

Sixth Sunday after Epiphany



ST. PETER'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Holy Communion

ST. PETER'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

Welcoming all to know and love Jesus.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

GATHERING SONG *Canticle of the Turning*

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GREETING

KYRIE

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CANTICLE OF PRAISE

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

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.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 17:5-10

These verses compose a poem that is part of a larger collection of wisdom sayings (17:5-11) 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.

⁵Thus 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.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 1 (read responsively)

¹Happy 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.**

³They 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.**

⁵Therefore 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.**

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.

¹²Now 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.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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GOSPEL: Luke 6:17-26

The holy gospel according to Luke.

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.

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. 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.

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. ²³Rejoice 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.”

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY *Blest Are They*

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CREED

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

United as one body in Christ, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need.

We pray for the church. Raise up faithful leaders to proclaim the gospel. Empower us to proclaim the gospel as we go about our ministry and service. Guide us in the ways of love. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

We pray for the earth. Bless deserts and canyons, farmlands and vineyards. Bring sufficient rainfall to lands parched by drought. Restore places scorched by wildfire that are now susceptible to mud slides. Protect fragile environments from harm. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

We pray for the nations. Grant wisdom to our elected leaders that they work together for the sake of the common good. Give courage to those who suffer persecution at home and in the world. Give strength to those who work to bring an end to injustice. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

We pray for those in need. Give hope to those who do not have enough food and medical supplies here at home and especially those in Venezuela where aid is just across the border. Comfort those who mourn. Heal and strengthen those who are sick, especially those on our prayer list and those we mention in our hearts. Lord in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

We pray for this assembly. We remember newcomers, visitors, longtime members, those who serve, and those who are absent from us today. Root us deeply in your word and increase our faith. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

With thanksgiving, we remember those who have died. Encourage us by their example and lead us in faith until we are united at your unending feast. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Receive our prayers and fill us with the radiance of your love; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

PEACE

OFFERING

OFFERING PRAYER

DIALOGUE

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PREFACE

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

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THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

LORD'S PRAYER

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

COMMUNION SONG

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COMMUNION

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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

BLESSING

SENDING SONG *God of Grace and God of Glory*

ELW 705

DISMISSAL

SERVING TODAY: Greeter: Karen Boden; Ushers: Jerry Hall & Ron Meiselbaugh; Acolyte: Jack Wiegand; Scripture Reader: Sue Daniels; Communion Assistant: Ann Eisen; Projectionist: Tim Evans.

MONEY COUNTERS: Ron and Gale Meiselbaugh

ATTENDANCE: Saturday, 27; Sunday 79

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We welcome those who are visiting with us. Please take time to sign the registration book or the guest register in the lobby and introduce yourself. We hope that you will find our worship edifying and our congregation warm and receptive. We are glad that you are here.

DVD copies of the 9:30 a.m. worship service can be produced for those who are shut-in or others who would like a copy. Let us know in advance if there is a service that you would like recorded.

The Attic and Bake Sale committee will meet Monday, February 18 at 9 am in the Fireside Room. We will discuss plans for the sale in the spring. Hopefully we will be able to set up the tables in the basement following the meeting. We welcome anyone who wishes to join us. Any questions, please call Jennifer at 329-9656.

ALICE (Alert Lockdown Inform County and Evacuate) is a national program which deals with active threat encounters. We will offer ALICE Training, Saturday, February 23 at 10 am. Adults and teens are welcome (6th grade and up). Please be aware that the nature of this training is to discuss violence and dangerous situations and how our reactions can help minimize the danger and damage. This training will focus on discussion but may include some role play situations. Please RSVP to the church office or to Katy Emerich at (810)824-0495.

On Wednesday, February 27, at 6:30 pm Monnencia Riley from Thrivent, will be leading a Parents, Teens and Money Matters workshop. This workshop is a great opportunity for youth and their parents to learn about financial stewardship. The workshop is open to youth in sixth through twelfth grades (required for St. Peter's Confirmation students). Youth are asked to attend with at least one parent.

St. Peter's is hosting a Scrapbook Crop on March 2 to benefit Youth and Family Ministries. The cost to rent a table is \$35 if you register before February 1, and includes breakfast, lunch and dinner. If you would like to rent a table, contact Pastor Joyce. See the flier in the lobby for details.

Pastor Ken will be teaching First Communion class on Saturday, March 16 from 10 am - 2 pm. First Communion will be celebrated on Sunday, March 17. Children in 2nd grade and older are invited to receive their First Communion. If you would like your son or daughter to participate, please let Pastor Ken know.

Following worship on March 10, we will be having a congregation wide (people of all ages) talent/ variety show! Bring your jokes, songs, dances, tricks, and anything else that you would like to share! Anyone is welcome to sign up! It will be an afternoon of exploring the stewardship of gifts that God has given us!

Thank you to all the volunteers who stayed after worship to help tie the fleece blankets! All of our awesome volunteers were able to make 18 blankets! On Sunday, February 24, during worship we will be blessing all the blankets before they are donated!

You are invited to join Pastor Ken for a study of *A Clearing Season: Reflections for Lent*. This book shows us how to clear space in our lives for God, identify obstacles that keep us from God, and choose a Lenten practice to help us remove those obstructions. This six-week study begins on Wednesday, March 13 at 10:00 am. Cost of the book is \$11. There is a signup sheet outside of Pastor Ken's office if you are interested. There is a separate signup sheet for anyone who would like to read the book but cannot attend the Wednesday morning study.

Pastor Elizabeth Friedman from University of Michigan Campus Ministry will be here to preach on the weekend of March 2 & 3 and will talk about their programs for college students.

Tickets for the baseball game at Jimmy John's Field will go on sale March 2 and will be sold until April 28. Tickets are \$35 each for people ages 4 and up. Included in your ticket price is \$10 coming back to St. Peter Youth Group, is a buffet of hot dogs, BBQ pulled pork, grilled chicken breasts, potato chips, fruit salad, pasta salad and cookies, unlimited soda, lemonade, ice tea and water, two drink tickets per adult for beer or wine, a group photo on the field, autographs from the players, "Chalk talk" with a team coach or player, a greeting on Scoreboard, a meet & greet with the mascots, kids run the bases after the game, an opportunity to participate in holding a 30' x 60' American flag on the field during the National Anthem, an opportunity to throw an Honorary 1st Pitch, and free parking. We will be seated close to the kids' zone and whiffle ball field. If you have any questions, please see Pastor Joyce.

IN NEED OF PRAYER Dennis Rocker, Mary Forys, Janice Convis, Guy MacIntosh, Sue Kasemeyer, Paul & Ruth Reyelts, Delores Cook, Vi Dunn, Will Tanner, Clyde Moore, Louis Eisen, Loretta Lukasak, Elizabeth MacDonald, Sharon Ann Wheeler, Adeline Harsch, Pat Greenwood, Patricia Jones, Marc Dease, Stacey Yax, Ruth Morris, Bernie Nummer, Carole Stiefvater, Ed Myers, Jeremy Bryan, James Mitchell, Marlene Hand, Kenneth Eisen, Connie Felstow, Linda Leist, George Eisen, Todd Schwehofer, Alan Freed. (Please call or email the office at stpeterelca@sbcglobal.net to update information.)

THIS WEEK AT ST. PETER'S

Monday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Attic Angels 9 am	Prayer 9:30 am Bible Study 10am Confirmation 6:30 pm Youth Group 6:30 pm	Community Easter Cantata rehearsal 6 pm Choir 7 pm	Pastors' day off	ALICE Training 10 am Worship, Communion 5 pm	Sunday School, Worship 9:30 am