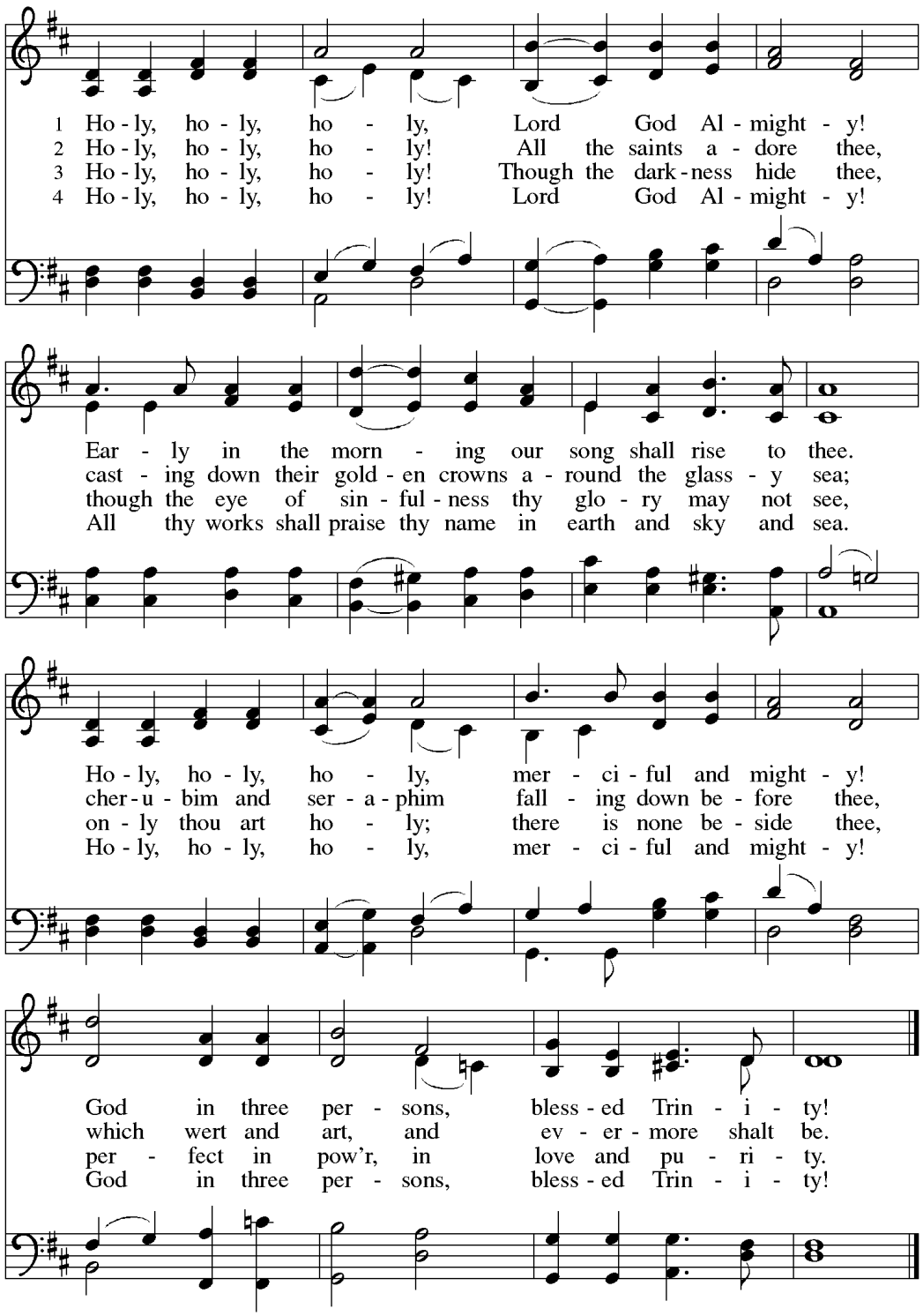February 16, 2025—Sixth Sunday after Epiphany

Prelude

Opening Hymn **ELW #413** ***"Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty!"***



Prayer of the Day
Living God, 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.
C: Amen.

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.
L: Word of God. Word of Life.
C: Thanks be to God.

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. R
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. R

Second Reading **1 Corinthians 15:12-20**
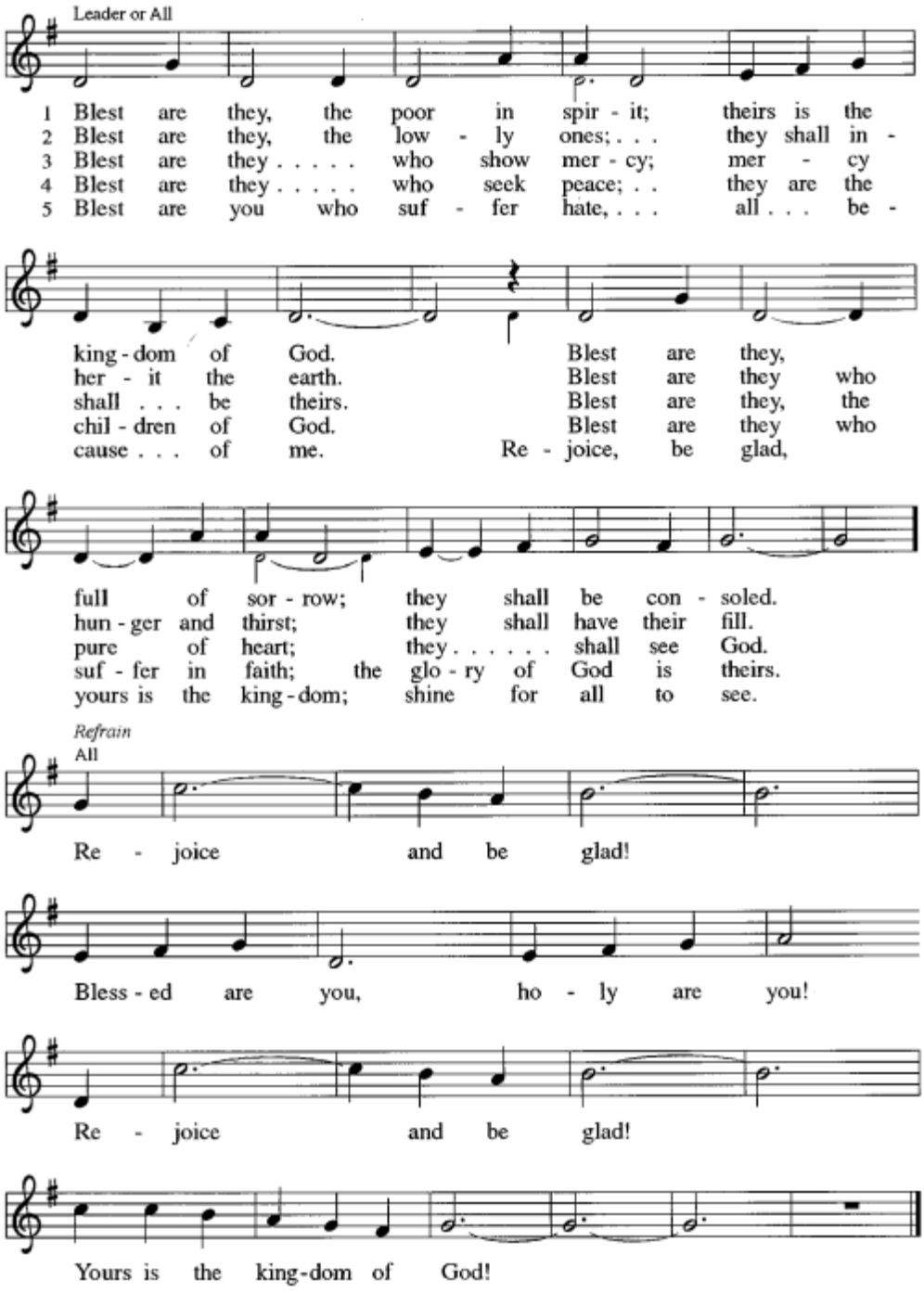
12 Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say there is no
resurrection of the dead? 13 If there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ has not been raised;
14 and if Christ has not been raised, then our proclamation has been in vain and your faith has been
in vain. 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.
L: Word of God. Word of Life.
C: Thanks be to God.

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 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,

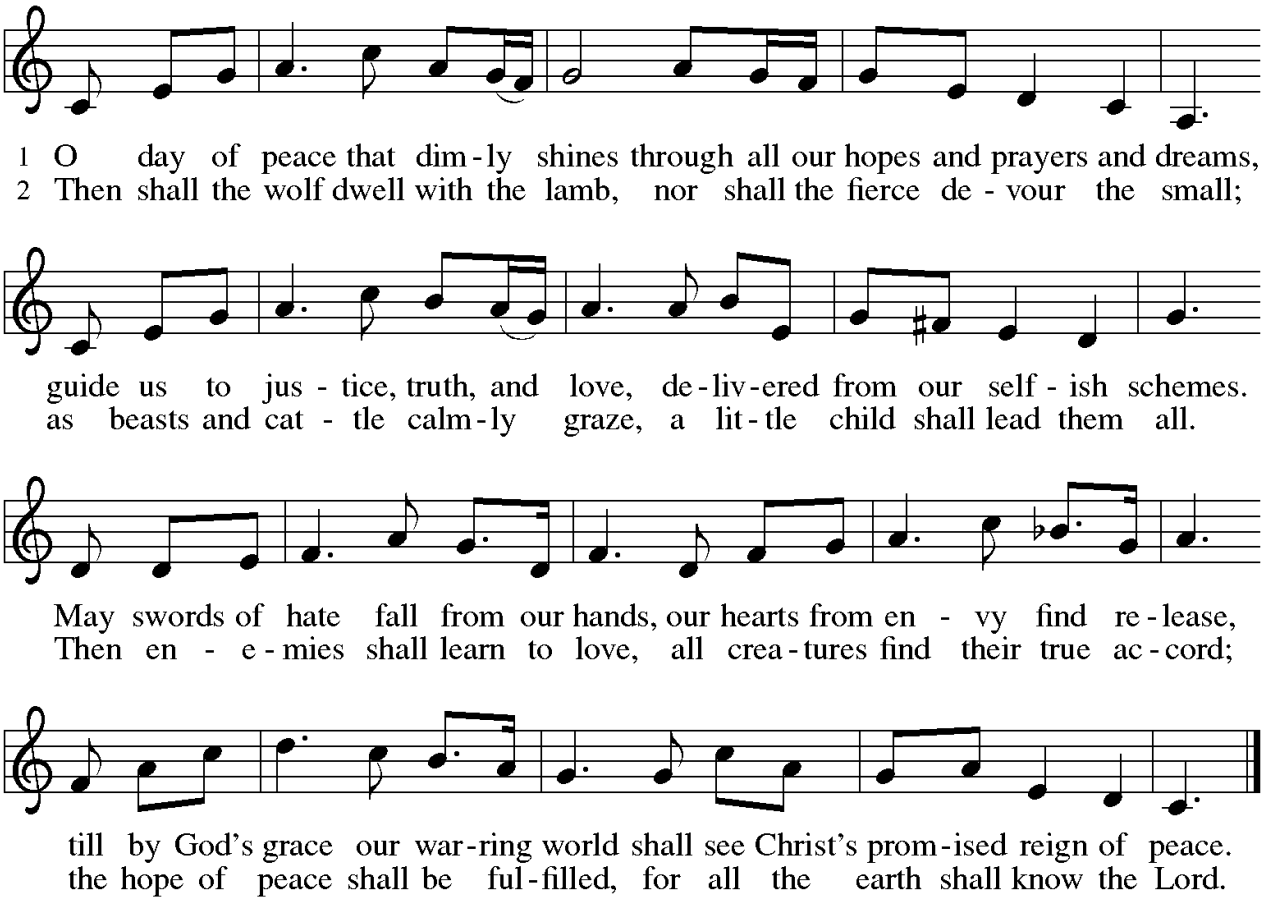
for you will mourn and weep.
26 “Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets.”
P: The Gospel of the Lord.
C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Hymn of the Day **ELW #728 "*Blest Are They”***



Offertory Anthem **"*Praise His Holy Name*" by Keith Hampton**

Closing Hymn **ELW #711 "*O Day of Peace*"**



Postlude

Please remember these individuals in your prayers: Lupe, Raymond, Bonnie, Bob, Rachel, Sandy, Mary, Doug, Donna, Lola, Marte, Bernie, Elizabeth, Dee, Nick, Mike, Wilma, Non

Today's celebrants:

Pastor: Rev. Nicholas Zook
Deacon: Kim Baratta
Lector: Mary-Ann Lupa
Greeter: Bob Beach
Song Leaders: Marisa Buchheit, Jade Dasha, Ryan Alexander Avery Sujkowski
Choir members: Richard Gaul, Dan Lantvit, Mary-Ann Lupa, Betsy Ries, Wilma Stevens, Linda Storbeck
Organist & Choir Director: Paul Dykstra

Announcements

Sunday School

Sunday School is held today during worship following the children's message. Children will have a lesson related to the Beatitudes in the Gospel reading. Children will explore right and wrong through a lesson and craft activity.

Council Meeting

For Council members: the next Council meeting is next Sunday, February 23rd at 11am following worship. Please mark your calendars for this important meeting.

Looking Ahead to Lent

Sunday, March 5th

Join us on Sunday, March 2nd for a morning of activities:
We will have the annual burning of the palms during worship that day at 10am. Following the service, join us in the fellowship hall for a special Mardi Gras potluck as we enjoy all our favorite treats before entering the reflective season of Lent. Bring a favorite dish to share with everyone for the meal.

Ash Wednesday

Join us on March 5th for an Ash Wednesday service at 7pm. The service will include the imposition of ashes as begin the season of Lent.
Additionally, be on the lookout for more information to come about other activities during the season of Lent. These include:

- Sunday School each Sunday for children, where they will work on a Lenten craft over the course of the five weeks.
- Lenten Almsgiving to support those in need in our community
- New Adult Study session
- Daily reflections and prayer to encourage mindfulness during the season
- Weekly musical Vespers shared on our website (concordiafaith.org) every Wednesday at 7pm