All who believe in the words, "Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins" are welcome to come to the Lord's table. (Grape juice is on outside rim of serving tray. All bread is gluten free.

***THE POST-COMMUNION BLESSING**

O God, we give you thanks that you have set before us this feast, the body and blood of your Son. By your Spirit strengthen us to serve all in need and to give ourselves away as bread for the hungry, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

***THE BENEDICTION**

***CLOSING HYMN**

"There is a Redeemer"

(Attached)

Go in peace and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

WE GO AND WORK IN THE LORD'S KINGDOM

Ministers: All who believe

Pastor: Andrew Young

Piano:	Joe Sutton
Flowers:	Lori Lanzendorf
Acolyte:	
Greeter:	Rick Moler
Reader:	Val Ross
Refreshments:	Upper Room Fellowship Potluck
Council:	Val Ross/Derrick Monson/Mike Hansen/Carl Grassel
Altar Guild:	Kristy Rieger/Donna Mellinger/Jenn Kolling

Prayers for Healing and Hope

Kelly Apple, a friend of Michelle Clark has been diagnosed with metastatic pancreatic cancer.

Suzan Sullivan's health has deteriorated quickly; has been put on hospice care. Prayers for Suzan and her children, Brianna and Conor.

Jim Caldwell is experiencing more complications from his knee surgery.

Jodi Robbins continues uterine cancer treatment with the addition of radiation therapy.

Paul Clifford will be having hip replacement surgery this Tuesday. Prayers for his medical team, Gayle and family.

Janet Keppel, Darlene Idland's bestie with cancer, is struggling with allergic reactions to chemo and the tumor is growing.

Diane Oddy health issues.

Jackie Currey's niece, Heidi Harbaugh, ill with Sarcoidosis.....a rare, very dangerous inflammatory disease.

Prayers for Dustin Hampton's father, as he deals with serious health concerns.

Jeff West recovering from an acute pancreatic attack. He was transferred from Bozeman Health to Seattle for treatment.

Jenn Darr.....Prayers for a full recovery and supportive treatment options going forward.

Mike Mattson's nephew, Dr. Keith Stampher; advanced bladder cancer.

Holly, friend of Rick Moler, undergoing breast cancer treatment.

Erin Waynes mother, Judy Ficke, cancer treatment. Prayers for her medical team and her recovery.

Dwain and Olive Lavinder, dealing with cancer.

Prayers for Dee Feddes's friend Megan from Billings.....diagnosed with ALS.

Mike Mattson's sister, Donna, Stage 4 breast cancer.

Mary Gaub, Joni Sando's mother.....continues cancer treatment.

Carl Watts, friend of the Young family....wife Jane in a care facility because of advanced Parkinson's.

Yoki Johnson, friend of Larry & Char Somers, metastatic breast cancer.

Prayers for Blessings and Encouragement

Christ's Gift Academy in Mbita, Kenya