

Blessed  
are

Me

Woe  
to

*6th Sunday after Epiphany*  
*February 13, 2022*



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*Welcome to Worship...*

Welcome to all God's guests, including those who call themselves "members" of this church named Ascension Lutheran Church more than 50 years ago.

A special welcome to guests who are here for the first time or who call yourselves "visitors" among the people of this community. It is at God's invitation, through worship, the Holy Spirit calls each of us to come to a place of **community, communion** and **commitment**. Each of us brings a different lens to worship, and yet, in a worshiping community, these differences become celebrations of diversity.

**Children are always welcome in worship services;**  
**however please know**  
**a nursery is provided for children under 4 years of age.**

*Please silence your cell phones at this time.*

## Introduction

*Blessings and curses abound on the sixth Sunday after Epiphany. We would do well to listen closely to whom the "blessed are" and the "woe tos" are directed and to find our place in the crowd among those who desire to touch Jesus. The risen Christ stands among us in the mystery of the holy supper with an invitation to live in him, and offers power to heal us all.*

## Welcome to Worship

### Confession and Forgiveness

*Please stand as you are able.*

*P* Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God,  
who creates us,  
redeems us,  
and calls us by name.

**All Amen.**

*P* Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Most merciful God,

**All we confess that we have sinned against you and your beloved children.**

**We have turned our faces away from your glory  
when it did not appear as we expected.**

**We have rejected your word when it made us confront ourselves.**

**We have failed to show hospitality to those you called us to welcome.**

**Accept our repentance for the things we have done  
and the things we have left undone.**

**For the sake of Jesus Christ, have mercy on us.**

**Forgive us and lead us, that we may bathe**

**in the glory of your Son born among us,**

**and reflect your love for all creation. Amen.**

*P* Rejoice in this good news:

In ✝ Christ Jesus, your sins are forgiven.

You are descendants of the Most High,  
adopted into the household of Christ,  
and inheritors of eternal life.

Live as freed and forgiven children of God.

**All Amen.**

## Opening Song

# As We Gather

Chorus

As we gather may Your Spirit work within us  
As we gather may we glorify Your name  
Knowing well that as our hearts  
Begin to worship  
We'll be blessed because we came  
We'll be blessed because we came

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## Greeting

*P* 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.**

## Prayer of the Day

*P* Living God, in Christ you make all things new.

***All* 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.**

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## A Reading from Jeremiah, the 17<sup>th</sup> chapter

*These verses compose a poem that is part of a larger collection of wisdom sayings that contrast two ways of life. Life with God brings blessing; the power and vitality of God is active in our life. Life without God brings a curse, the power of death.*

<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.

*Jeremiah 17:5-10*

*L* Word of God, Word of Light.

**All Thanks be to God**

## A Responsive Reading of Psalm 1

*Please join in a responsive reading of the Psalm. Leader will read the light print while the congregation responds with the bold.*

<sup>1</sup>Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked,  
nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the seats of the scornful!

<sup>2</sup>**Their delight is in the law of the LORD,  
and they meditate on God's teaching day and night.**

<sup>3</sup>They are like trees planted by streams of water, bearing fruit in due season,  
with leaves that do not wither;  
everything they do shall prosper.

<sup>4</sup>**It is not so with the wicked;  
they are like chaff which the wind blows away.**

<sup>5</sup>Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes,  
nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.

<sup>6</sup>**For the LORD knows the way of the righteous,  
but the way of the wicked shall be destroyed.**

*Psalm 1*

## A Reading from 1 Corinthians, the 15<sup>th</sup> chapter

*For Paul, the resurrection of Christ is the basis for Christian hope. Because Christ has been raised, those who are in Christ know that they too will be raised to a new life beyond death.*

<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.

*1 Corinthians 15:12-20*

*L* Word of God, Word of Life.

**All Thanks be to God**

*Please stand as you are able.*

♪ ♪ Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? ♪ ♪

You have the words of eternal life.

Alleluia. Alleluia, alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia, alleluia.

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## Gospel Reading

*P* The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 6<sup>th</sup> chapter.

**All Glory to you, O Lord.**

*After choosing his twelve apostles, Jesus teaches a crowd of followers about the nature and demands of discipleship. He begins his great sermon with surprising statements about who is truly blessed in the eyes of God.*

<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.”

*Luke 6:17-26*

*P* The Gospel of our Lord.

**All Praise to you, O Christ.**

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Sermon

**Pr. Debra Jimenez**

## Blest Are They

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

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

*Refrain*

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

3 Blest are they who show mercy; mercy shall be theirs.  
Blest are they, the pure of heart; they shall see God.

4 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*

5 Blest are you who suffer hate, all because of me.  
Rejoice, be glad, yours is the kingdom; shine for all to see. *Refrain*

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## Apostles' Creed

*P* Let us join together with the saints across the ages confessing our faith  
with the words of the Apostles' Creed.

**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.

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## Prayers of the People

*L* 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.

*♪ ♪ O Lord, hear our prayer we offer up to you;  
O Lord, hear our prayer. ♪ ♪*

*(each prayer petition ends with)*

*L:* God of grace,      *All:* You hear our prayer.

## Sharing the Peace

*In our continued physical distancing out of love for the health of one another, we will share the peace of our risen Lord by “speaking” that peace through sign language.*

*P* Christ become Peace with you.

*All* And also with you.

## Offering

*While we still will not physically pass the offering plates we will continue to have the plates available at the entrance to receive your offerings and will lift them up in thanksgiving before the throne of grace.*

♪ ♪ **All that we have and all that we offer ♪ ♪  
comes from a heart both frightened and free.**

**Take what we bring now and give what we need,  
all done in your name.**

## Offertory Prayer

*P* Blessed are you, O God, Sovereign of the universe.  
You offer us new beginnings and guide us on our journey.

**All** 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.

## Holy Communion—a note of instruction

*During the Great Thanksgiving, you are invited to lift your communion cup as the Words of Institution are sung. Following The Lord's Prayer, together we will receive the body and blood of our Lord as the pastor says, "The body of Christ, given for you." "The blood of Christ shed for you."*

*Please stand as you are able.*

## The Great Thanksgiving and Words of Institution

*P* The Holy One be with you

**All** And also with you.

*P* Lift up your hearts

**All** We lift them up to our God.

*P* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

**All It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

*P* 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.

Verse 1 (Presider)

♪ ♪ On the night You were betrayed You took the bread. ♪ ♪  
After giving thanks You broke it and said,  
“This is My body broken for you, and as you eat it remember Me.  
This is My body broken for you, and as you eat it remember Me.”

Verse 2 (Presider)

On the night You were betrayed You held the cup.  
After giving thanks You lifted it up  
“This is My blood poured out for you, and as you drink it remember Me.  
“This is My blood poured out for you, and as you drink it remember Me.

Verse 3 (All)

So we thank You for the wine and for the bread;  
For we see the life You gave and the blood You shed.  
And we remember Your wondrous love  
You gave Your body You shed Your blood.  
And we remember Your wondrous love  
You gave Your body You shed Your blood.

## The Lord's Prayer

*P* Let us boldly approach the throne of grace, praying as Jesus taught:

***All* 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.**

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## The Invitation

*P* This is God's table.  
There is a place for you and enough for all.

## Receiving the Gifts of Grace

*P* The Body of Christ given for you.

***All* Amen.**

*P* The Blood of Christ shed for you.

***All* Amen.**

## Post Communion Blessing *and* Prayer

*P* The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you  
and keep you in his grace.

**All Amen**

*P* We give you thanks, gracious God,  
for we have feasted on the abundance of your house.

**All 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.**

# *Stewardship of Life and Ministry Announcements*

## Benediction

*Please stand in body or spirit.*

*P* God, who leads you in pathways of righteousness,  
who rejoices over you, and who calls you by name,  
✠ bless your going out and your coming in, today and forever.

**All Amen**

## Sending Song

# My Life is in You, Lord

### Chorus

My life is in You Lord. My strength is in You Lord.  
My hope is in You Lord, in You it's in You.  
My life is in You Lord. My strength is in You Lord.  
My hope is in You Lord, in You it's in You. *(2nd time to ending)*

### Verse

I will praise You with all of my life;  
I will praise You with all of my strength.  
With all of my life, With all of my strength,  
All of my hope is in You. *Chorus*

### Ending

In You.

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## Dismissal

*P* Go with Christ into a weary world.  
Share the good news.

**All Thanks be to God.**

Readings for next Sunday,  
February 20<sup>th</sup>

**First Reading:**

Genesis 45:3-11, 15

**Psalm:**

Psalm 37:1-11, 39-40

**Second Reading:**

1 Corinthians 15:35-38, 42-50

**Gospel:**

Luke 6:27-38

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