

Today's Scripture Readings

Old Testament

Jeremiah 17:5–8

⁵Thus says the LORD:

“Cursed is the man who trusts in man
and makes flesh his strength,
whose heart turns away from the LORD.

⁶He is like a shrub in the desert,
and shall not see any good come.

He shall dwell in the parched places of the
wilderness,
in an uninhabited salt land.

⁷“Blessed is the man who trusts in the
LORD,

whose trust is the LORD.

⁸He is like a tree planted by water,
that sends out its roots by the stream,
and does not fear when heat comes,
for its leaves remain green,
and is not anxious in the year of drought,
for it does not cease to bear fruit.”

Epistle

1 Corinthians 15:12–20

¹²Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised
from the dead, how can some of you say
that there is no resurrection of the dead?

¹³But if there is no resurrection of the dead,
then not even Christ has been raised. ¹⁴And
if Christ has not been raised, then our

preaching is in vain and your faith is in vain.

¹⁵We are even found to be misrepresenting
God, because we testified about God that
he raised Christ, whom he did not raise if it
is true that the dead are not raised. ¹⁶For if
the dead are not raised, not even Christ has
been raised. ¹⁷And if Christ has not been
raised, your faith is futile and you are still in
your sins. ¹⁸Then those also who have fallen
asleep in Christ have perished. ¹⁹If in this
life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of
all people most to be pitied.

²⁰But in fact Christ has been raised from
the dead, the firstfruits of those who have
fallen asleep.

Holy Gospel

Luke 6:17–26

¹⁷[Jesus] came down with them and stood
on a level place, with a great crowd of his
disciples and a great multitude of people
from all Judea and Jerusalem and the seacoast
of Tyre and Sidon, ¹⁸who came to hear him
and to be healed of their diseases. And those
who were troubled with unclean spirits were
cured. ¹⁹And all the crowd sought to touch
him, for power came out from him and
healed them all.

²⁰And he lifted up his eyes on 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 shall be satisfied.

“Blessed are you who weep now, for you
shall laugh.

²²“Blessed are you when people hate you
and when they exclude you and revile you
and spurn your name as evil, on account of
the Son of Man! ²³Rejoice in that day, and
leap for joy, for behold, your reward is great
in heaven; for so their fathers 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
shall be hungry.

“Woe to you who laugh now, for you shall
mourn and weep.

²⁶“Woe to you, when all people speak well
of you, for so their fathers did to the false
prophets.

*Scripture quotations are from The Holy Bible,
English Standard Version®.*

In Our Prayers this Week—

- *February missions of the month,
Anchor of Hope Health Center and
Lutherans for Life.*
 - *Peace among nations.*
 - *The victims and families of all violence
and disaster throughout the world.*
 - *Phyllis Conrad, recovering from a fall.*
 - *Suzanne Ponath, recovering from
surgery.*
 - *Jim Schmitz, recovering from surgery.*
 - *Jim Knepprath, recovering from
surgery.*
 - *Heidi Tupper, recovering from surgery.*
 - *Michelle Popp and all expectant
mothers.*
 - *Randy Heidemann, brother of Sandy
Korb, recovering from surgery.*
- All who are battling cancer:*

- *Jayne Cotter*

- *Ed Friede*

- *Rev. Brad Birtell, brother of Amy
Assmann*

- *Jennifer Harrill, mother of Andrew
Harrill*

Please also keep in prayer

—*our Seminarian, Vicar Luke*

Konkel;

—*Rev. Eric Skovgaard, our district*

president;

—*Matthew Harrison, synod president;*

—*the members, officers and auxiliaries
of Emmanuel;*

—*our circuit congregation, St. Paul in
Cascade and Rev. Richard Biding;*

—*our Missionary Rev. Tyler McMiller
and his family in Italy and Southern
Europe; and*

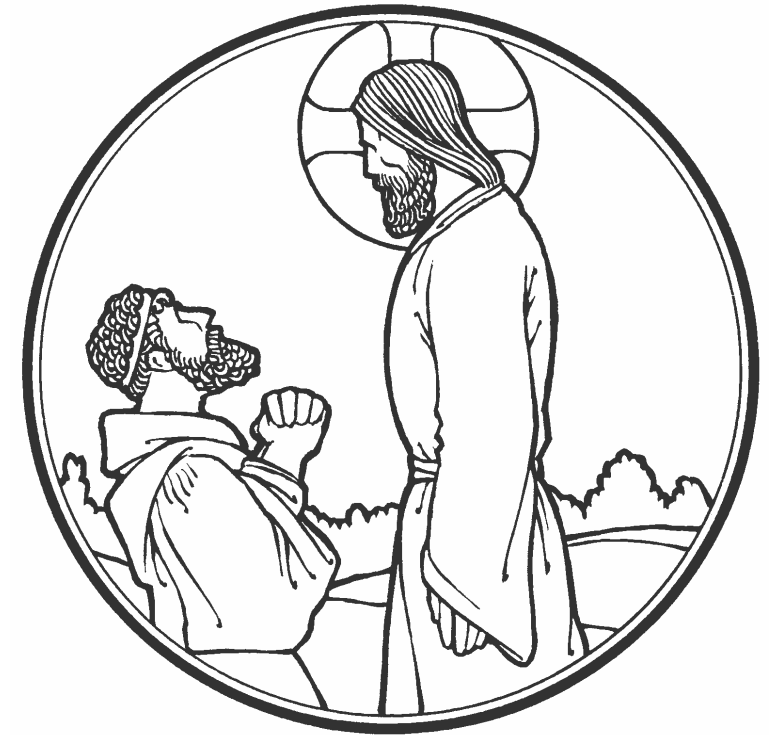
—*our shut-in Members, Donna*

Bloedel, Bob & Alice Denhardt, Ed

Friede, Virginia Dowty and Bob

Navis.

SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY



“Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you shall be satisfied.

Luke 6:21a

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WE WELCOME all who gather with us around the Altar and Pulpit to hear the Word of God.

IF YOU ARE VISITING this morning, we are happy that you could join us today. *Please sign our guest book in the narthex.*

IF YOU DESIRE TO COMMUNE, please speak to the pastor before the service. Our altar is open to those who confess oneness with us in doctrine and are members in good standing of our congregation or sister congregations of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod.

YOUNG CHILDREN are always welcome in our service. Jesus said, *“Let the little children come to me...”* Activity bags are available in the narthex.

NEED ASSISTANCE with anything? Please speak to the pastor or the usher.

RESTROOMS are available in the back of the church or in the education wing.

We pray that you feel welcome in our congregation, that you are blessed by the service, and that you will come again.

CHRISTIANS LIVE BY FAITH IN CHRIST AND REJOICE IN THE PROMISE OF HIS RESURRECTION

“Cursed is the man who trusts in man,” for all the strength of his flesh is like the grass that fades away (Jer. 17:5). The one who turns away from the Lord may have food and money and laugh for now, but he “shall mourn and weep” in the judgment (Luke 6:24–25). But “the man who trusts in the LORD” is blessed with all that he needs, “like a tree planted by water.” When heat comes, he survives (Jer. 17:7–8). For the Lord has come in the flesh to heal the people of all their diseases, to cleanse their spirits with forgiveness, and to preach the Gospel of the kingdom of God to the poor (Luke 6:18–20). As all of this is by way of His cross, it is solely by faith in the promise of His resurrection that Christians “rejoice” and “leap for joy” (Luke 6:21–23). “If Christ has not been raised,” our faith is in vain and we are most to be pitied (1 Cor. 15:14–19). But, in fact, just as “Christ died for our sins,” so has He also “been raised from the dead” (1 Cor. 15:3, 20).

THE FAMILY ALTAR

❶ **Verse of the Week** — **Luke 6:27** *“But I say to you who hear, love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you.”*

❷ **Hymn of the Week** — LSB #820 — *“My Soul, Now Praise Your Maker”*

❸ **Collect of the Week** — *O God, the strength of all who put their trust in You, mercifully grant that by Your power we may be defended against all adversity; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.*

❹ **Daily Bible Readings** — **M:** Job 13:1-12; John 6:1-21 **T:** Job 13:13-28; John 6:22-40
W: Job 14:1-22; John 6:41-59 **Th:** Job 15:1-23, 30-35; John 6:60-71 **F:** Job 16:1-22; John 7:1-13
Sat: Job 17:1-16; John 7:14-31 **Sun:** Job 18:1-21; John 7:32-53

❺ **Preparing for Next Sunday** — *Lessons for Epiphany 7 (February 23):*
Genesis 45:3-15; 1 Corinthians 15:21-26, 30-42; Luke 6:27-38; Psalm 103:1-13

❻ **The Whole Story for the Whole Family** — *Week 52*

Day 1 — *Without Hindrance* Day 3 — *Rescued to Worship*
Day 2 — *Coming Soon* Day 4 — *All Things New*

Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany

FEBRUARY 16, 2025

Greeter — *Lois Marks*

Elder — *Mark Mathe*; Usher — *Michael Schommer*

Altar Guild — *Hayley Buchholz, Jr.* Altar Guild — *Allyson Neumann*

Acolyte — *Tyler Neumann*

Organist — *Mrs. Terry Ourada*

Pastor — *Rev. Paul W. Marks*

Introit (*spoken*) Psalm 119:1-2, 4-5; antiphon: v. 7

I will praise you with an upright heart,
when I learn your just and righteous decrees.

**Blessèd are those whose way is blameless,
who walk in the law of the Lord!**

Blessèd are those who keep his testimonies,
who seek him with their whole heart.

**You have commanded your precepts
to be kept diligently.**

Oh that my ways may be steadfast
in keeping your statutes!

**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.**

I will praise you with an upright heart,
when I learn your just and righteous decrees.

Collect (*spoken by pastor*)

O Lord, graciously hear the prayers of Your people that we who justly suffer the consequence of our sin may be mercifully delivered by Your goodness to the glory of Your name; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Gradual (*spoken*) Psalm 117:1-2a, 96:8

Praise the Lord, all nations!

Extol him, all peoples!

**For great is his steadfast love toward us,
and the faithfulness of the Lord endures forever.**

Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name;
bring an offering, and come into his courts!

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