

**Sixth Sunday of Epiphany**  
Marshall Lutheran Church  
**NOW THE FEAST & CELEBRATION**  
February 13, 2022  
*Pastor Jeremy D. Johnson*

**Prelude**

**Welcome & Announcements**

**Confession and Forgiveness**

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who creates us, redeems us, and calls us by name.

**Amen.**

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

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

P: Most merciful God,

**C: we confess that we have sinned against you and your beloved children.**

**We have turned our faces away from your glory when it did not appear as we expected.**

**We have rejected your word when it made us confront ourselves.**

**We have failed to show hospitality to those you called us to welcome.**

**Accept our repentance for the things we have done and the things we have left undone.**

**For the sake of Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us and lead us, that we may bathe in the glory of your Son born among us, and reflect your love for all creation. Amen.**

P: Rejoice in this good news:

In † Christ Jesus, your sins are forgiven. You are descendants of the Most High, adopted into the household of Christ, and inheritors of eternal life. Live as freed and forgiven children of God.

**C: Amen.**

♪\*Hymn "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

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**\*Apostolic 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**

**see insert**

**\*Hymn of Praise** "Now the Feast and Celebration"

**see insert**

**\*Prayer of the Day**

P: Living God, **C: 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**

These verses compose a poem that is part of a larger collection of wisdom sayings that contrast two ways of life. Life with God brings blessing; the power and vitality of God is active in our life. Life without God brings a curse, the power of death.

<sup>5</sup>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. <sup>6</sup>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.

<sup>7</sup>Blessed are those who trust in the LORD, whose trust is the LORD.

<sup>8</sup>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.

<sup>9</sup>The heart is devious above all else; it is perverse who can understand it?

<sup>10</sup>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.

P: The Word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 1**

<sup>1</sup>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!

<sup>2</sup>**Their delight is in the law of the LORD, and they meditate on God's teaching | day and night.**

<sup>3</sup>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.

<sup>4</sup>**It is not so with the wicked; they are like chaff which the wind blows away.**

<sup>5</sup>Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes, nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.

<sup>6</sup>**For the LORD knows the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked shall be destroyed.**

## Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 13:1-13

Christians in Corinth prided themselves on their spiritual gifts. Paul reminds them that God gives us many gifts through the Holy Spirit, but the purpose behind all of them is love, the kind of love that God showed us in Jesus Christ.

<sup>1</sup>If I speak in the tongues of mortals and of angels, but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. <sup>2</sup>And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. <sup>3</sup>If I give away all my possessions, and if I hand over my body so that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing.

<sup>4</sup>Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant <sup>5</sup>or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; <sup>6</sup>it does not rejoice in wrongdoing but rejoices in the truth. <sup>7</sup>It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

<sup>8</sup>Love never ends. But as for prophecies, they will come to an end; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will come to an end. <sup>9</sup>For we know only in part, and we prophesy only in part; <sup>10</sup>but when the complete comes, the partial will come to an end. <sup>11</sup>When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child; when I became an adult, I put an end to childish ways. <sup>12</sup>For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known. <sup>13</sup>And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love.

P: The Word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

## Gospel Acclamation

see insert

## Gospel Reading P: Holy Gospel Luke 6:17-26 C: Glory to you O Lord.

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.

<sup>17</sup>[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. <sup>18</sup>They had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases; and those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. <sup>19</sup>And all in the crowd were trying to touch him, for power came out from him and healed all of them.

<sup>20</sup>Then he looked up at his disciples and said:

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

<sup>21</sup>“Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled.

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

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

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

<sup>25</sup>“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.

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

P: The Gospel of our Lord. **C: Praise to You O Christ.**

**Sermon**

Pastor Jeremy Johnson

♪ **Hymn of the Day** “Blest are They”

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**Apostles Creed**

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**Prayers of the Church**

P: God of Love. **C: Hear our prayer.**

**Offertory Response** “Create In Me a Clean Heart”

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**\*Lord’s Prayer**

**\*Blessing**

P: People of God, you are Christ’s body, bringing new life to a suffering world. In the name of the Father † Son and Holy Spirit bless you now and forever. **ALL: Amen**

P: Go in peace! To love and serve the Lord. **C: Thanks Be to God.**

**Postlude**

**Sixth Sunday in Epiphany ~ Little Cedar Lutheran Church ~ February 13, 2022**

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**\*\*\*\*\*MASKS are mandatory at Little Cedar during Worship\*\*\*\*\***

**Jeremiah 17:5-10**

*Blessed are those who trust the LORD*

**Psalm 1**

*They are like trees planted by streams of water*

**1 Corinthians 13: 1-13**

*The greatest of these is love.*

**Luke 6:17-26**

*Jesus speaks blessings on the poor and hungry*

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

If you are a visitor at Little Cedar today and would like more information on the church, ask an Usher.  
Or you may call the office at any time 507-582-3185

**PRAYER CONCERNS:**

Our sympathies to the Family of Robert Hanson who passed away this week  
Memorial information can be found below.

Gloria Mallory ~ Gerald Meier ~ Judy Johnson ~ Mavis Klautd

**If you have a prayer request, please let the church office know.**

**What's happening this week!!**

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| <b>TODAY is:</b>   | February 13 <sup>th</sup> | 9:00am<br>10:30am | Worship @ Little Cedar<br>Worship @ Marshall |
| <b>Monday</b>      | February 14 <sup>th</sup> |                   |  |
| <b>Tuesday</b>     | February 15 <sup>th</sup> | 2:00pm            | Staff Meeting                                |
| <b>Wednesday</b>   | February 16 <sup>th</sup> | 10:00am<br>6:00pm | Jr. Sr. High Religion<br>Confirmation        |
| <b>Thursday</b>    | February 17 <sup>th</sup> | 8:30am<br>6:30pm  | Elementary Religion<br>Scouts                |
| <b>Friday</b>      | February 18 <sup>th</sup> |                   |  |
| <b>Saturday</b>    | February 19 <sup>th</sup> |                   |  |
| <b>NEXT SUNDAY</b> | February 20 <sup>th</sup> | 9:00am<br>10:30am | Worship @ Little Cedar<br>Worship @ Marshall |



**Calling all thespians!** or anyone who is willing to read a script. During Wednesday Lenten services we will once again be hosting a series of skits. This year our series is titled "They Were There." The series follows two talk radio hosts as they interview people who played a role in the crucifixion and death of Jesus. As usual, the skits are fairly simple. All that is required is to read through the script a couple times on your own, then to check in with each other during the night of the skit to work out any final details. So if you'd be willing to help out, please let Pastor Jeremy or the office know. Thanks!!

**Robert Hanson Memorial Service:**

A memorial service will be held at 11:00am on Saturday, February 26, 2022, at Little Cedar Lutheran Church (308 NW Lewison St Adams, MN 55909.) Visitation will be at Little Cedar for one hour prior to the service. For those unable to attend in person, you are invited to join a live stream of the funeral service starting at 10:50am CT on the Little Cedar Lutheran Church Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/littlecedarmarshallchurches/>.