

Epiphany 6

Sunday, February 16, 2025

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Welcome, visitors! We're glad you are here! We hope your time with us is a blessing, and that you will come back soon.

We would like to be in touch with you! Visitors—please use the Live Stream 'Attendance Info Form (www.allarewelcome.org under the Live Stream tab) today. Members—you only need to fill them out once a year when you receive Holy Communion. In addition, use the form for prayer requests, hymn requests, to get the monthly newsletter, to give us address changes, or for any communication with the office or pastor.

If you need **hearing assistance**, ask in the church office for our special devices.

If you need **assistance with the live stream**, please call 608.782.3468 or join us on the phone live stream at 1.877.552.3468 (toll-free).

+FOR OUR WORSHIP TODAY+

Presiding Minister: Pastor Joanne Richmond

AV Team: Asa & Fox Zinniel Coffee Fellowship: Mardi Gras Communion Assistant: Carol Miller

Pianist: Dr. Eddie Kim **Prayer Reader:** Carol Miller

ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE

Let Streams of Living Justice

William Whitla

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

Amen.

Almighty God,
to whom all hearts are open,
all desires known,
and from whom no secrets are hid:
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you
and worthily magnify your holy name,
through Jesus Christ our Savior.

Amen.

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

Gracious God,

have mercy on us.

We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin.

We are truly sorry and humbly repent.

In your compassion forgive us our sins,

known and unknown,

things we have done

and things we have failed to do.

Turn us again to you,

and uphold us by your Spirit,

so that we may live and serve you

in newness of life through

Jesus Christ, our Savior.

Amen.

God, who is rich in mercy,

loved us even when we were dead in sin,

and made us alive together with Christ.

By grace you have been saved.

In the name of + Jesus Christ,

your sins are forgiven.

Almighty God strengthen you with power

through the Holy Spirit,

that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

Amen.

OPENING HYMN ELW #726

Light Dawns on a Weary World



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Music: TEMPLE OF PEACE, William P. Rowan, b. 1951
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GREETING

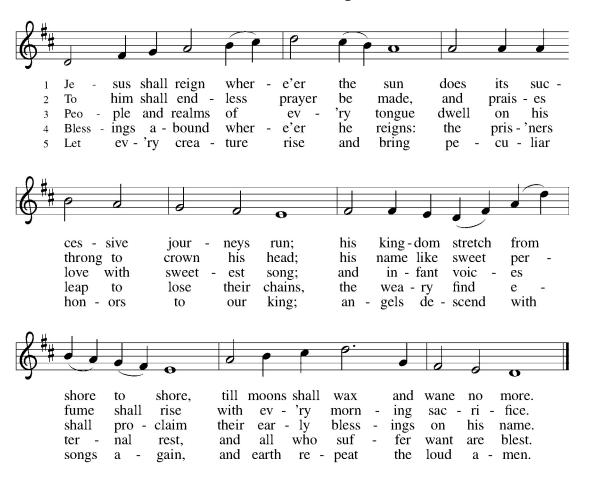
The grace of Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

HYMN OF PRAISE

ELW #434 vs. 1, 4, 5





Text: Isaac Watts, 1674-1748, alt.

Music: DUKE STREET, attr. John Hatton, d. 1793

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.

Amen.

GOSPEL: Luke 6: 17—26

The holy gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹⁷ [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.¹⁸ They had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases; and those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. ¹⁹ And all in the crowd were trying to touch him, for power came out from him and healed all of them.

²⁰ Then he looked up at his disciples and said:

"Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God.

²¹ "Blessed are you who are hungry now,

for you will be filled.

"Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh.

²² "Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. ²³ 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.

²⁴ "But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation.

25 "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.

²⁶ "Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets."

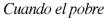
The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Pastor Joanne Richmond

When the Poor Ones





- 2 Cuando alguno sufre y logra su consuelo, cuando espera y no se cansa de esperar, cuando amamos, aunque el odio nos rodee: Estribillo
- 3 Cuando crece la alegría y nos inunda, cuando dicen nuestros labios la verdad, cuando amamos el sentir de los sencillos: Estribillo
- 4 Cuando abunda el bien y llena los hogares, cuando alguien donde hay guerra pone paz, cuando "hermano" le llamamos al extraño: Estribillo

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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.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

(Response to each petition is Goodness Is Stronger Than Evil, ELW #721.)

With the Spirit of Christ shining upon us, let us boldly pray for the church, the world, and all of creation.

Blessed is your church transformed by your Spirit. Give us courage to proclaim to all people the promises made true in the death and resurrection of Christ.

Blessed is creation. As earth experiences destruction from harmful practices and climate change, give us courage to help bring about its restoration. Encourage those who work in forestry to be a voice for the hidden places of creation and provide skills for its conservation.

God of grace, hear us as we sing:

Goodness is stronger than evil; love is stronger than hate; light is stronger than darkness; life is stronger than death; vict'ry is ours, vict'ry is ours, through God who loves us. Vict'ry is ours, vict'ry is ours, through God who loves us.

Blessed are the nations. We pray for presidents, prime ministers, and leaders of nations. Grant that their courage will not run dry in the face of challenge, but that they will delight in the fountain of your righteousness.

Blessed are those in need. Give to all facing illness wise and caring doctors, nurses, and therapists. Draw close to those who feel far from you or who are suffering in any way. Provide an extra measure of your grace and love.

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Blessed is this congregation. Like a tree planted by streams of water, we are nourished by faith in you. Provide courage in times that feel frightening, trusting that you sustain us in many ways.

Blessed are those saints who now rest in your peace. Through lives of both sorrow and joy, challenge and triumph, they provide witness of faith in all times. May their lives be a witness to the living.

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We entrust our prayers to you, 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.

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DIALOGUE

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

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.

Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,

now and forever. Amen.

COMMUNION

You may come forward for communion using the center aisle. After receiving bread from Pastor, please take an empty glass from the small table. If you prefer grape juice, take a full glass. Proceed to the person with the pouring chalice. After receiving your wine/blessing, place your empty glass in the basket you will see as you walk toward the side aisle.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

God of abundance, with this bread of life and cup of salvation you have united us with Christ, making us one with all your people. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ.

Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING

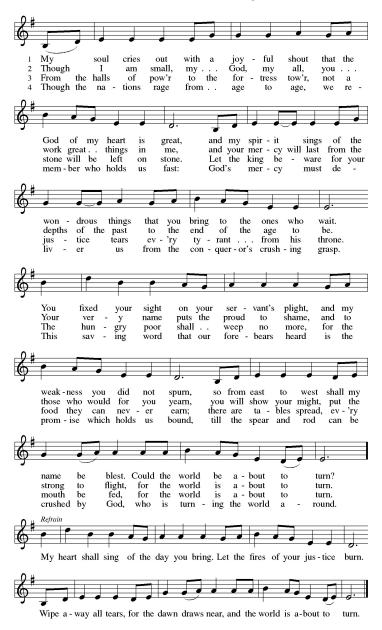
May God bless you and keep you.

May the face of Christ shine on you with grace and mercy.

May the Spirit of God look upon you with favor and + give you peace.

Amen.

Canticle of the Turning



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Music: STAR OF COUNTY DOWN, Irish traditional
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DISMISSAL

Go with Christ into a world of need.

Share the good news.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Cuando el pobre (When the Poor Ones)

J. A. Olivar, Miguel Manzano, and San Pablo Internacional—SSP, admin

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MARDI GRAS OSLC STYLE!

Sunday, February 16, 2025, 10:15am—Fellowship Hall

Join us after worship today for this fun fellowship event with New Orleans style food and music! This is a chance for our whole church family to get together before we prepare for Lent. All are welcome!

OUR SAVIOR'S COOK-OFF

Ash Wednesday, March 5, 2025—Fellowship Hall

We are **looking for cooks** to try to win the 'Best of Our Savior's.' So rustle up a favorite recipe and sign up with the name of your dish and a brief description on the bulletin board next to the church office to register. Who will win the title of "Best of Our Savior's?

PIE-LUCK SUNDAY

Sunday, March 9, 2025, 10:15am—Fellowship Hall

Come chase cabin fever away! Bring your favorite pie to share during the coffee hour! All pies are welcome, be they savory or sweet or store-bought or homemade.

HEALTHY LIVING WITH DIABETES

Gundersen Health System will be hosting a VIRTUAL workshop Mondays (2 ½ hours) for 6 weeks starting Monday, March 3, 2025. This workshop is designed to help adults with type 2 diabetes, pre-diabetes or for those caring for someone who has diabetes to learn self-management skills, healthy eating strategies and more. For more information, please call Vicky at 608.775.6870 or go to Gundersenhealth.org/events.

LUMIN COMMUNITY WORSHIP: THE BECOMING

LuMin (Lutheran Campus Ministry) would like to invite you to an exciting new 4-part worship series this spring. Each Sunday will include a time together for intergenerational community worship as we create brave space to explore core values through story telling, theology, and fellowship and the sharing of a meal.

Dates for your Calendar: 5pm on Sundays; 2/23, 3/30, 4/13, and 5/4

In order to prepare for each Sunday, please visit https://bit.ly3Q5uyQm. and sign up for as many Sundays as your schedule allows. No two Sundays will look the same. Please reach out to admin@luminlax.org with any dietary restrictions or questions. And please feel free to forward this invite on to anyone you think may want to join us. We look forward to worshipping with you!

LENT 2025: THE LORD'S PRAYER

Let's refresh our knowledge of Luther's Small Catechism!

Specifically, what Luther had to say about the Lord's Prayer.

ASH WEDNESDAY—Wednesday, March 5, 2025

"Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name..."

We'll look at the Introduction and first petition of Luther's explanation.

MIDWEEK LENT 1—Wednesday, March 12, 2025

"...your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven."

We'll look at the second and third petitions of Luther's explanation.

MIDWEEK LENT 2—Wednesday, March 19, 2025

"Give us today our daily bread..."

We'll look at the 4th petition of Luther's explanation.

MIDWEEK LENT 3—Wednesday, March 26, 2025

"Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us."

We'll look at the 5^{th} petition of Luther's explanation.

MIDWEEK LENT 4—Wednesday, April 2, 2025

"Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil." We'll look at the 6th and 7th petitions of Luther's explanation.

MIDWEEK LENT 5—Wednesday, April 9, 2025

"For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever.

Amen.

We'll look at Luther's explanation to what he calls the "conclusion" of the prayer.

HOLY WEEK 2025

PALM SUNDAY—Sunday, April 13, 2025

Processional Gospel Matthew 21: 1-9 and Reading from Philippians 2: 5-11 We hear the story of Jesus's grand entry into Jerusalem.

Then, we consider Paul's words to the Philippians "he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross"

MAUNDY THURSDAY—Thursday, April 17, 2025

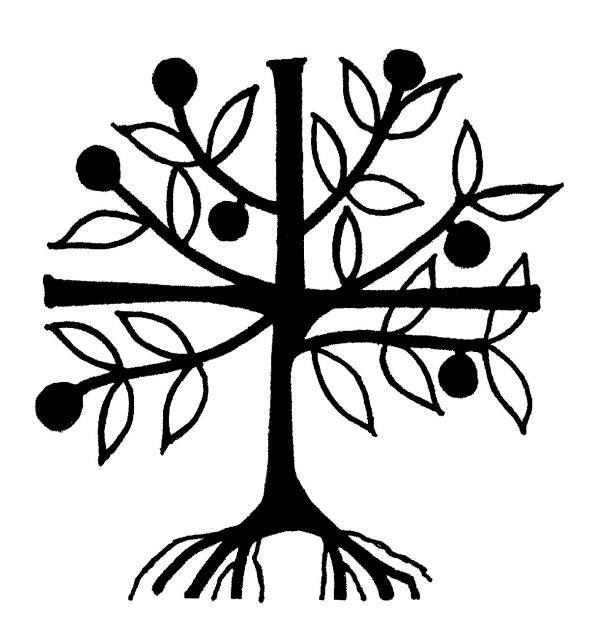
1 Corinthians 11:23-26 "The Lord's Supper"

GOOD FRIDAY—Friday, April 18, 2025

We read the Passion according to the Gospel of John.

EASTER SUNDAY—Sunday, April 20, 2025

Luke 24: 1-12 The resurrection of Jesus!



OUR SAVIORS THIS WEEK

POST ON A FRIG, NEAR A PHONE, ON AN ALTAR AND ANY OTHER SACRED PLACE

CALENDAR

Mardi Gras Sun., Feb. 16, 2025

Noisy Offering—Emergency Fund 9:30am Worship/HC

10:15am Mardi Gras **6:30pm** Y.E.S. A.A. mtg.

Monday

9am—lpm Office Open **10am—12 noon** Gas Vouchers

Tuesday

9am—lpm Office Open

1—5pm WCC

4pmCFS Doors Open4:15—5:15pmCFS Meal Served5:15—5:30pmCFS Carry Outs

Wednesday

9am—1pmOffice Open12 noonWorship1pmArt & Faith6pmCouncil mtg.

Thursday

9am—lpm Office Open

Friday

Pastor/Staff Sabbath

Saturday

9am—1pm WCC open

Sunday, March 23, 2025

9:30am Worship/HC
10:15am Coffee Fellowship
6:30pm Y.E.S. A.A. mtg.

Calendar Notations:

HC—Holy Communion CFS—Come For Supper WCC—Women's Clothes Closet

PRAYER CONCERNS

HEALING AND PEACE

Athena Burg, Bev Hanson, Casey Kanter, Cindy Moe, Cindy Vieth, Dan Odenbach, Danielle Sorenson, Dave Kjos, Erik Rudrud, Esther Harman, Eugene Herold, Gabe Centanni, George, Jean Koll, Jeannie White, Jeff Kent, Jim Garson, Jim Radatz, Joyce Gosman, Karen Geoglein, Kate and Kalvin, Katie White, Kilian Crary, Lane C., Lois Horne, Lucy Radatz, Kelly Olson, Mary Covey, Monica & Jack, Morris Buros, Peggy Kneifl, Pete Harman, Rich Pitz, Robert Onsrud, Rose Sabotta, Roxanne North, Sandy Kjos, Sonja Simonson-Schrag, Tom Cade, Vera Wensole, and Vickie Hengel

GRIEVING FAMILY & FRIENDS OF

MEMBERS & FRIENDS IN ARMED FORCES

Gabriel W. Kleven, **Greg** Phillips, **Ricky** Macon, **Stacie** Phillips, and **Tom** Rudrud

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Mary Stutesman	February 16
Cruz Marquez	February 16
Colleen Pitz	February 16
Alex Pohlman	February 17
David Kjos	February 18
Emerick Weeks	February 18
Rita Heintz	February 20
Olive Paterson	February 21
Jeanne Johnson	February 22
Heather Kadera	February 22
Nancy Caucutt	February 23
Darrell Dahl	February 23
Donna Engleson	February 23