

to touch him, because power was coming from him and healing them all. <sup>20</sup> Looking at his disciples, he said: “Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God. <sup>21</sup> Blessed are you who hunger now, for you will be satisfied. Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh. <sup>22</sup> 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. <sup>23</sup> “Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, because great is your reward in heaven. For that is how their ancestors treated the prophets. <sup>24</sup> “But woe to you who are rich, for you have already received your comfort. <sup>25</sup> 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. <sup>26</sup> Woe to you when everyone speaks well of you, for that is how their ancestors treated the false prophets. Luke 6:17-26

### **Worship Prayer...**

*Father in heaven, I admit I am a sinner and cannot save myself, but trust only in your Son Jesus Christ—true God and true man—who died on the cross for me and rose again to give me new life now and forever. By your Holy Spirit’s power take my heart and life and make me yours; turn me from my own selfish path to always love, trust and follow Jesus. Because you love and forgive me, help me forgive and love others. And now, as we gather together as your church in this place, make us one in truth and love according to the faithful leading and unfailing promises of your living Word. In Jesus’ name....Amen!*



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# ***Living Word***

**Blessed is the one  
who does not walk in step with  
the wicked or stand in the way  
that sinners take or sit in the  
company of mockers, but  
whose delight is in the law of  
the Lord, and who meditates on  
his law day and night. That  
person is like a tree planted by  
streams of water, which yields  
its fruit in season  
and whose leaf does not  
wither—  
whatever they do prospers.**

**Sixth Sunday after Epiphany**

February 16<sup>th</sup>, 2025  
10:00 am Service

## **WELCOME TO LIVING WORD!**

*Blue church information card is in seat pocket*

### **WE REJOICE IN GOD'S LOVE & FORGIVENESS...**

Opening Prayer

Praise Song *"I Will Delight in the Law of the Lord"*

Invocation

Confession & Forgiveness *On screen or Hymnal p. 184*

Affirmation of Faith: *Nicene Creed*

### **WE RECEIVE GOD'S WORD...**

Today's Psalm *Psalm 1*

Scripture Readings *Facing page*

Message Song *"We Walk By Faith"*

Message *"The Way of the Righteous"*

### **WE RESPOND TO GOD'S CALL...**

Prayers of God's People

Lord's Prayer

Communion *"Feed Us Now"*

Benediction

Closing Song *"We Give You But Your own"*

*Please place offerings in basket at sanctuary entrance*

## **"The Way of the Righteous"**

Psalm 1 says: *"The Lord watches over the way of the righteous..."*

### **1) The righteous trust in GOD, not MAN.**

<sup>5</sup> 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. <sup>6</sup> 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. <sup>7</sup> "But blessed is the one who trusts in the LORD, whose confidence is in him. <sup>8</sup> 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.

*Jeremiah 17:5-8*

### **2) The righteous hope in LIFE, not DEATH.**

<sup>12</sup> But if it is preached that Christ has been raised from the dead, how can some of you say that there is no resurrection of the dead? <sup>13</sup> If there is no resurrection of the dead, then not even Christ has been raised. <sup>14</sup> And if Christ has not been raised, our preaching is useless and so is your faith. <sup>15</sup> More than that, we are then found to be false witnesses about God, for we have testified about God that he raised Christ from the dead. But he did not raise him if in fact the dead are not raised. <sup>16</sup> For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised either. <sup>17</sup> And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile; you are still in your sins. <sup>18</sup> Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ are lost. <sup>19</sup> If only for this life we have hope in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied. <sup>20</sup> But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. *1 Corinthians 15:12-20*

### **3) The righteous walk in FAITH, not SIGHT.**

<sup>17</sup> 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, <sup>18</sup> who had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases. Those troubled by impure spirits were cured, <sup>19</sup> and the people all tried