

# *Lord of Life Lutheran Church*

*A Serving Community*

*God's work, our hands!*

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Tim L. Elder, CAGO, Director of Music

**Sixth Sunday After Epiphany**

Sunday, February 16, 2025

10:15 a.m.

**Scout Sunday**



*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 to” 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.*

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## **GATHER**

### **Announcements**

**Prelude**                      *Light Dawns On a Weary World (ELW 726)*                      Nancy Raabe

*Please stand.*

### **Confession and Forgiveness**

P        Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God,  
          our creator,  
          our protector,  
          our wellspring of life.

C        **Amen.**

P        Trusting that God receives our words and the meditations of our hearts, let us  
          confess our sin.

C        Merciful God,  
**you speak blessing and compassion into the world.**  
**Forgive us for the ways we act**  
**with judgment, cruelty, or indifference.**  
**We ignore the needs of our neighbors;**  
**we resist your call to oppose injustice;**  
**we give in to scarcity and fear;**  
**we assume the worst about one another.**  
**Cleanse us from our faults**  
**and release us from their grasp.**  
**Show us your lovingkindness.**  
**Restore our hearts and repair your world,**  
**that we may live in Christ's ways.**  
**Amen.**

P        God proclaims these words of assurance:  
          "Do not fear, for I have redeemed you.  
          I have called you by name. You are mine."

          In ✝ Christ, you are forgiven.  
          In the Spirit, you are made free.  
          Refreshed by the waters of mercy,  
          live anew as beloved children of God.

C        **Amen.**

**Gathering Hymn**

**Jesus Shall Reign**

**ELW 434**

## **Cluster Lenten Soup Supper/ Evening Prayer**

### **Holy Lament: A Worship Series for Lent**

Soup Supper: 6 pm                      Worship: 7 pm

March 12th	Lord of Life	Pr Duane Jesse	What is lament?
March 19th	Zion	Pr Julianne	Little Laments
March 26th	Grace	Pr Rebecca Zielke	Laments from the Depths
April 2nd	Martin Luther	Pr Franley	Individual Laments
April 9th	Prince of Peace	Pr Klinker	Communal Laments

Offerings received during out Lent services will go to Lutheran Disaster Response and be designated for the Fire Disaster in California.

### **WELCA Pre-Lenten Experience**

Come on Saturday, March 1, at 10:15 AM to a program for enriching your Lent this year.

#### **“The Heart of God in Luke’s Gospel: Parables of the Good Samaritan and the Prodigal Son.”**

Our presenter will be Pastor Mark Williams. Lunch will be served afterwards.  
This program is for everyone, men and women. Invite a friend! Please sign up in the  
\Narthex.

Evening Prayer has begun again and is streamed on our Facebook page  
Wednesday evenings at 7 PM.

Morning Prayer has begun again and streams on our Facebook page on Friday  
mornings at 10 AM.

Bible Study continues on Wednesdays at 10:30. We will continue our study of  
Leviticus.

Daily readings for February 17 through February 22

Mon 2/17	Tues 2/18	Wed 2/19	Thu 2/20	Fri 2/21	Sat 2/22
Psalm 120	Psalm 120	Psalm 120	Psalm 37:1-11, 39-40	Psalm 37:1-11, 39-40	Psalm 37:1-11, 39-40
2 Kings 24:18—25:21	Ezra 1:1-11	Jeremiah 22:11-17	Genesis 43:16-34	Genesis 44:1-17	Genesis 44:18-34
1 Corinthians 15:20-34	2 Corinthians 1:12-19	Luke 11:37-52	Romans 8:1-11	1 John 2:12-17	Luke 12:57-59

Serving in Worship

	2/2/25	2/9/25	2/16/25	2/23/25	
Greeter	Phyllis Ruse	Woody Gingery	Gabe West S C	Bob Soles	
Usher	Phyllis Ruse	Woody Gingery	Gabe West O U	Bob Soles	
Lector	Alta Johnson	Diana Williams	T	Judy McCartney	
Counters	Tom Drotleff	Tom Drotleff	Tom Drotleff S U	Tom Drotleff	
Altar Guild	Diana Williams	Diana Williams	Norma Thomas N	Barb Drotleff	
Crucifer	Chris Eash	Art Thomas	D A	Larry Cohol	
Acolyte	Gabe West		Aleah West Y		

Greeting

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.  
C And also with you.

Gloria

Assisting minister

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

All

Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther,  
we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.

Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;  
you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.  
For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,  
you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,  
in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

## Prayer of the Day

P 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.

C Amen

*Please be seated.*

## WORD

### First Reading

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.*

<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.

L Word of God, word of life.

C Thanks be to God.

## Anthem

*I Shall Not Be Moved* African American Spiritual

*Please stand*

## Communion Blessing

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

C Amen.

## Prayer after Communion

P Let us pray,

Nourishing God, at this table you have refreshed us with holy gifts of food and drink. Strengthen us for service, and send us out to embody your good news of liberation and healing for the sake of the world.

In the name of Christ we pray,

C Amen.

## Blessing of Scouts

### Sending Hymn

Holy God We Praise Your Name

ELW 414

### Blessing

P The Spirit of the triune God ✠ bless you with joy,  
anoint you with compassion, and send you in love.

C Amen.

### Dismissal

P Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

### Postlude

*Solemn Procession*

Thomas Pavlechko

*You are welcome to stay for the postlude or you may leave the church at this time. Please be aware, however, that the livestream does continue through the postlude. We ask that you leave quietly so your conversations are not recorded.*

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## Lord's Prayer

P Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us,

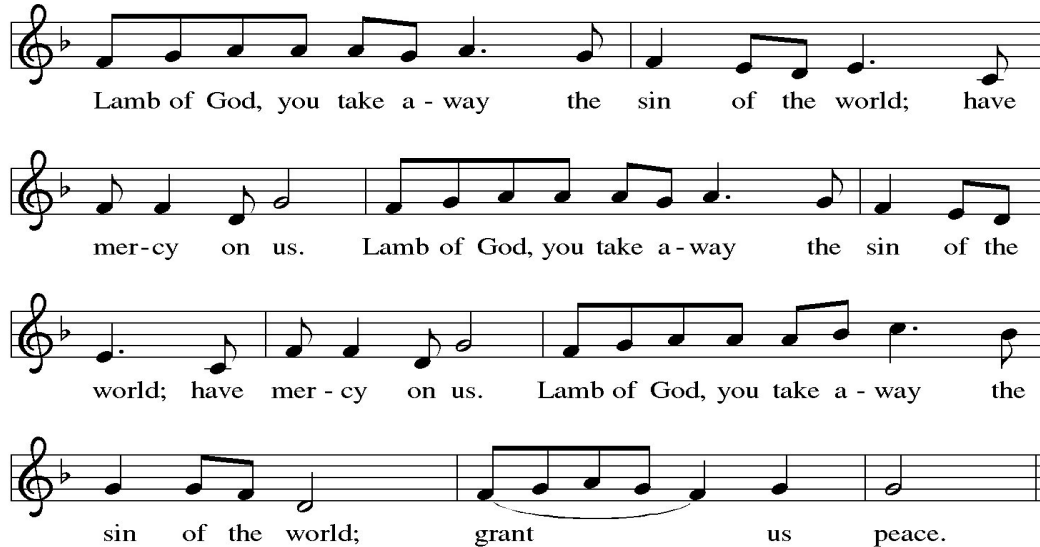
C **Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

## Invitation to Communion

P The joy of the Lord is our strength. Come, eat this meal of gladness.

*This invitation is extended to all who receive Communion  
in any Christian denomination. All are welcome!*

## Lamb of God



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.

*Please be seated*

## Communion

*Follow the usher's direction to come forward to receive the bread from the Pastor and take a glass of wine from the tray. Dispose of the cup in the basket provided on the railing and return to your seat by the side aisle.*

## Communion Hymn

**Jesus the Very Thought of You  
We Come to the Hungry Feast**

**ELW 754  
ELW 479**

## Psalm 1

<sup>1</sup>Happy are those  
who do not follow the advice of the wicked,  
or take the path that sinners tread, or sit in the seat of scoffers;

<sup>2</sup>but their delight is in the law of the LORD,  
and on his law they meditate day and night.

<sup>3</sup>They are like trees planted by streams of water,  
which yield their fruit in its season, and their leaves do not wither.  
In all that they do, they prosper.

<sup>4</sup>The wicked are not so,  
but are like chaff that the wind drives away.

<sup>5</sup>Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment,  
nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous;

<sup>6</sup>for the LORD watches over the way of the righteous,  
but the way of the wicked will perish.

## Second Reading

### 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.*

<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.

L Word of God, word of life.  
C **Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand*

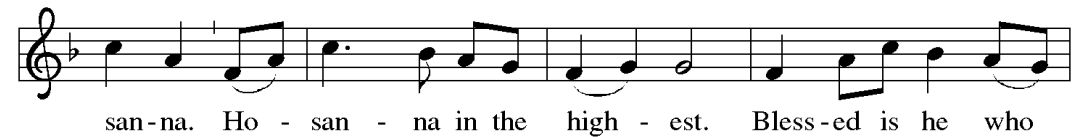
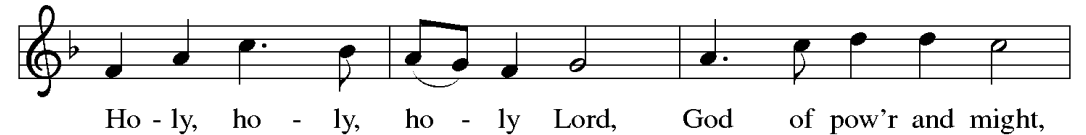
## Gospel Acclamation



## Preface

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

## Holy, Holy,



## Words of Institution

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 to all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

## MEAL

### Offering Response

The Trumpets Sound, the Angels Sing

ELW 531

*Please stand*

### Offering Prayer

P Let us pray,  
God of grace, your love reaches to the heavens,  
and your abundance to the depths of the seas.  
Bless what we offer to your service:  
our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts.  
Let us overflow with gratitude and generosity,  
now and always.

C **Amen.**

### Dialogue

P The Lord be with you.  
C **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.  
C **We lift them to the Lord.**

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

### Gospel

Luke 6:17-26

P The holy gospel according to Luke.  
C **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.”

P The gospel of the Lord.  
C **Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Please be seated*

### Children’s Message

### Sermon

**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 life everlasting. Amen

**Prayers of Intercession**

- P 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. God of grace,  
**C hear our prayer.**
- P 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,  
**C hear our prayer.**
- P 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. God of grace,  
**C hear our prayer.**

- P 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 especially those we name out loud or in our hearts:

*Martha Baluck, Barb Drotleff, Jackie Eash, Madolyn Elder, Oweda Frederick, Jean Goist, Chris Hunnicutt, Devon Kirtley, Joye Lange, Diane Malloy, Vangie McDorman, Craig Miller, Marge Pancher, Emma Parker, Pam Parker, Bob Titus, David Titus, Kay Welch.*

*(The names on the prayer list are updated every 30 days.  
 If you wish to continue to have someone on the list, please contact the office.)*

- Provide an extra measure of your grace and love. God of grace,  
**C hear our prayer.**
- P 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 dry, trusting that you sustain us in many ways. God of grace,  
**C hear our prayer.**
- P Blessed are our scouting units and our leaders. Protect us and guide us in our meetings and activities. Be with us as we learn about our world and society. Be with our scout leaders and parents. God of grace,  
**C hear our prayer.**
- P 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. God of grace,  
**C hear our prayer.**
- P We entrust our prayers to you, O God, in the sure and certain hope that your promise is revealed among the people.  
**C Amen.**
- Peace**
- P The peace of Christ be with you always.  
**C And also with you.**

*The offering plate is located on the table as you enter/exit the worship space.*

*Please be seated.*