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## SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

**Sunday, February 13, 2022**

### PRELUDE

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

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

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

**Most merciful God, 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.**

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. **Amen.**

### **HYMN: *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty***

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!  
O my soul, praise him, for he is your health and salvation!  
Let all who hear now to his temple draw near,  
Joining in glad adoration!

Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things is wondrously reigning  
And as on wings of an eagle, uplifting, sustaining.  
Have you not seen all that is needful has been  
Sent by his gracious ordaining?

Praise to the Lord, who will prosper your work and defend you;  
Surely his goodness and mercy shall daily attend you.  
Ponder anew what the Almighty can do  
If with his love he befriend you.

Praise to the Lord! Oh, let all that is in me adore him!  
All that has life and breath, come now with praises before him!  
Let the amen sound from his people again.  
Gladly forever adore him!

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Let us pray. **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.**

## **FIRST READING: Jeremiah 17: 5-10**

The First Reading is from the 17<sup>th</sup> chapter of Jeremiah.

<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.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

## **PSALM: Psalm 1** (Please Read Responsively)

<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.**

## **SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 15: 12-20**

The Second Reading is from the 15<sup>th</sup> chapter of 1 Corinthians.

<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.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

## **GOSPEL: Luke 6: 17-26**

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

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<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.”

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **THE CHILDRENS' SERMON**

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**HYMN: *My Hope Is Built On Nothing Less***

My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness;  
No merit of my own I claim, but wholly lean on Jesus' name.  
On Christ, the solid rock I stand; all other ground is sinking sand,  
All other ground is sinking sand.

When darkness veils his lovely face, I rest on his unchanging grace;  
In ev'ry high and stormy gale my anchor holds within the veil.  
On Christ, the solid rock I stand; all other ground is sinking sand,  
All other ground is sinking sand.

His oath, his covenant, his blood, sustain me in the raging flood;  
When all supports are washed away, He then is all my hope and stay.  
On Christ, the solid rock I stand; all other ground is sinking sand,  
All other ground is sinking sand.

When he shall come with trumpet sound, oh, may I then in him be found,  
Clothed in his righteousness alone, redeemed to stand before the throne!  
On Christ, the solid rock I stand; all other ground is sinking sand,  
All other ground is sinking sand.

**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.**  
**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the virgin Mary.**  
**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.**  
**He descended into hell.**  
**On the third day he rose again.**  
**He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**  
**He will come again 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**

Response to: "God of grace" . . . . . **hear our prayer.**

**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.**

## **HOLY COMMUNION**

We celebrate the presence of God in bread and wine. All are welcome to receive this gift.

## **BLESSING**

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. **Amen.**

## **HYMN: *Son of God, Eternal Savior***

Son of God, eternal Savior, source of life and truth and grace,  
Word made flesh, whose birth among us hallows all our human race,  
You our head, who throned in glory, for your own will ever plead;  
Fill us with your love and pity, heal our wrongs and help our need.

As you, Lord, have lived for others, so may we for others live.  
Freely have your gifts been granted; freely may your servants give.  
Yours the gold and yours the silver, yours the wealth of land and sea;  
We but stewards of your bounty held in solemn trust will be.

Come, O Christ, and reign among us, King of love and Prince of Peace;  
Hush the storm of strife and passion, bid its cruel discords cease.  
By your patient years of toiling, by your silent hours of pain,  
Quench our fevered thirst of pleasure, stem our selfish greed of gain.

Son of God, eternal Savior, source of life and truth and grace,  
Word made flesh, whose birth among us hallows all our human race;  
By your praying, by your willing that your people should be one,  
Grant, oh, grant our hope's fruition; here on earth your will be done.

## **SENDING**

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

**Thanks be to God.**

## POSTLUDE

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Due to the current COVID situation in our area, **everyone is asked to wear a mask and observe social distancing.** Additional seating is available in the basement where the Service can be viewed via video live stream.

**Prayer Chain** – Susan Athey is handling all Prayer Chain calls & reports now through March 13<sup>th</sup>. Please contact Susan ( [sjdsathey77@gmail.com](mailto:sjdsathey77@gmail.com)) with all Prayer Chain requests. Thank you.

Reading today's lessons is Sue Moyer.

**Council Meeting** will be held tomorrow, **February 14 at 7:00 pm** in-person in the church basement and via *Zoom*.

**Prayer Meeting** will be held, weather permitting, on **Wednesday, February 23 at 7:00 pm.**

**Camp Mt. Luther Sunday** – February 27<sup>th</sup> is designated as “Camp Mt. Luther Sunday” by the Upper Susquehanna Synod. We are thrilled to welcome Chad Hershburger, Camp Director, as our guest preacher that Sunday and you are invited to help celebrate by wearing your favorite camp shirt or camping gear to worship. Join us as we hear about the wonderful ministry that is happening at Camp Mt. Luther and how you can get involved!

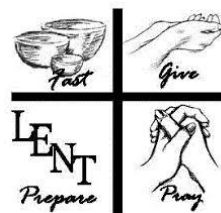
What are “**Ashes-On-The-Go**” ? The ashes come to you! If you would like ashes to be brought to you at home or your workplace, contact Pastor Stina, sign-up for a time and she will bring ashes to you! Please email: [stinaschaeffer@gmail.com](mailto:stinaschaeffer@gmail.com)



**Ash Wednesday – March 2<sup>nd</sup>** - There will be 2 Worship opportunities as we celebrate Ash Wednesday. On March 2<sup>nd</sup> at **12:00 noon**, we will gather in the sanctuary for a brief Service of the Word and imposition of ashes. At **7:00 pm** that evening, we will gather in the sanctuary for our traditional Ash Wednesday Service. Both Services will offer Holy Communion and ashes.

**Adult Sunday School** is held every Sunday morning in the church basement from 9:30 – 10:00 am. Join us as we open the Scriptures and learn with, and from, one another!

**Lent Begins March 2<sup>nd</sup>**



## LENT PROJECT

This year our Lenten Project centers around Disaster Relief. We will join other congregations in our Synod and in the Susquehanna Interfaith Network for disaster response by creating “Flood Buckets”. These buckets are filled with practical items to help with clean-up. They are given to families who have experienced major flooding. Each bucket costs approximately \$50 to fill. We will be buying the contents in bulk to save money and because the items in the buckets are very specific as to type and size.

The Salem Council is issuing a challenge to the Congregation:

**Raise enough money to fill at least 25 buckets!**

Look for donation buckets in the sanctuary starting in Lent!

## BUCKET COLLECTION

We are currently collecting 5-gallon buckets **with lids** to be used for our “Flood Buckets” Lent Project. If you have access to empty buckets through work or a hobby, please save them for us!

**RIGHT NOW, WE ARE ONLY COLLECTING BUCKETS & LIDS !**

