

They shall be like a tree planted by water, sending out its roots by the stream. *Jeremiah 17:8a*

Sixth Sunday after Epiphany

February 13, 2022 8:30 & 11:00 AM

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Blessings and curses abound on the sixth Sunday 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.

The mission of Augsburg Evangelical Lutheran Church is to glorify God by proclaiming the gospel of Jesus Christ through worship, witness, education, service and fellowship.

All worship participants are required to wear masks regardless of vaccination status. (Note: All those leading worship in the chancel or choir loft are vaccinated and will only remove masks while speaking or singing.)

SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

Evangelical Lutheran Worship (ELW) Setting Nine

+ GATHERING +

OPENING PRELUDE Largo appassionato *from* Sonata in A Major, Op. 2, No. 2

Ludwig van Beethoven

Robert Ulery, piano

ACCLAMATION

Bruce W. Tippette

Alleluia. Rejoice, and leap for joy, For surely your reward is great in heaven. Alleluia. (Luke 6:23)

We stand.

RINGING OF THE BELL CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

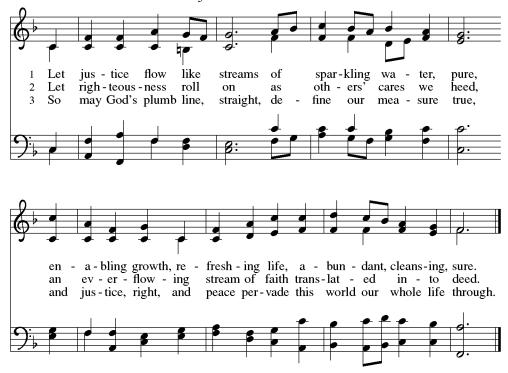
Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Most merciful God,
we confess that we are captive to sin
and cannot free ourselves.
We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us.
Forgive us, renew us, and lead us,
so that we may delight in your will
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your holy name.
Amen.

In the mercy of almighty God,
Jesus Christ was given to die for us,
and for his sake God forgives us all our sins.
As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ,
and by his authority,
I therefore declare to you
the entire forgiveness of all your sins,
in the name of the Father,
and of the + Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.



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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.

KYRIE



HYMN OF PRAISE



PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. A brief silence is kept before the prayer.

After the prayer the assembly responds: Amen.

We sit.

WELCOME

+ 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.

The word of the Lord. The assembly responds: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 1 ELW Tone 1



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

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

³They are like trees planted by streams of water, bearing fruit in due season,

with leaves that | do not wither;

everything they | do shall prosper.

⁴It is not so | with the wicked;

they are like chaff which the wind | blows away.

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

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

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.

The word of the Lord. *The assembly responds:* **Thanks be to God.** *We stand.*

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of e-ter-nal life.

GOSPEL Luke 6:17-26

The holy gospel according to Luke.



[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.



We sit.

SERMON Rev. Wollner

We stand.



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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 INTERCESSION

The Spirit of the Lord is poured out upon us in abundance; so we are bold to pray for the church, the world, and all that God has made.

Each portion of the prayers concludes:

Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Since we have such great hope in your promises, O God, we lift these and all of our prayers to you in confidence and faith; through Jesus Christ our Savior.

Amen.

PEACE

The presiding minister and the assembly greet each other in the peace of the risen Christ.

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

+ MEAL +

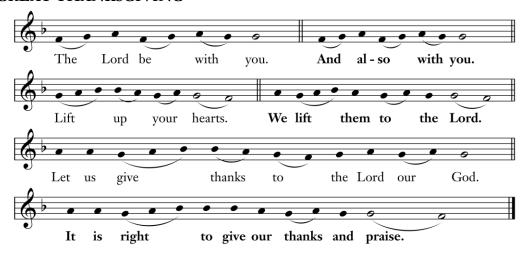
OFFERING OFFERTORY HYMN



Let us pray.

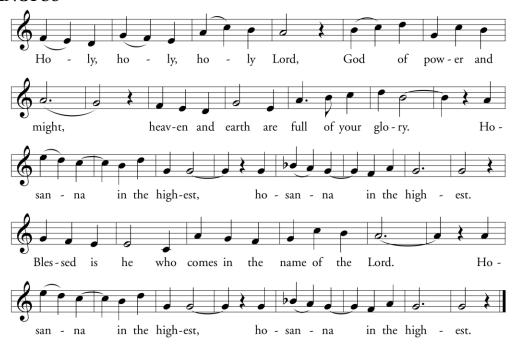
Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things.
Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: our selves, our time, and our possessions.
Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING



It is indeed right, our duty and our joy . . . we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS



EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God. You are most holy, and great is the majesty of your glory.

You so loved the world that you gave your only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but have eternal life.

We give you thanks for his coming into the world to fulfill for us your holy will and to accomplish all things for our salvation.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Remembering, therefore, his salutary command, his life-giving passion and death, his glorious resurrection and ascension, and the promise of his coming again, we give thanks to you, O Lord God Almighty, not as we ought but as we are able; we ask you mercifully to accept our praise and thanksgiving and with your Word and Holy Spirit to bless us, your servants, and these your own gifts of bread and wine, so that we and all who share in the body and blood of Christ may be filled with heavenly blessing and grace, and, receiving the forgiveness of sin, may be formed to live as your holy people and be given our inheritance with all your saints.

To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

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.

The presiding minister lifts the bread and cup and says

When we eat this bread, we share the body of Christ. When we drink this cup, we share the blood of Christ.

The assembly responds

Reveal yourself to us, O Lord, in the breaking of bread, as once you revealed yourself to your disciples.

AGNUS DEI



We sit.

COMMUNION

Today we will be communing using the individual communion kits that you received when checking in for worship. Glutenfree wafers are available when you check in. Please wait to take communion until the pastor comes to the end of the row and shares the Eucharistic Proclamation with you. Visitors and children are welcome to receive communion. Those who have never communed and would like to are encouraged to talk to a pastor. All who do not receive communion will receive a blessing.

When giving the bread and cup, the communion ministers say

The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you.

and each person may respond

Amen.

ANTHEM (8:30) Laudate Nomen Domini

Christopher Tye

Laudate nomen Domini, vos servi Domini, ab ortu solis usque ad occasum ejus.

Decreta Dei justa sunt et cor exhilarant. Laudate Deum principes et omnes populi.

Praise the Name of the Lord, you servants of the Lord, from the rising of the sun to its setting.

The Commandments of God are just and make the soul glad. Praise God, princes and all peoples.

ANTHEM (11:00) Love Bade Me Welcome

Text: George Herbert

Love bade me welcome, yet my soul drew back,

Music: Roland E. Martin

Guilty of dust and sin. But quick-ey'd Love, observing me grow slack

From my first entrance in, Drew nearer to me, sweetly questioning If I lack'd anything.

A guest, I answer'd, "worthy to be here"; Love said, "You shall be he."

"I, the unkind, the ungrateful? ah my dear, I cannot look on thee."

Love took my hand and smiling did reply, Who made the eyes but I?

"Truth, Lord, but I have marr'd them; let my shame Go where it doth deserve."

And know you not, says Love, "who bore the blame?" My dear, then I will serve.

You must sit down, says Love, "and taste my meat." So I did sit and eat.

TABLE BLESSING

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

Let us pray.

God of abundance, with this bread of life and cup of salvation you have united us with Christ, making us one with all your people. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

+ SENDING +

GODSPEED FOR PASTOR LORI CARTER

Pastor Lori, as you leave our congregation, we wish to bid you farewell.

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A reading from Isaiah: Thus says the LORD, who created you, O Jacob, who formed you, O Israel: Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you. For I am the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior. (Isaiah 43:1-3)

A reading from John: Jesus said, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness but will have the light of life." (John 8:12)

PRESENTATION OF THE QUILT

In holy baptism our Lord Jesus Christ received you and made you a member of his church. When you came to Augsburg we rejoiced to welcome you into the mission we share as the people of God. In this community you have come to know and to share in God's loving purpose for you and for all creation. God has blessed you in this community, and God has blessed us through you.

We encourage you to continue to receive and share God's gifts at St. John's in Salisbury, united with us in the body of Christ and the mission we share.

Let us pray...

Gracious God, we thank you for the work and witness of your servant Lori, who has enriched this congregation and shared her gifts with all whom she encountered. Now bless and preserve her at this time of transition. Day by day, guide her and give her what is needed, friends to cheer her way,

and a clear vision of that to which you are now calling her. By your Holy Spirit be present in her pilgrimage, that she may travel with the one who is the way, the truth, and the life, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

BLESSING





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Music: THE ASH GROVE, Welsh folk tune
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DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

CLOSING VOLUNTARY Allegro assai vivace from Sonata I

Felix Mendelssohn

Soli Deo Gloria!

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Announcements

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in memory of her mother, Boots Ogburn, by Mo Ogburn.

This week we keep in prayer Linnea Bagby, 3810 Lakeview Dr., Pfafftown, NC 27040-9533. Please send Linnea a note.

Pastor Paul's Bible Study will meet this coming Tuesday, February 15, at 2:00 p.m. You are invited to come and join Pastor Paul as he explores the Theology of Time. There is no preparation required and all are welcome. In addition, a one-time synopsis at the end of this study will be available for those who haven't been able to join the Tuesday afternoon sessions. It will be held on Tuesday, February 22 at 7:00 p.m. A Zoom link for both sessions will be included in the weekly "This Week @ Augsburg" Flocknote sent out on Monday.

The Souper Bowl of Caring is this Sunday, February 13. If you are going to be watching the big game and no doubt feasting while you watch, consider making a donation to help our neighbors eat too. Youth will be outside following each worship service holding big soup pots to collect your monetary donations for the Christ Beloved Community Food Pantry. Checks or cash are accepted on Sunday, but if you'd like to give online directly to Christ's Beloved Community, there will be a QR code on the pots or click this link https://www.paypal.com/donate/?hosted-button-id=SRA2DP2VD85PJ. Thank you for supporting our community!

Augsburg's Overflow Shelter can use your help! Pray for our guests and volunteers, signup for volunteer spots and donate supplies to help us provide good hospitality and care for our shelter guests. **Donations needed include:** men's boxers, men's crew socks, hotel/travel size toiletries, Lysol/Clorox wipes, coffee, sugar, paper coffee cups, or laundry detergent. All donations can be left at the welcome tables at worship or in the church office.

To sign up go to https://signup.com/go/AugsburgShelter.

Email <u>katie@alcws.org</u> if you have questions or would like to help.

We keep you in prayer. Our pastors continue to be available for your pastoral care needs. If you would like to reach a pastor, please send them an email. Pastor Paul is seniorpastor@alcws.org and Pastor Katie is katie@alcws.org.

Readings for next week: Genesis 45:3-11, 15; Psalm 37:1-11, 39-40; 1 Corinthians 15:35-38, 42-50; Luke 6:27-38

Worship attendance for services last week: 170 in person and 115 views on YouTube.

Providing Service Today

Bulletin Cover Artist
Penny Cuka

Ushers

(8:30) Alex Paschold, Mark Galchutt (11:00) Jack Strandhoy, Mark Galchutt

Altar Guild for February

Jan Wiles & Martha Claire Henzler

Assisting

Rev. Lori Carter

Preaching & Presiding

Rev. Paul Wollner

Greeters

(8:30) Reichert Family (11:00) Peggy Sturgis

Communion Assistants

(8:30) Marty Tanyi

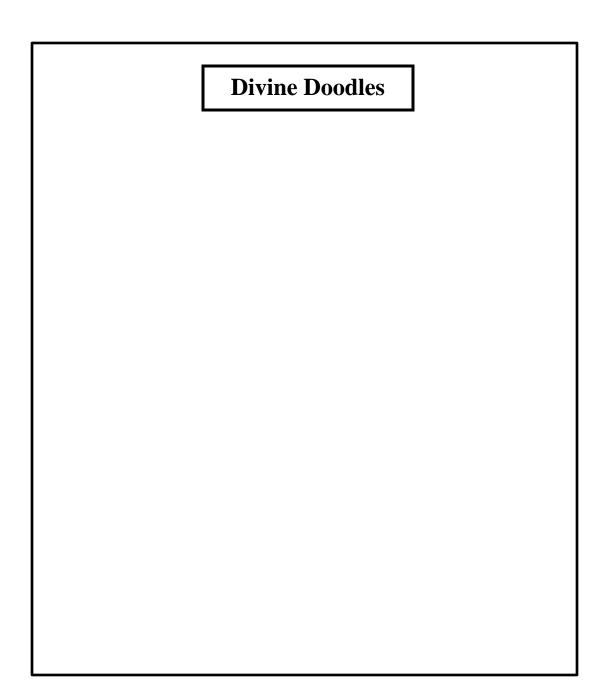
(11:00) Marge Wagstaff

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(11:00) Nanette Shutt

Important Dates as we bid farewell to Pastor Lori Carter

February 13 — Last Sunday at worship February 15 — Last day in the office February 26 — Ordination at 3:00 p.m.





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