

Sixth Sunday after Epiphany



February 16, 2025
10:00 a.m.

Followers of Jesus, sharing God's love with all...
an adventure for life!

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

In Preparation for Worship

- Within the sanctuary please remember that some people use this time of silence to prepare for worship.
- Whenever the cross is carried in procession through the congregation, we turn to face the cross to signify our way of life as followers of Jesus.
- Large-print bulletins and copies of the worship order are available; ask an usher for assistance.
- Please silence your cell phone.

WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

Please be respectful of people who use this time to prepare for worship.

Prelude

Prelude on Picardy

arr. Gilbert M. Martin

Welcome



Please stand in body or spirit

Hymn

When the Poor Ones



1 *Cuan-do el po - bre na - da tie - ne y aún re - par - te,*
1 When the poor ones, who have noth - ing, still are giv - ing;
2 When com - pas - sion gives the suf - f'ring con - so - la - tion;
3 When our spir - its, like a chal - ice, brim with glad - ness;
4 When the good - ness poured from heav - en fills our dwell - ings;



cuan - do al - guien pa - sa sed ya - gua nos da,
when the thirst - y pass the cup, wa - ter to share;
when ex - pect - ing brings to birth hope that was lost;
when our voic - es, full and clear, sing out the truth;
when the na - tions work to change war in - to peace;



cuan-do el dé - bil a su her - ma - no for - ta - le - ce:
when the wound - ed of - fer oth - ers strength and heal - ing;
when we choose love, not the ha - tred all a - round us:
when our long - ings, free from en - vy, seek the hum - ble:
when the strang - er is ac - cept - ed as our neigh - bor:

Refrain / Estribillo



Va Dios mis - mo en nues - tro mis - mo ca - mi - nar;
We see God, here by our side, walk - ing our way;



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Text: José Antonio Olivar, b. 1939; tr. Martin A. Seltz, b. 1951

Music: EL CAMINO, Miguel Manzano, b. 1934

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Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the friendship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

Hymn of Praise

Refrain



This is the feast of vic - t'ry for our God, for the
Lamb who was slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.
1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be
peo - ple of God. Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and
Refrain
hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his. This is the feast of
vic - t'ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain has be - gun his reign. Al -
le - lu - ia. 2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and
join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or,
glo - ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.



Prayer of the Day

Loving Spirit, sometimes your love speaks so honestly we close ourselves off to what you are trying to tell us. Bless us with the openness and courage to receive the words of Jesus this day and let ourselves be healed and changed, so we might be a blessing to this creation you delight in. We offer this prayer in Jesus' name. **Amen.**

Please be seated

WE PROCLAIM THE WORD

Reading

Jeremiah 17:5-10 (The Message)

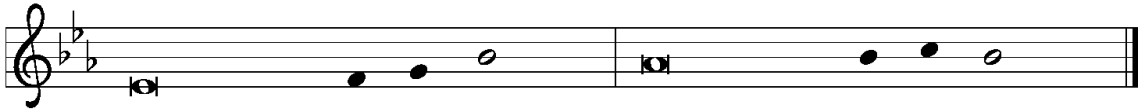
A reading from the prophet Jeremiah

God's Message:

“Cursed are the strong ones who depend on mere humans,
Who think they can make it on muscle alone
and set God aside as dead weight.
They're like a tumbleweed on the prairie,
out of touch with the good earth.
They live rootless and aimless in a land where nothing grows.
“But blessed are those who trust me, God,
those who stick with God.
They're like trees replanted in Eden,
putting down roots near the rivers—
Never a worry through the hottest of summers, never dropping a leaf,
Serene and calm through droughts, bearing fresh fruit every season.
“The heart is hopelessly dark and deceitful,
But I, God, search the heart and examine the mind.
I get to the heart of the human. I get to the root of things.
I treat them as they really are, not as they pretend to be.”

May we open ourselves to what the Spirit is saying to the church. **Amen.**

Psalm 1



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Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel¹ of the wicked,
nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the seats¹ of the scornful!

**Their delight is in the law¹ of the LORD,
and they meditate on God's teaching¹ day and night.**

They are like trees planted by streams of water, bearing fruit in due
season, with leaves that¹ do not wither;
everything they¹ do shall prosper.

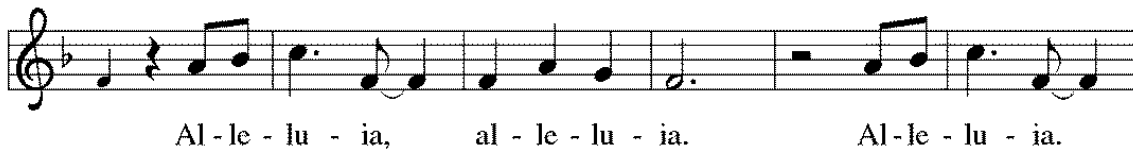
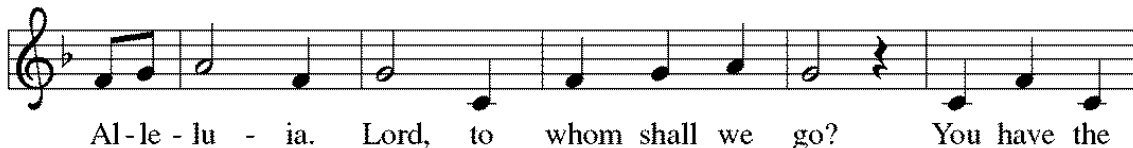
**It is not so¹ with the wicked;
they are like chaff which the wind¹ blows away.**

Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when¹ judgment comes,
nor the sinner in the council¹ of the righteous.

**For the LORD knows the way¹ of the righteous,
but the way of the wicked shall¹ be destroyed.**

Please stand in body or spirit

Gospel Acclamation



Gospel **Luke 6:17-26** (New Living Translation, inclusivized)
The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke **Glory to you, O Lord.**

When [Jesus and the disciples] came down from the mountain [where they had been praying], the disciples stood with Jesus on a large, level area, surrounded by many of his followers and by the crowds. There were people from all over Judea and from Jerusalem and from as far north as the seacoasts of Tyre and Sidon. They had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases; and those troubled by evil spirits were healed. Everyone tried to touch him, because healing power went out from him, and he healed everyone.

Then Jesus turned to his disciples and said,

“God blesses you who are poor,
for the Kingdom of God is yours.

God blesses you who are hungry now,
for you will be satisfied.

God blesses you who weep now,
for in due time you will laugh.

What blessings await you when people hate you and exclude you and mock you and curse you as evil because you follow the Human One. When that happens, be happy! Yes, leap for joy! For a great reward awaits you in heaven. And remember, their ancestors treated the ancient prophets that same way.

“What sorrow awaits you who are rich,
for you have your only happiness now.

What sorrow awaits you who are over-filled and prosperous now,
for a time of awful hunger awaits you.

What sorrow awaits you who laugh now,
for your laughing will turn to mourning and sorrow.

What sorrow awaits you who are praised by the crowds,
for their ancestors also praised false prophets.”

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated

Spoken Reflection

FACING A REALITY WE'D RATHER DENY

Musical Reflection

Blessed Are You

Craig Courtney
Senior Choir

Blessed are the poor in spirit: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
Blessed are they that mourn: for they shall be comforted.
Blessed are the meek: for they shall inherit the earth.
Blessed are they that hunger and thirst after righteousness
For they shall be filled.

Blessed are the merciful: for they shall obtain mercy.
Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God.
Blessed are the makers of peace: for they shall be called the children of
God.

Blessed are they who are persecuted for righteousness:
For theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are you when people revile and persecute you,
And speak evil against, for my sake.
Rejoice, be glad: for great is your reward in heaven:
For so they persecuted the prophets which were before you.
Blessed are you, blessed are you, blessed are you.

Apostles' Creed

Let us confess our faith in the Triune God as expressed in these historic words:

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come 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.**

Community Prayers

Let us pray....

After each petition: "Your mercy is great, O God." **Receive our prayer.**

Amen.

Included in our daily prayers are those with special needs or concerns:

Bebe McCoy, Robin Stokes, Bonnie Hegreness, Mary Kennedy, Kevin Bailey's sisters Kleta Childs and Karla Weaver, Bebe McCoy's brother-in-law Walt and her sister Jan, Brittany Parsons, Mary Bowling's sister Val, John Kennedy's niece Michele Wolfe, Becky Trover's sister Maddie Sutphin, son-in-law Brandon James, and her niece Olivia Theissen, Skye Andree, Kris Kauffman, Ruth Murray's daughter Ellen Rose, Kathie Ehrich, Dottie and Larry Bird, Ruth and Bill Boys, Eileene Welker, Al Rider; Paula Carson's mother-in-law Tammy Carson, family of Don Crosley, Al Rider's brother Tom Rider, LaVerna Reinoehl's brother Dan Kapper, Nancy Magargal's grandson Benjamin, Kelley Frank's mother Charlotte Frank, family of Bishop Robert Kelley who passed away Thursday at the age of 95

For the people of Intercessor Lutheran Mission in Columbus

For Redeemer community members Kelley Frank and Trina Thornton

Time with the Young People

Sharing the peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

Members are encouraged to move around the sanctuary to greet each with a hearty handshake or a hug. For those who have special concerns or who do not wish close contact, please offer a sign of blessing to let others know you are more comfortable greeting them from a distance.

We will continue to take a moment to greet those who are worshiping via livestream before greeting those in the sanctuary.

WE SHARE HOLY COMMUNION

Jesus invited all who were hungry for food, healing, justice, and joy to share this communion meal.

Since this is his meal, and he is present to us in it, all are welcome.

In body or spirit, please stand

Offertory

You Are Holy

1*



You are ho - ly, you are whole. You are al - ways ev - er more
than we ev - er un - der - stand. You are al - ways at hand.
Bless - ed are you com - ing near. Bless - ed are you com - ing here
to your church in wine and bread, raised from soil, raised from dead.

2



You are ho - ly, you are whole - ness,
you are pres - ent. Let the cos - mos praise you, Lord!
Sing ho - san - na in the high - est!
Sing ho - san - na! Sing ho - san - na to our God!

* *May be sung in canon.*

Text: Per Harling, b. 1945

Music: DU ÅR HELIG, Per Harling

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Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

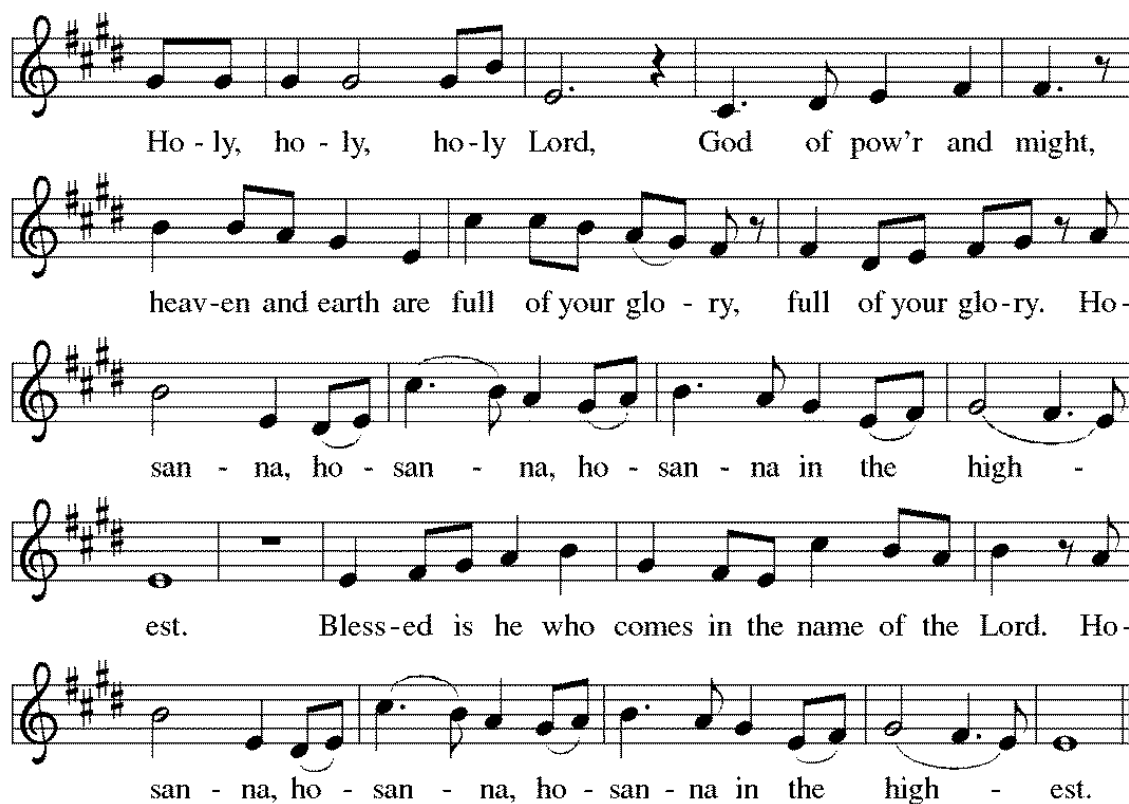
Lift up your hearts.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

And also with you.
We lift them to the Lord.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right and joyful that we give thanks and praise to you, merciful God. So we join our voices with those of all creation to recognize and celebrate your grace and goodness present and at work in the world.



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry, full of your glo-ry. Ho -
san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high -
est. Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Holy God, we remember how, in a refugee child playing under a star, in an unknown young man requesting baptism, in a wandering preacher refreshed by water from a woman's hand, you appeared to call creation to see themselves and each other with fresh compassion and kindness. And today, in the routine smallness of everyday life, in the painful uncertainty of struggle and transition, in the timeless grace of hospitality, and the gifts of bread and wine, you appear to awaken us, to refresh and renew, to comfort and restore, to challenge and transform, to know, and be known.

Now, Epiphany God, gathered around this table, we recall how you, appeared in the actions and words of Jesus as he shared a last supper with his friends in which Jesus took bread, blessed it, broke it, and gave it to his friends, saying, “Take this and eat. This is my body, broken for you. Do this to remember me.” And after supper, Jesus took the cup and gave it to them, saying, “This cup is the new covenant sealed in my blood. It is shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sins. As often as you drink this, do so to remember me.”

Send down your Holy Spirit now on us, and on these gifts of bread and wine – that we might recognize and know you present with us here, and in receiving the gifts of your love find ourselves renewed. By this meal, renew our commitment to make real the prayer Jesus teaches:

Lord’s Prayer

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name.
Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.**

Sharing the Meal

Come to the banquet, for all is now ready. The gifts of God, for the people of God. Jesus welcomed all to this meal. So do we.

Please be seated

You may come forward to receive the elements, remain seated and use the pre-filled communion cups available at the door, or let an usher know you’d like to be served in your seat. Wine is in the outer rings of the tray, grape-apple juice in the inner ring. If you would like a gluten-free wafer, ask Pastor.



Hymn

We Come to the Hungry Feast



1 We come to the hun - gry feast hun - gry for a word of peace.
 2 We come to the hun - gry feast hun - gry for a world re - leased
 3 We come to the hun - gry feast hun - gry that the hun - ger cease,



To hun - gry hearts un - sat - is - fied the love of God is
 from hun - gry folk of ev - 'ry kind, the poor in bod - y,
 and know - ing, though we eat our fill, the hun - ger will stay



not de - nied. We come, we come to the hun - gry feast.
 poor in mind. We come, we come to the hun - gry feast.
 with us; still we come, we come to the hun - gry feast.

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 Music: HUNGRY FEAST, Ray Makeever
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Hymn

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence



1 Let all mor - tal flesh keep si - lence, and with fear and trem - bling stand;
 2 King of kings, yet born of Mar - y, as of old on earth he stood,
 3 Rank on rank the host of heav - en spreads its van-guard on the way;
 4 At his feet the six - winged ser - aph, cher - u - bim with sleep - less eye,



pon - der noth - ing earth - ly - mind - ed, for with bless - ing in his hand
 Lord of lords in hu - man ves - ture, in the bod - y and the blood,
 as the Light of light, de - scend - ing from the realms of end - less day,
 veil their fac - es to the pres - ence, as with cease - less voice they cry:



Christ our God to earth de - scend - ing comes full hom - age to de - mand.
 he will give to all the faith - ful his own self for heav'n - ly food.
 comes, the pow'rs of hell to van - quish, as the dark - ness clears a - way.
 "Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia, Lord Most High!"

Text: Liturgy of St. James; tr. Gerard Moultrie, 1829–1885, alt.
 Music: PICARDY, French folk tune, 17th cent.

Please stand in body or spirit

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Emmanuel – bright Morning Star: Thank you for the grace and generosity to respond freely and fully, whatever you might ask of us. So may our loving and living become places of epiphany where you can be recognized and known, and the transforming life of your Kingdom unleashed.

Amen.

WE ARE SENT

Hymn

The Trees of the Field

(sing twice)

You shall go out with joy and be led forth with peace, and the
moun-tains and the hills will break forth be - fore you. There'll be
shouts of joy and all the trees of the field will clap, will clap their hands.
And all the trees of the field will clap their hands. The
trees of the field will clap their hands. The trees of the field will
clap their hands, while you go out with joy.

Text: Steffi Geiser Rubin, b. 1950

Music: THE TREES OF THE FIELD, Stuart Dauermann, b. 1944

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Blessing

Amen.

Announcements

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 Communion liturgy adapted from one written by the Rev. Bill Loader of the Uniting Church in Australia.


Dave Shull will be attending a memorial service in Boston next weekend. Joss Dana and Rich Pautsch will preach. Larry Trover will preside. Rev. Julianne Smeck will be providing emergency pastoral care coverage Feb. 21-23. Her phone number is 734-972-6126.

Adult Ed
Sundays in February
 11:15 a.m.

How Churches Are Called to Respond to Sexual Violence

Staci Stought, a seminary student and retired sexual assault police officer, will be offering a four week Bible study on how churches can be a beacon of healing and hope to the harm of sexual violence within our world. Her class goes beyond traditional boundary training to explore the transformative role of faith communities

In-Person and Zoom:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83475541581?pwd=PEyYLFqECnuQBzf9bSbagxGY44GXcU.1>
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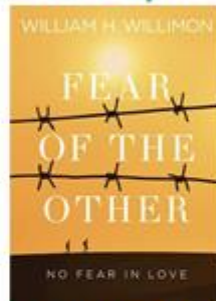
Tuesday Bible Study
The stories of Elijah and Elisha
Tuesdays + 1:00pm

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Wednesdays, Feb 12 – Feb 19

6:30-8 pm



***FEAR OF THE OTHER:
NO FEAR IN LOVE***
by *William H. Willimon*

AT REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH
and ZOOM

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Adult Ed

**Sunday February 23
11:15 a.m. – Room 2**

Non-Police Crisis Response Solution

Do you have a personal story about a call to 911 for a mental health issue that did not have a good outcome? Helen Anne Sweeney, one of the leaders, will be sharing information about a ballot initiative for the non-police crisis response during Adult Education Forum

In-Person and Zoom:

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Ash Wednesday Worship

**March 5
7:00 am
In-Person**

**7:00 pm
In-Person and Livestream**



**Lenten Soup and
Conversation
Wednesdays Noon – 1:00
March 12 – April 9
Narthex**



Coffee and Conversation

Wednesday, February 19

10:00 AM-11:30 AM – Narthex

Honest exploration of questions about faith and life



Midweek Lenten Evening Prayer

**Wednesdays March 12 – April 9
7:00 pm**

In-Person and Livestream

OUR WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY

Presiding Minister	David Shull, Pastor
Assisting Minister	Joss Dana
Cantor	Emily Kent
ASL Interpreter	Emily Ott
Organist & Senior Choir Director	Kathy Rapp
Pianist & Chime Choir Director	Karen Kent
Usher	Kathleen Zwanziger
Verger	Michelle Clemence / Wendy Stoica
Communion Prep	Krista Skipper, Kathleen Zwanziger
Producers	Toshi Phillips, Sachio Phillips
Hospitality	Ashley and Judith Bird

*Flowers are given by **Kathleen Zwanziger** in honor of **Jeremy Hutton's birthday**.
Noisy Offering will go to B.R.E.A.D.*

THIS WEEK AT REDEEMER 16 – 23

Today	8:45 am	Senior Choir Rehearsal
	10:00 am	IN-PERSON and LIVESTREAM Worship with Holy Communion
	11:15 am	IN-PERSON and ZOOM Adult Education
Tuesday	1:00 pm	IN-PERSON and ZOOM Bible Study
	6:30 pm	Congregation Council
Wednesday	10:00 am	Coffee and Conversation
	6:30 pm	Book Discussion at RLC
Next Sunday	8:45 am	Senior Choir Rehearsal
	10:00 am	IN-PERSON and LIVESTREAM Worship with Holy Communion
	11:15 am	IN-PERSON and ZOOM Adult Education



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