



# Sixth Sunday after Epiphany

FEBRUARY 16, 2025

WELCOME TO ZION

**CALL TO WORSHIP** — *Kids of the Kingdom* [10:30 AM]

**LOUD OFFERING** [10:30 AM]

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS**

*The sign of the cross † may be made in remembrance of Baptism.*

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, our creator,  
our protector, our wellspring of life. **Amen.**

Trusting that God receives our words and the meditations  
of our hearts, let us confess our sin. *Silence is kept for reflection.*

**Merciful God, you speak blessing and compassion into the world. Forgive us for the ways we act with judgment, cruelty, or indifference. We ignore the needs of our neighbors; we resist your call to oppose injustice; we give in to scarcity and fear; we assume the worst about one another. Cleanse us from our faults and release us from their grasp. Show us your loving kindness. Restore our hearts and repair your world, that we may live in Christ's ways. Amen.**

God proclaims these words of assurance: "Do not fear, for I have redeemed you. I have called you by name. You are mine." In † Christ, you are forgiven. In the Spirit, you are made free. Refreshed by the waters of mercy, live anew as beloved children of God. **Amen.**

**HYMN #717** — *Let Justice Flow like Streams*

**GREETING**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And, also with you.**

## 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.

## WORD

### FIRST READING — *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.

### SECOND READING — *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.

This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

The Holy Gospel, according to Luke. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

## **GOSPEL** — *Luke 6:17-26*

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. 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 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.

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.

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **CHILDREN'S SERMON**

## **LOUD OFFERING** [5 PM & 8 AM]

## **THE SERMON** — Pastor Scott Ludford

## **HYMN #728** — *Blest Are They*

## **APOSTLES' CREED**

## **PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

God of grace, hear our prayer.

# THE OFFERING

## COMMUNION

### THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

### LORD'S PRAYER [TRADITIONAL]

### COMMUNION VOLUNTARY— Jill Sousek

### BLESSING

### POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Nourishing God, at this table you have refreshed us with holy gifts of food and drink. Strengthen us for service, and send us out to embody your good news of liberation and healing for the sake of the world. In the name of Christ we pray, Amen.

## SENDING

### BENEDICTION

### HYMN #806 — *O God, My Faithful God* [VERSES 1, 2, 4]

### DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Live in hope.  
Thanks be to God.

### POSTLUDE — Jill Sousek



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