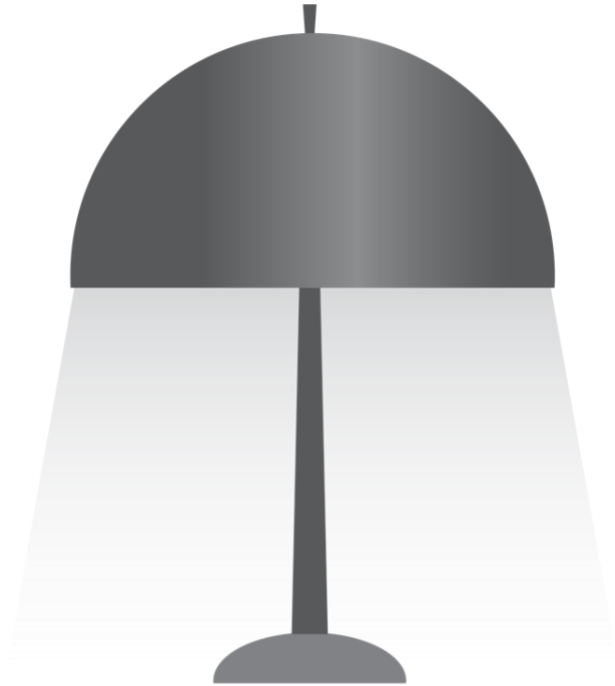


6TH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

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EPIPHANY

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February 16, 2025 – 9:30am

WELCOME!

Welcome to worship! We are glad that you have joined us today. Our service is printed for you in its entirety in this worship folder. If you need anything, please speak to an usher at the entrance of the sanctuary.

- **Restrooms** are located near the entry to the sanctuary.
- **Infants Room** – If you have a young child or nursing infant and are in need of an infant-room, you will find it to the far right as you enter the sanctuary.
- **The Guest Registry** is found on the wall to the left as you enter the sanctuary. We would appreciate a record of your visit! You may also indicate in the registry if you would like to stay in touch.
- **Our Communion Practice** – We believe that gathering at God’s altar to receive Holy Communion is a testimony of the confession and commitment we share as members of the Lutheran Church. We ask guests who are not members of our Lutheran denomination to speak with the pastor before joining us at the altar so that all may have a clear understanding of our faith and practice. Thank you.
- **Foundations Class** – If you are interested in learning more about what we teach and believe, please ask the usher or the pastor about our no-obligation Foundations Class which covers the basic teachings of our biblical faith.
- **Prayer before worship** – Heavenly Father, I have come to worship you. Draw near to me in your gracious Word, and assure me of your loving kindness. Curb my wandering thoughts, that with undivided attention I may hear your voice and sing your praise. Amen.

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+ SERVICE OF WORD AND SACRAMENT +

The "Service of Word and Sacrament" is a version of the historic liturgy of the Christian church.

OPENING HYMN

435 | THE WILL OF GOD IS ALWAYS BEST



1 The will of God is al - ways best And shall
2 God is my com - fort, and my trust, My hope
3 Lord, this I ask; oh, hear my plea - De - ny
4 When life's brief course on earth is run And I



be done for - ev - er. And they who trust in
and life a - bid - ing, And to his coun - sel,
me not this fa - vor: When Sa - tan sore - ly
this world am leav - ing, Grant me to say, "Your



him are blest; He will for - sake them nev - er.
wise and just, I yield, in him con - fid - ing.
trou - bles me, Then do not let me wa - ver.
will be done," Your faith - ful Word be - liev - ing.



He helps in - deed In time of need; He chas -
The ver - y hairs, His Word de - clares, Up - on
Keep watch and ward, O gra - cious Lord; Ful - fill
My heav'n - ly Friend, I now com - mend My soul



tens with for - bear - ing. They who de - pend On
my head he num - bers. By night and day God
your faith - ful say - ing: All who be - lieve By
in - to your keep - ing, O'er sin and hell And



God, their friend, Shall not be left de - spair - ing.
is my stay; He nev - er sleeps nor slum - bers.
grace re - ceive An an - swer to their pray - ing.
death as well Through you the vic - t'ry reap - ing.

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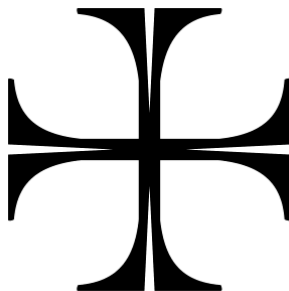
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Stand

- M The grace of our Lord (+) Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.
- C **And also with you.**

+ CONFESSION OF SINS +

- M God invites us to come into his presence and worship him with humble and penitent hearts. Therefore, let us acknowledge our sinfulness and ask him to forgive us.
- C **Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful, and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.**
- M God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit.
- C **Amen.**



+ PRAYER AND PRAISE +

LORD, HAVE MERCY - KYRIE

M For all that we need in life and for the wisdom to use all your gifts with gratitude and joy, hear our prayer, O Lord.



M For the steadfast assurance that nothing can separate us from your love and for the courage to stand firm against the assaults of Satan and every evil, hear our prayer, O Christ.



M For the well-being of your holy Church in all the world and for those who offer here their worship and praise, hear our prayer, O Lord.



M Merciful God, maker and preserver of life, uphold us by your power and keep us in your tender care:



M The works of the Lord are great and glorious; his name is worthy of praise.

O LORD, OUR LORD



C: O Lord, our Lord, how glo - rious is your name in



all the earth. Al - might - y God, mer - ci - ful Fa - ther,



you crown our life with your love. You take a - way our sin;



you com - fort our spir - it; you make us pure and



ho - ly in your sight. You did not spare your on - ly Son,



but gave him up for us all. O Lord, our Lord,



how glo - rious is your name in all the earth.



O Son of God, e - ter - nal Word of the Fa - ther,



you came to live with us; you made your Fa - ther known;



you washed us from our sins in your own blood. You are the



King of glo - ry; you are the Lord! O Lord, our Lord,



how glo - rious is your name in all the earth.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M Let us pray.

O God of power and might, you know that we live in the midst of many great dangers, and in our frailty we cannot stand upright. Give us strength and protection to support us in all peril, and carry us through all temptations; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C: A - men.

Be seated

+ LESSONS +

FIRST LESSON

JEREMIAH 17:5-8

A blessed life is not connected to outward circumstances like health or wealth. Rather, the one who is blessed is the one who has been given the gift of faith, whose trust is in the LORD.

⁵ This is what the LORD says:

“Cursed is the one who trusts in man,
who draws strength from mere flesh
and whose heart turns away from the LORD.

⁶ That person will be like a bush in the wastelands;
they will not see prosperity when it comes.
They will dwell in the parched places of the desert,
in a salt land where no one lives.

⁷ “But blessed is the one who trusts in the LORD,
whose confidence is in him.

⁸ They will be like a tree planted by the water
that sends out its roots by the stream.

It does not fear when heat comes;
its leaves are always green.

It has no worries in a year of drought
and never fails to bear fruit.”

M The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God!**

PSALM 1

Refrain



Bless-ed are they who hope, who hope in the Lord.

Psalm tone



Blessed is the man
who does not walk in the counsel of the wicked*
or stand in the way of sinners.

But his delight is in the law of the LORD,*
and on his law he meditates day and night.

He is like a tree planted by streams of water,
which yields its fruit in season*
and whose leaf does not wither.
Whatever he does prospers. ***Refrain***

Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment,*
nor sinners in the assembly of the righteous.

For the LORD watches over the way of the righteous,*
but the way of the wicked will perish.

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. *Refrain*

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SECOND LESSON

2 CORINTHIANS 12:7B-10

Paul had some infirmity he initially viewed as a weakness. He came to see it as a blessing as it forced him to rely on God's strength.

Therefore, in order to keep me from becoming conceited, I was given a thorn in my flesh, a messenger of Satan, to torment me. ⁸Three times I pleaded with the Lord to take it away from me. ⁹But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ's power may rest on me. ¹⁰That is why, for Christ's sake, I delight in weaknesses, in insults, in hardships, in persecutions, in difficulties. For when I am weak, then I am strong.

M The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God!

VERSE OF THE DAY

PSALM 121:8

Alleluia. "The LORD will watch over your coming and going both now and forevermore."

Alleluia.



GOSPEL

LUKE 6:17-26

In one of his most famous sermons Jesus teaches that the good things we seek are found in places we would least expect.

¹⁷ He went down with them and stood on a level place. A large crowd of his disciples was there and a great number of people from all over Judea, from Jerusalem, and from the coastal region around Tyre and Sidon, ¹⁸ who had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases. Those troubled by impure spirits were cured, ¹⁹ and the people all tried to touch him, because power was coming from him and healing them all.

²⁰ Looking at his disciples, he said:

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

²¹ Blessed are you who hunger now,
for you will be satisfied.

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

²² Blessed are you when people hate you,
when they exclude you and insult you
and reject your name as evil,
because of the Son of Man.

²³ “Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, because great is your reward in heaven. For that is how their ancestors treated the prophets.

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

²⁵ Woe to you who are well fed now,
for you will go hungry.

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

²⁶ Woe to you when everyone speaks well of you,
for that is how their ancestors treated the false prophets.

M The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

Be Seated

HYMN OF THE DAY

765 | DAY BY DAY

1 Day by day, your mer - cies, Lord, at - tend me,
2 Day by day, I know you will pro - vide me
3 Oh, what joy to know that you are near me

Bring - ing com - fort to my anx - ious soul.
Strength to serve and wis - dom to o - bey;
When my bur - dens grow too great to bear;

Day by day, the bless - ings, Lord, you send me
I will seek your lov - ing will to guide me
Oh, what joy to know that you will hear me

Draw me near - er to my heav'n - ly goal.
O'er the paths I strug - gle day by day.
When I come, O Lord, to you in prayer.

Love di - vine, be - yond all mor - tal meas - ure,
I will fear no e - vil of the mor - row;
Day by day, no mat - ter what be - tide me,

Brings to naught the bur - dens of my quest;
I will trust in your en - dur - ing grace.
You will hold me ev - er in your hand.

Sav - ior, lead me to the home I trea - sure,
Sav - ior, help me bear life's pain and sor - row;
Sav - ior, with your pres - ence here to guide me,

Where, at last, I'll find e - ter - nal rest.
Till in glo - ry I be - hold your face.
I will reach at last the prom - ised land.

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+ SERMON +

My Grace is Sufficient for You



Stand

NICENE CREED

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one being with the Father.**

Through him all things were made.

**For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary,
and became fully human.**

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate.

He suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures.

He ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

We believe in the Holy Spirit,

the Lord, the giver of life,

who proceeds from the Father and the Son,

who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,

who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead

and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Be Seated

OFFERING

Stand

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

M Gracious God and Father, we praise you for the countless blessings, which we receive from your hand: the beauties of creation and the bounties of the earth, the joy of life and the pleasure of friendship, the good of work and the gift of rest, the privilege to share happiness and sorrow with one another. Above all we praise and thank you for your saving Word and for your Son's body and blood, which you give us to eat and to drink in the sacrament. Through these means of grace, you send the Holy Spirit into our hearts and unite us to Jesus and to the whole Christian Church on earth.

C Strengthen us through this heavenly food; increase our trust in Christ and our love for one another.

M Great God and Lord, without your continuing help we easily waver in our faith, lose courage, and grow careless in our watchfulness. The times and days are perilous. Give us strength to face the evils of each day with fresh confidence. Open our lips to speak of your grace, and move us to use the gifts that you give us to share your Word of salvation with all people. Protect and prosper the family, the school, the government, and all good institutions that you have established for the benefit of society. Remember in mercy those who are sick and suffering, and bring your healing to troubled homes and lives.

C Move us to pray for those in need and to help them with deeds of kindness.

Special prayers and intercessions may follow.

M Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

Silent prayer.

M Now, eternal God and Father, keep us in the saving faith and so enable us to overcome all things through our Lord Jesus Christ.

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.

+ THE SACRAMENT +

Our Lord Jesus has given us a holy supper in which we receive his true body and blood for the forgiveness of sins and the strengthening of our faith. In this supper we celebrate the gift of his redemption, we witness to the fellowship we share as confessors of the truth, and we proclaim his death until he returns.

M The Lord be with you.



C: And al - so with you.

M Lift up your hearts.



C: We lift them up to the Lord.

M Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



C: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

M Praise to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In love he has blessed us with every spiritual blessing. In the past he spoke to us through the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, who is the radiance of his glory. Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ. To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and thanks and honor and glory for ever and ever:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY - *SANCTUS*



C: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lord of hosts.



The whole earth is full of your glo - ry.



You are my God, and I will ex - alt you.



I will give you thanks, for you have be - come my sal -



va - tion. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lord of hosts.



The whole earth is full of your glo - ry.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

M Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

M The peace of the Lord be with you always.



C: A - men.

O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD - *AGNUS DEI*



C: O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



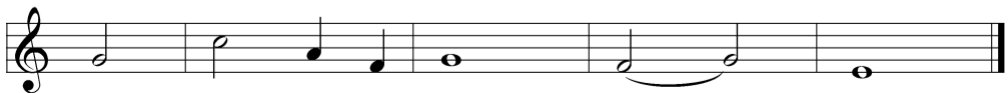
world; have mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God, you



take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.



O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



world; grant us your peace. A - men.

+ THANKSGIVING +

Stand



C: Thank the Lord and sing his praise. Tell ev-'ry-one what he has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re-joice and proud-ly bear his name.



He re-news his prom-is - es and leads his peo-ple forth in joy with



shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

M Hear the prayer of your people, O Lord, that the lips which have praised you here may glorify you in the world, that the eyes which have seen the coming of your Son may long for his coming again, and that all who have received in his true body and blood the pledge of your forgiveness may be restored to live a new and holy life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C: A - men.

BLESSING

M Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.

The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look on you with favor and (+) give you peace.

C: A - men. A - men. A - men.

The image shows a musical staff with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody consists of the following notes: C4 (quarter), D4 (quarter), E4 (quarter), F#4 (quarter), G4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), B4 (quarter), C5 (quarter). The lyrics 'A - men. A - men. A - men.' are written below the staff, with hyphens indicating the syllables are spread across the notes.

Be Seated



CLOSING HYMN

615 | WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR BLESSINGS



1 We thank you for your bless - ings, Al - might - y
 2 This day of great thanks - giv - ing We count them
 3 But best of all your bless - ings, The rain - bow



Lord, our King; We thank you for the har - vests,
 one by one: Our free and fruit - ful coun - try,
 of your love, Are all the man - y mer - cies



Yes, Lord, for ev - 'ry - thing: For flow'rs that bloom in
 The great things you have done, Our fam - i - ly, our
 Your Word brings from a - bove. Our life now has full



spring - time, For rip - 'ning fruit and grain, For
 loved ones, The guard - ian an - gels' care, Our
 mean - ing— Christ Je - sus is our God! Thanks -



all the pre - cious sun - shine, And for the gen - tle rain.
 ver - y self and heart - beat— Lord, hear our thank - ful prayer!
 giv - ing shall be liv - ing The way the Sav - ior trod.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Birthdays & Anniversaries

- Feb 2 – Nancy Pieper
- Feb 5 – Penny Gerlach
- Feb 6 – Jensen Galbreath
- Feb 8 – Karen Fostervold
- Feb 9 – Kelly Potter
- Feb 9 – Audrey Scharmann
- Feb 11 – Steve & Lindsey Backes (8th Wedding Anniversary)
- Feb 19 – McKenzie Galbreath
- Feb 28 – Steve Backes
- Feb 28 – Emily Koelpin

Other Announcements

- **Logo Team** – Do you have a nuanced artistic eye? Or can you just tell a good logo when you see one? Do you have a passion for the ministry here at Atonement? Can you work in a team? If you answered yes (or even a probably) to any of those questions, please get in touch with Pastor about joining our logo team!
- **Mornings With Mommy** – If you have a volunteer interest form or any other questions about Morning with Mommy, please get in touch with Emily K.
- **Care Package for Henry Kassebaum** – We are looking to send a care package to Henry in the next couple of weeks! So start thinking if you have any fun snacks or notes that you would like to send his way.

Volunteer Schedule

<i>Date</i>	<i>Streaming</i>	<i>Music</i>	<i>Usher</i>	<i>Greeter</i>
<i>Feb 23</i>	Dan M.	Angie C.	Bob B.	Kathy K.

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