

The Old Testament Reading.Jeremiah 17:5–8

Thus says the Lord: “Cursed is the man who trusts in man and makes flesh his strength, whose heart turns away from the Lord. He is like a shrub in the desert, and shall not see any good come. He shall dwell in the parched places of the wilderness, in an uninhabited salt land. “Blessed is the man who trusts in the Lord, whose trust is the Lord. He is like a tree planted by water, that sends out its roots by the stream, and does not fear when heat comes, for its leaves remain green, and is not anxious in the year of drought, for it does not cease to bear fruit.”

The Epistle Reading. 1 Corinthians 15:1-20

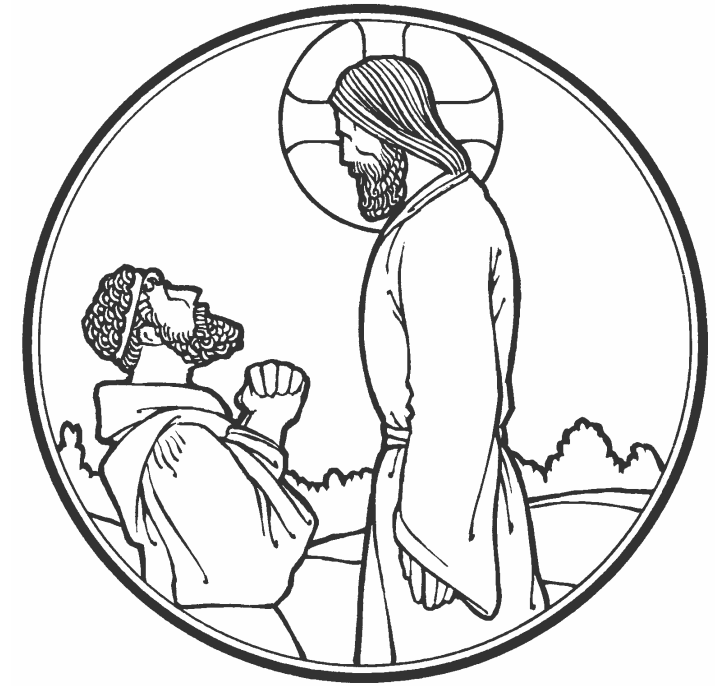
Now I would remind you, brothers, of the gospel I preached to you, which you received, in which you stand, and by which you are being saved, if you hold fast to the word I preached to you— unless you believed in vain. For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have fallen asleep. Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. For I am the least of the apostles, unworthy to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me was not in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them, though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. Whether then it was I or they, so we preach and so you believed. Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say that there is no resurrection of the dead? But if there is no resurrection of the dead, then not even Christ has been raised. And if Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is in vain and your faith is in vain. We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified about God that he raised Christ, whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised. For if the dead are not raised, not even Christ has been raised. And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished. If in this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied. But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep.

The Gospel Reading.Luke 6:17–26

And he came down with them and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea and Jerusalem and the seacoast of Tyre and Sidon, who came to hear him and to be healed of their diseases. And those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. And all the crowd sought to touch him, for power came out from him and healed them all. And he lifted up his eyes on his disciples, and said: “Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God. “Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you shall be satisfied. ”Blessed are you who weep now, for you shall laugh. “Blessed are you when people hate you and when they exclude you and revile you and spurn your name as evil, on account of the Son of Man! Rejoice in that day, and leap for joy, for behold, your reward is great in heaven; for so their fathers did to the prophets. “But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation. “Woe to you who are full now, for you shall be hungry. “Woe to you who laugh now, for you shall mourn and weep. “Woe to you, when all people speak well of you, for so their fathers did to the false prophets.

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**Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany
February 13, 2022**

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Receiving the Lord's Supper at Holy Cross

Our Lord gives both directions and warnings in Scripture when it comes to the precious gift of Holy Communion, which we take great care to follow. A small brochure is available in the pew which describes the importance of the Biblical and historic practice known as "Closed Communion." If you are not under the spiritual care of Holy Cross, please speak with the pastor before communing so that our unity with Christ and with one another may be genuine. Our aim is not to insult, but to instruct and prepare those who earnestly desire to join our communion. So, if you or your children are not yet communicants, you may come forward for a blessing tied to baptism, and you are encouraged to signify this by crossing your arms over your chest as the pastor comes by. The Blood of Christ is offered either in individual glasses, or simply hold out your hand to take the chalice by the base as you drink from it.

Notes on the service: The Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany notes a distinction, which is exceptionally prevalent in Luke's Gospel, between blessing and woe or curse. The *Introit* speaks of the blessings of those who seek the Lord and follow Him. The *Old Testament Reading* brings this out even more as Jeremiah speaks from the Lord, "Cursed is the man who trusts in man and makes his flesh his strength," as compared to, "Blessed is the man who trusts in the LORD, whose trust is in the LORD." The distinction is clear between the things that endure and the curse or woe, of those things that do not. The *Gospel* continues this distinction clearly with the sections of blessedness and woe. Though we justly deserve the consequence of our sin we pray that we may be mercifully delivered by God's goodness (*Collect*).

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY: (The theme prayer of the day.)

P: O Lord, graciously hear the prayers of Your people that we, who justly suffer the consequence of our sin, may be mercifully delivered by Your goodness to the glory of Your name; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Organist. Diane Lutman
Communion Elders. Rich Rusche & Dave Senne
Ushers. Curt Wendt, Mike Schaunaman & Carter Schaunaman

Psalm 119



I will praise you with an | upright heart,*
when I learn your just and righ- | teous decrees.

**Blessed are those whose way is | blameless,*
who walk in the law | of the LORD!**

Blessed are those who keep his testi- | monies,*
who seek him with their | whole heart,

**You have commanded your | precepts*
to be kept dil- | igently.**

Oh that my ways may be | steadfast*
in keeping your | statutes!

**All: Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*
and to the Holy | Spirit;
as it was in the be- | ginning,*
is now and will be forever. | Amen.**

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Note: Standing and Kneeling are optional

10:00 A.M.

Divine Service Setting One—LSB 151

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Opening Hymn—LSB #904

Confession and Absolution—LSB 151

Service of the Word—LSB 152

Introit—Psalm 119 (printed at left)

Kyrie - LSB 152-153

Hymn of Praise - Gloria in Excelsis - LSB 154

Collect of the Day

The Lessons: (printed on back)

Hymn of the Day - LSB #932

Sermon - Rev. Perry Copus

The Nicene Creed - LSB 158

Prayer of the Church - LSB 159

Offering

Offertory - LSB 159-160

Service of the Sacrament—LSB 160

Preface - LSB 160

Sanctus - LSB 161

Lord's Prayer & Words of Our Lord

(right column) - LSB 162

Pax Domini & Agnus Dei - LSB 163

Distribution - LSB 164

Hymns—LSB #627

LSB #555

LSB #819

Nunc Dimittis- LSB 165

Benediction - LSB 166

Closing Hymn— LSB #692

Postlude