

Nurturing a Living Faith with Open Hearts and Serving Hands

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Introduction to the Day

Blessings and curses abound on the sixth week after Epiphany. We would do well to listen closely to whom the "blessed ares" and the "woe tos" are directed and to find our place in the crowd among those who desire to touch Jesus. The risen Christ stands among us in the mystery of the holy supper with an invitation to live in him, and offers power to heal us all.

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

"He Is Exalted" CCLI #17827 On Screen

CENTERING SONG

"All Are Welcome" Verse 5

ELW #641

WELCOME & SHARING OF PEACE

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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.

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.

⁵ 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. ⁶ 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. ⁷Blessed are those who trust in the LORD, whose trust is the LORD. ⁸ 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. ⁹ The heart is devious above all else; it is perversewho can understand it? ¹⁰ 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.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Welcome to Worship at Trinity Lutheran

6th Sunday after Epiphany Wednesday

Feb. 19, 2025

6 p.m.

Whether this is your first time worshipping with us, or if you regularly attend, we are very glad that you are with us! Today, we gather to worship God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

The church is not a building – it is you, the people. So "church," thanks for showing up today. If you look around what you will see are imperfect people. Some with smiles, some with broken hearts, some with secrets they are ashamed to share... and yet all of us together are the "church."

We are thankful you are here. Through God's Holy Spirit we pray you hear a word of grace and hope today.

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GOSPEL: LUKE 6:17-26

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.

The holy gospel according to Luke, chapter 6, beginning with verse 17. Glory to you, O Lord.

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.¹⁸ They had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases; and those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured.¹⁹ And all in the crowd were trying to touch him, for power came out from him and healed all of them.

²⁰ Then 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. ²³ 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.

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."

The gospel of the Lord. Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON/CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

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APOSTLES' CREED

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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Please pray for James, Terry, Dick, Wendy, Amy, Barb, Lois, Blair, Ruth & Dennis.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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.

COMMUNION MUSIC

"God of the Poor," CCLI #1236690 On screen

Pastor Mark Narum

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING

The God of love, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, lavish you with grace, illuminate your path, and increase your joy, today and always. Amen.

SENDING SONG

"You Are My All In All" CCLI#825356 On Screen

DISMISSAL

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

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My thoughts on the scripture and message







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ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2025

RADIO BROADCAST/LIVE STREAM is in honor of Julie & Rick Bucholz celebrating their 50th anniversary on Valentines Day. Given by their children.

ALTAR FLOWERS are in memory of Julius & Alta Burzloff.

RADIO BROADCAST/LIVE STREAM SIGN-UP - The sign-up sheet for 2025 is located in the Narthex. We still need **2 MORE** sponsorships this year.

LOAVES & FISHES - We will be filling bags for this ministry again TONIGHT after worship. If you are able, please help us in the Quilters' Room. We appreciate your continued support!

SILENT AUCTION ITEMS NEEDED – Trinity Youth will be holding a silent auction with the cook-off on March 12^{th} . We are looking for donations of nice handmade items, artwork, NEW items, gift baskets, or gift certificates for our auction. Please bring donations to the church office by March 10^{th} . If you have connections with a business, please consider asking them for a donation on our behalf. A sign-up sheet for the cook-off will come in later February. Thank you for your support of our youth!

CHILI COOK-OFF & BREAD - Sign-up in the narthex or with Gracia to bring a chili for our cook-off or bring some corn bread, regular bread, etc. for us to enjoy alongside the chili. All are welcome to come eat & vote!

ANNUAL MEETING - If you are unable to attend in persona and would like to participate via Zoom, you must PRE-REGISTER with Klarissa at pudwill@trinitybismarck.com. Otherwise, we will just be sharing it on Facebook and our website.

ONLINE GIVING - Giving has never been easier! Open your camera on your phone and scan the QR code. It will take you right to Trinity's online giving site. You can choose to give via credit card or bank account. Try it out today!



Check out all the Youth Happenings!

- Middle & High School Mock-In: February 21st @ 6-10p
- Club 316 for kids & youth: February 23rd @ 2:30p
- Grades K-5 Camp Fun Day: March 1st @ 10-2p
- Youth Bash @ Camp of Cross for Grades 4-12: March 28th-30th
- VBS for Age 4-Grade 5: June 8th-11th

More info on the youth bulletin board in the lobby or our website. See Gracia with questions.





THIS WEEK AT TRINITY

Wednesday 2-19 2:30 PM - Upstairs Bible Study in Room 212 5:15 PM - Dinner served in Fellowship Hall 6 PM - Worship in Sanctuary 6:40 PM - Book Study in Conference Room 6:40 PM - Church School, Confirmation, Youth Group Thursday 2-20 9:30 AM - Thursday Morning Circle in Conf. Room 5 PM - Mental Health Task Force in Conf. Room 6:30 PM - Council in Conference Room Friday 2-21 6 PM - Mock-In at Trinity Sunday 2-23 8:30 AM - Worship in Sanctuary 9:35 AM - Bible 101 in Fellowship Hall 9:35 AM - Church School 10:30 AM - Worship in Sanctuary 11:30 AM - Annual Meeting in Sanctuary Tuesday 2-25 9 AM - Quilters in Quilters' Room 4 PM - Property Committee in Conference Room Wednesday 2-26 4:30 PM - Trust Fund Committee in Conference Room 5:15 PM - Dinner served in Fellowship Hall 6 PM - Worship in Sanctuary 6:40 PM - Book Study in Conference Room 6:40 PM - Church School, Confirmation, Youth Group