

# Síxth Sunday after Epíphany 7:45 & 11 am Tradítional Worship February 16<sup>th</sup>, 2025

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Ed Holloway, Interím Pastor Thomas Pízzí, Míníster of Musíc

*Our Míssíon Statement Make díscíples, Serve selflessly, and Live faithfully* 



**Evangelical Lutheran Church in America** God's work. Our hands.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE Fairest Lord Jesus From Schlesische Volkslieder/Keveren

**GATHERING** The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

# CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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P In the name of the Father, and of the + Son,

and of the Holy Spirit.

### C Amen.

P God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

### C Amen.

P Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another. Gracious God,

C have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

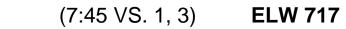
P God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of + Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

C Amen.

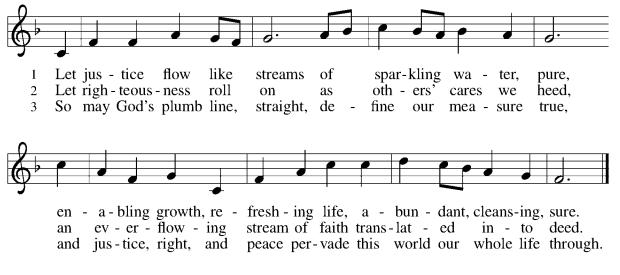
### GATHERING PRAYER

C Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in us the fire of your love. Send forth your Spirit and we shall be created and you shall renew the face of the earth. O God, who taught the hearts of the faithful by the light of the Holy Spirit, Grant that in the same Spirit, we may be truly wise and ever enjoy your consolations. AMEN





### Let Justice Flow like Streams



Text: Jane Parker Huber, b. 1926 Music: ST. THOMAS, Aaron Williams, 1731–1776 Text © 1984 Jane Parker Huber, admin. Westminster John Knox Press

### GREETING

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

C And also with you.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

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A Let us pray.

C 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. Amen.

7:45 CONTINUES WITH THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION ON PG. 5

# **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

WORD God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

### FIRST READING: Jeremiah 17:5-10

Reader A reading from Jeremiah.

<sup>5</sup> 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. <sup>6</sup> 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. <sup>7</sup> Blessed are those who trust in the LORD, whose trust is the LORD. <sup>8</sup> 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. <sup>9</sup> The heart is devious above all else; it is perverse who can understand it? <sup>10</sup> 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.

Reader The word of the Lord.

### C Thanks be to God.

### SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 15:12-20

Reader A reading from 1 Corinthians.

<sup>12</sup> Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say there is no resurrection of the dead? <sup>13</sup> If there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ has not been raised; <sup>14</sup> and if Christ has not been raised, then our proclamation has been in vain and your faith has been in vain. <sup>15</sup> 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.

<sup>16</sup> For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised. <sup>17</sup> If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. <sup>18</sup> Then those also who have died in Christ have perished. <sup>19</sup> If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.

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

The word of the Lord. Reader

С Thanks be to God.



# GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

# GOSPEL: Luke 6:17-26

- P The holy gospel according to Luke.
- C Glory to you, O Lord.

<sup>17</sup> [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.<sup>18</sup> They had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases; and those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. <sup>19</sup> And all in the crowd were trying to touch him, for power came out from him and healed all of them.

<sup>20</sup> Then he looked up at his disciples and said:

"Blessed are you who are poor,

for yours is the kingdom of God.

<sup>21</sup> "Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled.

"Blessed are you who weep now,

for you will laugh.

<sup>22</sup> "Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. <sup>23</sup> 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.

<sup>24</sup> "But woe to you who are rich,

for you have received your consolation.

<sup>25</sup> "Woe to you who are full now,

for you will be hungry.

"Woe to you who are laughing now,

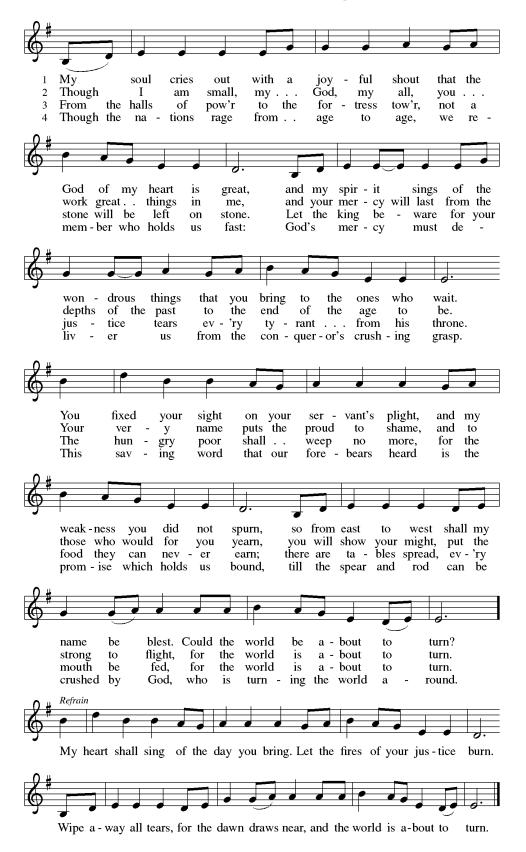
for you will mourn and weep.

<sup>26</sup> "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.

# SERMONA Blessing that Really CountsELW p. 206

Canticle of the Turning



Text: Rory Cooney, b. 1952, based on the Magnificat Music: STAR OF COUNTY DOWN, Irish traditional

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### CREED

- A Let us confess our faith with the words of the Apostles Creed
- I believe in God, the Father almighty,
  - creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead.\* On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,

the resurrection of the body,

and the life everlasting. Amen.

# PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

A With the Spirit of Christ shining upon us, let us boldly pray for the church, the world, and all of creation.

A brief silence.

- A Blessed is your church transformed by your Spirit. Give us courage to proclaim to all people the promises made true in the death and resurrection of Christ. God of grace,
- C hear our prayer.
- A Blessed is creation. As earth experiences destruction from harmful practices and climate change, give us courage to help bring about its restoration. Encourage those who work in forestry to be a voice for the hidden places of creation and provide skills for its conservation. God of grace,
- C hear our prayer.

A Blessed are the nations. We pray for presidents, prime ministers, and leaders of nations. Grant that their courage will not run dry in the face of challenge, but that they will delight in the fountain of your righteousness. God of grace,

### C hear our prayer.

A Blessed are those in need. Give to all facing illness wise and caring doctors, nurses, and therapists. Draw close to those who feel far from you or who are suffering in any way *especially* Josh, Theo, Chris and Edward; for Angie, Jeanette, Glenn and Kelly; for Barb, Olivia, Ron and David; for Martha, Maria and Cliff; for the Call committee; and for the families of Debbie Carsile, Malcolm John Doyle, Dale Jones and Gen Huston; for those on our long-term prayer list; and those most dear to us whom we name aloud or in the silence of our hearts (pause)...Provide an extra measure of your grace and love. God of grace,

# C hear our prayer.

A Blessed is this congregation. Like a tree planted by streams of water, we are nourished by faith in you. Provide courage in times that feel dry, trusting that you sustain us in many ways. God of grace,

# C hear our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

- A Blessed are those saints who now rest in your peace. Through lives of both sorrow and joy, challenge and triumph, they provide witness of faith in all times. May their lives be a witness to the living. God of grace,
- C hear our prayer.
- P We entrust our prayers to you, O God, in the sure and certain hope that your promise is revealed among the people.
- C Amen.

# PEACE

- P The peace of Christ be with you always.
- C And also with you.

**MEAL** God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

# **OFFERING MUSIC**

*Mazurka*, Op. 24, No. 2

(11:00 ONLY) Frederic Chopin

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## OFFERING

#### Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful Offering Song



Text: John W. Arthur, 1922-1980 Music: Marty Haugen, b. 1950

**OFFERING PRAYER** 

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### P Let us pray.

Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: our selves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **C** Amen.

# 7:45 CONTINUES WITH THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE ON PG. 12

# **GREAT THANKSGIVING**

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# DIALOGUE

- P The Lord be with you.
- C And also with you.
- P Lift up your hearts.
- C We lift them to the Lord.
- P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- C 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 to you, almighty and merciful God,

for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ,

the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin;

who in dying has destroyed death,

and in rising has brought us to eternal life.

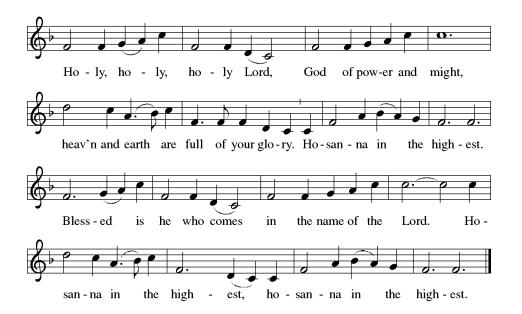
And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection,

with earth and sea and all their creatures,

and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim,

we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

# HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



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#### 12

### THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

P In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me. Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

### LORD'S PRAYER

P Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

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, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

#### **COMMUNION INSTRUCTIONS**

P The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you.

C Amen.

### COMMUNION

P Holy Communion here is just this simple: All are welcome because this is the Lord's table. It is Jesus who invites us to share in this meal. So, it doesn't matter who you are or how you are but that you simply come because God's gifts are...

C Free

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#### **COMMUNION SONG**

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### **MEAL SONG 1**

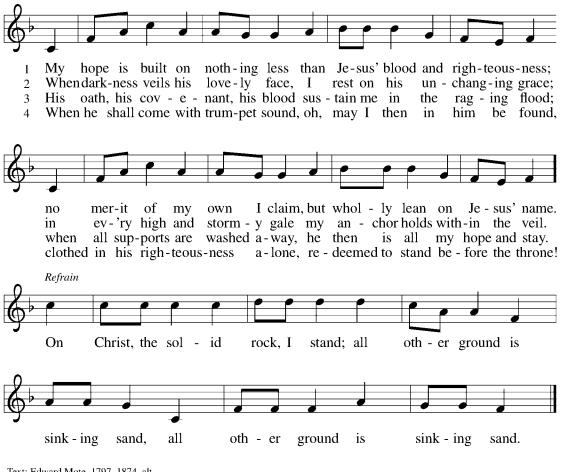
#### Jesus Shall Reign



Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748, alt.

Music: DUKE STREET, attr. John Hatton, d. 1793

My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less



Text: Edward Mote, 1797–1874, alt. Music: THE SOLID ROCK, William B. Bradbury, 1816–1868

### **BLESSING AFTER COMMUNION**

P May this body and blood of our Lord and Savior, Jesus the Christ, strengthen you and keep you in God's grace now and forevermore.

#### C Amen

SENDING God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

### SENDING OF COMMUNION

P Gracious God, loving all your family with a mother's tender care: As you sent the angel to feed Elijah with heavenly bread, assist those who set forth to share your word and sacrament with those who are *sick, homebound, and imprisoned*. In your love and care, nourish and strengthen those who will receive this sacrament, and give us all the comfort of your abiding presence through the body and blood of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen.

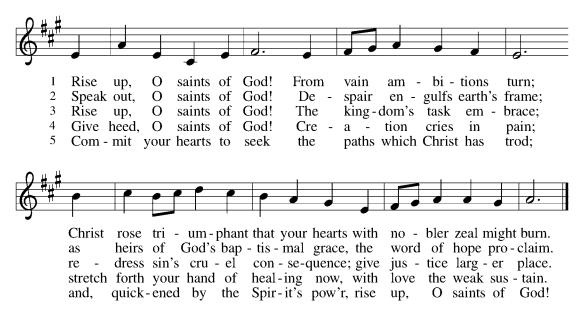
### BLESSING

P Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

C Amen.

#### **SENDING SONG**

(7:45 - 1,3, 5) **ELW 669** 



Rise Up, O Saints of God!

Text: Norman O. Forness, b. 1936 Music: FESTAL SONG, William H. Walter, 1825–1893 Text © Norman O. Forness, admin. Augsburg Fortress

### DISMISSAL

- A Go in peace. Christ is with you.
- C Thanks be to God.

### POSTLUDE

We Fall Down

Chris Tomlin

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The Altar Flowers are given to the glory of God.

The Eternal Candle for the month of February is given by Sandy Coffman, remembering her husband, Bud and their 60 years together. God Bless.

**COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION** All who have faith in the words, "given for you" and "shed for you for the forgiveness of sin" is really worthy and well prepared to receive this sacrament. Communion is by individual cup (wine or white grape juice and gluten free wafers are available). Let an usher know if you need communion brought to you.

The **Sunday bulletin** focuses on the what, when, and where of announcements and ministry opportunities for the upcoming week. Detailed information is available on our **Facebook** page, in the **Link**, which is published weekly, and in the **Voice**, our monthly newsletter, and on our **website** – www.livinglordfl.org. Extra copies of the VOICE are available in the Narthex in the mail bins on the south wall.



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Attendance Pads Please fill out the attendance register and pass it down the aisle and let us know you were here. Add your name and if you are communing place a "C" in the member or visitor column. Otherwise, simply place a checkmark ( $\sqrt{}$ ) in that column. This is a change to satisfy our constitutional requirement to maintain a record of those who have communed. Thank you for helping us with this detail.

### **Covid-19 Guidelines Update:**

The Worship Team's current guidelines include: Optional masks. Each individual should choose what is right for them and the use of the common cup during communion distribution is suspended until further notice.

### Week of Feb. 17 - Feb. 23

### <u>Monday</u>

Faith Talks 10am AA Meeting 11:30am Boy Scouts 6pm GA Meeting 7pm

### <u>Tuesday</u>

AA & Al-Anon Meeting 11:30 am Cub Scouts 6pm AA Meeting 7pm

### <u>Wednesday</u>

AA Meeting 9:30am, 11:30am Pastor's Bible Study 1pm Girl Scouts 6pm Council Meeting 6:30pm

### <u>Thursday</u>

AA Meeting 11:30am Euchre 1pm Choir 6pm By Grace 7:15pm

### **Friday**

GA Meeting 9:30am Crafting 10:30am AA Meeting 11:30am AA Meeting 6pm, 8pm

### <u>Saturday</u>

AA Meeting 4pm Al-Anon Meeting 4pm

### <u>Sunday</u>

7:45am Traditional Service 9am The Journey 11am Traditional Service AA Meeting 6:30pm, 8pm **SCRIP** After each service. An ongoing fundraiser designated towards Campus Improvement. Purchase gift cards at the table. Orders are placed every week for pick-up the following week.

**FULLY PARTICIPATE** In the mission and ministries here at Living Lord by helping, Currently Available: > Livestream > Sound System > Celebration of Life volunteers > Life Group Coordinator. Contact the church office.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL** - Ages 3 thru 3rd grade is available during both the 9am and 11am Services, following Pastor's Children's Sermon. **FAITH FORMATION** for older children and teenagers is from 10:05 to 10:55.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:05-10:50am in the Activities Hall. This is an opportunity to dig deeper into the message of the Old Testament and Epistle lessons read in Sunday worship with other adults. Bring your snack and coffee, questions and insights as we explore the readings' connections to our lives today.

**PRAYER LIST** The Parish Life Group would like to revitalize the Prayer List. Please review and update prayers for any of your friends and/or family. Contact the church office with any updates. <u>maggie@livinglordfl.org</u> or 941-753-9365.

GENERAL OFFERING #4010			
YEAR-TO-DATE	2024 BUDGET	2023 ACTUAL	
December 31, 2024	December 31, 2024	December 31, 2023	
\$362,631.00	\$355,000.00	\$352,905.01	

# Christianity - As Told by the Evangelists Matthew, Mark, Luke and John

<u>On, Mondays</u>, in Activities Hall 10:00-11:30 AM. In 18 weekly classes we will learn and experience Jesus, who transcended humble origins, showed us God's love, paid the price for our forgiveness, and transformed his followers forever. <u>FREE</u>. <u>Because God's gifts are FREE</u>!

- February 3 through April 7: **Understanding New Testament Gospels** Lectures by professors of Christian theology and history to enhance your reading of Mark, Matthew, Luke, and John. Discussion of texts.
- April 14: MOVIE **The Gospel of John**, read by Christopher Plummer, 2 hours
- Easter Monday April 21, 2025 NO CLASS
- April 28 and May 5, 2025 TO BE ANNOUNCED (**SaCred Journeys?**)

Documentaries, Bible Readings, Instructional Videos, Lesson Summaries, Discussions, and your Questions. *Just like college! <u>Easy to see videos on 85 inch TV.</u> Ruth McConnell, leader* 

**WIDOW JOURNEY** You are never alone when you walk with Christ. Living Lord Lutheran Church invites all widows to join on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of each month from 10AM until 12PM. Come together to share support, understanding, and fellowship. Whether you're looking for a listening ear, new friendships, or simply a moment of solace, this group is here for you. You do not need to be a member of LLLC to be a part of this group. All widows are welcome. If you know of a widow that would benefit from this group, please reach out to Beverly Brockschmidt 352.464.1177. Together, we can navigate life's journey with strength and faith.

**EUCHRE/CRIBBAGE** – Please join us on Thursday, Feb. 20, 1pm – 3pm. We can teach you to play, if we know you are coming.

**THRIVENT** Is partnering with six organizations who are actively responding to the crisis in California. Donate online today to one of these organizations, and Thrivent will boost your donation. For every \$2 through Thrivent's <u>online giving platform</u> or through a Thrivent Charitable Impact and Investing<sup>®</sup> Donor Advised Fund, Thrivent will add \$1. The match will run until the \$500,000 cap is met, or March 10, 2025, whichever comes first. Thrivent pays all the processing fees so 100% of your donation will go directly to the cause. If you are an eligible Thrivent client, direct <u>Choice Dollars</u> to organizations helping with disaster response efforts.

"A STITCH AND A PRAYER" The quilters of the handicrafts group has been busy being the hands and feet of Christ in our global and local community. 64 large quilts will be sent to Lutheran World Relief (49 were sent last year). An additional 3 were donated to All God's Children fundraiser. 300 lap quilts have been given to Steve Pierannunzi to distribute through his ministry group, Suncoast Comfort Canines 4 Christ. Organizations they've visited include Easter Seals, Casa Mora, Encompass Health Rehab Hospital, Aspire of Sarasota and Grand Living Villa of Sarasota. As always, thank you for your donations and support.

**SPRING JAZZ EVENT** - Orion Trio proudly presents it's March 1<sup>st</sup> concert at 4pm here at the church. Please invite you family, friends and neighbors to enjoy this joyous event. Admission is \$15 per person at the door.

<u>ALL GOD'S CHILDREN PRESCHOOL</u> is hosting their annual Spring Carnival on Saturday, March 8th from 11am to 2pm. They have asked if LLLC would sponsor a "Cookie" table. If you can bring cookies and/or help at the cookie table, please let us know on the sign-up sheet on the table in the narthex. Please bring them on either Friday by 4pm or by 11am on Saturday.

**<u>CHRISTIAN LIFE GROUP</u>** There will be a meeting on Tuesday, Feb. 25 at 12:45 at church. We will continue discussing Martin Luther's catechism. All are welcome!



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