

Ordinary Time
Sixth Sunday after Epiphany
Commemoration of Martin Luther
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ORGAN PRELUDE

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CATECHETIC MOMENT Luther Bible

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GATHERING HYMN Jesus, the Very Thought of You **No. 754**

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HYMN OF PRAISE Glory to God Pg. 148

PRAYER OF THE DAY Pg. 150

P We 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 Saviour and Lord. **C Amen.**

Please be seated.

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

FIRST LESSON

Jeremiah 17:5-10

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.

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.

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

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.

The heart is devious above all else;
it is perverse—
who can understand it?

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.

A The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Sung

Psalm 1

Blessed is the man who
walks not in the counsel | of the wicked
nor stands in the way of sinners,
nor sits in the | seat of scoffers;
but his delight is in the law| of the Lord,
and on his law he meditates| day and night.

He is like a tree
planted by streams of water,
that yields its fruit in its season,

and its leaf | does not wither;
In all that he | does he prospers.
The wicked | are not so;
but are like chaff which the wind | drives away.
Therefore the wicked will not stand | in the judgment,
nor sinners in the congregation | of the righteous.
For the Lord knows the way | of the righteous,
but the way of the wick- | ed will perish.
Glory be to the Father, and | to the Son,
and to the | Holy Spirit;
as it was in the begin-| ning, is now
and will be forever. | Amen.

SECOND LESSON 1 Corinthians 15:12-20

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

A The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *Please stand as you are able.*

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THE HOLY GOSPEL Luke 6:17-26

C Glory to you, O Lord

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, Jerusalem, and the coast of Tyre and Sidon. They had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases; and those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. And all in the crowd

were trying to touch him, for power came out from him and healed all of them.

Then he looked up at 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 will be filled.

‘Blessed are you who weep now,
for you will laugh.

‘Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice on that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors 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 will be hungry.

‘Woe to you who are laughing now,
for you will mourn and weep.

‘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.

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY Let Streams of Living Justice **No. 710**

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THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Please stand as you are able.

The response to “*Lord, in your mercy,*” is “*hear our prayer.*”

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

A brief silence.

A Raise up faithful leaders to proclaim the gospel. Guide us in the ways of love. Empower us in ministry and service. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A Bless deserts and canyons, farmlands and vineyards. Bring sufficient rainfall to lands parched by drought, and restore places scorched by wildfire. Protect the environment from harm. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A Grant wisdom to our elected leaders for the sake of the common good. Give courage to those who suffer persecution. Give patience and perseverance to those who work to bring an end to injustice. Bring peace to Ukraine and all that are torn apart by warfare and violence. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A For newcomers, visitors, longtime members, and those who are absent from us today. Root us deeply in your word and increase our faith. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A For those in need; who do not have enough food; who lack money; who are estranged from their families; who worry about many things. Comfort those who mourn. Heal and strengthen those who are sick. We pray for: Bruce Beamer, Anna Berwanger, Simret Bogale, Chrystine Cuch, Mariette Erasmus, Adeline Erick, Dolores Hollowell, Donna Harbor, Genevieve Janssen, Julie Janssen Downe, Eleanora Lahoda, Fay Larsen, Amy Lynch, Jean McCowan, Mark Mutschlechner, Bruce and Judith Nagel, Jerry Rasmuson and family, Jim and Joyce Rasmussen, David Sr. and Joan Richardson, Vern Schnell, Rose Sinclair, those we name aloud...

and those we carry in our hearts. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A We pray for your holy catholic Church:

- the Eastern Synod, staff, pastors, people, and Bishop Carla Blakley
- the Northern Area Leadership Team, pastors, people, and Dean, Rev. Anna Thede

- our Synod Campus Ministries and especially for Rev. George Koopmans, Chaplain for Medicine Hat College
- all being called by God into ordained ministry
- Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran, Calgary
- New Life Congregation, La Alambra, Bogota, Colombia
- the Lutheran World Federation, its President, General Secretary, and staff
- the rostered members and people of the Lutheran Church of Estonia for the World Council of Churches
- Evangelical Lutheran Church in Jordan and the Holy Land
- the pastors and people of the Anglican, Mennonite, and Moravian Churches of Canada

For all these, Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

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

C hear our prayer.

A For all virtually gathered for this service, and those attending to the care of others and to beneficial endeavours that keep them away from worshipping. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

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

C Amen.

THE PEACE

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P The peace of the Lord be always with you.

C And also with you.

OFFERING

BLESSING OF THE PRAYER SHAWLS

OFFERTORY Dona Nobis Pacem (No. 753)

Setting of the altar and reception of the Offerings.

Please be seated.

OFFERTORY PRAYER (General I)

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THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER (II)

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THE FRACTION

P The Word became flesh and lived among us; and we have beheld His glory.

C **Make yourself known to us in the breaking of the bread and the sharing of the cup.**

LAMB OF GOD

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THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE SACRAMENT

Please be seated. Assistants and those in need commune first.

COMMUNION HYMNS

Praise the Almighty! **No. 877**

Canticle of the Turning **No. 723**

POST COMMUNION PRAYER Gracious God, in this meal... Pg. 65

Please be seated.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE SENDING FORTH OF THE COMMUNITY

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SENDING HYMN Let Justice Flow like Streams **No. 717**

DISMISSAL Pg. 155

P Go in peace...

C **Thanks be to God!**

ORGAN POSTLUDE



WELCOME to all gathered here today. Join us for refreshments and conversation downstairs after worship, Questions? Ask one of today's servants or speak with the pastor.

SPECIAL THANKS to Christopher Poromon for sharing his musical talents to enrich our service today.

WE THANK TODAY'S SERVANTS

Usher: Edward Smith

Lector: Edward Smith

Assistant: David Wong

Altar Guild: Ruth Gummo, Linda Schnell

Refreshments: Diane and Darcy Anderson

Zoom Host: Phil Tang, Ahmed Conteh

OFFERING AND ATTENDANCE

Last week	9 February	Budget 2025
Current	\$ 1,754.25	\$2,911
Benevolence	\$ 100	
Building Fund	\$ 20	
Other	\$ 1,075	
Attendance	51	

ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

Today	16 Feb	11:45 PM	Fellowship and Refreshments
		2:00 PM	CFMA Worship
Monday	17 Feb	Family Day	Office Closed
		7:00 PM	12 Step Program
Tuesday	18 Feb	10:00 PM	Hot Shots
		6:30 PM	S.A.F.E. Place Peer Support
Wednesday	19 Feb	10:00 AM	12 Step Program
		7:00 PM	12 Step Program
Friday	21 Feb	7:00 PM	12 Step Program
Saturday	22 Feb	9:00 AM	House of Hope Worship
Sunday	23 Feb	10:30 AM	7 th Sunday after Epiphany Holy Communion Service

HOUSE BLESSINGS – Epiphany was on 6 January 2025 and now is the season of House Blessings. Schedule your time with the Pastor. Kits are also available for you to use.

TOURISM CALGARY This is the last weekend for “Chinook Blast” running until 17 February 2025. Events and activities for everyone. Check out the line-up of events [here](#) and get ready to celebrate winter in Calgary!

COUNCIL MEETING – Monday 17 February at 7:00 PM.

HOT SHOTS – Tuesday 18 February at 10:00 AM. Join us for a movie, lunch, and conversation. The Movie and Lunch are both a surprise. Sign-up sheet is downstairs.

HIGHWOOD HIGHLIGHTS – submissions for the March edition are being accepted until Tuesday 18 February 2025. Email items to secretaryhlc@outlook.com

SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER – mark your calendars to join us 4 March 2025 at 6:00 PM. Sign up on the sheet downstairs, so we know how much food to prepare.

ASH WEDNESDAY – Service will be at 7:00 PM on Wednesday, 5 March. Join us as we prepare for our Lenten journey.

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE – If you need a ride to church, contact Elizabeth Anderson 587 897 0548 or Bill Strand 403 239 9894

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS 7th Sunday after Epiphany Year C
Genesis 45:3-15 Psalm 103:1-13
1 Corinthians 15:21-26, 30-42 Luke 6:27-38