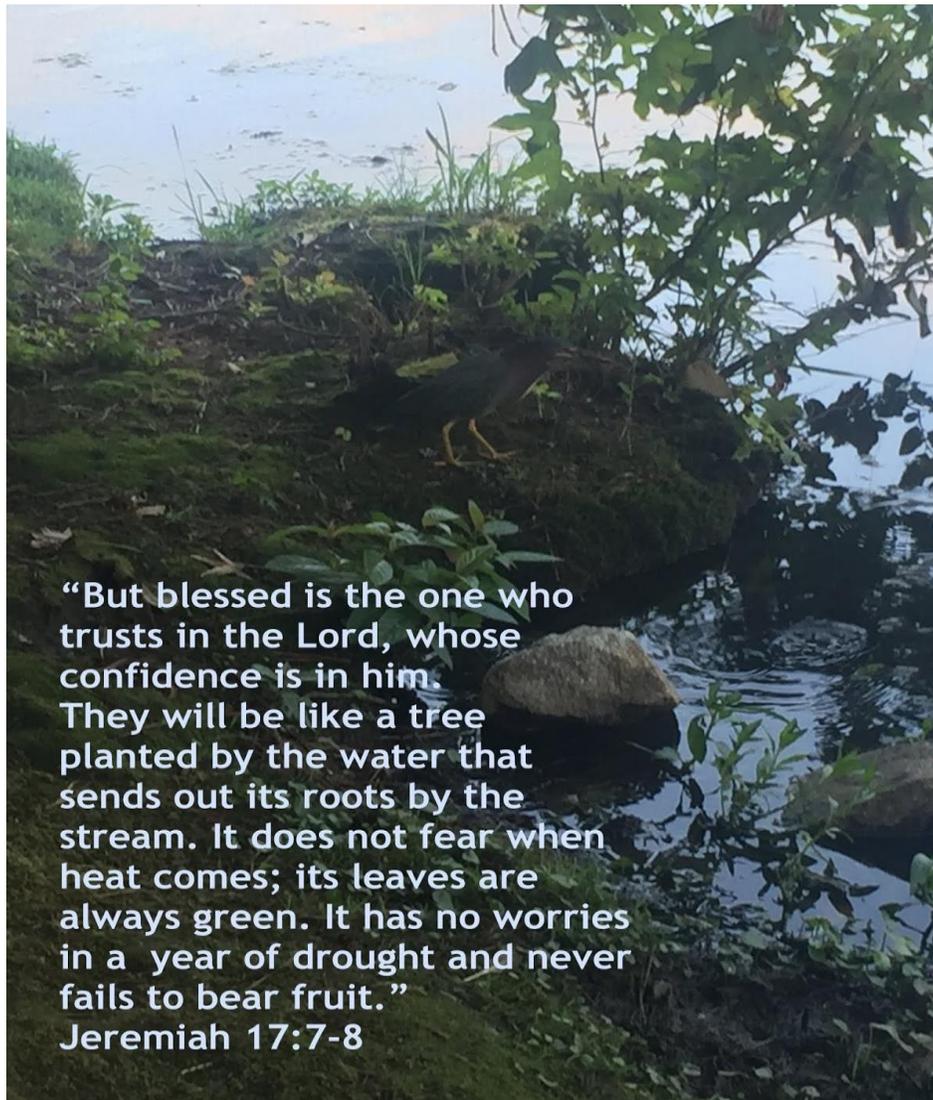


Sunday, February 13, 2022
Sixth Sunday after Epiphany



Thought:

Have you ever heard the phrase: “Turning a blind eye.” What does it mean? Usually there is a sense that you are so caught up in yourself, you are unable to see beyond anything or anyone else. It begs the question in whom or what do you put your trust? Jeremiah says: “Blessed are those who trust in the Lord, whose trust is the Lord.” And yet, we still try to guide others in the way WE think they should go.

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Prayer Concerns

Sharing of the Peace

Call to Worship

A: We are the people of God gathered together, but why are we here?

C: Lord, you know our hearts.

A: We want to be here so that we might glorify you and receive your blessing.

C: We want to be here so that we can support one another in our pilgrimage.

A: We want to be here because the church is your gift to enable us to grow into your life.

C: If we are here for a lesser reasons, turn our hearts more fully to you.

Gathering Hymn

“Let Justice Flow like Streams” ELW #717

<https://youtu.be/TD5YwR2ND6I>

Let Justice Flow Like Streams - Ray Edwards MDiv

Invocation

Prayer of Confession and Forgiveness

P: How often, merciful God, have we acted to please ourselves rather than acting to please you! How often have we thought first of ourselves and only then, if at all, of you?

A time of silence for reflection

P: We repent,

C: for you alone must be the highest priority the supreme goal of our lives. We must live for you alone; all we say and do must be out of love for you. Yet, Lord, you know how hard this way of living is.

We need your help, your grace, your strength, and your wisdom to sustain and guide us, or we will fail.

P: We turn to you to teach us to love you with all our hearts and minds and souls and strength.

C: Be with us always. Amen.

Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

Kyrie

P: In Peace, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.
Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.
Amen and Amen.

Hymn of Praise

“O Day of Peace” ELW 711 vs. 1

*O day of peace that dimly shines through all our hopes and prayers and
dreams,
guide us to justice, truth, and love, delivered from our selfish schemes.
May swords of hate fall from our hands, our hearts from envy find
release,
till by God’s grace our warring world shall see Christ’s promised reign of
peace.*

<https://youtu.be/V6ONR20SnZY>

O Day of Peace - Favorite Hymns

Prayer of the Day

A: Living God, in Christ you make all things new.

C: 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.

The Word

Old Testament reading - Jeremiah 17:5-10

Blessed are those whose trust is the Lord

⁵Thus says the LORD:

Cursed are those who trust in mere mortals and make mere flesh their strength, whose hearts turn away from the LORD.

⁶They 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.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 1

They are like trees planted by streams of water

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.

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.

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.

Epistle reading - 1 Corinthians 15:12-20

If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.

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

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

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Holy Gospel - Luke 6:17-26 (also 27-42)

<https://youtu.be/Z9NEW7NMtwk>

Can a blind person guide a blind person?

The Holy Gospel according to Luke. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

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 all in the crowd were 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 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.

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 what their ancestors did to the false prophets.”

The Gospel of the Lord. Praise to you, O Christ.

Stories for the Children of God

Homily - “Turning a Blind Eye” - Pastor Barnes

<https://youtu.be/iGJJCUIN2u4>

Hymn of the Day -

“The Church of Christ, in Every Age” ELW 729 Vss. 1-3

<https://youtu.be/kHRI-wez1DY>

The Church of Christ, in Every Age - Metro New York Synod

2nd Article of the Nicene Creed

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 truly human.
Amen.

Prayers of Intercession

P: The Spirit of the Lord is poured out upon us in abundance; so we are bold to pray for the church, the world, and all that God has made.

A brief silence.

A: Blessed are those whose trust is in you. Strengthen the faith of those who profess your name and bring reassurance to those who doubt or fear. Through your church speak continued blessing into the world. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

A: Those who trust in you are like trees planted by streams of water. Bless fruit trees with an abundant harvest. Protect rainforests from destruction. Restore land that has eroded after deforestation. Resurrect woodlands after forest fires. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

A: Search the hearts of those who govern, that they lead with humility. Inspire leaders to collaborate on policies that protect people and the planet. Sustain truth-tellers and social movements that challenge society to become more honest and just. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

A: Send your blessings of mercy upon those who long for consolation. Tend to those struggling with poverty, unemployment, or uncertainty. Provide for all who are hungry. Console those who face persecution. Grant peace to all who suffer (*especially*). God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

A: Renew this congregation in our shared mission. As we plan and dream for the future you are preparing, inspire us by the examples of Martin Luther and all the reformers. Bless new projects and new ministry partnerships. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

A: Christ is raised from the dead, and so we cling to the hope of the resurrection. We praise you for the lives of the saints who lived and died in the hope of eternal life with you (*especially*). God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Since we have such great hope in your promises, O God, we lift these and all of our prayers to you in confidence and faith; through Jesus Christ our Savior.

Amen.

Offering - A time of thankful silence

Offertory Prayer

A: O Lord, we are truly blessed in body, mind and spirit.

C: You have made us so.

A: Accept these gifts, and with them this hope:

C: That we might find the opportunities to bless, to fill, to ease and to comfort, even as you have done these things to us.

A: Through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Preface

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise...

Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread. Raise us up as the body of Christ for the world. Breathe new life into us. Send us forth, burning with justice, peace, and love.

Come, Holy Spirit.

“We Come to the Hungry Feast” ELW 479

<https://youtu.be/DW6XosOFFlo>

We Come to the Hungry Feast - Resurrection Lutheran Church

Words of Institution

The 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,
the power and the glory,
for ever and ever.
Amen.*

Distribution

Music for Communion

Post Communion Blessing - Pastor

Post Communion Prayer

A: Lord Jesus Christ, you have filled your hungry people with the goodness of your grace.

C: **Fill now our mouths to sing your praise,**

A: So that everyone, everywhere, might join their praise with ours,

C: **at the wedding feast of the Lamb.**

A: There we shall praise you...here and there and evermore.

C: **Amen.**

Benediction - Numbers 6

Sending Hymn

“Canticle of the Turning” ELW 723

https://youtu.be/A7fTuH_0agE

A Canticle of the Turning - A New Community Church/Creator
Lutheran Church

Dismissal

A: Go to serve, guided by the heart and eyes of Christ.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

Trust in the LORD with all thine heart;
and lean not unto thine own understanding.
In all thy ways acknowledge him,
and he shall direct thy paths.

Proverbs 3:5-6



*Every difficulty you face,
in every waiting place,*

*you're being given the chance
to trust in the things unseen
and
to be
abundantly blessed.*

Cherie Hill

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Luke 6:27-42

²⁷“But I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, ²⁸bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. ²⁹If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. ³⁰Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. ³¹Do to others as you would have them do to you.

³²“If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. ³³If you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. ³⁴If you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. ³⁵But love your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return.^[a] Your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High; for he is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. ³⁶Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.

³⁷ “Do not judge, and you will not be judged; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven; ³⁸ give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap; for the measure you give will be the measure you get back.”

³⁹ He also told them a parable: “Can a blind person guide a blind person? Will not both fall into a pit? ⁴⁰ A disciple is not above the teacher, but everyone who is fully qualified will be like the teacher. ⁴¹ Why do you see the speck in your neighbor’s ⁴¹ eye, but do not notice the log in your own eye? ⁴² Or how can you say to your neighbor, ⁴² ‘Friend, ⁴² let me take out the speck in your eye,’ when you yourself do not see the log in your own eye? You hypocrite, first take the log out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to take the speck out of your neighbor’s ⁴² eye.