



*Sixth Sunday after Epiphany*  
*Augustana Lutheran*  
*Church*  
*February 16, 2025*

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Prelude

Heidi Graben

**GATHERING**

**Announcements**

**Announcement of the Day**

*Blessings and curses abound on the sixth Sunday after Epiphany. We would do well to listen closely to whom the “blessed are” 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.*

**\*Opening Hymn**

“Jesus Shall Reign” #434 v.1,2,3

**\*Confession and Forgiveness**

P: In the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

P: 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.

**C: Amen.**

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

*Silence is kept for reflection*

P: Most merciful God,

**C: 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.**

P: 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.

**C: Amen.**

**\*Greeting**

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

**C: And also with you.**

**\*Kyrie** (p.98)

**\*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.**

**WORD**

**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.*

<sup>5</sup> 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.

<sup>6</sup> 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.

<sup>7</sup> Blessed are those who trust in the Lord,  
whose trust is the Lord.

<sup>8</sup> 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.

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

<sup>10</sup> 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.

**Response to the Reading**

A: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## Special Music

*Celebration Choir "Great is the Lord" — Smith/Larson*

### **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.*

<sup>12</sup> Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say there is no resurrection of the dead? <sup>13</sup> If there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ has not been raised; <sup>14</sup> and if Christ has not been raised, then our proclamation has been in vain and your faith has been in vain. <sup>15</sup> 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. <sup>16</sup> For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised. <sup>17</sup> If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. <sup>18</sup> Then those also who have died in Christ have perished. <sup>19</sup> If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.

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

### **Response to the Reading**

A: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**\*Gospel Acclamation** (p.102)

**\*Gospel Announcement and Spoken Response**

**C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

**\*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.*

<sup>17</sup> [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. <sup>18</sup> They had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases; and those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. <sup>19</sup> And all in the crowd were trying to touch him, for power came out from him and healed all of them.

<sup>20</sup> Then he looked up at his disciples and said:

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

<sup>21</sup> "Blessed are you who are hungry now,  
for you will be filled.

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

<sup>22</sup> "Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude

you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. <sup>23</sup>  
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.

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

<sup>25</sup>“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.

<sup>26</sup>“Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ances-  
tors did to the false prophets.”

### **\*Spoken Gospel Response**

**C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

### **Children’s Sermon**

**Sermon**

Pastor Chuck Meyer

*Silence for reflection.*

### **\*Hymn of the Day**

“Let Streams of Living Justice” #710

### **\*Apostles’ Creed**

**C: 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 —**

We pray for: Lily Bodammer; Jackson Bullock; Dan Graben; Terry Heck; Con Heider; Dennis Holton; Lois Iwain; Olivia Kallaos; Steve Kolker; Theresa Krusko; Marlene Levine; Barb Mather; Becky Moos; Candy Noonan-Johnson; Craig Nordaker; Jane Nordaker; Tom Peterson; Clyde Robinson; Dan Robinson; Linda Roth; Shelly Schossow; Dick Sea; Lori Shannon; Bob Swanson; Marge Swanson; Tony Warstorm; and those affected by disasters and diseases throughout the world. Let us pray for all of the caregivers that give of their time and gentle care for those who are ill.

We also pray for the families of the church: Craig, Kari, Noah, Abbie, and Ellie Dickman; Rick Dickson; Dick and Marian Erickson; Ginny Ericson; Chris, Deb, and Ben Fegenbush.

A: God of grace,

**C: hear our prayer.**

### **\*Sharing of the Peace**

# OFFERING

## \*Offering Prayer

God of grace, your love reaches to the heavens,  
and your abundance to the depths of the seas.

Bless what we offer to your service:  
our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts.

Let us overflow with gratitude and generosity,  
now and always.

**Amen.**

## MEAL

\*Great Thanksgiving (p.107)

\*Proper Preface

\*Sanctus (p.108)

\*Words of Institution

\*Lord's Prayer (p.112)

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

**C: 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.**

\*Invitation to Holy Communion

P: The joy of the Lord is our strength.

Come, eat this meal of gladness.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

Lamb of God (p.112)

**Distribution**—*We believe that the body and blood of Christ are truly present in the Supper of our Lord, in the forms of bread and wine. We also believe that admission to the sacrament is by invitation of the Lord, presented through the Church to those who believe in Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior. All are welcome to partake in the Lord's Supper at Augustana Lutheran Church. Receive the bread in your hands. Gluten free hosts are available if you prefer. The wine will be served in a small glass. Grape juice is available if you prefer. Those who do not partake of Holy Communion are welcome to come forward for a blessing.*

**Distribution Hymns**

"Canticle of the Turning"

#723

"Light Dawns on a Weary World"

#726

\*Post-Communion Blessing

P: The Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

**C: Amen.**

**\*Post-Communion Prayer**

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.**

***SENDING***

**\*Blessing**

The Spirit of the triune God  
† bless you with joy,  
anoint you with compassion,  
and send you in love.  
**Amen.**

**\*Closing Hymn**

“Jesus Shall Reign” #434 v.4,5

**\*Dismissal**

Go in peace. Live in hope.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**Postlude**

**Heidi Graben**

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***GOD’S LOVE MADE REAL!***

**Today, Sunday, February 16 Worship Leaders**—Presiding Minister: Pastor Chuck Meyer; Assisting Minister: Dave Madsen; Musician: Heidi Graben; Technical Assistant: Team Iversen; Altar Guild: Ginny Ericson and Darla Williams; Acolyte: Tyler Welp

**Sunday, February 23 Worship Leaders**—Presiding Minister: Pastor Chuck Meyer; Assisting Minister: Dave Madsen; Musician: Shannon Peterson; Technical Assistant: Team Levine; Altar Guild: Ginny Ericson and Darla Williams; Acolyte: Alex Hexom

**Attendance for Sunday, February 9—58**

**February Benevolence**—In February we will continue to collect food items for the St. Thomas Episcopal food pantry. Baskets for donations can be found both upstairs and downstairs. We will also collect financial donations for the Siouxland Foodbank's Souper Bowl of Giving.

**Lutheran Lakeside Camp**—Is your child interested in going to summer camp at Lutheran Lakeside Camp in Spirit Lake, IA? If you register by March 1 you can save \$50! Talk to Pastor Chuck about when you would like to send your child up to camp so we can coordinate with other students who may be interested.

**Lutheran Services in Iowa Donation Request for Fire Victims**—As you may have heard, a fire destroyed an apartment building at Country Estates on February 4. Four of the families affected were recently resettled refugee clients of LSI's. We are working to help them rebuild their homes after they lost everything in the fire. In addition we are still working to furnish the homes of a few recently arrived families. If you would like to help, LSI is particularly looking to replace furniture and kitchen essentials. Donations can be brought to LSI's office or for larger items LSI can assist in transporting the donated items. Specifically needed items include gently used: couches or recliners, kitchen tables and chairs, side tables, lamps, soup bowls, mixing bowls, silverware, chef knives, cooking utensils, baking dishes, bath towels, kitchen towels, new cleaning items such as toilet paper, paper towels, dish soap and sponges. Additionally, gift cards (Walmart, Hyvee, or Aldi) are appreciated to assist with other household and food needs.

*If you have something to donate or have questions please contact Delancey Kruse, Community Engagement Specialist at 712-255-2505 Ext 5683.*

**Fundraising Notes**—We have decided to divide the fundraising into monthly events. That being said, anytime you feel like donating to the HVAC project, we will accept your money!

- *February:* The yellow envelopes in your giving envelopes can be used to earmark your donation. They can also be found in the pews. Use these if you want a tax credit for your donation.
- *March:* We will have a challenge for you which will be revealed soon.
- *April:* We will have some type of candy sale. Hopefully, the kids in the congregation can use their smiles to sell their goods.
- *May:* A silent auction. We have a couple items already, but if you have any items which we can auction, please let us know. Also, do you have connections with a business who might donate?

We also talked about other things we could do to raise money including bake sales, a dinner, Easter breakfast, a Go Fund Me page, etc. If you have any ideas, please share them with anyone on council. And don't forget the pickle jar! Everything collected in February and March will be earmarked for the HVAC.

### **This week at Augustana**

#### **Sunday, February 16, 2025**

8:45am Children's Choir

9:00am Adult Choir, Sunday School, and Confirmation

10:00am Holy Communion

4:30pm Just For Kix

#### **Monday, February 17, 2025**

5:00pm Just For Kix

6:00pm Beth Moore Bible Study

#### **Tuesday, February 18, 2025**

5:00pm Just For Kix

#### **Wednesday, February 19, 2025**

5:00pm Just For Kix

#### **Thursday, February 20, 2025**

5:00pm Just For Kix

### **Next week at Augustana**

#### **Sunday, February 23, 2025**

8:45am Children's Choir

9:00am Adult Choir, Sunday School, and Confirmation

10:00am Holy Communion

3:00pm Just For Kix

#### **Monday, February 24, 2025**

10:00am Piece Corps

5:00pm Just For Kix

6:00pm Beth Moore Bible Study

#### **Tuesday, February 25, 2025**

5:00pm Just For Kix

#### **Wednesday, February 26, 2025**

5:00pm Just For Kix

6:00pm Family Fun Night

#### **Thursday, February 27, 2025**

5:00pm Just For Kix

**Welcome to all visitors; we've been expecting you!** Please worship with us regularly! If you are looking for a church home and would like to attend a new member class, please check the appropriate box on the Fellowship Register as you sign in. The register can be found in three places in the narthex as you enter the nave. Please sign it and check the appropriate boxes.

**There are several ways to find out more about Augustana!** Copies of the *Trumpeter*, Augustana's monthly newsletter, are available in the entryway for visitors. Look for us on the web at [www.augustanasc.org](http://www.augustanasc.org). Check us out on Facebook! Augustana Lutheran, Sioux City is the name of our page.

#### Congregational Mission Statement

A welcoming, caring congregation offering opportunities for worship, spiritual growth, and fellowship.

We express our faith and love to others in the name of Jesus Christ.

