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ELCA

# Sixth Sunday after Epiphany



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February 16, 2025

9:00 a.m.



**PRELUDE** "Processional in C"

-setting, Hopson

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## **WELCOME TO WORSHIP**

*Please rise as you are able*

**GATHERING HYMN** "Jesus Shall Reign" ELW 434 v1-4

## **GREETINGS**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

## **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✚ one God, our creator, our protector, our wellspring of life. **Amen.**

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

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Merciful God,  
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.**

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. **Amen.**

### **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

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.**

*Please be seated*

**FIRST LESSON** Jeremiah 17:5-10

OT pg. 557

**A reading from Jeremiah.** <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.

## SECOND READING 1 Corinthians 15:12-20

NT pg. 135

**A reading from 1 Corinthians.** <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 has been in vain and your faith has been 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.

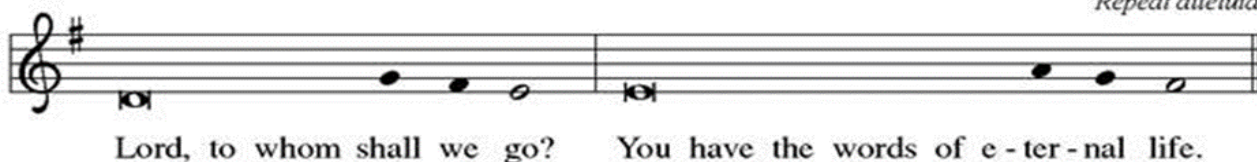
The word of Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

*Please rise as you are able*

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



*Repeat alleluia*



The holy gospel according to Luke. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

<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 all in the crowd were 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 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.<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 what their ancestors did to the false prophets.”

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Please be seated*

**CHANCEL CHAT  
SERMON**

Pastor Rachel Reeder

*Please rise as you are able*

## HYMN OF THE DAY “Blessed Be Your Name” insert hymn

<p><b>Verse 1</b> Blessed be Your name In the land that is plentiful Where Your streams of abundance flow Blessed be Your name Blessed be Your name When I’m found in the desert place Though I walk through the wilderness Blessed be Your name <b>(Chorus)</b></p>	<p><b>Chorus</b> Ev’ry blessing You pour out I’ll turn back to praise When the darkness closes in Lord Still I will say Blessed be the name of the Lord Blessed be Your name Blessed be the name of the Lord Blessed be Your glorious name</p>
<p><b>Verse 2</b> Blessed be Your name When the sun’s shining down on me When the world’s all as it should be Blessed be Your name Blessed be Your name On the road marked with suffering Though there’s pain in the offering Blessed be Your name <b>(Chorus and Bridge)</b></p>	<p><b>Bridge</b> You give and take away You give and take away My heart will choose to say Lord blessed be Your name <b>(Sing 2x)</b> <b>(Chorus)</b></p>

Beth Redman, Matt Redman

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## **APOSTLES CREED**

With the whole church, let us confess our faith:

**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.**

*Please be seated*

## **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

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

We entrust our prayers to you, O God, in the sure and certain hope that your promise is revealed among the people. **Amen.**

## **PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

## **OFFERTORY**

- setting, J. Behnke

"Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ"

## **OFFERING PRAYER**

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

The Lord be with you. **And also with you**  
Lift up your heart. **We lift them up to the Lord.**  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

## PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. By the leading of a star he was shown forth to all nations; in the waters of the Jordan you proclaimed him your beloved Son; and in the miracle of water turned to wine he revealed your glory. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

## HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of  
pow-er and might, heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -  
san - na in the high-est. Blessed is he who comes in the  
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

## THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Holy One, the beginning and the end, the giver of life: Blessed are you for the birth of creation. Blessed are you in the darkness and in the light. Blessed are you for your promise to your people. Blessed are you in the prophets' hopes and dreams. Blessed are you for Mary's openness to your will. Blessed are you for your Son Jesus, the Word made flesh.

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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.

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

With this bread and cup we remember your Word dwelling among us, full of grace and truth. We remember our new birth in his death and resurrection. We look with hope for his coming. **Come, Lord Jesus.**

Holy God, we long for your Spirit. Come among us. Bless this meal. May your Word take flesh in us. Awaken your people. Fill us with your light. Bring the gift of peace on earth. **Come, Holy Spirit.**

All praise and glory are yours, Holy One of Israel, Lord of God incarnate, Power of the Most High, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

## **LORD'S PRAYER**

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us. **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**

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

## **COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION**

*Come, taste and see, that the Lord is good (Psalm 34:8). All are welcome. Please follow the directions of the ushers to come forward. You will be given the bread and your choice of either red wine or white grape juice. You may dispose of your cup in the wastebasket at the side aisle.*

**COMMUNION HYMN** “Canticle of the Turning” ELW 723

## **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

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

## BLESSING

The Spirit of the triune God ✝ bless you with joy, anoint you with compassion, and send you in love. **Amen.**

*Please rise as you are able*

**SENDING HYMN** “Now Thank We All Our God” ELW 840

## DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Live in hope.

**Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE** "Recessional on 'ST. ANNE'" - G. Young

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*The altar flowers are given today  
by Bob and Ginger Close  
in honor of  
Matt and Cindy's birthdays*



# Stewardship

## Feb 16

Usher (1)	Allan Griesemer
Usher (2)	Theron Pace
Reader / Comm. Asst. (1)	Bob Close
Comm. Asst. (2)	
Sound/IT	Tom Olsen
Sound/IT Assistant	Jack Caballero
Altar Guild	Mitch Heitritter
Security	Jerry Bean

## Feb 23

Allan Griesemer
Theron Pace
DeeAnn Grip
Tom Olsen
Jack Caballero
Mitch Heitritter & Diane Brown
Abraham Dree

## This Week at First

Sunday	02/16	9:00 AM	Sunday Worship – Sanctuary
		10:30 AM	Adult Forum
		1:00 PM	BATAK Church – Sanctuary/PH
Wednesday	02/19	10:00 AM	COMIC Quilters – Fireside
		11:00PM	Zoom Bible Study
Thursday	02/20	7:00 PM	Choir Rehearsal
Saturday	02/22	10:00 AM	SDA Worship – Sanctuary/PH
		6:00 PM	Caring and Sharing AA – PH

## Upcoming Dates

February 22	- Council Mini Retreat @ 9 AM Conference Room
February 24	Monthly Council Meeting @ 6:00 PM Conference Room
March 1	WELCA Spring Meeting @ King of Glory Lutheran Church

March 5                    Ash Wednesday Service @ 7:00 PM in Sanctuary  
March 9                    Daylight Savings Time begins!  
March 13                   Lenten Soup Supper/Service Series @ 6:00PM  
***Note: these suppers/services will take place on  
Thursdays this year.***

## Life in Christ

- **Adult Forum** - Sunday after service @ 10:30 am
- **Online Worship** - every Sunday through our website at [www.firstlutheranredlands.org](http://www.firstlutheranredlands.org).
- **Flower Chart for 2025** is in the Narthex. Please reserve your bouquet by following the new process: Choose a date on the 2025 flower chart. Write your name AND phone on the date desired. Fill out a reservation form (located on the counter in the narthex and place the completed form in the offering plate or mail to the church office. Flowers will be ordered for you. Please pay the church \$55 for the arrangement during the month of your reservation. Please note with your payment “altar flowers for (date).” Forms are available in the Narthex. Questions: Contact Mitch (909-798-3320)
- **Zoom Bible Study** –Thursday Mornings weekly at 11:00 am. Join us via zoom for a discussion on the upcoming Gospel lesson. **NEW** Zoom Meeting ID: 898 6088 6981 **NEW** Passcode: 739765
- **COMIC Quilters** - Wednesday mornings at 10:00 am in Fireside Room.
- **Would you like to receive our weekly newsletter through email?** Fill out a yellow pew slip indicating you want to receive the newsletter and provide your email address along with your name and phone number. You can give the slip to an usher.
- **We have a new website!** Same address but a fabulously wonderful

layout! Check it out at <https://www.firstlutheranredlands.org/>

*\*For new bulletin and/or e-news announcement(s), please send requests to the office by **Tuesday** prior to your desired publishing date(s).*

## Ministry Opportunities

- **URGENT:** On Friday, Global Refuge received a stop-work order from the government calling for us to immediately stop serving the nearly 6,000 newly arrived refugees in our care. These children and families fled war, violence, or persecution and came to the United States through the official U.S. Refugee Admissions Program. They arrived with little more than the clothes on their backs and rely on the initial assistance Global Refuge provides for urgent needs like housing, food, healthcare, finding work, and enrolling their children in school. Stand with refugees. Your gifts are the only way we can assure that refugees in our care can access the essential resources promised to them. Provide critical support to newly arrived children and families today at [globalrefuge.org/withrefugees](http://globalrefuge.org/withrefugees).
- **Youth Hope Meal Delivery** First Lutheran is happy to support Youth Hope Ministries. We also, in cooperation with Plymouth Village, pick up meals they have prepared, and deliver them to the Youth Hope facility (on Redlands Blvd). This simple service happens about once a month. If you are interested in participating, please contact Karen Frederickson, Sue Lehner or call Lauren in the church office. ***The next delivery date is February 27th.***
- The **Pacifica WELCA Spring Gathering** will be held on March 1<sup>st</sup> at King of Glory Lutheran Church. The Bible Study Leader for the day will be Pastor Juli Patten who is the Vice President of the Pacifica Women of the ELCA Chaplaincy Minister, Oahu, HI. Registration with the \$30.00 fee is due February 23<sup>rd</sup>.

- **Chancel Choir Rehearsal** -- The Chancel Choir rehearses at 7 p.m. every Thursday, in the sanctuary. We would love to have any member who likes to sing! Please join us at practice! *During the Lenten season, March 13 to April 10, choir rehearsal will take place on Thursdays at 7:30 pm.*

## Prayer List

*Remember in prayer...*

*"Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs"*

### Thanks:

**Tom Olsen** wishes to thank everyone for his travel mercy prayers.

### Healing and strength:

**Mark Wolkenhauer and family** on the passing of Mark's father.

**Pete**, daughter Kathy's husband, recovering from heart attack and other medical issues, **the family of Bruce Rowland** for healing from a bone marrow transplant, **Scott**, (husband to niece) prayers

**Nancy Priesz** (Sister in Law to Larry Anderson) prayers for strength; for healing, **Jenna** (Our nephew's daughter) is in rehab recovering from alcohol addiction, requested by Jim and Janet Fink;

**Scotty** for fighting brain tumor **and his wife Regena** for strength and courage, requested from Jeanne Fortier;

**Granddaughter Katie**, and **Joanne**, a friend who is recovering after a fall and surgery, and **Nancy Sturlaugson** who recently fell and is



in the hospital, and **Joanna** (granddaughter of a friend) and her sister **Kathy**, requested by Karen Fredricksen;

**Bill, Nancy, Tammy, Cole, Kathryn, Nikki, Nancy Sturlaugson, Nancy Newsome**, requested by Marilyn and Theron Pace;

**Family of Gloria Cipres Gonzalez** upon her death; **Gilbert Logg** who passed away, **Rhonda**, who passed away. requested by Jesse and BB Quinones;

**Jack Hough, Bob Holmes and Fred Jarf**, requested by Dave and Julie Garcia;

**Craig Baker and Debbie Belmudez, Bonnie Klein, Fred David Cassells, Rosie**, the **Gibson Family** in the loss of **Great Aunt Linda**, all the abandoned animals requested by Maria and Craig Baker and Logan;

**Jessica Callender**, Leukemia diagnosis, and **Joey Shea, Lael Shea** on her passing, requested by Lucas Shea;

**Sharon Nelson**, recovering from a broken hip, requested by DeeAnn M. Grip;

**Roger Swenson**, Mark Wolkenhauer and family requested by Mike and Linda Murphy;

**Roger and Carolyn** who lost her aunt, requested by Kathy Swenson;

**Margaret Stallings**, requested by Kim Hudson;

Son, **George Becker** for healing and has emphysema and COPD, requested by Janet Secrist;

For the family of **baby Ellamae Spilman**, at her passing;

**Federal employees**, requested by Melanie Hendrickson;

Prayers for **Joe Koenig** who was in a car accident, requested by Lucas Shea,

Tristan Kundig's friend, **Harrison Land** for recent cancer diagnosis.

**Continuing prayers for:** Jeanne Koenig, Bill, Nancy, and Tammy family of Paces; Mac & Donna Barnes; Walter, brother of Ginger Close

**Our homebound:** Betty Frannea; Carlton Peterson; Kay and John McMunn;

\*\* Presiding Bishop of the ELCA, Elizabeth Eaton and  
Bishop of the Pacifica Synod, Dave Nagler.

\*\* The people of Israel and Palestine.

\*\* Peace.

*"Into your hand we commend all for whom we pray,  
trusting in your mercy, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen."*

*The prayer list is updated each week using the "Welcome to Worship" slips. If you have a prayer request, an update, or a removal of a prayer request, please include it on those slips or contact the church office.*

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