

Grace Lutheran Church

Sixth Sunday after Epiphany

February 16, 2025

Pastor Jim Helgren

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING SONG - ELW #434 – “Jesus Shall Reign”

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS - ELW p. 94 *Please stand in body or spirit to receive forgiveness.*

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

A: 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.

A: Amen.

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

P: Most merciful God,

A: 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.

A: Amen. Assembly sits.

GREETING - p. 138

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

A: And also with you.

KYRIE - p. 138

HYMN OF PRAISE - p. 140

PRAYER OF THE DAY - Please see insert. Response after the prayer: **Amen.**

FIRST READING –Jeremiah 17:5-10 Please see insert. Response after the reading:

R: Word of God, word of life.

A: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 1 - Please see insert and read responsively

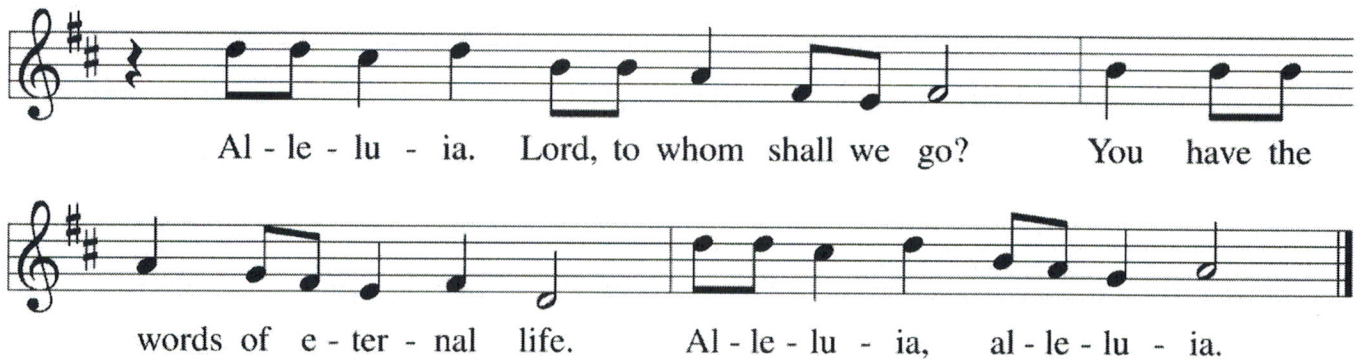
SECOND READING – 1 Corinthians 15:12-20 Please see insert. Response after the reading:

R: Word of God, word of life.

A: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION - p. 142

Please stand in body or spirit to welcome the gospel.



P: The holy gospel according to

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL – Luke 6:17-26 Please see insert.

P: The gospel of the Lord.

A: Praise to you, O Christ. *The assembly sits.*

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY - ELW #732 – “Borning Cry”

AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM – KAIDEN DORN - p. 234

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION - p.143 Response after each portion of the prayer:

P: Lord, in your mercy,

A: hear our prayer.

PEACE - p. 143 *Please stand in body or spirit*

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

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

A: And also with you.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY - "Cultivating Love through Epiphanies" hymn - ELW #677 –

"This Little Light of Mine" – All Verses

GREAT THANKSGIVING - p. 144

LORD'S PRAYER - p. 145

Please stand in body or spirit for the Lord's Prayer.

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.

LAMB OF GOD - p. 146

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

COMMUNION FOLLOWED by READING - p. 113

Now, Lord, you let your servant go in peace; your word has been fulfilled.

My own eyes have seen the salvation which you have prepared in the sight of ev'ry people:

A light to reveal you to the nations and the glory of your people Israel.

Now, Lord, you let your servant go in peace.

BLESSING - p. 114 - Response after the blessing:

A: Amen.

DISMISSAL - p. 115 - Response after the dismissal:

A: Thanks be to God. *The assembly sits.*

SENDING SONG – “Here I Am, Lord” See Insert

POSTLUDE

We celebrate today with Kaiden Dorn at the completion of his confirmation education. Today he will be received as full member at the Affirmation of Baptism. God bless Kaiden!

Kaiden James Dorn

His parents are Travis Dorn and Shelley Dorn

His baptism sponsors are Brian & Nikki Gordon

Faith Statement:

I believe in our one loving God, that willingly sent his Son to die for our sins. Not because we deserved it, but out of true love.

I believe that God the Father created all of what is known, unknown and loved within this world. Creating heaven for when we leave this world to show that his love is an ongoing testimony that will withstand the test of time.

I believe that Jesus, God’s son, died a painful death so our sinful nature can be forgiven. After three days Jesus rose to be at the right hand of the Father, thus showing us that he was truly God’s only Son. I believe that the Holy Spirit brings faith to us and leads us to God. Leading us from a life of sin so we can find God’s presence in everyday life.

I was baptized because my parents believed I should be brought up in faith, so I can have a relationship with God.

I wish to be confirmed because I felt it was essential to my faith and life to be confirmed, so I can build my relationship and knowledge of God.

I want to be at this church because I was brought up in this church, as my father before me. Yet, I feel welcomed here due to the people and atmosphere.

Confirmation Verse: John 3:16

“For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but have eternal life”

Announcements

Today 2/16/25 *Sixth Sunday after Epiphany*

Worship w/Communion – 8:30 a.m.

Confirmation of Kaiden Dorn

Coffee & Fellowship Following Worship

Sunday School – 9:30 a.m.

Faith Lutheran Luther League Soup Dinner, Talmage – 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

MONDAY 2/17/25

Church Council Mtg. – 7:00 p.m.

TUESDAY 2/18/25

Piecemakers Blanket Making All Day

WEDNESDAY 2/19/25

8th Grade Confirmation – 6:00 p.m.

SUNDAY 2/23/25 *Seventh Sunday after Epiphany*

Worship – 8:30 a.m.

Coffee & Fellowship Following

Sunday School – 9:30 a.m.

**During the month of
February we will be
collecting Socks,
underwear &
mittens/gloves for men,
women and children to be
given to the People's City
Mission**

AN INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE:

We believe that with the bread and wine one receives the true body and blood of Christ for the forgiveness of sins. We welcome other Christians to receive Holy Communion with us. Children who have not had first Communion instruction may come forward for a blessing.

We pray always for . . .

*Pastor Steve Billington, Luetta Bruns, Linda Daniels, Char Helgren, Becky Knake,
Axl Walters, Joan Wellensiek, Andy Wellensiek & Haleigh Werner
The Friends & Family of Rich Bacon*

We also remember in our prayers . . .

Winfrida, Juliet, Vanesa & Evance, orphans we are sponsoring in Tanzania

Please put items for the bulletins & newsletter in the secretary's box in the south office.

You may email the church office grace68329@gmail.com

***You may contact Pastor Helgren by calling 402-864-4201 (church), 402-864-2113 (home)
or 402-826-0613 (cell)***

Please join us for fellowship in the basement following worship ☺

HERE I AM, LORD

1. I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in deepest sin my hand will save.
I, who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?

Refrain

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.

2. I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people's pain.
I have wept for love of them. They turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send? Refrain
3. I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide, till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send? Refrain
4. I, the Lord saw you baptized, watched you come to realize
this belief that you have learned, you now will confirm.
I'll be there throughout your life, times of happiness and strife.
I'll be there to guide your way, I'll hear you say -- Refrain

We thank Mark Wellsandt of Talmage (Glen & Izma Seeba's grandson) for the final verse to
"Here I am Lord" which remembers the Lord's love for our confirmation student on this special day.
We use this verse by permission.



Today's Readings

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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.**

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.

⁶They 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.

⁷Blessed are those who trust in
the LORD,
whose trust is the LORD.

⁸They 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.

⁹The heart is devious above all else;
it is perverse—

who can understand it?

¹⁰I the LORD test the mind
and search the heart,

to give to all according to their ways,
according to the fruit of their
doings.

Psalm

Psalm 1; tone 9



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

²**Their delight is**
in the law ¹ of the LORD,
and they meditate
on God's teaching ¹ day and night.

³They are like trees
planted by streams of water,
bearing fruit in due season,
with leaves that ¹ do not wither;
everything they ¹ do shall prosper.

⁴**It is not so ¹ with the wicked;**
they are like chaff
which the wind ¹ blows away.

⁵Therefore the wicked shall not stand
upright when ¹ judgment comes,
nor the sinner
in the council ¹ of the righteous.

⁶**For the LORD knows**
the way ¹ of the righteous,
but the way of the wicked
shall ¹ be destroyed.

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

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

Gospel

Luke 6:17-26

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

²⁰Then he looked up at his disciples and said:

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

²¹“Blessed are you who are hungry now,
for you will be filled.

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

²²“Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. ²³Rejoice 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.

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

²⁵“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.

²⁶“Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets.”