

FIRST READING. Jeremiah 17:5-10 5 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. 6 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. 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.

SECOND READING. 1 Corinthians 15:12-20 12 Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say there is no resurrection of the dead? 13 If there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ has not been raised, 14 and if Christ has not been raised, then our proclamation is in vain and your faith is in vain. 15 We 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. 16 For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised. 17 If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile, and you are still in your sins. 18 Then those also who have died in Christ have perished. 19 If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied. 20 But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died.

GOSPEL. Luke 6:17-26 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 everyone in the crowd was 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 on that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven, for that is how their ancestors treated 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 how their ancestors treated the false prophets.”

Sixth Sunday after Epiphany



Sunday February 16, 2025

“In response to God’s love, St. Matthew’s is a faith community welcoming all to grow in faith, to worship Christ and to reach out to everyone.”

Welcome!

We hope our worship will be a blessing to you. Our Lord’s Supper is being celebrated today. Everyone is welcome to receive this Holy Sacrament.

Today’s Order of Worship and hymns are both located in the Evangelical Lutheran Worship.

If you missed last week’s sermon, it is available on our website.

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Read responsively.

Psalm 1

1 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!

2 **Their delight is in the law | of the Lord, and they meditate on God’s
teaching | day and night.**

3 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.

4 **It is not so | with the wicked; they are like chaff which the wind |
blows away.**

5 Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when | judgment comes,
nor the sinner in the council | of the righteous.

6 **For the Lord knows the way | of the righteous, but the way of the
wicked shall | be destroyed.**

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Hello Fellow Members of St. Matthew’s,

First of all, thank you to our newly elected Church Council for entrusting me with the responsibilities of Chair. Together we will be developing a list of priorities for the coming year- priorities that will determine our path to redevelopment, sustainment and growth. Several of those priorities were identified at the AGM and the Council has also begun to broaden that list. Because I believe everyone should have a voice in the future of St. Matthew’s, I am asking that each of you think of three or four issues/challenges/activities/programs that you suggest be addressed.

Please email me at bobbyeagoldenberg@gmail.com or text me at 519-546-5643.

As Council reviews the information and formulates a plan, a budget will be revised to support those elements.

Joining me this year on Council are Marilyn Schultz, Vice Chair; Carole McLeod, Secretary; Bob Hansen, Publicity; Anna Bosak, Beryl Bowen, Shirley Hornich, Ruth Kiers and Dianne Yungblut.

Be assured that the Council will work in partnership with Pastor Bart throughout this journey, and accept my commitment to provide regular updates on our progress.

We are stronger together.
Blessings,

Bobbye Goldenberg, Council Chair

Dates To Remember

The next Church Council meeting will take place on Thursday February 20th from 10:00 am to 11:30 am.

Pickleball continues every Tuesday and Friday at 9:30 until 11:30 am. Please come and join this fun activity or email Margaret at margaret@kleinsmith.ca if you have any questions.

GATHERING

Gathering Hymn..... **ELW # 479**
We Come to the Hungry Feast
Prayer of the Day

WORD

First Reading..... Jeremiah 17:5-10
Psalm 1..... Printed in Bulletin
Second Reading1 Corinthians 15:12-20
Gospel Acclamation and Responses
ELW Page 151
“Alleluia, Lord to Whom shall we go?”
Gospel..... Luke 6:17-26
Sermon
Hymn of the Day..... **ELW #726**
Light Dawns on a Weary World
*Installation of Congregation Council and
Officers*
Prayers of Intercession
“Hear our prayer.”
Sharing the Peace

MEAL

Great Thanksgiving.....ELW Page 152
Holy, Holy, HolyELW Page 153
Eucharistic Prayer
The Lord’s PrayerELW Page 154
“Lamb of God”ELW Page 154
Communion Hymns **ELW # 806 & 754**
Prayer after Communion

SENDING

Announcements
Blessing
Sending Hymn..... **ELW # 449**
We Know That Christ Is Raised
Dismissal: Go in peace. Live in hope.
“Thanks be to God”