WORDS OF INSTITUTION LORD'S PRAYER INVITATION TO THE TABLE LAMB OF GOD

COMMUNION/PRAYERS/OFFERING

Please take an empty cup when you come forward for communion. We have gluten free wafers—let your server know of this need. There is both wine and grape juice. You may lift up your prayers after communion by lighting a candle. Make your own way back to your seat.

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

Blessing Song (See screen for words.)

The Lord bless you, and keep you
Make his face shine upon you
Be gracious to you
The lord turn his face toward you
And give you peace.
Amen, amen, amen, amen, amen.

L: Go now in peace to love and serve the LORD.

C: Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

Worship and Music Coordinator: - Theron Jeppesen Pastor: Jean Ohman; SAM - Natalie Hanson



Please join us after worship for our annual meeting with coffee, treats, lemonade and thoughtful planning.

Sunday February 16, 2025

United Lutheran Church, Elbow Lake, MN



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 offers power to heal us all.

PRELUDE

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit Calls us together as the People of God.

WELCOME/GREETING

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, our creator, our protector, our wellspring of life. **Amen.**

Trusting that God receives our words and the meditations of our hearts, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Merciful God,

you speak blessing and compassion into the world. Forgive us for the ways we act with judgment, cruelty, or indifference.

We ignore the needs of our neighbors; we resist your call to oppose injustice; we give in to scarcity and fear; we assume the worst about one another. Cleanse us from our faults and release us from their grasp.

Show us your lovingkindness. Restore our hearts and repair your world, that we may live in Christ's ways. Amen.

God proclaims these words of assurance: "Do not fear, for I have redeemed you. I have called you by name. You are mine." In + Christ, you are forgiven. In the Spirit, you are made free. Refreshed by the waters of mercy, live anew as beloved children of God. **Amen.**

OPENING SONG:

Gather Us In

#532

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.

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

God speaks to us in scripture, preaching, and in song.

SPARK STORY BIBLE: *The Beatitudes* pages 264-267 Reader:

HYMN: Blessed are They #728

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SCRIPTURE ACCLAMATION: Open the Eyes of My Heart Lord

GOSPEL: Luke 6:17-23

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.

L: The Holy Gospel according to Luke in the 6th chapter.

C: Glory to You, O LORD!

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

Then he looked up at his disciples and said:

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

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

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

"Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. 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.

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

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

L: This is the gospel of our LORD.

C: Praise to You, O Christ!

MESSAGE

SONG: Light Dawns On A Weary World #726

OFFERING

PRAYERS Please respond to "God of grace" with, "Hear our prayer."

MEAL

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the LORD.

Give thanks to the LORD your God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.