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6th Sunday after Epiphany ~ February 16, 2025 ~ 9:45 a.m.

THE SERVICE

BOLD lettering indicates a spoken response

Prelude

Announcements

GATHERING

Confession and Forgiveness

P: Blessed be the Father, and the +Son, and the Holy Spirit, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

C: Amen

P: Let us confess our sins in the presence of God and one another.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

P: Gracious God,

C: 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 and Lord. Amen.

P: 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.

C: Amen

Majesty

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Majesty, worship his majesty:

unto Jesus be all glory, honor, and praise.

Majesty, kingdom authority flows from his throne unto his own;
his anthem raise.

So exalt, lift up on high the name of Jesus.

Magnify, come glorify Christ Jesus the King.

Majesty, worship his majesty:

Jesus who died, now glorified, King of all kings.

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Greeting

P: The grace of God that extends to all nations in Christ Jesus through the work of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

P: The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light.

C: The light shines in the darkness and the darkness has not overcome it.

P: Those who dwelt in the land of deep darkness, on them light has shined.

C: We have beheld Christ's glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father.

P: To us a child is born, to us a Son is given.

C: In him was life, and the life was the light of all people.

Opening Song – Open Your Ears, O Faithful People CCLI 1763436



1 O - pen your ears, O faith-ful peo-ple, o - pen your ears and hear God's word.
2 They who have ears to hear the mes-sage, they who have ears, now let them hear;
3 Is - ra - el comes to greet the Sav - ior, Ju - dah is glad to see his day.



O - pen your hearts, O roy - al priest-hood, God has come to you.
they who would learn the way of wis - dom, let them hear God's word.

from east and west the peo-ples trav - el. God will show the way.



God has spo - ken to the peo - ple, hal - le - lu - jah!



God has spo - ken words of wis - dom, hal - le - lu - jah!

Hal-le-lu-jah!



God has spo - ken to the peo - ple, hal - le - lu - jah!



God has spo - ken words of wis - dom, hal - le - lu - jah!

Prayer of the Day

P: Lord God, mercifully receive the prayers of your people. Help us to see and understand the things we ought to do, and give us grace and power to do them; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen

WORD OF GOD

Scripture Readings

*Without God, where would you be now?
Without God, where would you be now?
Without God.*

First Lesson: Jeremiah 17:5-10

These verses are part of a larger collection of wisdom sayings that contrast two ways of life. Life with God brings blessing and vitality. Life without God brings a curse, the power of death.

A: The First Lesson is from the 17th chapter of Jeremiah.

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. ⁶They 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.

⁷Blessed are those who trust in the LORD, whose trust is the LORD. ⁸They 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.

⁹The heart is devious above all else; it is perverse—who can understand it? ¹⁰I the LORD test the mind and search the heart, to give to all according to their ways, according to the fruit of their doings.

A: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 1

A: We will read Psalm 1 responsively.

¹Happy 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;

²**but their delight is in the law of the LORD,
and on his law they meditate day and night.**

³They 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.

⁴**The wicked are not so,
but are like chaff that the wind drives away.**

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

⁶**for the LORD watches over the way of the righteous,
but the way of the wicked will perish.**

A: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

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.*

A: The Second Lesson is from the 15th chapter of 1 Corinthians.

Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say there is no resurrection of the dead? ¹³If there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ has not been raised; ¹⁴and if Christ has not been raised, then our proclamation has been in vain and your faith has been in vain. ¹⁵We 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. ¹⁶For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised. ¹⁷If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. ¹⁸Then those also who have died in Christ

have perished. ¹⁹If for 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 first fruits of those who have died.

A: The word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

Without God, where would you be now?

Without God, where would you be now? Without God.

Gospel: Luke 6:17-26

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 6th chapter

Hal-le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal -
- le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le -
lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah.

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

²⁰Then 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. ²²Blessed 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.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Pastor Amy

OUR RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Song – We are called

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1 Come! Live in the light! Shine with the joy and the love of the
2 Come! O - pen your heart! Show your . . mer - cy to all those in
3 Sing! Sing a new song! Sing of that great day when all will be



Lord! We are called to be light for the king - dom, to
fear! We are called to be hope for the hope - less so
one! God will reign, and we'll walk with each oth - er as



live in the free - dom of the cit - y of God.
ha - tred and blind - ness . . . will be . . . no more.
sis - ters and broth - ers . . . u - nit - ed in love.



Refrain
We are called to act with jus - tice, we are called to



love ten - der - ly; we are called to serve one an -



oth - er, to walk hum - bly with God.

Apostles' Creed

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, his 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.

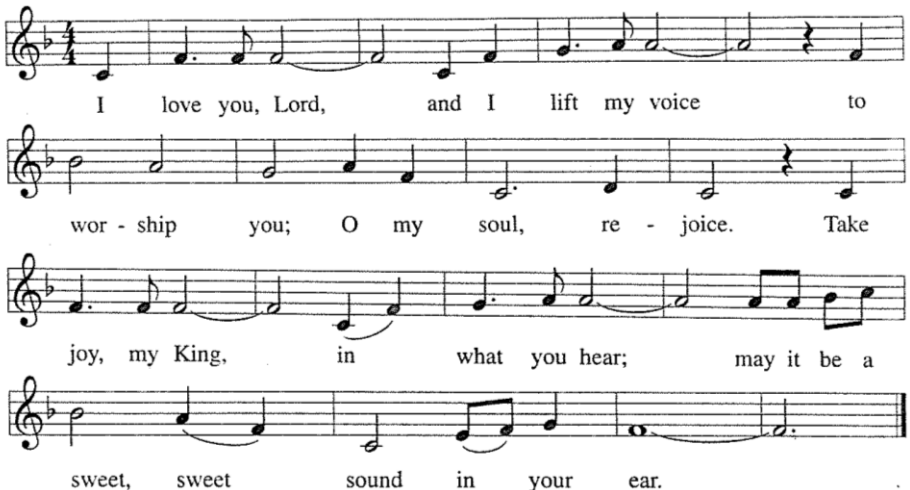
**He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

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

P: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.



I love you, Lord, and I lift my voice to
wor - ship you; O my soul, re - joice. Take
joy, my King, in what you hear; may it be a
sweet, sweet sound in your ear.

Each portion of the prayers ends with these words:

P: . . . Lord, in your mercy.

C: Hear our prayer.

P: +Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen

I love you, Lord, and I lift my voice to
wor - ship you; O my soul, re - joice. Take
joy, my King, in what you hear; may it be a
sweet, sweet sound in your ear.

Sharing of God's Peace

We follow Jesus' direction in Matthew chapter 5 and make peace with each other before coming to the altar: Jesus said, "So when you are offering your gift at the altar, if you remember that your brother or sister has something against you, leave your gift there before the altar and go; first be reconciled to your brother or sister, and then come and offer your gift."

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you.

*The ministers and congregation greet one another with a gesture of peace, using these or similar words: **Peace be with you.***

Offering

Contemporary Worship Team

Offertory - As the grains of wheat

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Refrain

As the grains of wheat once scat - tered on the hill were
gath - ered in - to one, were gath - ered in - to one to be -
come our bread; so may all your peo - ple from the
ends of the earth be gath - ered in - to one in you.

Offertory Prayer

P: Blessed are you,

C: O Lord our God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts. With them we offer ourselves to your service and dedicate our lives to the care and redemption of all that you have made, for the sake of him who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

HOLY COMMUNION

Communion Prayer

P: Come, all you beloved of the Lord, come and eat the food that He gives freely. Be filled again with the goodness of God.

C: Lord God, giver of all good things, we hear Your invitation, we see Your gifts of life and grace.

P: Come to the table of the Lord.

C: We come with our wounds and faults ready to eat and to drink. Our hearts are glad.

P: Yes, dear Lord our God, our hearts are truly glad.

We are filled with thankfulness, because in Your great love You did not abandon us to sin and death, but in Jesus, You came to us, to rescue us, restore us, and give us new life.

We remember the way that Jesus showed us this love:

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.

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven,

hallowed be your name, your kingdom come,

your will be done, on earth as it is 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 to Communion

P: Taste and see that the Lord is good; happy are those who take refuge in Him.

One bread, one body

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One bread, one bod-y, one Lord of all; one cup of



bles-sing which we bless, and we, though man-y



through-out the earth, we are one bod - y in this one Lord.

The Meal

Please receive the bread and wine as the pastor says these words:

The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you.

The communicant may say: "Amen."

MUSIC AS WE SHARE COMMUNION

Make me a servant

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Make me a servant, humble and meek.
Lord, let me lift up those who are weak.
And may the prayer of my heart always be:
Make me a servant, make me a servant,
Make me a servant today.

Day by day, Day by day,
Oh, dear Lord, three things I pray
To see Thee more clear-ly, love Thee more dear-ly,
Fol-low Thee more near-ly, day by day.

Day by day, Day by day,
Oh, dear Lord, three things I pray
To see Thee more clear-y, love Thee more dear-ly,
Follow Thee more near-ly, day by day.

Day by day, Day by day,
Oh, dear Lord, three things I pray
To see Thee more clear-ly, love Thee more dear-ly,
Fol-low Thee more near-ly Day by day.


Day by day, Day by day,
Oh, dear Lord, three things I pray
To see Thee more clear – ly, love Thee more dear – ly,
To see Thee more clear – ly, love Thee more dear – ly,
To see Thee more clear – ly, love Thee more dear – ly,
To see Thee more clear – ly, love Thee more dear – ly,
Fol-low Thee more near – ly Day by day.
Day by day, by day by day by day.

Post Communion Blessing

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

C: Amen

Post Communion Canticle – You're Worthy of My Praise CCLI 1763436



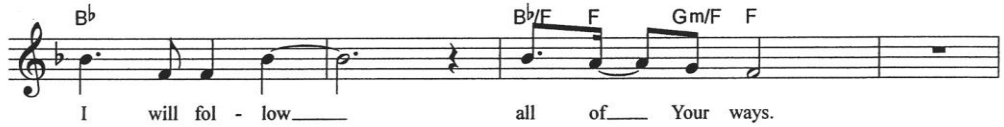
I will wor - ship with all of my heart.



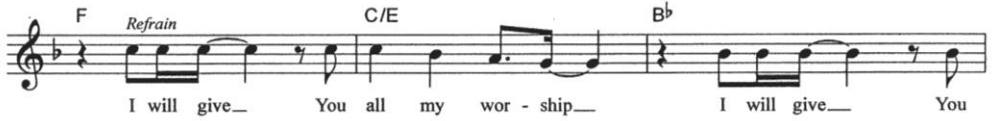
I will praise You with all of my strength.



I will seek You all of my days.



I will fol - low all of Your ways.



Refrain
I will give You all my wor - ship I will give You



all my praise. You a - lone I long to wor - ship,



You a - lone are wor - thy. of my praise.

Prayer

P: Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen

SENDING

Blessing

P: Almighty God, Father, Son +and Holy Spirit bless you now and forever.

C: Amen

Closing Song – Go in peace and serve the Lord

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Sing 3 times

Go in peace and serve the Lord.

God is calling you today.

Go and tell gospel news ev'ry where.

Go in peace and serve the Lord.

God is calling you today

To bring truth and love to ev'ry nation.

Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Be light for the world.

C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

OPPORTUNITIES AT CHRIST LUTHERAN

Today

8:30-Traditional Worship

9:45-Contemporary Worship

11:00-Traditional Worship

6:00-Confirmation Event

Monday-9:00-Quilters/Sewers

5:30-Council

Tuesday-2:00-Bible Study

6:00-Contemporary Team Instrumental/6:30-Vocal

7:00-Traditional Choir Practice

Saturday-6:00 & 7:00 pm-Volleyball games @ First Baptist

FUTURE MINISTRIES

Mon-Feb 24-9:00-Quilters/Sewers

Tues-Feb 25-2:00-Bible Study

6:00-Contemporary Team Instrumental/6:30-Vocal

Thurs-Feb 27-6:30-Traditional Choir Practice

Sat-Mar 1-4:30 & 5:30 pm-Volleyball games @ First Baptist

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Next Sunday's Gospel: Luke 6:27-38

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Attendance last week:

Sunday Worship: 8:30-43; 9:45-59; 11:00-18

The flowers in the chancel vases have been presented to the Glory of the Lord and in loving memory of Jackie by Chuck Allen.

Souper Bowl of Caring . . . Results of the soup pot donations: Chiefs - \$210; Eagles - \$678. All money collected will be donated to DuBois Area Food Pantry, also our Mission of the Month. Thanks to all who donated.

New Organ Donations. . . If you would like to contribute toward the new organ, pledge cards and donation envelopes are available by the organ pipe display in the narthex. They may be placed in the offering plate or left in the church office. Thank you!

Sunday School for preschool through 5th graders ***Sunday March 2*** at 9:45 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner . . . ***Tuesday March 4 at 5 p.m.*** We'll enjoy pancakes, scrambled eggs, bacon, juices and coffee! Please sign up if you will attend and if you are able to help. Sign up sheets are on the bulletin board. All are welcome.

Ash Wednesday is ***Wednesday March 5.*** Worship with Holy Communion and the Imposition of Ashes at 1 p.m. and 7 p.m.

6th-12th grade YOUTH Spring Retreat *Friday-Saturday March 28-29*, 7p.m. to 5 p.m. at Camp Mountain Run in Penfield. The retreat is a great opportunity to grow our friendships, play, eat, and worship together, and sleep over one night. Families, please mark your calendars and sign your youth up to attend by March 10! Additional registration forms are available from Pastor Amy.

The March Worship Assistant Schedule is available in the narthex.

Epiphany Season Devotions, The Gospel of Luke, are available in the narthex and can be downloaded from our website.

Mission of the Month: *Tackle Hunger: Souper Bowl of Caring*. If you would like make a financial gift to the DuBois Area Food Pantry, please use the pew envelopes and write "*Hunger*" in the "other" line. Checks may be made payable to Christ Lutheran Church.

Food Pantry Items for February are PEANUT BUTTER and/or SALTINE CRACKERS.