

Rooted in God's Word

February 16,
2025



6th Sunday after
Epiphany

Welcome, guests! We're delighted that you could join us. If you have any questions or would like more information about our church, any member of Grace would be happy to speak with you. This folder contains all the information about our services and the congregational responses are indicated by indented and bolded letters. Please also take a moment to fill out the guest register at the church's entrance; this is used by the pastor and elder only. Restrooms are located to the left as you exit the sanctuary. May the Lord bless this service as Christ comes to you!

THE THEME FOR TODAY'S READINGS: Spiritual and eternal blessings belong to those who put their trust in the Lord's Anointed.

PRAYER FOR THE DAY: Lord God, in mercy receive the prayers of your people. Grant them the wisdom to know the things that please you and the grace and power always to accomplish them; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

ORDER FOR TODAY'S SERVICE: COMMON WORSHIP WITH COMMUNION – CW, Pg.15



OPENING HYMN:

#372

I LAY MY SINS ON JESUS****Please Stand for The Last Verse****

1 I lay my sins on Je - sus, The spot - less
 2 I lay my wants on Je - sus; All full - ness
 3 I rest my soul on Je - sus, This wea - ry
 4 I long to be like Je - sus: Meek, lov - ing,



Lamb of God; He bears them all and frees us From
 dwells in him. He heals all my dis - eas - es; My
 soul of mine. His right hand me em - brac - es; I
 low - ly, mild; I long to be like Je - sus, The



the ac - curs - ed load. I bring my guilt to Je - sus
 soul he does re - deem. I lay my griefs on Je - sus,
 in his arms re - cline. I love the name of Je - sus,
 Fa - ther's ho - ly child. I long to be with Je - sus



To wash my crim - son stains White in his
 My bur - dens and my cares; He from them
 Im - man - uel, Christ, the Lord; Like fra - grance
 A - mid the heav'n - ly throng To sing with



blood most pre - cious Till not a spot re - mains.
 all re - leas - es; He all my sor - rows shares.
 on the breez - es His name a - broad is poured.
 saints his prais - es, To learn the an - gels' song.

Text: Horatius Bonar, 1808-89, alt.
 Tune: AURELIA (76 76 D) Samuel S. Wesley, 1810-76.



C: A - men.

In the name of the Father and of the Son (†) and of the Holy Spirit.

CONFESSION OF SINS

Beloved in the Lord: let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this, I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.

LORD, HAVE MERCY

KYRIE

C: Lord, have mer - cy on us. Christ, have mer - cy
on us. Lord, have mer - cy on us.

God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son (†) and of the Holy Spirit.

C: A - men.

PRAYER AND PRAISE

In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

GLORY BE TO GOD

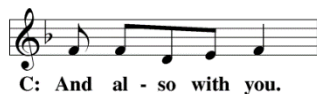
GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

C: Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will toward men.
We praise you, we bless you, we wor-ship you, we glorify you,
we give thanks to you, for your great glory, O Lord God, heav'n-ly King,
God the Fa-ther al - mighty. O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je-sus Christ;
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the



sin of the world; have mercy on us. You take away the
 sin of the world; re - ceive our prayer. You sit at the right hand of
 God the Father; have mercy on us. For you on-ly are holy;
 you on-ly are the Lord. You only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Spirit,
 are most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

PRAYER OF THE DAY



C: And al - so with you.

The Lord be with you.

Let us pray.

Lord God, in mercy receive the prayers of your people. Grant them the wisdom to know the things that please you and the grace and power always to accomplish them; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C: A - men.

****Please Be Seated****

FIRST LESSON:

JEREMIAH 17: 5 – 8

Those who trust in themselves and all the world offers will find ruin and destruction. Those who put their confidence in the Lord and live according to his ways will bear fruit into eternity.

This is what the Lord says. Cursed is anyone who trusts in mankind, who seeks his strength from human flesh, and who turns his heart away from the Lord. He will be like a juniper bush in the wasteland. He will not see good things when they come. He lives in a dry place in the wilderness, in a salty land where no one lives.

But blessed is anyone who trusts in the Lord, whose confidence is in him. He will be like a tree planted by water. It sends out its roots to the stream. It does not fear the heat when it comes. Its leaves will remain green. It is not concerned about a time of drought. It does not stop producing fruit.

Refrain



Bless-ed are they who hope, who hope in the Lord.

Psalm tone



Refrain

Blessed is the man who does not walk in the counsel of the wicked*
or stand in the way of sinners.

But his delight is in the law of the LORD,*
and on his law he meditates day and night.

He is like a tree planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in season*
and whose leaf does not wither. Whatever he does prospers.

Refrain

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

For the LORD watches over the way of the righteous,*
but the way of the wicked will perish.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son*

**and to the Holy Spirit,
as it was in the beginning,***

is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Refrain

SECOND LESSON

1 CORINTHIANS 15: 12, 16 – 20

Paul answers the objections to the resurrection of the dead by linking the resurrection of the dead to Christ's resurrection. With Christ's resurrection at the heart of our faith, we can be confident of our own resurrection from the sleep of death.

Now if it is preached that Christ has been raised from the dead, how is it that some among you say that there is no resurrection of the dead?

For if the dead are not raised, not even Christ has been raised. And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile; you are still in your sins. Then it also follows that those who fell asleep in Christ perished. If our hope in Christ applies only to this life, we are the most pitiful people of all.

But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep.

VERSE OF THE DAY

Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia. (John 6:68)



C: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

****Please Stand****

GOSPEL

LUKE 6: 17 – 26

After a night of prayer on the hilltop, Jesus descends, revealing his power as the Lord's Anointed to heal and restore. The disciples are instructed about both blessings and woes in connection with the kingdom of God. Blessing comes to those who put God first and live lives of faith, seeking to put the spiritual ahead of the physical.

After the announcement of the Gospel, the congregation sings:



C: Glo - ry be to you, O Lord!

He went down with them and stood on a level place with a large crowd of his disciples and a large number of people from all Judea and Jerusalem, as well as from the coastal area of Tyre and Sidon. These people came to listen to him and to be healed of their diseases. Those who were troubled by unclean spirits were also cured. The whole crowd kept trying to touch him, because power was going out from him and healing them all.

He lifted up his eyes to his disciples and said: Blessed are you who are poor, because yours is the kingdom of God. Blessed are you who hunger now, because you will be satisfied. Blessed are you who weep now, because you will laugh. Blessed are you whenever people hate you, and whenever they exclude and insult you and reject your name as evil because of the Son of Man.

“Rejoice in that day and leap for joy because of this: Your reward is great in heaven! The fact is, their fathers constantly did the same things to the prophets.”But woe to you who are rich, because you are receiving your comfort now. Woe to you who are well fed now, because you will be hungry. Woe to you who laugh now, because you will be mourning and weeping. Woe to you when all people speak well of you, because that is how their fathers constantly treated the false prophets.

After the Gospel, the congregation sings:



C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

NICENE CREED

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him, all things were made. For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and became fully human. For our sake, he was crucified under Pontius Pilate. He suffered death and was buried. On the third day, he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Please Be Seated

HYMN OF THE DAY:

#283

SPEAK, O SAVIOR; I AM LISTENING



1 Speak, O Sav - ior; I am lis - t'ning, As a ser - vant
2 Oh, what bless - ing to be near you And to lis - ten
3 Lord, your words are wa - ters liv - ing Where I quench my
4 As I pray, dear Je - sus, hear me; Let your words in



to his lord. Let me show re - spect and hon - or
to your voice! Let me ev - er love and fear you;
thirst - y needs. Lord, your words are bread life - giving;
me take root. May your Spir - it e'er be near me



To your ho - ly, pre - cious Word, That each day, my
Let your Word still be my choice. Man - y hard - ened
On your words my spir - it feeds. Lord, your words will
That I bear a - bun - dant fruit. May I dai - ly



whole life through, I may serve and fol - low
sin - ners, Lord, Flee in ter - ror at your
be my light Through death's cold and drear - y
sing your praise, From my heart glad an - thems



you. Let your Word e'er be my plea - sure
Word, But to all who feel sin's bur - den
night; Yes, they are my sword pre - vail - ing
raise, Till my high - est praise is giv - en



And my heart's most pre - cious trea - sure.
You give peace and words of par - don.
And my cup of joy un - fail - ing.
In the end - less joy of heav - en.

Text: Anna Sophia of Hesse-Darmstadt, 1638–83, abr.; tr. composite.
Tune: WERDE MUNTER (87 87 77 88) Johann Schop, c. 1590–1667.

SERMON TEXT:

JEREMIAH 17: 5 – 8

SERMON THEME:

BEING PLANTED IN THE WORD

****Please Stand****

CREATE IN ME

C: Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -
way from your pres-ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it
from me. Re-store un - to me the joy of your sal - va -
tion, and up-hold me with your free Spir-it. A - men.

The musical score is written on five staves in a single system. It begins with a treble clef, a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat), and a common time signature. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics printed below the notes. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

****Please Be Seated****

OFFERING –In 2 Corinthians 9: 7, Paul tells us: “Each one should give as he has determined in his heart, not reluctantly or under pressure, for God loves a cheerful giver.” This service is our gift to our guests; should you feel obliged to give, we thank you for your generosity.

****Please Stand****

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH’S MISSION

Eternal God and Father, we give you thanks for the blessings we share as members of your holy Church, for your gracious Word and sacraments, and for opportunities to worship and to grow in faith and knowledge.

Help us to rejoice in these blessings, dear Lord, and to use them faithfully.

Jesus Christ, Lord of the Church, you give grace to your people by calling us to be your witnesses in the world. Open our eyes to see the great and noble mission that lies before us. In the hurting eyes of the lonely, in the pained eyes of the sick, and in the searching eyes of the lost, help us to see your face, O Jesus, and to serve others as we would serve you.

Awaken us to the opportunities you give to proclaim your message of love.

Holy Spirit, giver of life, through Word and sacrament, bestow on us the wisdom and power we need to witness clearly and to act boldly. Help us to speak the truth in love, to give the reason for the hope we have.

Move us to support missionaries at home and overseas with our sincere prayers and generous offerings. Set our hearts on fire as we work and witness for Christ in our own neighborhoods.

SPECIAL PRAYERS AND INTERCESSIONS

Hear us, Lord, as we pray for a family member, an acquaintance, a neighbor, or a friend who does not believe in you, or whose faith is weak or troubled. By the power of the gospel, restore their spirits.

SILENT PRAYERS

Wherever your Word is proclaimed, O Lord, grant it success. Let your kingdom come to us and others so that we and many more might join the assembly of saints and angels to sing your praise forever.

Savior of all, hear our prayer and help us in our mission. Amen.

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.

DISTRIBUTION HYMN

#446

I AM TRUSTING YOU, LORD JESUS

vs 1-5



1 I am trust - ing you, Lord Je - sus, Trust -
2 I am trust - ing you for par - don; At -
3 I am trust - ing you for cleans - ing In
4 I am trust - ing you to guide me; You
5 I am trust - ing you for pow - er; You



ing on - ly you, Trust - ing you for
your feet I bow, For your grace and
the crim - son flood, Trust - ing you who
a - lone shall lead, Ev - 'ry day and
can nev - er fail. Words which you your -



full sal - va - tion, Free and true.
ten - der mer - cy Trust - ing now.
made me ho - ly By your blood.
hour sup - ply - ing All my need.
self shall give me Must pre - vail.

Text: Frances R. Havergal, 1836-79, alt.
Tune: STEPHANOS (85 83) Henry W. Baker, 1821-77.

THE SACRAMENT

****Please Stand****



C: And al - so with you.

The Lord be with you.



C: We lift them up un - to the Lord.

Lift up your hearts.



C: It is good and right so to do.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lived among us as a human being and revealed his glory as your only Son, full of grace and truth Therefore, with all the saints on earth and host in heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

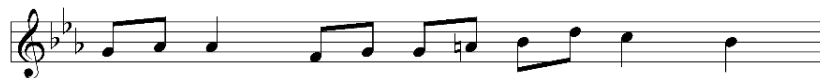
SANCTUS



C: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of heav - en - ly hosts:



heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san -



na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.



Bless - ed is he, bless - ed is he, bless - ed is he who



comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san -



na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my (†) body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my (†) blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."



The peace of the Lord be with you always.

O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD

AGNUS DEI

C: O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;
have mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God,
you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.
O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;
grant us your peace. A - men.

****Please Be Seated****

DISTRIBUTION

DISTRIBUTION – Please come forward at the direction of our usher. We do practice close communion according to Paul’s guidance in 1 Corinthians 11:27: “For if anyone eats and drinks in an unworthy manner because he does not recognize the Lord’s body, he eats and drinks judgment upon himself.” Therefore, if you are not a member of the ELS or WELS, please talk to Pastor Emmons before communing. Thank you for respecting our practices.

****Please Stand****

SONG OF SIMEON

NUNC DIMITTIS

C: Lord, now you let your servant de - part in peace ac-cord-ing

to your word. For my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have pre-
 pared be - fore the face of all people, a light to light - en the
 Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of your peo - ple Is - ra - el.

C: And his mercy endures for - ev - er.

O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.

CLOSING PRAYER

We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this holy supper. We pray that through it, you will strengthen our faith in you and increase our love for one another. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: A - men.

BLESSING

The Lord bless you and keep you.
 The Lord, make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
 The Lord look on you with favor and (†) give you peace.

C: A - men. A - men. A - men.

****Please Be Seated****

CLOSING HYMN:

#85

PRaise TO YOU AND ADORATION



1 O God from God, O Light from Light, O Prince of
 2 Deep in the proph-ets' sa-cred page, Grand in the
 3 That life of truth, those deeds of love, That death of
 4 Sing to the Lord a might-y song; Sing to his



Peace and King of kings, To you in heav-en's
 po-ets' wing-ed word, Slow-ly, in type, from
 pain mid hate and scorn—These all are past, and
 name, his glo-ries tell! Sing, heav'n-ly hosts, your



glo-ry bright The song of praise for-ev-er rings.
 age to age The na-tions saw their com-ing Lord;
 now a-bove He reigns, our King once crowned with thorn.
 praise pro-long, And all on earth, your an-them swell!



To him who sits up-on the throne, The Lamb once
 Till through the deep Ju-de-an night Rang out the
 Lift up your heads, O might-y gates! So sang the
 Wor-thy the Lamb for sin-ners slain! For-ev-er



slain but raised a-gain, Be all the glo-ry
 song, "Good will to men!" Sung by heav'n's hosts in
 an-gel hosts a-gain. Lift up your heads—your
 let the song as-cend! Wor-thy the Lamb en-



he has won, All thanks and praise! A-men, A-men.
 splen-dor bright, Re-ech-oed now, "Good will!" A-men.
 King a-waits. We lift them up, A-men, A-men.
 throned to reign; Glo-ry and pow'r! A-men, A-men.

Text: John Julian, 1839–1913, abr., alt.

Tune: O GROSSER GOTT (LM D) *Johann Störks . . . Schlag-Gesang-Und Noten-Buch*, Stuttgart, 1744.

WHAT WE BELIEVE:

- Every word of the Bible is inspired, inerrant, and the only source of absolute truth.
- The Father, Son, and Holy Spirit form the triune God, the only true God.
- All humans are born dead in sin and deserve eternal condemnation.
- Jesus Christ is the true God; he was conceived in Mary's womb by the Holy Spirit, adding a human nature to His divine nature.
- Only through His perfect work of redemption, which includes His perfect life and innocent death, are all sins for all people forgiven and given credit for His perfect life.
- Only those whom the Holy Spirit, through Word and Baptism, blesses with faith in Jesus' redemptive work receive the benefit of it.
- The day is drawing near when Jesus will return to take all believers to heaven, condemn all unbelievers to eternal torment, and destroy this present world.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Retreat: Pastor Emmons will attend the synod's pastor retreat in Houston, TX, from February 17 to 21. If any emergencies arise during the retreat, please contact our Elder, Gene Baldwin, at 541-610-9978. We will not hold a midweek Bible Study while he is away.

Sunday Bible Study: Join us for our Sunday morning Bible Study as we explore the book of Luke. Feel free to bring your questions; reading is always optional, and you're welcome to come and go as you please. We start at 9 a.m.

Midweek Bible Study: Have you ever wondered why we believe what we believe and how it differs from other churches? Last week, we introduced the history of the Augsburg Confession and highlighted its key points. We will study the Lutheran confessions until Lent. What makes us Lutheran? You can also join us from the comfort of your home on Zoom. Feel free to request an invitation if you're not familiar with Zoom, or join us at:

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Potluck: We will host our first potluck of the new year today following service; we will meet across the parking lot in the fellowship hall.

Council Position: In May, our council president, Mitch Brayton, will have completed two terms. According to our constitution and by-laws, he is ineligible to serve another term. Please consider taking on this role. The requirements are as follows: You must be one of the primary signatories on all legal documents for our congregation, coordinate all council and voter meetings, and collaborate with council members to oversee the congregation's administrative tasks.

Lent Services: March 5 is Ash Wednesday, and we will hold our services at 5:30 pm. Please note that the Lent services will be on Tuesday evenings except Ash Wednesday. The theme of our Lenten services will be "Reflections on Repentance."

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