KING OF KINGS LUTHERAN CHURCH Sunday, February 16,,2025 6th Sunday after Epiphany <u>Setting 8 - Holy Communion</u>

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Confession and Forgiveness

- C: Amen.
- P: Trusting that God receives our words and the meditations of our hearts, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

- P: Merciful God,
- C: 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.
- P: 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.
- C: Amen.

Hymn #434 Jesus Shall Reign vs. 1, 3 & 4

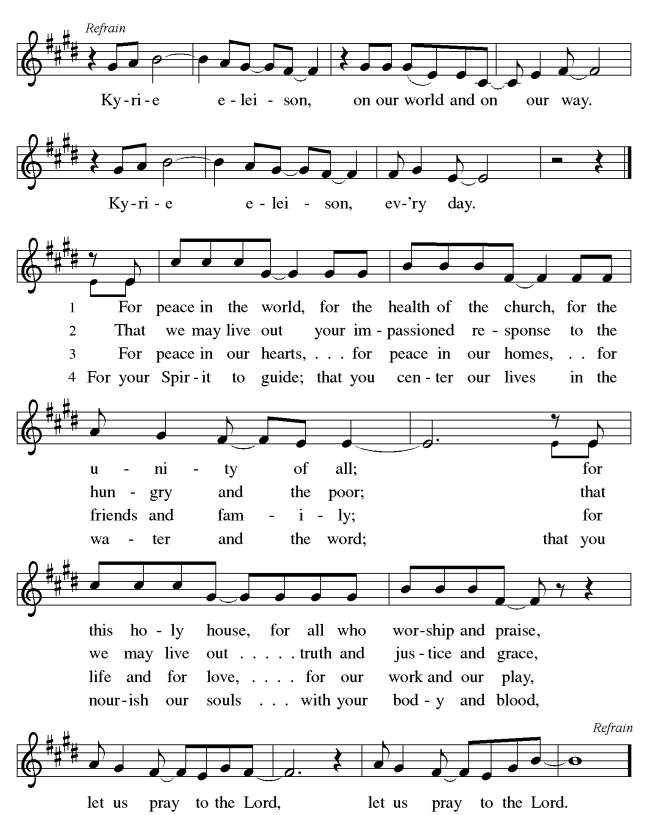


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GREETING

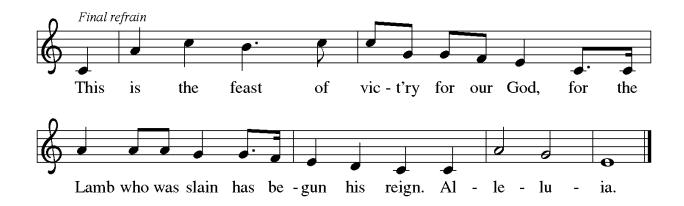
- P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- C: And also with you.

KYRIE



CANTICLE OF PRAISE THIS IS THE FEAST





- P: The Lord be with you!
- C: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

- A: Let us pray together.
- C: 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.

<u>WORD</u>

First Reading: Jeremiah 17:5-10

R: Our first reading is from the 17th chapter of the book of Jeremiah.

⁵ 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.

⁶ 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.

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

- ⁸ 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.



⁹ The heart is devious above all else; it is perverse who can understand it?

- ¹⁰ 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.
- R: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

Psalm: Psalm 1

- R: ¹ 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!
- C: ² Their delight is in the law of the Lord, and they meditate on God's teaching day and night.
- R ³ 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.

- C: ⁴ It is not so with the wicked; they are like chaff which the wind blows away.
- R ⁵ Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes, nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.
- C: ⁶ For the Lord knows the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked shall be destroyed.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:12-20

R: Our second reading is from 1st Corinthians , the 15th chapter.

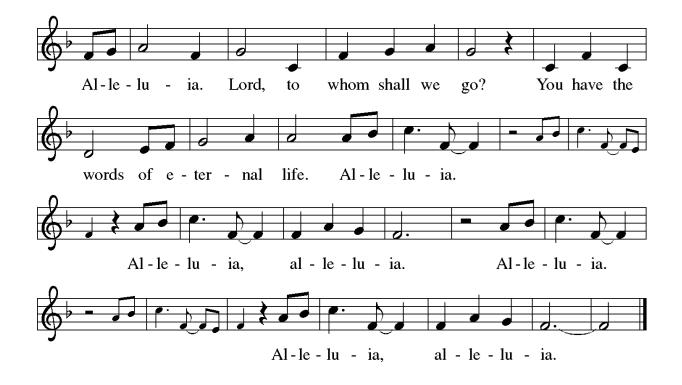
¹² Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say there is no resurrection of the dead? ¹³ If there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ has not been raised, ¹⁴ and if Christ has not been raised, then our proclamation is in vain and your faith is in vain. ¹⁵ We are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

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

R: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



P: The Holy gospel according to Luke , the 6th chapter.

C: Glory to you O Lord.

Gospel: Luke 6:17-26

P: ¹⁷ [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. ¹⁹ And everyone in the crowd was trying to touch him, for power came out from him and healed all of them.

²⁰ Then 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. ²³ Rejoice on that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven, for that is how their ancestors treated 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 how their ancestors treated the false prophets."

P: The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you O Christ.

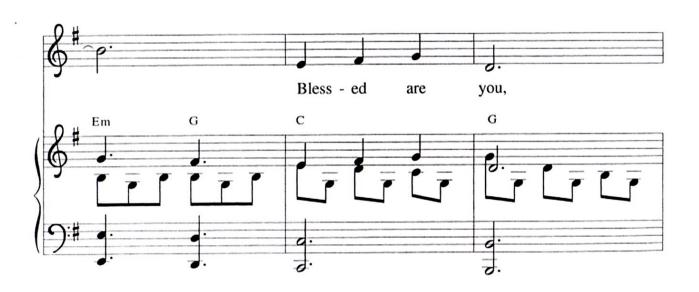
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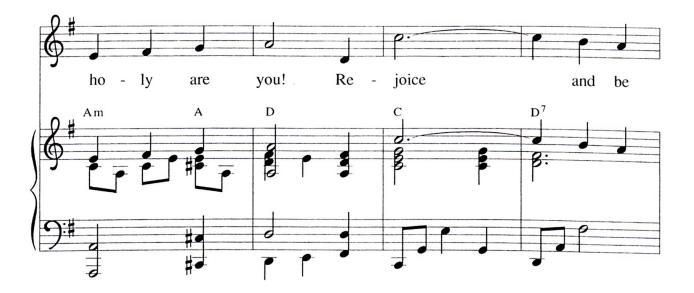
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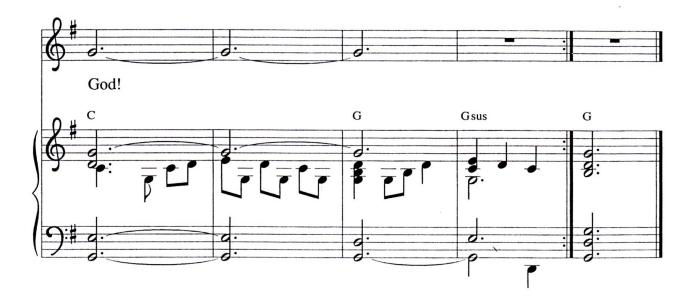












Sermon: Who DO we bless?

Hymn # 728 Blest are They vs. 3 & 4

Apostles' Creed

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

A: With the Spirit of Christ shining upon us, let us boldly pray for the church, the world, and all of creation.

A brief silence.

- A: Blessed is your church transformed by your Spirit. Give us courage to proclaim to all people the promises made true in the death and resurrection of Christ. God of grace,
- C: hear our prayer.
- A: Blessed is creation. As earth experiences destruction from harmful practices and climate change, give us courage to help bring about its restoration. Encourage those who work in forestry to be a voice for the hidden places of creation and provide skills for its conservation. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

- A: Blessed are the nations. We pray for presidents, prime ministers, and leaders of nations. Grant that their courage will not run dry in the face of challenge, but that they will delight in the fountain of your righteousness. God of grace,
- C: hear our prayer.
- A: Blessed are those in need. Give to all facing illness wise and caring doctors, nurses, and therapists. Draw close to those who feel far from you or who are suffering in any way (*especially*). Provide an extra measure of your grace and love. God of grace,
- C: hear our prayer.
- A: Blessed is this congregation. Like a tree planted by streams of water, we are nourished by faith in you. Provide courage in times that feel dry, trusting that you sustain us in many ways. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

- A: Blessed are those saints who now rest in your peace. Through lives of both sorrow and joy, challenge and triumph, they provide witness of faith in all times. May their lives be a witness to the living. God of grace,
- C: hear our prayer.
- A: We entrust our prayers to you, O God, in the sure and certain hope that your promise is revealed among the people.
- C: Amen.

Sharing of the Peace

- P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- C: And also with you.

Offering

Offertory Hymn #691 Accept, O Lord vs. 1 *



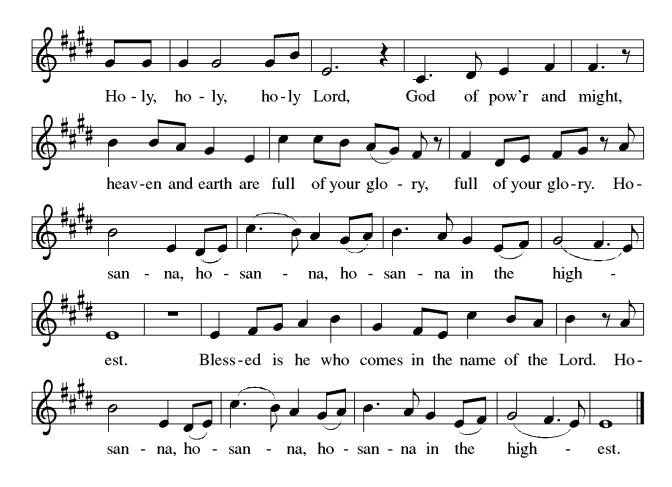
Offering Prayer

- A: 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.
- C: Amen.

PREFACE

- P: The Lord be with you.
- C: And also with you.
- P: Lift us your hearts
- C: We lift them to the Lord.
- P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.
- P: It is indeed right to give you our thanks and praise, O God, for in you all hunger is filled, all grief is turned to laughter and the Kingdom is handed to those who had nothing.
 - You created the world and all that live in it. You called us to trust you, and to put down our roots alongside the life-giving stream of your Word.
 - Your child, Jesus Christ, came among us and demonstrated your solidarity with all who live in poverty, hunger, grief and hostility. Though crowds sought him for wisdom and healing, those who were rich, satisfied, and powerful preferred false prophets to true, so they hated him, defamed him, and had him killed. But our hope did not die with him, for you raised him from the dead, as the first fruits of those who have died, opening the way of resurrection life to us all.
 - And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

P: Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord, heaven and earth are full of your glory. In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son, who reached out to heal the sick and suffering, who preached good news to the poor, and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

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. Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension, we await his coming in glory.

Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food, the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord; to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory are yours, now and forever.

C: Amen.

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,

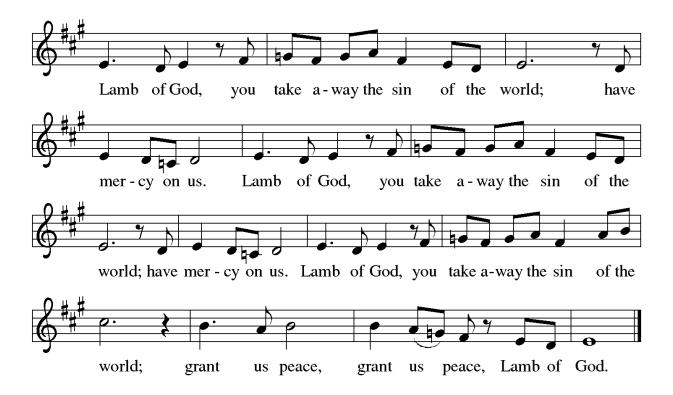
but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom,

and the power, and the glory,

forever and ever. Amen.

Lamb of God



Post-Communion Blessing

Post Communion Hymn #635 We Walk by Faith vs. 1 & 4 *



Prayer after Communion

- A: 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,
- C: Amen.

Blessing

- P: The Spirit of the triune God
 ✤ bless you with joy, anoint you with compassion, and send you in love.
- C: Amen.







Dismissal

A: Go in peace. Live in hope.

C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

THANK YOU

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Acolyte:	8:00: Sammi Shroyer	10:30:
Power Point	8:00: Helen Johnson	10:30: Lo
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Readings and Psalm for February 23 Genesis 45:3-11, 15 Psalm 37:1-11, 39-40 1 Corinthians 15:35-38, 42-50 Luke 9:17-26

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