

Worship
Sixth Sunday in Epiphany

February 16, 2025
8:30am



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Welcome to Worship

Whether one's feet are big or small, fresh or worn, running or crawling
Good Shepherd Lutheran Church is:
Together on the Journey, Sharing God's Love

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

GREETING

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism.

- L. Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God,
who makes all things new,
whose mercy endures forever.
- C. **Amen.**

SONG *"All Are Welcome"*

Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safely live, a place where saints and children tell how hearts learn to forgive. Built of hopes and dreams and visions, rock of faith and vault of grace; here the love of Christ shall end divisions: All are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place.

Let us build a house where prophets speak, and words are strong and true, where all God's children dare to seek to dream God's reign anew. Here the cross shall stand as witness and as symbol of God's grace; here as one we claim the faith of Jesus: All are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place.

Let us build a house where hands will reach beyond the wood and stone to heal and strengthen, serve and teach, and live the Word they've known. Here the outcast and the stranger bear the image of God's face; let us bring an end to fear and danger: All are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place.

CALL TO WORSHIP *(From Jeremiah 17)*

- L. The LORD proclaims:
- C. **Cursed are those who trust in mere humans,
who depend on human strength
and turn their hearts from the LORD.**
- L. They will be like a desert shrub
that doesn't know when relief comes.
- C. **They will live in the parched places of the wilderness,
in a barren land where no one survives.**
- L. Happy are those who trust in the LORD,
who rely on the LORD.
- C. **They will be like trees planted by the streams,
whose roots reach down to the water.**
- L. They won't fear drought when it comes;
their leaves will remain green.
- C. **They won't be stressed in the time of drought
or fail to bear fruit.**

SONG OF PRAISE *“Bright and Glorious is the Sky”*

Bright and glorious is the sky, radiant are the heavens high where the golden stars are shining. All their rays to earth inclining beckon us to heav’n above, beckon us to heav’n above.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

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

C. And also with you.

L. Let us pray together,

C. Living God, through Jesus you make all things new. Transform our lives so that we might fully trust in you. Whatever we face, keep us anchored in your grace so that we can extend your love to others. Amen.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Glo---ria in excelsis Deo; glo---ria in excelsis Deo.

BIBLE READING Luke 6:17-26

Jesus came down from the mountain with them and stood on a large area of level ground. A great company of his disciples and a huge crowd of people from all around Judea and Jerusalem and the area around Tyre and Sidon joined him there. They came to hear him and to be healed from their diseases, and those bothered by unclean spirits were healed. The whole crowd wanted to touch him, because power was going out from him and he was healing everyone.

Jesus raised his eyes to his disciples and said: “Happy are you who are poor, because God’s kingdom is yours. Happy are you who hunger now, because you will be satisfied. Happy are you who weep now, because you will laugh.

Happy are you when people hate you, reject you, insult you, and condemn your name as evil because of the Son of Man. Rejoice when that happens! Leap for joy because you have a great reward in heaven. Their ancestors did the same things to the prophets.

But how terrible for you who are rich, because you have already received your comfort. How terrible for you who have plenty now, because you will be hungry. How terrible for you who laugh now, because you will mourn and weep. How terrible for you when all speak well of you. Their ancestors did the same things to the false prophets.

The Word of the Lord

C. Thanks be to God

MESSAGE Pastor Courtney Steitz

SONG *“We Are Called”*

Come! Live in the light! Shine with the joy and the love of the Lord! We are called to be light for the kingdom, to live in the freedom of the city of God.

Refrain: **We are called to act with justice, we are called to love tenderly; we are called to serve one another, to walk humbly with God.**

Come! Open your heart! Show your mercy to all those in fear! We are called to be hope for the hopeless so hatred and blindness will be no more. *Refrain*

Sing! Sing a new song! Sing of that great day when all will be one! God will reign, and we'll walk with each other as sisters and brothers united in love. *Refrain*

AFFIRMATION OF 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.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The following is spoken after each prayer petition

L. Lord in your mercy,

C. Hear our prayer.

OFFERING RECEIVED

(Those who are able, please stand)

OFFERTORY SONG

**As they offered gifts most rare at thy cradle, rude and bare, so may we with holy joy,
pure and free from sin's alloy, all our costliest treasures bring, Christ, to thee, our
heav'nly king.**

HOLY COMMUNION

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.

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

SONG *"Blest Are They"*

Blest are they, the poor in spirit; theirs is the kingdom of God. Blest are they, full of sorrow; they shall be consoled.

Refrain: **Rejoice and be glad! Blessed are you, holy are you! Rejoice and be glad!
Yours is the kingdom of God!**

Blest are they, the lowly ones; they shall inherit the earth. Blest are they who hunger and thirst; they shall have their fill. *Refrain*

Blest are they who seek peace; they are the children of God. Blest are they who suffer in faith; the glory of God is theirs. *Refrain*

SONG *"Be Thou My Vision"*

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart; naught be all else to me, save that thou art: thou my best thought both by day and by night, waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word; I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord. Thou my soul's shelter, and thou my high tow'r, raise thou me heav'nward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.

Riches I heed not, nor vain, empty praise, thou mine inheritance, now and always: thou and thou only, the first in my heart, great God of heaven, my treasure thou art.

Light of my soul, after victory won, may I reach heaven's joys, O heaven's Sun! Heart of my own heart, whatever befall, still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

COMMUNION BLESSING

COMMUNION PRAYER

We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life. In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

BLESSING

L. Almighty God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

C. Amen.

SONG *"The Lord Now Sends Us Forth"*

The Lord now sends us forth with hands to serve and give, to make of all the earth a better place to live. *Repeat*

The angels are not sent into our world of pain to do what we were meant to do in Jesus' name; that falls to you and me and all who are made free. Help us, O Lord, we pray, to do your will today.

DISMISSAL

L. Go forth, rejoicing in the light of God's love.

C. Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

This Week Please Pray For:

Members:

Jeff Gundry, recovering from knee surgery

Debbie Rahn, upcoming surgery

Rex Schultrich, upcoming surgery

Josh Karels, healing

Millie Mlinarevich, treatment

Auggie Kelly, infant hospitalized, but continuing to improve

Family and friends of Pat Ledman grieving her death (wife of Gary Ledmen)

Friends and Family of Members

Brenda Hulse, healing, friend of Judy Kisch

Those grieving the death of Denise Gray, daughter of Allen Lloyd