

# Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany

Peace Lutheran Church February 17, 2019 9:30 a.m.

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> Our Vision: Encouraging Our Members to Live 1-to-1 Lives Our Focus for 2019: Making the Bible More Accessible

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PRAYERS BEFORE THE SERVICE & PSALM FOR MEDITATION: Psalm 1 (inside the front cover of the hymnal)

#### **AS WE GATHER**

Blessing and Woe

These Sundays after the Epiphany give us a glimpse and overview of our Lord's earthly ministry of preaching, teaching, and healing. The people who followed Him have seen Him do many great things. In fact, many followed Him mainly in hopes that they would receive healing or some other gift. But today Jesus has everyone stop in their tracks for some teaching, words of wisdom, words of blessing, and words of warning. The blessing is when you know Jesus' spiritual promises of forgiveness and assurance of eternal life. The warning is the danger of taking your eyes off of Jesus, being concerned only with the gifts and blessings we receive in this life, that is, things of this world that will surely pass away. As Jesus continues to lead us to His goal-His suffering, death, and resurrection—we are being drawn to value the spiritual blessings that in faith will provide us with forgiveness and eternal life.

## LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

RINGING OF THE BELLS

CALL TO WORSHIP "Come, Now is the Time to Worship Sola Deo Gloria

**WELCOME** 

#### **№ PREPARATION №**

OPENING HYMN "Come unto Me, Ye Weary" LSB 684

### INVOCATION

In the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit. P

C Amen.

#### OPENING SENTENCES

Based on Psalm 1:1a, 2; Jeremiah 17:7

- P Blessed is the person who walks not in the counsel of the wicked,
- C but their delight is in the law of the LORD.
- P Blessed is the person who trusts in the LORD,
- C whose trust is the LORD.

#### **CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

- P Brothers and sisters, as we gather to hear the words and teaching of our Lord today, let us prepare by confessing our need to hear Him.
- C Lord God, heavenly Father, we confess the sins of our minds, our speech, our actions, and even our inactions.
- P We beg Your mercy and forgiveness.
- We ask for Your grace to fill us with faith in Your Son, our Lord, to lead and guide us through all our days that we may rejoice in the new, eternal life He has won for us by His cross and resurrection. Amen.
- P In His mercy, God has given His Son to die for you and to give you the forgiveness of all your sins. Upon this your confession, as a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

#### **₩ WORD ₩**

#### INTROIT

Ps. 119:1-2, 4-5; antiphon: Ps. 119:7

- P I will praise you with an upright heart,
- C when I learn your just and righteous decrees.
- P Blessèd are those whose way is blameless,
- C who walk in the law of the LORD!
- P Blessèd are those who keep his testimonies,
- C who seek him with their whole heart.
- P You have commanded your precepts
- C to be kept diligently.
- P Oh that my ways may be steadfast
- C in keeping your statutes!

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.

- P I will praise you with an upright heart,
- C when I learn your just and righteous decrees.

#### SALUTATION and PRAYER OF THE DAY

- P The Lord be with you.
- C And also with you.
- P Let us pray. O Lord, graciously hear the prayers of Your people that we who justly suffer the consequence of our sin may be mercifully delivered by Your goodness to the glory of Your name; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C Amen.

# OLD TESTAMENT READING Jeremiah 17:5–8 Pew Bible pg. #767

(Trust in man or in the Lord.)

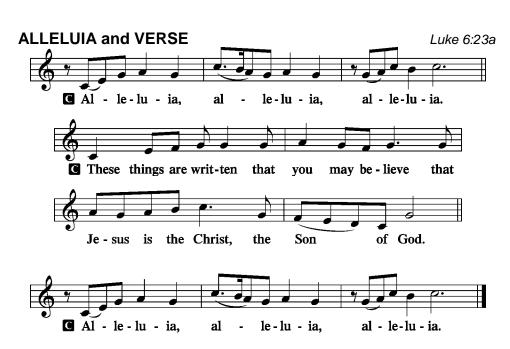
- L This is the Word of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

#### **EPISTLE** 1 Corinthians 15:12–20

Pew Bible pg. #1142

(The resurrection of the dead)

- L This is the Word of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.



**HOLY GOSPEL** Luke 6:17–26 Pew Bible pg. #1024 (Jesus ministers to a great multitude.)

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the sixth chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

(The Gospel is read.)

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

CREED Nicene Creed

(Located in the back of the Hymnal)

SERMON HYMN

"Jesus Sat with His Disciples"

LSB 932

#### SERMON

May the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, O Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer. Psalm 19:14

**OFFERING** "Show Me The Way" (Psalm 143) Sola Deo Gloria During the Offering, please sign and then pass the Friendship Folder on the inside end of each pew. Please also use this folder to record your Communion attendance. If you are visiting with us and desire to receive Holy Communion, please take a moment to carefully consider our Communion belief and practice as also explained in the pew racks.

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs:

Thanks and praise to You, almighty God, for all the blessings of Your good creation, and especially the blessings of Your mercy and grace by which we know Your promise of forgiveness for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ. Keep us, we pray, in the one true faith, and grant true unity of faith in Your whole Church. Lord, in Your mercy,

- C hear our prayer.
- P Bless the preaching of Your Word and the administration of Your Sacraments, so that many may come in repentance and faith to receive Your blessings and be delivered from sin and unbelief. Lord, in Your mercy.
- C hear our prayer.

- P Grant peace and unity in our nation and around the world, so that Your Word may have free course, calling all people to the blessing of eternal life. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.
- P By Your blessing, strengthen and enable all who labor, especially those whose work is difficult or dangerous, and keep in safety all who travel. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.
- P For all those in need, for the hungry and homeless, for the widowed and orphaned, for the sick, for the dying and those who care for them, surround them with Your blessing of health and healing. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.
- P Blessed are those who die in the Lord and rest from their labors. Keep us in unity with all who have gone before us with the sign of faith. Lord, in Your mercy.
- C hear our prayer.
- P Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- C Amen.

#### **▼ SACRAMENT**

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## **DISTRIBUTION HYMNS**

"Songs of Thankfulness and Praise"	LSB 394
"Ancient Words	Sola Deo Gloria
"Come To Jesus"	Sola Deo Gloria
"Renew Me, O Eternal Light"	LSB 704
"Jesus Christ, My Sure Defense"	LSB 741

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BENEDICAMUS and	BENEDICTION	pg. 212
CLOSING HYMN	"Almighty Father, Bless the Word"	LSB 923

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# Old Testament Reading Jeremiah 17:5–8

<sup>5</sup>Thus says the Lord: "Cursed is the man who trusts in man and makes flesh his strength, whose heart turns away from the Lord. 6He is like a shrub in the desert, and shall not see any good come. He shall dwell in the parched places of the wilderness, in an uninhabited salt land. 7"Blessed is the man who trusts in the Lord, whose trust is the Lord. 8He is like a tree planted by water, that sends out its roots by the stream, and does not fear when heat comes, for its leaves remain green, and is not anxious in the year of drought, for it does not cease to bear fruit."

Epistle 1 Corinthians 15:12–20 <sup>12</sup>Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say that there is no resurrection of the dead? <sup>13</sup>But if there is no resurrection of the dead, then not even Christ has been raised. 14And if Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is in vain and your faith is in vain. 15We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified about God that he raised Christ, whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised. 16For if the dead are not raised. not even Christ has been raised. 17And 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 fallen asleep in Christ have perished. 19If in 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 firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep.

Holy Gospel Luke 6:17–26

<sup>17</sup>And he came down with them and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea and Jerusalem and the seacoast of Tyre and Sidon, <sup>18</sup>who came 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 the crowd sought to touch him, for power came out from him and healed them all.

<sup>20</sup>And he lifted up his eyes on 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 shall be satisfied. "Blessed are you who weep now, for you shall laugh.

<sup>22</sup>"Blessed are you when people hate you and when they exclude you and revile you and spurn your name as evil, on account of the Son of Man! <sup>23</sup>Rejoice in that day, and leap for joy, for behold, your reward is great in heaven; for so their fathers 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 shall be hungry.

"Woe to you who laugh now, for you shall mourn and weep.

<sup>26</sup>"Woe to you, when all people speak well of you, for so their fathers did to the false prophets.