

Sixth Sunday after Epiphany



St. Luke Lutheran Church • Pastor Eric Hanson 9:30AM • February 13, 2022

Welcome and Announcements

Greeting *(please stand as you are able)*

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, & the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: **And also with you.**

Confession and Forgiveness:

P: We confess our sins together, in the name of the Father, and of the Son +, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **God of all Mercy, come to our aid. When we hide brokenness and only show you wholeness, forgive us. When we cover shame and guilt with pride and pretense, forgive us. When we point out the speck in our neighbor's eye but ignore the log in our own eye, forgive us. When we choose old, harmful ways of living over new, life-giving ways, forgive us. Transform us by the power of your Spirit, Lord God, & make us New.**

P: Children of God, God loved us even when we were dead in sin, & makes us new through Jesus Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Live as people set free. **Amen.**

Gathering Hymn: *"God, We Gather As Your People"* Pianist, *Debbi St. John*

Vs 1: **God, we gather as your people to raise our song above, and we dare to claim the promise of your love. Though the day may not yet be here, we trust it soon will be, when your children will be free.**

Refrain: **Oh, may our hearts and minds be opened, fling the church doors open wide. May there be room enough for ev'ryone inside. For in God there is a welcome, in God we all belong. May that welcome be our song.**

Vs 2: **Oh, we sing for all the children, that one day they be free; and we sing for generations yet to be, that they never have a reason to doubt that they are blest. May they, in your love, find rest. [Refrain]**

Vs 3: **Oh, we pray for all the young lives cut short by fear & shame, so afraid of who they are & whom they love. May the message now be banished that your love is for the few; may their faith in you renew. [Refrain]**

Vs 4: **God, we're working for the future when children far & wide can live their lives with dignity and pride. As they grow in strength & stature, may they join us hand in hand, as against all hate we stand. [Refrain]**

Prayer of the Day: P: Let us pray together,

C: **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.**

First Reading - 1 Corinthians 15:12-20 ¹²But if it is preached that Christ has been raised from the dead, how can some of you say that there is no resurrection of the dead? ¹³If there is no resurrection of the dead, then not even Christ has been raised. ¹⁴And if Christ has not been raised, our preaching is useless and so is your faith. ¹⁵More than that, we are then found to be false witnesses about God, for we have testified about God that he raised Christ from the dead. But he did not raise him if in fact the dead are not raised. ¹⁶For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised either. ¹⁷And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile; you are still in your sins. ¹⁸Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ are lost. ¹⁹If only for this life we have hope in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied. ²⁰But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep.

Gospel Acclamation: *"Hallelujah"* *(Stand as you are able)*

Refrain: **Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah 2X**

Gospel Reading - Luke 6:17-26 ¹⁷He 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, ¹⁸who had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases. Those troubled by impure spirits were cured, ¹⁹and the people all tried to touch him, because power was coming from him and healing them all. ²⁰Looking 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.

P: This is the Word of our Lord, **C: Thanks be to God.**

Children's Message: *Pastor Eric Hanson*

PreK-1st Graders Sing

Sermon: *Pastor Eric Hanson*

Hymn of the Day: "*Heaven Opened To Isaiah*" ACS #1090

**Vs 1: Heaven opened to Isaiah, showing him God's glorious throne:
Lord of might, high and exalted, temple flowing with his robe.
Seraphim flew all around him, humbled at the holy sight.
As they circled they were singing, calling out with all their might.**

**Refrain: "Holy, holy, you are holy," ev'ry angel voice proclaims;
"All the earth reflects your glory; ev'ry tongue sings out your praise!"**

**Vs 2: Seraphim continue singing; cherubim still lift their praise.
Earth and all its creatures worship; moon and stars are still amazed.
Now above creation's chorus comes another fervent cry:
all of earth's redeemed are singing, "Glory to the Lord on high!" [Refrain]**

**Vs. 3: One day heaven will be opened and before the Savior's throne,
saints from ev'ry time and nation will begin their endless song:
"To our God of all salvation, to the high and holy Lamb,
to the blessed Holy Spirit be forever praise. Amen!" [Refrain]**

The Baptism of Carson David Meyer

The Prayers: (*call and response*)

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. *A brief silence.* 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 destruction. Restore land that has eroded after deforestation. Resurrect woodlands after forest fires. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Search the hearts of those who govern, that they lead with humility. Inspire leaders to collaborate on policies that protect people and the planet. Sustain truth-tellers and social movements that challenge society to become more honest and just. 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 especially; Keith Brown, Kathy Nardinger, Dolly Mensink, Dean Kirkland, Finley Budensiek, Sara Nolte, Deb Huneke, Roger Kurtti, Rich & Sue Majerus, Judy Carpenter, Donald & Nancy Nord, Ben Haenel, Larry Reese, Jan Benidt, Jim Wilcox, the family of Norris Thomforde, the family of Diane Howard, and the family of Bob Richter. 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. **Amen.**

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.

Sharing the Peace: P: The peace of Christ be with you always. C: And also with you.

Offertory Prayer: P: Let us pray together,

C: Blessed are you, O God, Sovereign of the universe. You offer us new beginnings and guide us on our journey. Lead us to your table, nourish us with this heavenly food, and prepare us to carry your love to a hungry world, in the name of Christ our light. Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving: P: The Lord be with you C: And also with you P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord. P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. C: It is right to give Him thanks & praise.

The Words of Institution

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The Meal & Hymns: "Taste and See" #493

Refrain: Taste and see, taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

Oh, taste and see, taste and see the goodness of the Lord, of the Lord.

Vs 1: I will bless the Lord at all times. Praise shall always be on my lips;
my soul shall glory in the Lord; for God has been so good to me. (Refrain)

Vs 2: Glorify the Lord with me. Together let us all praise God's name.
I called the Lord, who answered me; from all my troubles I was set free. (Refrain)

Vs 3: Worship the Lord, all you people. You'll want for nothing if you ask.
Taste and see that the Lord is good; in God we need put all our trust. (Refrain)

"You Are Holy" 3X by Clark Richy

Chorus: You are holy oh so holy. You are holy Lord of all.
You are holy oh so holy. You are holy Lord of all.

"We Eat The Bread Of Teaching" #518

Refrain: We eat the bread of teaching, drink wine of Jesus, are given here a taste of the kingdom.
Together joined, the greatest and the least, we are all one at Jesus's holy feast.

Vs. 1: Jesus calls throughout the city, knows our hunger,
and in pity gives his loving invitation to the banquet of salvation. [refrain]

Vs. 2: Simple ones whose hearts are yearning, come and gain from Jesus's learning;
bread and wine he is preparing, know his loving in the sharing. [refrain]

Vs. 3: Enter with delight and singing, for his richness now is bringing us this joyous celebration;
eat and drink in jubilation. [refrain]

Communion Prayer: P: Let us pray together,

C: We give you thanks, gracious God, for we have feasted on the abundance of your house. Send us to bring good news and to proclaim your favor to all, strengthened with the richness of your grace in your Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Blessing: (Please stand as you are able.)

May the Lord bless you and keep you. May the Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.
May the Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace. Amen.

Sending Hymn: "Our God Is An Awesome God" 3X

Our God is an awesome God. He reigns from heaven above.
With wisdom, power, and love. Our God is an awesome God

Dismissal: P: Go with Christ into a weary world. Share the good news. C: Thanks be to God!

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