

My grace is  
sufficient for  
my power is  
made perfect  
in weakness.

2 Corinthians 12:9

**The Sixth Sunday after Epiphany  
February 16, 2025**



# OUR REDEEMER

LUTHERAN CHURCH

**Sunday Worship**  
**9:30AM**

**Christian**  
**Education**  
**11AM**

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## **WELCOME**

"This is good!" this is bad." We often think life is that simple. We think we can assess a situation accurately determine it positive or negative. Things like success, wealth and health can lead us away from our God. Jesus taught his followers that his kingdom runs exactly opposite to the principles and priorities of the world. Perceived blessings can be hardships and perceived hardships can be used for our blessing.

### **For parents with Small Children**

There is a children's bulletin available in the basket together with the service folders as you enter. Please pick one up. If necessary, rest rooms and a video monitor for watching the service are in the fellowship hall. Go to your left as you walk out of the worship area, through the double doors.

**+ + + Service of the Word + + +**

**Hymn – *O Savior, Precious Savior***

**CW368**

**1 O Savior, precious Savior,  
Whom, yet unseen, we love,  
O name of might and favor,  
All other names above,  
We worship thee; we bless thee;  
To thee, O Christ, we sing;  
We praise thee and confess thee,  
Our holy Lord and King.**

**2 O Bringer of salvation,  
Who wondrously hast wrought,  
Thyself the revelation  
Of love beyond our thought,  
We worship thee; we bless thee;  
To thee, O Christ, we sing;  
We praise thee and confess thee,  
Our gracious Lord and King.**

**3 In thee all fullness dwelleth,  
All grace and pow'r divine;  
The glory that excelleth,  
O Son of God, is thine.  
We worship thee; we bless thee;  
To thee, O Christ, we sing;  
We praise thee and confess thee,  
Our glorious Lord and King.**

*Please stand.*

**4 Oh, grant the consummation  
Of this our song above  
In endless adoration  
And everlasting love!  
Then shall we praise and bless thee  
Where perfect praises ring  
And evermore confess thee,  
Our Savior and our King.**

**P** The grace of our Lord + Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

**C And also with you.**

**+ + + Confession of Sins + + +**

**P** We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.

**C Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.**

*A moment of silence for personal meditation.*

## Absolution

P God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you the strength to live according to his will.

**C Amen.**

+ + + **Prayer and Praise** + + +

P In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

C: Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good. Bless - ed are

they who take ref - uge in him. Your Word, O Lord, is e -

ens. Your faith - ful - ness con - tin - ues for -

ev - er. Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good.

Bless - ed are they who take ref - uge in him.

+ + + **Prayer of the Day** + + +

P O God of power and might, you know that we live in the midst of many great dangers and in our frailty we cannot stand upright. Give us strength and protection to support us in all peril and carry us through all temptations, through your son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



*Please be seated.*

+ + + **The Word** + + +

**First Lesson - Jeremiah 17:5-8**

*A blessed life is not connected to outward circumstances like health and wealth. Rather the one who is blessed is the one who has been given the gift of faith, whose trust is in the Lord.*

This is what the LORD says.

Cursed is anyone who trusts in mankind,  
who seeks his strength from human flesh,  
and who turns his heart away from the LORD.

<sup>6</sup>He will be like a juniper bush in the wasteland.  
He will not see good things when they come.

He lives in a dry place in the wilderness,  
in a salty land where no one lives.

<sup>7</sup>But blessed is anyone who trusts in the LORD,  
whose confidence is in him.

<sup>8</sup>He will be like a tree planted by water.

It sends out its roots to the stream.

It does not fear the heat when it comes.

Its leaves will remain green.

It is not concerned about a time of drought.

It does not stop producing fruit. EHV

P The Word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm of the Day – Psalm 1

*The first psalm is a comfort psalm. It admonishes us to hear and learn God's Word gladly for our own comfort. Luther*

### Refrain



Bless-ed are they who hope, who hope in the Lord.

### Psalm tone



## Refrain

Blessed is the man who does not walk in the counsel of  
the wicked  
or stand in the way of sinners.

But his delight is in the law of the LORD,  
and on his law he meditates day and night.

He is like a tree planted by streams of water, which yields  
its fruit in season  
and whose leaf does not wither. Whatever he does  
prospers.

## Refrain

Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment,  
nor sinners in the assembly of the righteous.

For the LORD watches over the way of the righteous,  
but the way of the wicked will perish.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son  
and to the Holy Spirit,  
as it was in the beginning,  
is now, and will be forever. Amen.

## Refrain



## Second Lesson – 2 Corinthians 12:7b-10

*The apostle Paul had some infirmity he initially viewed as a weakness. He came to see it as a blessing as it forced him to rely on God's strength.*

To keep me from becoming arrogant due to the extraordinary nature of these revelations, I was given a thorn in my flesh, a messenger of Satan, to torment me, so that I would not become arrogant. <sup>8</sup>Three times I pleaded with the Lord about this, that he would take it away from me. <sup>9</sup>And he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, because my power is made perfect in weakness." Therefore I will be glad to boast all the more in my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may shelter me.

<sup>10</sup>That is why I delight in weaknesses, in insults, in hardships, in persecutions, in difficulties, for the sake of Christ. For whenever I am weak, then am I strong.

P The Word of the Lord.

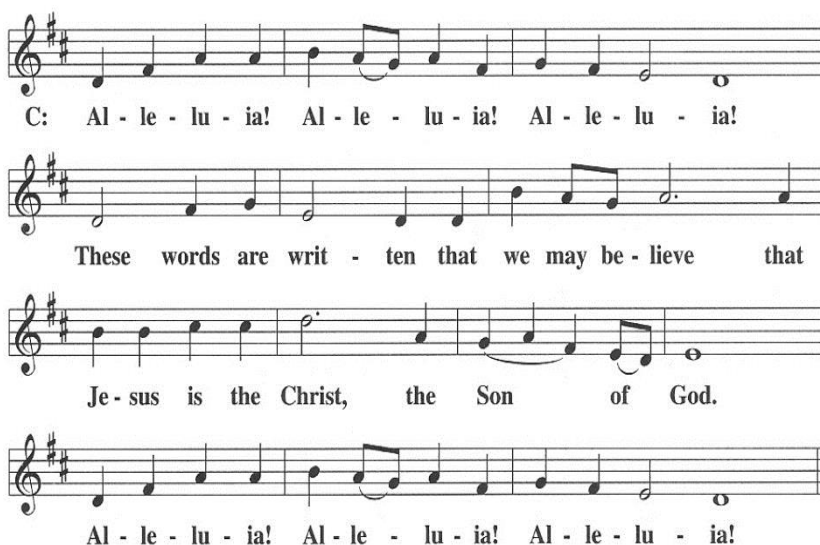
**C Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand.*

## Gospel Acclamation – from Psalm 121

P Alleluia. The Lord will watch over your coming

**C and going both now and forevermore. Alleluia.**



## Gospel – Luke 6:17-26

*In one of his most famous sermons Jesus teaches that the good things we seek are found in places we would least expect.*

He went down with them and stood on a level place with a large crowd of his disciples, and a large number of people from all Judea and Jerusalem, as well as from the coastal area of Tyre and Sidon. These people came to listen to him and to be healed of their diseases. <sup>18</sup>Those who were troubled by unclean spirits were also cured. <sup>19</sup>The whole crowd kept trying to touch him, because power was going out from him and healing them all.

<sup>20</sup>He lifted up his eyes to his disciples and said:  
Blessed are you who are poor,

because yours is the kingdom of God.

<sup>21</sup>Blessed are you who hunger now,  
because you will be satisfied.

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

<sup>22</sup>Blessed are you whenever people hate you,  
and whenever they exclude and insult you  
and reject your name as evil because of the  
Son of Man.

<sup>23</sup>"Rejoice in that day and leap for joy because of this:  
Your reward is great in heaven!

The fact is, their fathers constantly did the same things to  
the prophets.

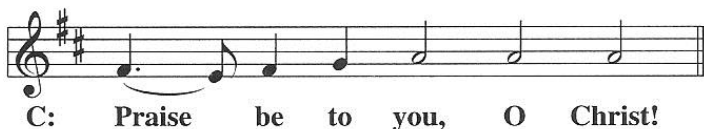
<sup>24</sup>But woe to you who are rich,  
because you are receiving your comfort now.

<sup>25</sup>Woe to you who are well fed now,  
because you will be hungry.

Woe to you who laugh now,  
because you will be mourning and weeping.

<sup>26</sup>Woe to you when all people speak well of you,  
because that is how their fathers constantly treated  
the false prophets.

P The Gospel of the Lord.



*Please be seated.*

**1 Be still, my soul; the Lord is on your side;  
Bear patiently the cross of grief or pain;  
Leave to your God to order and provide;  
In ev'ry change he faithful will remain.  
Be still, my soul; your best, your heav'nly friend  
Through thorny ways leads to a joyful end.**

**2 Be still, my soul; your God will undertake  
To guide the future as he has the past.  
Your hope, your confidence, let nothing shake;  
All now mysterious shall be bright at last.  
Be still, my soul; the waves and winds still know  
His voice who ruled them while he lived below.**

**3 Be still, my soul, though dearest friends depart  
And all is darkened in the vale of tears;  
Then you will better know his love, his heart,  
Who comes to soothe your sorrows and your fears.  
Be still, my soul; your Jesus can repay  
From his own fullness all he takes away.**

**4 Be still, my soul; the hour is hast'ning on  
When we shall be forever with the Lord,  
When disappointment, grief, and fear are gone,  
Sorrow forgot, love's purest joys restored.  
Be still, my soul; when change and tears are past,  
All safe and blessed we shall meet at last.**

**Sermon –**

**+ + + Our Joyful Thanksgiving + + +**

**Our Confession of Faith – The Apostles’ Creed**

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

**I believe 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 is seated at the right  
hand of God the Father almighty.  
From there 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.**

**Hymn – *Amazing Grace***

**CW379**

**1 Amazing grace -- how sweet the sound--  
That saved a wretch like me!**

**I once was lost but now am found,  
Was blind but now I see.**

**2 The Lord has promised good to me;  
His Word my hope secures.  
He will my shield and portion be  
As long as life endures.**

**3 Through many dangers, toils, and snares  
I have already come;  
'Tis grace has brought me safe thus far,  
And grace will lead me home.**

**4 When we've been there ten thousand years,  
Bright shining as the sun,  
We've no less days to sing God's praise  
Than when we'd first begun.**

*Please stand.*

### **Prayer of the Church**

**P** Heavenly Father, your kingdom has been made manifest in the preaching and miracles of Jesus Christ.

**C Gather together a great multitude from every Gentile nation and from Judea's remnant.**

**P** Grant, O Lord, that your people may always hold fast to the Word

**C that has been preached to them and not believe it in vain.**

P Lord God, you bestow favor and honor and withhold nothing from those who walk uprightly.

**C Bless those who teach children your ways, that generations to come would love your promises, walk in your truth and dwell in your house.**

P O Lord, preserve us from the ways of the wicked, and prosper us in your paths.

**C We commend to you all who bear office in our land and ask you to make them a blessing to those they serve.**

P Grant to us every joy in the calling you have given to us, that we would render service to you in our works of love toward our neighbor.

**C Remember those in need of honest labor and daily bread, and give them gainful employment according to your good and gracious will.**

P Merciful God, hear our prayer for those who are troubled by any unclean spirit, memory or thought; for the sick; and for all who need your healing.

**C Send forth your power in the name of Christ Jesus, that they would hear your Word and be cured.**

**-- *Silent prayers.* --**



P O Lord, your son is risen from the dead and has promised that he is the firstfruits from among those who sleep.

**C Preserve us in Christ Jesus with hope beyond this life.**

P Comfort those who mourn with the certainty of Christ's resurrection,

**C and grant us to live in confident expectation.**

P Lord God, heavenly Father, plant us as trees by the stream of Christ, our Savior.

**C Root us securely in his Word and wisdom.**

P Do not let us turn from you, nor put our trust in man and this flesh, which fail.

**C Preserve us from all anxiety, take away our fears and lead us to follow your Word.**

P Cause us, by your Holy Spirit, to bear much fruit and, when affliction and persecution come, to stand firm and rejoice at the great reward that is laid up for those who trust in you; through the same Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who has taught us to pray ...

### ***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.**

**Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power and the glory are  
yours now and forever. Amen!**

## **Closing Prayer**

P Lord God, our heavenly Father, pour out the Holy Spirit  
on your faithful people.

**C Keep us strong in your grace and truth, protect and  
comfort us in all temptation, and bestow on us your  
saving peace.**

P We ask these things through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who  
lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God,  
now and forever.



P Brothers and sisters, go in peace.  
Live in harmony with one another.  
Serve the Lord with gladness.

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to  
you.

The Lord look on you with favor and + give you peace.



*Please be seated.*

**Hymn – *I Am Trusting You, Lord Jesus***

**CW446**

**1 I am trusting you, Lord Jesus,  
Trusting only you,  
Trusting you for full salvation,  
Free and true.**

**2 I am trusting you for pardon;  
At your feet I bow,  
For your grace and tender mercy  
Trusting now.**

**3 I am trusting you for cleansing  
In the crimson flood,  
Trusting you who made me holy  
By your blood.**

**4 I am trusting you to guide me;  
You alone shall lead,  
Ev'ry day and hour supplying  
All my need.**

**5 I am trusting you for power;  
You can never fail.  
Words which you yourself shall give me  
Must prevail.**

**6 I am trusting you, Lord Jesus;  
Never let me fall.  
I am trusting you forever  
And for all.**

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## ***Looking ahead***

**Today - Bible class following worship, 11am**

**Pizza and a movie fellowship evening, 5pm**

**Sunday, February 23<sup>rd</sup> – worship 9:30am**

**Bible Class 11am**

**Sunday, March 2<sup>nd</sup> – worship 9:30am**

**Bible Class 11am**

**Call Meeting, 6 pm**

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