



Sixth Sunday after Epiphany

Immanuel Lutheran Church
Forest City, Iowa

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February 17, 2019

9:15 a.m.

Building community in the name and likeness of Jesus Christ.

Blessings and curses abound on the sixth Sunday after Epiphany. We would do well to listen closely to whom the "blessed are" 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 the power to heal us all.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who creates us and forms us, who redeems us and calls us, who unites us and sends us.

Amen.

Gathered in God's presence, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Mighty and loving God,

We confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We seek our own way. We divide the body of Christ. In your mercy, cleanse us and heal us. Let the words of our mouths, the thoughts of our hearts, and everything that we do be filled with faith, hope, and love. Amen.

Hear the voice of Jesus: "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me to proclaim release to the captives." In the name of † Jesus Christ, I proclaim to you that your sins are forgiven and you are released. The joy of the Lord is your strength, and the gifts of the Holy Spirit are yours forever.

Amen.

GATHERING HYMN: "**Praise to the Lord**"

#858 ELW

GREETING [congregational response] **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 17:5-10 *Blessed are those who trust the Lord, they are like trees by water*

PSALM: Psalm 1 *They are like trees planted by streams of water [Psalm 1:3]*

[cantor sings verse, assembly sings refrain]

¹Happy 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!

²Their delight is in the law | of the LORD,
and they meditate on God's teaching | day and night. **REFRAIN**
³They are like trees planted by streams of water, bearing fruit in due season,
with leaves that | do not wither;
everything they | do shall prosper.
⁴It is not so | with the wicked;
they are like chaff which the wind | blows away. **REFRAIN**
⁵Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when | judgment comes,
nor the sinner in the council | of the righteous.
⁶For the LORD knows the way | of the righteous,
but the way of the wicked shall | be destroyed. **REFRAIN**

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 15:12-20 *Christ has been raised, the first fruits of those who have died*

GOSPEL: Luke 6:17-26 *Jesus speaks blessings on the poor and hungry; woes on the rich and full*
Announcement: **Glory to you, O Lord.** Conclusion: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

CHILDREN'S SERMON / SERMON

Pastor Rod

HYMN OF THE DAY: **"Blest Are They"**

#728 [v.1, v.2, ref, v.3, v.4, ref., v.5, ref.]

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION: **L: Lord, in your mercy, C: hear our prayer.**

June Anderson

Jim Hemberger

Kathryn Olson

Rolf Anderson

Karen Johns

family of Eugene Sauer

Baby Jaylee Bartleson

Duane Moe

Tim Schmidt

Baby Nora Beck

John Monson

Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Magallenes

Heather Davidson

Ione Nelson

Missionaries Colin, Jeni, Josie & Amos Grangaard

SHARING OF THE PEACE: The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

OFFERTORY: **"Be Still"** by David Kaufmann, arr. By William Gokelman

The Choir

Refrain: *Be still my love, know that I am God.*

The mountains shake, the waters roar, the valleys tremble with fear

And yet our strength, our refuge sure, whispers in our ear. **R**

Though nations fight, though kingdoms fall, though spiteful hearts will harm

Your mercy holds us, we hear your call, we linger in your resting arms, as you say: **R**

Behold the works our Lord has done, to change these hearts of stone

God breaks our arrows, god breaks our bows, God calls us chosen, calls us God's own. **R**

OFFERING PRAYER

WORDS OF INSTITUTION / LORD' PRAYER

COMMUNION:	“Let All Mortal Keep Silence”	#490
	“I Want Jesus to Walk with Me”	#325
	“O God of Mercy, God of Light”	#714

POST COMMUNION BLESSING & PRAYER

SENDING HYMN: **“God of Grace and God of Glory”** #705 [vs. 1 & 4]

BLESSING / DISMISSAL: Go in peace. Christ is your light. **Thanks be to God!**

POSTLUDE



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WORSHIP LEADERS & VOLUNTEERS

Music: Ben Allaway; *Singers:* Kathy Jerome, Audrey Olmstead

Musicians: Tim Davidson-alto sax, Matt Lumley-bass, Javier Yturriaga-drums

Greeters: Kathy Leuwerke, Emily & Brandon Beenken

Assisting Minister: Cynthia Ryder

Scripture Reader: David Readinger

Communion Set Up: Ruth Melby

Communion Servers: Harlan Rodberg, Liz Wilson

Ushers: Gary McCarthy, Matt & Dominic Bronson, Loren Ehrich

Altar Care: Marla Betz

Sound Techs: Brody Hopp, Eric Rust

Today’s worship service is broadcast at 11:00 a.m. over KLOW, 107.3 FM. **Broadcast** today is given in memory of Fred & Edith (Feb. 13 b’day) Sweeney from their daughter Kathleen Bendickson.

Current Mission Emphasis: ‘Hunger near & far’ – FC Food Bank & ELCA World Hunger. TACKLING HUNGER with SOUP & CRACKERS during February.

Attendance:
 Sunday, Feb. 10: 155
 Wednesday, Feb. 13: 41

Hearing aid listening devices are available for you to use at worship. They are in the narthex; ask an usher for assistance.

Communication/Communion cards are available for you in the pews to fill out for prayer requests, guests, communion, etc. Thanks for letting us know you are here.

The Child Care Room is located beneath the narthex and supervised with Diane if you need to take your small children during worship.

Accessible restrooms at Immanuel are located near the west elevator on the main floor, and near the northeast elevator on the lower level.