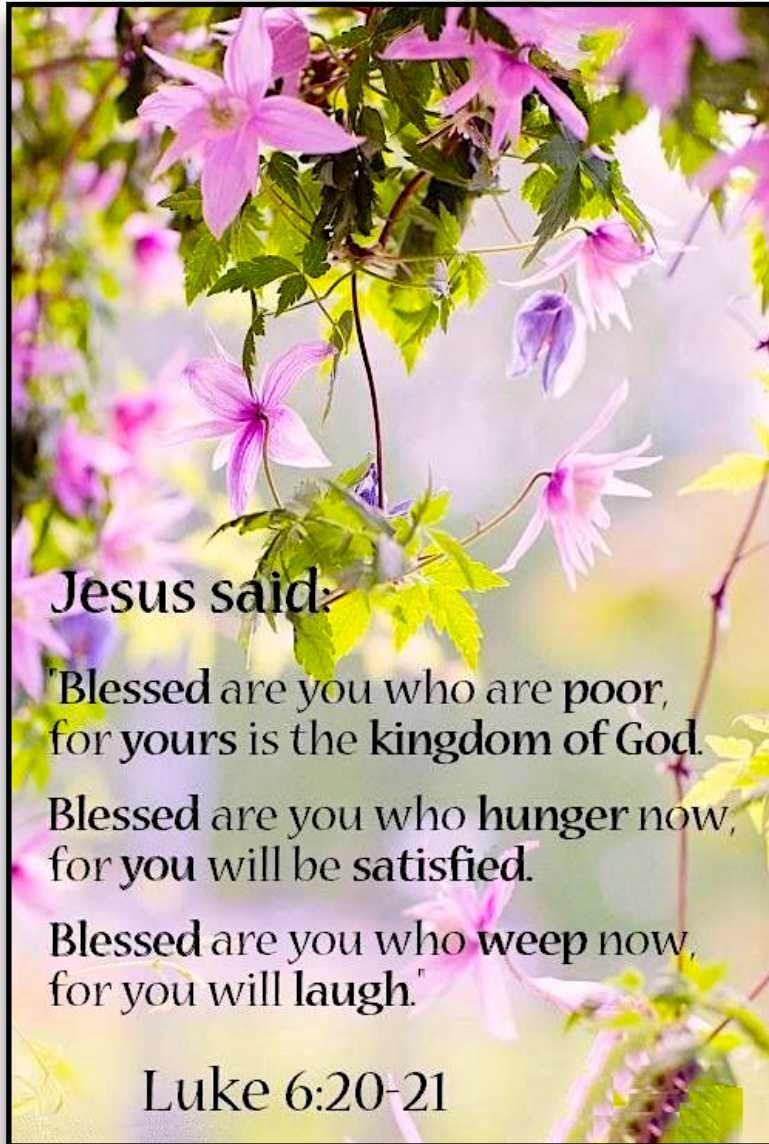


St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church

– Church of the Lutheran Confession –
Lakewood, Colorado



**6th Sunday after Epiphany
February 13, 2022**

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Order of Worship: Service of the Word *(printed on liturgy insert inside front cover of maroon hymnal)*

Serving Us at God's House Today

Organist, Carly Meyer; Ushers: Wayne and Joshua Ruegge

- ◆ Pre-Service Devotion: Psalm 112 (pew bible, p.542)
- ◆ The Hymns: 903, 648, 922 (1-3), 922 (4)
- ◆ Scripture Lessons: Jeremiah 17:5-8; 1 Corinthians 15:12,16-20
- ◆ Psalm of the Day: Psalm 1
- ◆ Confession of Faith: Apostles' Creed (liturgy insert, p.15)

Sermon Text – Luke 6:17-26

As a Christ-Believer You Are Truly Blessed!

1. Though spiritually poor, God gives you His kingdom.
2. Though spiritually hungry, God will satisfy you.
3. Though you weep spiritually, God will make you laugh.
4. Though persecuted, He gives you a heavenly reward .

- ◆ Offering of Thankful Hearts
- ◆ Prayer & the Lord's Prayer
- ◆ Benediction & Closing Hymn (922, stanza 4)

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Large print bulletins are available on the shelf by
the tract rack or by request from an usher.

Today's Scriptures

First Lesson – Jeremiah 17:5-8

5 This is what the LORD says: “Cursed is the one who trusts in man, who depends on flesh for his strength and whose heart turns away from the LORD. 6 He will be like a bush in the wastelands; he will not see prosperity when it comes. He will dwell in the parched places of the desert, in a salt land where no one lives. 7 “But blessed is the man who trusts in the LORD, whose confidence is in him. 8 He 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.”

Psalm of the Day – Psalm 1

P Blessed is the man who does not walk in the counsel of the wicked:

C Or stand in the way of sinners or sit in the seat of mockers.

P But his delight is in the law of the LORD:

C And on his law he meditates day and night.

P He is like a tree planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in season:

C And whose leaf does not wither. Whatever he does prospers.

P Not so the wicked!:

C They are like chaff that the wind blows away.

P Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment:

C Nor sinners in the assembly of the righteous.

P For the LORD watches over the way of the righteous:

C But the way of the wicked will perish.

Second Lesson – 1 Corinthians 15:12,16-20

12 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? | 16 For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised either. 17 And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile; you are still in your sins. 18 Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ are lost. 19 If only for this life we have hope in Christ, we are to be pitied more than all men. 20 But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep.

Sermon Text – Luke 6:17-26

17 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 coast of Tyre and Sidon, 18 who had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases. Those troubled by evil spirits were cured, 19 and the people all tried to touch

him, because power was coming from him and healing them all. 20 Looking at his disciples, he said: “Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God. 21 Blessed are you who hunger now, for you will be satisfied. Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh. 22 Blessed are you when men hate you, when they exclude you and insult you and reject your name as evil, because of the Son of Man. 23 “Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, because great is your reward in heaven. For that is how their fathers treated the prophets. 24 “But woe to you who are rich, for you have already received your comfort. 25 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. 26 Woe to you when all men speak well of you, for that is how their fathers treated the false prophets.

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A Cordial Greeting and Warm Welcome to our Guests. We are pleased to have you worshipping with us today and invite you to come often. Please take a few moments to sign our guest book. If you have no church home in the community and are seeking a fellowship in which you might worship and serve your Lord, we invite you to speak with the Pastor who will be happy to call on you to share our confession and mission with you.

This Week at St. Paul

Sun (2/13) 8:30 am Elders’ Meeting
 9:30 am Worship Service
 10:45 am Sunday School & Class
Sun (2/20) 9:30 am Worship Service
 10:45 am Sunday School & Class

Annual Reports: Copies of the pastor’s annual meeting reports may be found in the tract rack. Help yourself to a copy.

St. Paul 2022 Calendars may also be found in the tract rack.

A New Church Directory will be prepared soon. Please share with pastor any updates or changes for your listing from last year’s directory so these may be included in the new directory. Thanks!

Daily Bible Readings for Home Devotions

February 14-19

Mon Jeremiah 17:5-8 Do you and I put our trust in men in high places or rely on our own skills rather than on the Lord? That's as scary as Death Valley or Australia's Outback (5-6). God help us to be like the riverside tree, with our roots nourished by the water of Life, so that when heavy heat arrives, we won't shrivel and lose our unfruitful souls (8). Lord, have mercy on us (7)!

Tues Luke 6:17-26 Jesus attracted people as a magnet attracts iron; they came to hear Him and be healed (17-19). Then Jesus realigned their souls' magnetic pole and blessed them by turning them around in repentance (20-21). They were blessed enough to endure persecution (22-23) and to avoid the wayward pull of other magnets—such as satisfaction with oneself, with one's social status, and with devotion to earthly values (24-26).

Wed 2Corinthians 12:7b-10 Being spiritually *exalted above measure* is being unbalanced, so Jesus applied a counterbalance (which stymied Satan). Paul's prayer was answered by God stabilizing Paul on Jesus, not on himself (7-9). Paul was ever learning that God's grace was his firm foundation, and that Jesus' strength offset his own weakness. God is good to His children!

Thurs Jeremiah 16:11-13 Life was difficult for Jeremiah because the people who had been God's pride and joy had become unbalanced: *each one walked according to the imagination of his own evil heart, so that no one listened to God*. Therefore they had to learn a hard lesson in God's school: "*Therefore I will cast you out of this land into a land that you do not know . . . where I will not show you favor.*" Via the Babylonian Captivity God brought them to repentance. [We wonder if God has something similar in mind for our world.]

Fri Matthew 5:1-12 Jesus took His seminary students aside, got them seated, cleared His throat, and laid out the blessings of being Christian: Being humble, repentant, and spiritually hungry are blessings (3-6). Further, you are blessed when God has given you a *merciful spirit, a clean heart*, ability to resolve disputes, and strength to endure persecution (7-10)! Especially in times of persecution you will be put to the test, so that's when God will bless you especially. [Note: The Beatitudes are not a recipe for how to become a Christian, but rather outline some blessings that Christians already have.]

Sat 2 Corinthians 10:7,12-18 presents a balanced approach to life: don't be misled by outward appearances. A person who brags about himself is not balanced (12), whereas the well-balanced Christian knows his limits (13). In Paul's case, he hoped that the Corinthian Christians would help him extend his sphere of mission outreach (16)--all to the glory of God, not to flesh out his resumé in the clergy roster (17-18). Lord, bless us and our pastors!