# **HOLY COMMUNION**Sixth Sunday after Epiphany

**February 17.2019** 

10:30 am

#### INTRODUCTION TO THE DAY

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 the power to heal us all.

#### SILENT PRAYER

**PRELUDE:** "Overture" from Royal Fireworks Suite Handel

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

## GATHERING (ENTRANCE RITE)

Stand

**HYMN:** O God of Mercy, God of Might #714

## **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS (ABSOLUTION)**

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism.

- **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.

#### Kneel/Stand

- **P** 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.

#### **G** Amen.

Amen.

## Stand

#### GREETING

- P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- **G** And also with you.

## CANTICLE OF PRAISE (GLORIA IN EXCELSIS DEO)



#### PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray.

Lord God, mercifully receive the prayers of your people. Help us to see and understand the things we ought to do, and give us grace and power to do them; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

#### G Amen.

#### CHILDREN'S SERMON

#### LITURGY OF THE WORD

#### FIRST READING

Jeremiah 17:5-10

These verses compose a poem that is part of a larger collection of wisdom sayings (17:5-11) 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.

**A** A reading from Jeremiah.

<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.

**A** The word of the Lord.

## **☑** Thanks be to God.

**PSALM 1** (*The congregation sings the verses in bold face type.*)

<sup>1</sup>Happy 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!

<sup>2</sup>Their delight is in the law | of the LORD, and they meditate on his law | day and night.

<sup>3</sup>They are like trees planted by streams of water, bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that | do not wither; everything they | do shall prosper.

<sup>4</sup>It is not so | with the wicked;

they are like chaff which the wind | blows away.

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

<sup>6</sup>For the LORD knows the way | of the righteous, but the way of the wick- | ed is doomed.

#### 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.

## **A** reading from First Corinthians.

<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.

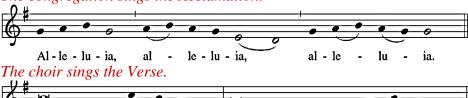
<sup>20</sup>But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died.

- **A** The word of the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

#### Stand

#### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

The congregation sings the Acclamation.



Lord, to whom | shall we go?

You have the words of e- | -ternal life

The congregation repeats the Acclamation.

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.

**P** The holy gospel according to Luke.

## Glory to you, O Lord.

<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. 18 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 ancestors did to the false prophets."
- **P** The gospel of the Lord.
- **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sit

SERMON Pastor Weleck

Stand

**HYMN OF THE DAY:** Songs of Thankfulness and Praise # 310

The Nicene Creed is appropriate during Advent, Christmas, Easter, and on festival days; the Apostles' Creed during Lent and at other times.

## **APOSTLES CREED**

- P With the whole church, let us confess our faith.
- **■** 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 into hell.

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

- A With the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.
- (A) We pray for the church, for its pastors and bishops, for the newly baptized, for all the faithful, for this congregation here gathered, and for our growth in grace. Lord, in your mercy,
- **9** hear our prayer.
- Me pray for all nations, for all rulers, legislators, and judges, for an increase of justice in our lands, and for all who work for peace among nations and among peoples. Lord, in your mercy,
- **©** hear our prayer.
- Me pray for all in any need, for the hungry and the homeless, for victims of war and injustice, for prisoners, for all who suffer in mind, body, or spirit, for the sick and infirm, for all with incurable illness, and for all who this day will die. We pray especially for those we name in the silence of our hearts... Lord, in your mercy,
- **G** hear our prayer.
- A We pray for the members of our armed forces wherever they serve, and especially when they serve in harm's way, that they might speedily complete their mission and be safely reunited with their loved ones. Lord, in your mercy,
- **G** hear our prayer.
- Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.
- C Amen.

#### **PEACE**

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

## **And also with you.**

The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace, and may say Peace be with you or similar words.

#### LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT OF THE ALTAR

#### Sit

#### **OFFERING**

**ANTHEM:** Blessed Are You

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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 you for my sake.

Rejoice, be glad, for great is your reward in heaven,

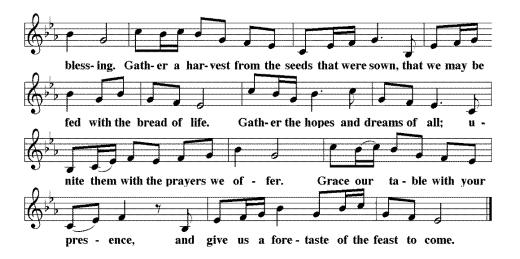
For so they persecuted the prophets which were before you.

Blessed are you.

## **Stand**

## **OFFERTORY**



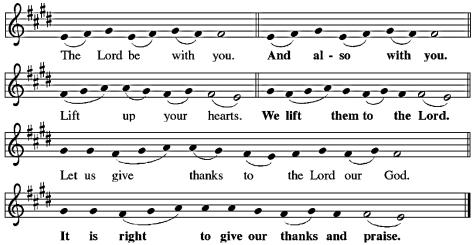


#### **OFFERING PRAYER**

- A Let us pray...Merciful Father,
- we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us—ourselves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### **GREAT THANKSGIVING**

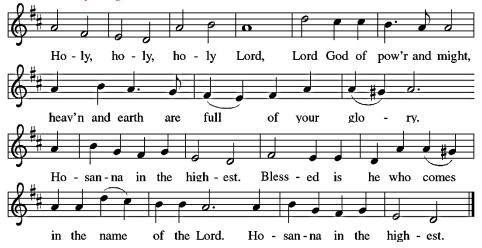
The presiding minister greets the assembly and invites all present to give thanks:



The minister continues with the PROPER PREFACE:

P It is indeed right, our duty and our joy... Here the minister continues with the preface for the day, concluding: ...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

The assembly sings the SANCTUS:



The minister continues with the WORDS OF INSTITUTION, usually included in a 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.



P 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.



#### LORD'S PRAYER

P 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.

#### INVITATION TO COMMUNION

- P Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.
- Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

#### Sit

#### **COMMUNION**

When giving the bread and cup, the communion ministers say
The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you.

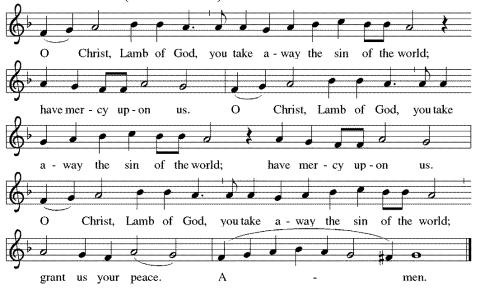
and each person may respond

Amen.

We Lutherans believe that the Body and Blood of Christ are "truly and substantially" present "in, with, and under" the forms of bread and wine. We invite to the communion all who are baptized and communing in this or another Christian denomination. We welcome children and others who are not communing to kneel at the altar rail for a blessing. The Body of Christ is received in the palm of the hand. The Blood of Christ is poured into a small glass which should be picked up on the way

## Music during Communion:

### LAMB OF GOD (AGNUS DEI)



#### HYMNS DURING COMMUNION

**HYMN:** Praise the Almighty!

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#### Stand

#### BLESSING AFTER COMMUNION

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

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

**A** Let us pray.

We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life. In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

#### C Amen.

#### **SENDING**

## **BLESSING (BENEDICTION)**



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

#### DISMISSAL

**A** Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

**HYMN:** God Be with You Til We Meet Again # 536

**POSTLUDE:** "The Rejoicing" from Royal Fireworks Suite Handel

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**The Christmas Cycle** celebrates the events surrounding Christ's coming — the prophecies, his birth, his manifestation (epiphany) to the Gentiles, and his baptism — through the Advent season, the Christmas season, and the Epiphany season.

On Sundays for which the color is green, it is appropriate to omit either the Kyrie or the Hymn of Praise, reserving both together for festival seasons.

The liturgical color green, symbolic of growth, is used for the season after Epiphany and after Pentecost.

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2019 Stewardship Campaign Update					
	Commitment Cards	Dollar Amount			
Total Possible	274	\$235,000			
Received as of 1/20/2019	68	\$111,980			
<b>Amount Outstanding</b>	206	\$123,020			

If you have not yet returned your Commitment Card for 2019, please return the completed card as soon as possible. A copy of the 2019 Commitment Card can be downloaded from the parish web site, <a href="www.augustustrappe.org">www.augustustrappe.org</a>, under the "About Us" tab.

## **Assisting in the Service:**

Altar Servers: Nathan Kerr and Carson Leigl

Lectors: 8:00 am: Mike Van Blaricum

10:30 am: Jeannie Funk

Ushers: Frank DePaul, Karl Stefan, Jack Schatz, and Dick Allebach

Communion Assistants: 8:00 am: Debra Augustine

10:30 am: Jennifer Wentworth and Bob Rodenberger

Altar Guild: 8:00 am: Sally Sweeney

10:30 am: Deb Scholl and Sherry Jessee

Offering Tabulation: Debra Augustine, Karl Stefan, and Jeannie Funk

<u>The Altar Flowers</u> are given to the glory of God in memory of Dr. Ivan and Kay Hess from their family.

<u>The Sanctuary Candle</u> is given to the glory of God by Gail, Buddy, and Joshua Martin in loving memory of father and grandfather, Robert Heist.

<u>The Worship Bulletins</u> are given to the glory of God by Dennis Ludwig in loving memory of Parents, Sue and Ernest Ludwig.

<u>Speakers Wanted:</u> The Senior Youth Group leaders are looking for guest speakers for our meetings on the first Wednesday of each month. Do you have past experiences that you think would be valuable for our youth? Would you would like to share them with them? If you're interested, please contact Gary Wessner (gtwess@comcast.net).

<u>SYG Group Soup Sales:</u> As the heart of winter approaches, the best way to keep warm is a bowl of hot soup. The Senior Youth Group will be selling soups on the 17<sup>th</sup> of February and March. If you're interested in making soups for the youth group, please contact Tracy Wessner, <a href="mailto:gtwess@comcast.net">gtwess@comcast.net</a>.

<u>Augustus Book Club:</u> The February meeting of the Augustus Book Club will be held on February 18, 2019 at 7:30 pm in the Vestry Lounge. We will be discussing <u>Invisible Man</u> by Ralph Ellison. Come to discuss the book and get to know some new folks! Refreshments are always served. Questions? Contact Karen McClain 610-489-9625 or <u>office@augustustrappe.org</u>

Volunteer Needed: The Spring Turkey Dinner Committee is currently in need of a chair person to oversee the Craft/Vendor Fair portion of the event scheduled for Saturday, April 27, 2019. Although this job is relatively low maintenance and low energy, it is an extremely critical position to the success of the Turkey Dinner and the support of our missions in Tanzania. We are requesting that the Craft/Vendor Fair Chair Person actively pursues vendors, takes in their reservations and requests, organizes their booth placements, and directs the crafters on the day of the event. You will be directing and working with our set-up crew to put up tables and any other equipment you may require. You will not be required to set up craft/vendor fair tables. The support of our church missions in Tanzania can only be successful with the unconditional support of our congregants. Please prayerfully consider this opportunity to partake in the global Christian community. For further information or to express your interest, please contact Dale O'Hara at 610-489-0417 or oharadvd@aol.com

CALENDAR OF EVENTS				
Sunday	2/17	8:00 am	Holy Communion in the Chapel	
		8:45 am	Soup Sale	
		8:45 am	Children's Music	
		9:00 am	Sunday School	
		9:00 am	Sr. Youth Group	
		9:15 am	Bible Study	
		10:30 am	Holy Communion in the Upper Nave	
		11:30 am	Soup Sale	
Monday	2/18	6:45 pm	Cub Scouts	
		7:00 pm	Scouts	
		7:00 pm	District Scout Meeting	
		7:30 pm	Book Club	
Tuesday	2/19	9:30 am	Quilting Group	
		7:00 pm	Cub Scouts	
		7:00 pm	Scout Committee Meeting	
Wednesday	2/20	2:00 pm	Staff Meeting	
		6:00 pm	3-in-1	
Thursday	2/21	6:00 pm	Bell Choir	
		7:00 pm	Adult Choir	
Friday	2/22			
Saturday	2/23			
Sunday	2/24	8:00 am	Holy Communion in the Chapel	
		8:45 am	Children's Music	
		9:00 am	Sunday School	
		9:15 am	Adult Bible Study	
		10:30 am	Holy Communion in the Upper Nave	

Wanted: People with property management expertise. With the closing of Happy Days and subsequent loss of revenue, a facilities rental committee has been established to develop a plan for renting space at Augustus on a daily, weekly, monthly or yearly basis. If you have experience with rental contracts and/or property management, we need your help. Please contact John Kochel (John.Kochel@Thrivent.com), Gary Wessner (gtwess@comcast.net), Janet Stokes (sjastokes@aol.com) or the church office.