

**Sixth Sunday after Epiphany**

**February 13, 2022**

American Lutheran Church, Filley, Nebraska  
Rev. Jonathan Jensen, Transitional Minister, 402-768-3665

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

We gather together in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 1)

P: 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;

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

P: 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.

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

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

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

GATHERING HYMN: "God of Grace and God of Glory" LBW 415

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who creates us, redeems us, and calls us by name.

**C: Amen.**

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

*(silence for reflection and self-examination)*

P: Most merciful God,

**C: we confess that we have sinned against you and your beloved children.**

**We have turned our faces away from your glory when it did not appear as we expected.**

**We have rejected your word when it made us confront ourselves.**

**We have failed to show hospitality to those you called us to welcome.**

**Accept our repentance for the things we have done and the things we have left undone.**

**For the sake of Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us and lead us, that we may bathe in the glory of your Son born among us, and reflect your love for all creation.**

**Amen.**

P: Rejoice in this good news: In † Christ Jesus, your sins are forgiven.

You are descendants of the Most High, adopted into the household of Christ, and inheritors of eternal life. Live as freed and forgiven children of God.

**C: Amen.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY:

P: Let us pray...

**C: 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.**

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 17:5-10

<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.

#### SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 15:12-20

<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.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE (*Noisy offering is taken at this time.*)

(*Children are excused to go downstairs for Sunday School.*)

#### GOSPEL: Luke 6:17-26

<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."

MESSAGE

Pastor Jonathan Jensen

HYMN OF THE DAY: "He Lives" OSB 61  
*Offerings will be received at this time.*

#### OFFERING PRAYER

P: Merciful God,

**C: Blessed are you, O God, Sovereign of the universe.**

**You offer us new beginnings and guide us on our journey.**

**Lead us to your table, nourish us with this heavenly food,  
and prepare us to carry your love to a hungry world,  
in the name of Christ our light.**

**Amen.**

#### 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 OF THE PEOPLE

P: The Spirit of the Lord is poured out upon us in abundance; so we are bold to pray for the church, the world, and all that God has made.

*A brief silence.*

P: Blessed are those whose trust is in you. Strengthen the faith of those who profess your name and bring reassurance to those who doubt or fear. Through your church speak continued blessing into the world. God of grace,

**C: hear our prayer.**

P: Those who trust in you are like trees planted by streams of water. Bless fruit trees with an abundant harvest. Protect rainforests from destruction. Restore land that has eroded after deforestation. Resurrect woodlands after forest fires. God of grace,

**C: hear our prayer.**

P: Search the hearts of those who govern, that they lead with humility. Inspire leaders to collaborate on policies that protect people and the planet. Sustain truth-tellers and social movements that challenge society to become more honest and just. God of grace,

**C: hear our prayer.**

P: Send your blessings of mercy upon those who long for consolation. Tend to those struggling with poverty, unemployment, or uncertainty. Provide for all who are hungry. Console those who face persecution. Grant peace to all who suffer. God of grace,

**C: hear our prayer.**

P: Renew this congregation in our shared mission. As we plan and dream for the future you are preparing, inspire us by the examples of Martin Luther and all the reformers. Bless new projects and new ministry partnerships. God of grace,

**C: hear our prayer.**

P: Christ is raised from the dead, and so we cling to the hope of the resurrection. We praise you for the lives of the saints who lived and died in the hope of eternal life with you. God of grace,

**C: hear our prayer.**

Since we have such great hope in your promises, O God, we lift these and all of our prayers to you in confidence and faith; through Jesus Christ our Savior.

**Amen.**

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

**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.**

## BENEDICTION

P: May the Lord bless you and keep you. May his face shine upon you with grace and mercy. May He look upon you with favor and grant you peace. In the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

SENDING HYMN: "O God of Mercy, God of Light" LBW 425

## SENDING

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God!**

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**WELCOME TO WORSHIP!** It's wonderful to gather as the body of Christ to worship and give thanks to God! Thanks be to God for all of you here! If you are a visitor, please sign the guest book and feel welcome to come again. You are invited to come downstairs for refreshments and fellowship following worship.

**REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:** Dustin Fritch and our shut-ins.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY** to Patrisha Woods (Feb 13), Chelsea Antons (Feb 15), Jeremy Hill (Feb 16), Kanon Dornhoff (Feb 17), Megan Thomas (Feb 18), Kinley Crocker, Kelly Harms (Feb 19).

**FILLEY RURAL FIRE DEPARTMENT** is holding their annual pancake feed **TODAY**, from 10 a.m. till noon. Serving pancakes, scrambled eggs, sausage, and choice of orange juice, coffee or water. Free will donation. Proceeds to support the Volunteer Fire Department.

**THE SHAKE AND BAKE CHICKS** will meet February 16, at 9:30 at the church to make meals and tie blankets. Everyone is welcome to help.

**CHURCH CLEANING** will be held February 21-25. A list of jobs that need to be completed will be in the kitchen. So come anytime that week that works for you. When you complete a job write on the job list that it has been completed. Thank you in advance for helping with this project.

**DAY ONE NEW CONTACT.** If you would like to sponsor a Day One Sunday on KWBE (airs on Sunday's at 7:00 a.m.) contact Pat Jobman, 402-239-2476 for details. A special **THANK YOU** goes to Delores Huls for her 12 years of service in Day One.

**ALC/THRIVENT ACTION TEAM-** Thank you for your donation with Thrivent Team Card to spread God's love to listeners on Day One. Thank you for being a light in many lives.

**HOMESTEAD EARLY RISERS** Kiwanis Pancake Feed to benefit the many children's programs in our community of Beatrice, TODAY! 7:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Veteran's Club, 701 Dorsey St., Beatrice. Adults \$8.00, children (to age 12) \$4.00 at the door. Children 3 & under eat free.

**COMING UP:**

- Every Wednesday – BeLoved/Confirmation, 4:00-5:30 p.m
- March 2 – Ash Wednesday service at 6:00 p.m.
- March 6 – BeLOVED sings at 9:30 worship
- March 9 – No BeLOVED/Confirmation class but Confirmation students are encouraged to attend Lenten service.
- April 10 – Palm Sunday
- April 10 – BeLOVED sings at 9:30 worship
- April 17 – Easter

**SUNMART RECEIPTS:** Thanks to everyone who has been saving their SunMart receipts! SunMart/Spartan Nash Co. supports a fundraising program called "Support Our Schools and Churches." All you have to do is save your SunMart cash register receipt tapes and put them in the box in the Fellowship Hall (or give to a council person). When we have collected \$150,000 in receipt tapes Spartan Nash Company awards us a check for \$1000. We have reached our goal of \$150,000 two times so far and are starting over again with a balance of about \$114,000.00. You can also ask your check-out person if they have any extra receipts. They save the ones that people don't want and give them out – first come, first serve. Thank you to everyone who is helping with this ministry!

**MONTHLY NEWSLETTER** If anyone would like something published in the monthly newsletter email Dave Norton at [norton\\_dan@yahoo.com](mailto:norton_dan@yahoo.com) by the third Sunday of the month.

**AMERICAN LUTHERAN CHURCH WEBSITE:** You can find our church website at [www.filleylutheranchurch.com](http://www.filleylutheranchurch.com) or by scanning this QR code:



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**SPRING GATHERING MARCH 5 AT ZION LUTHERAN OF PICKRELL** has been cancelled.

**THANK YOU** I want to thank everyone for the cards, memorials, food and visits during Don's passing. Thank you to Pastor Jensen for a wonderful service and to the ladies for serving a wonderful lunch. God Bless each one of you, Glenda and the family of Don Van Eperen.

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