

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
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." ^{le}
♥ ♥ ♥ ♥ **LUKE 6:20-23**
(NIV)

February 13, 2022
FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

Worship: Sundays at 10:00 am & 11:30 am
Pastor: Pr. Ryan Rouse

*Called to proclaim and celebrate the Gospel of Jesus Christ, we are nurtured,
prepared, and sent to be the light of Christ in our world.*

First Lutheran

You are created uniquely by God and you are welcome here.
Your Abilities· Age· Culture· Economic Status· Gender Expression/Identity· Life Circumstances·
Marital Status· Questions· Race· Sexual Orientation· are welcome here.

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

L = Leader; C = **Congregation**

PRELUDE

GREETING:

Leader: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. *(2 Corinthians 13:13)*

All: And also with you.

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

C: Amen.

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

Silence is kept for reflection.

L: 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.

L: 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.

GATHERING HYMN “*Jesus, Come! For We Invite You*” ELW HYMN #312

PRAYER OF THE DAY:

L: Let us pray, Living God,

C: 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

These verses compose a poem that is part of a larger collection of wisdom sayings that contrast two ways of life. Life with God brings blessing; the power and vitality of God is active in our life. Life without God brings a curse, the power of death.

⁵Thus says the LORD:

Cursed are those who trust in mere mortals
and make mere flesh their strength,
whose hearts turn away from the LORD.

⁶They 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.

⁷Blessed are those who trust in the LORD,
whose trust is in the LORD.

⁸They 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.

Continues ...

⁹The heart is devious above all else;
it is perverse—
who can understand it?

¹⁰I the LORD test the mind
and search the heart,
to give to all according to their ways,
according to the fruit of their doings.

THE PSALM: Psalm 1

¹Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel ¹ of the wicked,
nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the seats ¹ of the scornful!

²**Their delight is in the law ¹ of the LORD,
and they meditate on God's teaching ¹ day and night.**

³They are like trees planted by streams of water, bearing fruit in due season,
with leaves that ¹ do not wither;
everything they ¹ do shall prosper.

⁴**It is not so ¹ with the wicked;
they are like chaff which the wind ¹ blows away.**

⁵Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when ¹ judgment comes,
nor the sinner in the council ¹ of the righteous.

⁶**For the LORD knows the way ¹ of the righteous,
but the way of the wicked shall ¹ be destroyed.**

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 15:12-20

For Paul, the resurrection of Christ is the basis for Christian hope. Because Christ has been raised, those who are in Christ know that they too will be raised to a new life beyond death.

¹²Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say there is no resurrection of the dead? ¹³If there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ has not been raised; ¹⁴and if Christ has not been raised, then our proclamation has been in vain and your faith has been in vain. ¹⁵We 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. ¹⁶For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised. ¹⁷If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. *Continues...*

¹⁸Then those also who have died in Christ have perished. ¹⁹If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.

²⁰But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died.

GOSPEL: Luke 6:17-26

L: THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO LUKE C: GLORY TO YOU, O LORD.

After choosing his twelve apostles, Jesus teaches a crowd of followers about the nature and demands of discipleship. He begins his great sermon with surprising statements about who is truly blessed in the eyes of God.

¹⁷[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. ¹⁸They had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases; and those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured.

¹⁹And all in the crowd were trying to touch him, for power came out from him and healed all of them.

²⁰Then he looked up at his disciples and said:

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

²¹“Blessed are you who are hungry now,
for you will be filled.

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

²²“Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. ²³Rejoice 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.

²⁴“But woe to you who are rich,
for you have received your consolation.

²⁵“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.

²⁶“Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets.”

L: THE GOSPEL OF THE LORD C: PRAISE TO YOU, O CHRIST.

SERMON

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

HYMN OF THE DAY “*Let Streams of Living Justice*” ELW HYMN #710

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Each portion of the prayer ends with the following responses

L: ... God beyond us, God beside us, **C:** **hear us when we call.**

CREED:

L: In Christ, you have heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation.

C: **We believe in him and are marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit.**
(Ephesians 1:13-14)

L: Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

C: **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

L: If we confess with our mouths Jesus as Lord and believe in our hearts that God raised him from the dead,

C: **we will be saved.** *(Romans 10:9)*

L: The Holy Spirit reminds us to, “Love the Lord our God with all our hearts and with all our souls and all our minds;

C: **and love our neighbor as we love ourselves.”** *(Matthew 22:37,39)*

L: He began a good work in us,

C: **Will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ!**

(Philippians 1:6)

WE SHARE THE MEAL

OFFERING/MUSICAL OFFERING

OFFERTORY PRAYER

**Gracious God, you have done great things for us and holy is your name.
Bless all we offer you – ourselves, our time, and our possessions – that
through us your grace and favor may be made known to all the world.
Amen.**

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

LORDS 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.**

DISTRIBUTION: RECEIVE CHRIST IN BREAD AND WINE

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

WE SEND TO SERVE

SENDING

BENEDICTION

SENDING HYMN “*Alleluia, Song of Gladness*” ELW HYMN #318

DISMISSAL

L: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

SAVE THE DATE: FEBRUARY 27

Our Semi Annual Meeting will take place between worship services on February 27th. We will be hearing reports from our 2021 church council and voting on two updates to our constitution. Information about the amendments to the model constitution, approved at the 2019 churchwide assembly, were included in this week's e news. Please note that every three years updates are made to the model constitution at the church wide assembly. Congregations then vote to make these updates in each, individual church in the ELCA. If you would like to see the updates printed out information is also posted on the bulletin board across outside of the fellowship hall. Our other vote will be the second vote to affirm the change to the number of voting members needed to constitute a quorum. If you have any questions, please contact Donn Hollenbeck, Council President (president@firstlutheranmv.org).



Please consider how you can help provide meaningful worship for our church community. We are moving away from online sign-ups for the month of February. **Please check out the sign up sheet on the bulletin board in the entryway to sign up to serve. Please note the corresponding readings and prayers are posted to take and review.**