

A Matter of What Matters

6th Sunday after Epiphany
February 16, 2025 – 11:00 AM

AS WE GATHER

What fills your life? That which brings true blessing or that which leaves you dry and empty in the end? You've been filled with the water of Life! Remember where you got that drink!

WE SING

*"House Of The Lord"
"Never Once"*

INTRODUCTION AND PLACING OF CHURCH COUNCIL MEMBERS

GOD SPEAKS TO US IN HIS WORD

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Jeremiah 17:5-8

Blessed is the one whose confidence is found in the Lord! He's like a tree rooted by the water.

⁵This is what the Lord says: "Cursed is the one who trusts in man, who depends on flesh for his strength and whose heart turns away from the Lord. ⁶He will be like a bush in the wastelands; he will not see prosperity when it comes. He will dwell in the parched places of the desert, in a salt land where no one lives.

⁷"But blessed is the man who trusts in the Lord, whose confidence is in Him. ⁸He will be like a tree planted by the water that sends out its roots by the stream. It does not fear when heat comes; its leaves are always green. It has no worries in a year of drought and never fails to bear fruit."

EPISTLE READING

1 Corinthians 15:12-20

The message and promise of the resurrection is what matters for us above all things!

¹²But if it is preached that Christ has been raised from the dead, how can some of you say that there is no resurrection of the dead? ¹³If there is no resurrection of the dead, then not even Christ has been raised. ¹⁴And if Christ has not been raised, our preaching is useless and so is your faith. ¹⁵More than that, we are then found to be false witnesses about God, for we have testified about God that He raised Christ from the dead. But He did not raise Him if in fact the dead are not raised. ¹⁶For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised either. ¹⁷And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile; you are still in your sins. ¹⁸Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ are lost. ¹⁹If only for this life we have hope in Christ, we are to be pitied more than all men.

²⁰But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep.

GOSPEL READING

Luke 6:17-26

Jesus' speaks to His disciples about what truly matters in life.

¹⁷He [Jesus] went down with them [the Twelve disciples] and stood on a level place. A large crowd of His disciples was there and a great number of

people from all over Judea, from Jerusalem, and from the coast of Tyre and Sidon, ¹⁸who had come to hear Him and to be healed of their diseases. Those troubled by evil spirits were cured, ¹⁹and the people all tried to touch Him, because power was coming from Him and healing them all.

Looking at His disciples, He said:

“Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God.

Blessed are you who hunger now, for you will be satisfied.

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

Blessed are you when men hate you, when they exclude you and insult you and reject your name as evil, because of the Son of Man.

“Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, because great is your reward in heaven. For that is how their fathers treated the prophets.

“But woe to you who are rich for you have already received your comfort.

Woe to you who are well fed now, for you will go hungry.

Woe to you who laugh now, for you will mourn and weep.

Woe to you when all men speak well of you, for that is how their fathers treated the false prophets.”

KIDS' TIME

DCE Liz Peters

MESSAGE

“Remember Where You Got That Drink!”

Pastor Aaron Asmus

(Today's Readings)

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

WE PREPARE OUR HEARTS AND CONFESS OUR SINS

P: We confess our sinfulness to our heavenly Father.

C: Lord God, Heavenly Father, Your words give life. Your words refresh us.

You teach us ways that are good. Your promises always stand firm.

To trust Your words, dear Father, is to live! Yet we find ourselves

doubting You and entertaining empty advice. We get caught up in

what we think will satisfy our appetites. We act upon the wisdom of

the world rather than on Your truth. Forgive us, dear Lord. Because

of Jesus Christ, remove our sin from us. We pray in His name. Amen.

(silent moments for personal reflection and confession)

WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

WE PROFESS OUR FAITH – Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin, Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.

From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

Amen

GOD COMES TO US IN THE LORD'S SUPPER

WORDS OF PREPARATION

COMMUNION PRAYER

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

SHARING OF PEACE

WE RECEIVE OUR LORD'S BODY AND BLOOD

WE SING

"Cornerstone"

"Lord, I Need You"

COMMUNION BLESSING

WE BRING OUR PRAYERS BEFORE THE LORD

LORD'S PRAYER

CLOSING BLESSING

WE SING

"The River"

OUR OFFERINGS

All that we have and all that we are belong to the Lord. He fills us with what is good! We pray: "Fill us, Lord, to overflowing, that others may receive blessed through the blessings we ourselves have received from You."

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