

Sixth Sunday after Epiphany

Gloria Dei Lutheran Church

February 16, 2025

8:15 and 10:45 AM

Holy Communion

Gathering

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

Prelude

Meditation on O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright

David Bednall

Entrance Hymn

Light Dawns on a Weary World

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The assembly stands to face the cross at the door of the church.

All are welcome in the many ways we inhabit bodies, minds, and spirits. Throughout the liturgy, the assembly is encouraged to participate as needed in gesture, posture, and movement. Children are, of course, invited to be children, bringing their own joy, sound, and movement to worship.

Greeting

The assembly greets the presiding minister in response **And also with you.**

Prayer of the Day

A brief silence is kept before the prayer.

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 and Lord.

Amen.

Let the Children Come

Sit.

Announcements

Word

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

First Lesson

Jeremiah 17:5-10

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.

⁵ 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.

⁶ 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.

⁷ Blessed are those who trust in the Lord,
whose trust is the Lord.

⁸ 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.

⁹ The heart is devious above all else;
it is perverse—

who can understand it?

¹⁰ I the Lord test the mind
and search the heart,

Word of God. Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 1

The cantor/choir sings the refrain; the assembly repeats the refrain



They are like trees plant-ed by streams of wa - ter.

1 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!

2 **Their delight is in the law | of the Lord,
and they meditate on God's teaching | day and night. R**

3 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.

4 **It is not so | with the wicked;
they are like chaff which the wind | blows away.**

5 Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when | judgment comes,

nor the sinner in the council | of the righteous.

**6 For the Lord knows the way | of the righteous,
but the way of the wicked shall | be destroyed. R**

Second Lesson

1 Corinthians 15:12-20

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.

¹² Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say there is no resurrection of the dead? ¹³ If there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ has not been raised; ¹⁴ and if Christ has not been raised, then our proclamation has been in vain and your faith has been in vain. ¹⁵ 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. ¹⁶ For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised. ¹⁷ If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. ¹⁸ Then those also who have died in Christ have perished. ¹⁹ If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.

²⁰ But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died.

Word of God. Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Stand.



Gospel

Luke 6:17-26

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.

*After the Gospel is announced the assembly responds: **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.”

After the Gospel has been read the assembly responds: Praise to you, O Christ

Sermon

Sit.

Hymn of the Day

When the Poor Ones

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Stand.

Baptism

God raises the baptized into Easter life through water and words of promise.

10:45

Presentation

Sit.

Children are invited forward to view the baptism up close. An invitation is made to adults who are drawn to the love, grace, and mercy of Christ through the water. The candidate for baptism is presented. Parents, sponsors, and assembly make promises to support the faith development of the baptized.

Profession of Faith

The assembly stands to join the baptized in affirming the gracious action of God in baptism.

The Apostles' Creed, spoken since the second century, has been debated, dissected, and wondered about throughout the centuries. We say it today not to demand uniformity but to speak of unity, to join with siblings in Christ all around the world who confess these words as a symbol of connection and communion.

Do you believe in God the Father?

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?
**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.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?
**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.**

Thanksgiving at the Font

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Holy God, holy and merciful, holy and mighty...**Amen.**

Washing *Leo Louis Bender, son of Jaclyn and Andrew Bender.*

Sit.

The child is washed in water three times, in the name of the Holy Trinity, three in one.

Garment

The garment represents being clothed in Christ. The garment used at Gloria Dei was made by Candelaria, a friend of the congregation in San Lucas Tolimán, Guatemala. The congregation has long-standing partnerships with the Catholic mission in San Lucas, as well as a Lutheran congregation and school in Guatemala City. The presiding minister says in Spanish: You are clothed with Christ. You are a new creation.

Laying on of Hands

The laying on of hands is a physical symbol for the calling forth of the Holy Spirit to bless, nurture, and mark the baptized as a child of God, who receive gifts of the Spirit.

Candle

A candle lighted from the Paschal Candle, Easter symbol of the living presence of Christ, is given by a representative of the congregation. It recognizes that the light of Christ burns beautifully and uniquely in the baptized for the good of the world.

Welcome

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share. Join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.

Hymn

Springs of Water, Bless the Lord

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Refrain - All

Springs of wa - ter, bless the Lord.

Give God glo - ry and praise for - ev - er.

Apostles' Creed

8:15

The assembly at the other service affirms its baptismal solidarity by joining in the profession 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 Intercession

*The assembly faces the cross as it moves to the center of the room, responding after each petition: **Hear our prayer.** Gathered in a circle around the cross, we face one another as a community in solidarity with the needs of the world*

Meal

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ

Peace

The assembly may greet one another in the peace of the risen Christ.

People may say, "Peace be with you," as well as shake hands, or place two hands together over the heart, or bow, or by sitting and praying for peace, We recognize that the people of God carry different stories about touch, medical risk, or mental and physical vulnerability. This one, holy body has many gestures. Take care of one another.

Offering

Sit.

Website



Text

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Venmo



8:15

An Epiphany Prelude for Flute and Organ
Susan Janicke, flute

Charles Callahan

10:45

My Song in the Night
Chancel Choir

arr. Mack Wilberg

Setting the Table

In the Singing

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The assembly stands as gifts of bread, wine, and money are brought forward.



1 In the sing - ing, in the si - lence, in the hands ex - pect - ant, o - pen,
2 In the ques - tion, in the an - swer, in the mo - ment of ac - cept - ance,



in the bless - ing, in the break - ing, in your pres - ence at this ta - ble,
in the heart's cry, in the heal - ing, in the cir - cle of your peo - ple,



Je - sus Christ, Je - sus Christ, be the wine of grace;



Je - sus Christ, Je - sus Christ, be the bread of peace.

Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

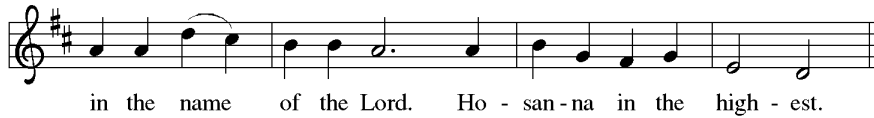
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,



We give you thanks, Holy One,
for a creation turning toward light,
for prophetic stars that guide us;
for Jesus, who took bread as a sign
of transfigured life, 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.

Pour out your Holy Spirit
on these gifts of bread and wine,
that we might be nourished
to travel by a different road,
a way guided by joy, justice, and peace.

Following the star, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**Our Mother,
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.**

Invitation

The gifts of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Sit.

Communion

Lutherans trust that the love of Christ is truly present in the bread and wine of holy communion. Welcome.

To receive communion:

Receive a cup from the usher.

Come first to the bread station. *If you need gluten free bread, please tell the server.*

Receive the wine from the silver chalice or juice from the pottery chalice.

Place the cup in the basket and return to your seat.

If you are unable to come forward to for communion, please inform an usher.

Communion may be brought to your seat.

For healing prayer:

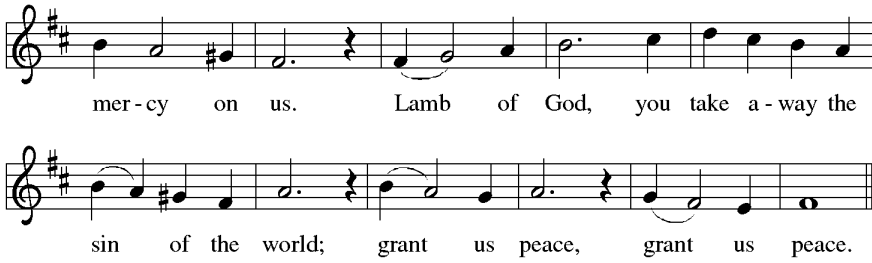
Commune on the left/pulpit side of the church. After receiving communion, you may go to the chapel to light a candle for yourself or someone who needs prayer. Prayer teams are present to pray with those who would like anointing and personal prayer.



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on



us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have



mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the
sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

Hymn

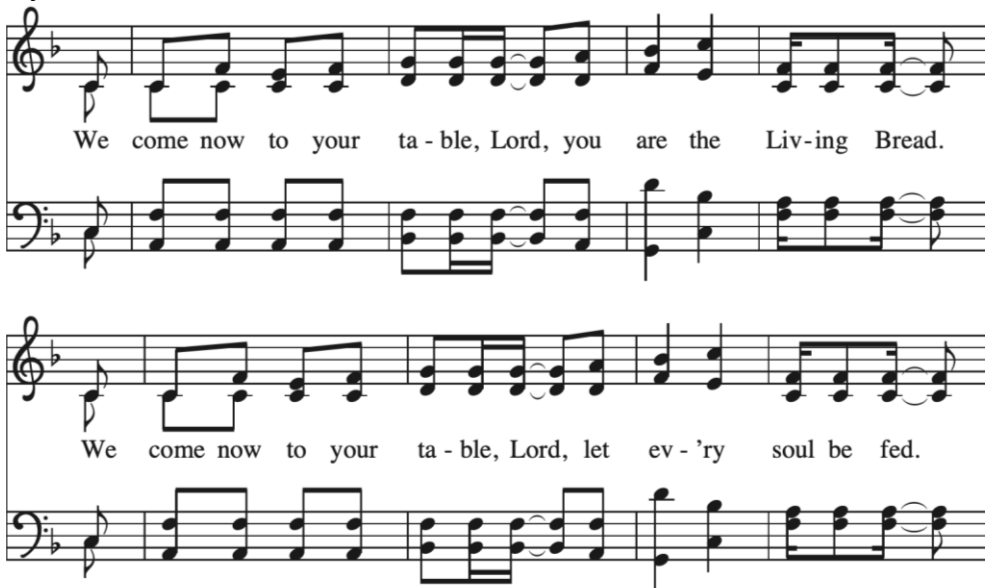
O God, My Faithful God

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Hymn

We Come Now to Your Table

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We come now to your ta-ble, Lord, you are the Liv-ing Bread.
We come now to your ta-ble, Lord, let ev-'ry soul be fed.

You are the Liv-ing Bread, let ev - 'ry soul be fed:

and now may ev - 'ry soul be fed with Liv - ing Bread.

Prayer after Communion

Stand.

Sending

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

+Blessing

+Sending Hymn

Let Justice Flow Like Streams

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The assembly faces the cross as it is sent into the world.

Dismissal

Go in peace. Blessed are you, and blessed are those you encounter on the way.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Toccata on Nobody Knows the Troubles I've Seen

Jurgen Borstelmann

In Worship Today

	8:15 a.m. Service	10:45 a.m. Service
Presiding Minister	Pastor Jodi Houge	Pastor Jodi Houge
Preacher	Pastor Bradley E. Schmeling	Pastor Bradley E. Schmeling
Assisting Minister	Tracy Sherbert	Jon Young
Lector	Janet Warwick	Julie Marcotte
Communion Assistants	Stephanie Allyn, Jon Anderson, Annetta Gardner, John Henrich, Sarah Henrich, Gregg Micholic, Janelle Peterson, Charlotte Russell	Jacque Bieber, Mark Christianson, Raja David, Sharon Ingersoll Dunbar, Amy Hinrichs, Rob Lubke, Jenni Raeder-Devens, Erika Taibl
Acolytes	Liam Ishaq, Alexandra Ishaq	Soren Mechelke, Adam Lybeck
Hospitality Team	Jon Kircher, Beverly Dretzke, Cindy Hanson-Best, David Hanson-Best, Katie Russell	Miles Renaas, Rob Hauser, Karen Lansing, Jenny Peterson, Annika Wilkowske
Sacristan	Mark Bergaas	Mark Bergaas
Altar Service	Mary Ann Teske, Barb Veath	Maggie Tiede, Serena Tiede
Audio/Visual -Video		Thor Carlson
Audio/Visual-Audio	John Teipel	Ethan Sutherland
Audio/Visual-Titles		Rick Sutherland
Organist	Timothy Strand	Timothy Strand
Pianist	Dennis Friesen-Carper	Dennis Friesen-Carper
Alb Washing		Amy Hinrichs
Library	Joan Kallas, Leslie Kallas	Joan Kallas, Leslie Kallas

Altar Flowers given by Bill Stower, in remembrance of Carol's birthday.

Donut Holes given by Elizabeth Frosch Taylor to celebrate Birdie's 4th birthday.

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