

### 3 Year C Scripture Lessons for ✨ the Sixth Sunday after Epiphany

#### Old Testament

**Jeremiah 17:5-8 NIV** 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 live. 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."

#### Epistle

**1 Corinthians 3:12-17** If any man builds on this foundation using gold, silver, costly stones, wood, hay or straw, 13 his work will be shown for what it is, because the Day will bring it to light. It will be revealed with fire, and the fire will test the quality of each man's work. 14 If what he has built survives, he will receive his reward. 15 If it is burned up, he will suffer loss; he himself will be saved, but only as one escaping through the flames. 16 Don't you know that you yourselves are God's temple and that God's Spirit lives in you? 17 If anyone destroys God's temple, God will destroy him; for God's temple is sacred, and you are that temple.

#### Historic Gospel

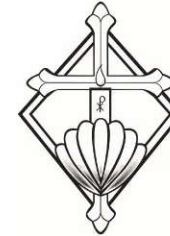
**Matthew 20:1-16** For the Kingdom of Heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire men to work in his vineyard. 2 He agreed to pay them a denarius for the day and sent them into his vineyard. 3 ...

... 13 "But he answered one of them, 'Friend, I am not being unfair to you. Didn't you agree to work for a denarius? 14 Take your pay and go. I want to give the man who was hired last the same as I gave you. 15 Don't I have the right to do what I want with my own money? Or are you envious because I am generous?' 16 "So the last will be first, and the first will be last."

#### 3-Year C Gospel (Sermon)

**Luke 6:17-26** 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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BIBLE CLASS 8:30 AM WORSHIP 9:30 AM FELLOWSHIP 10:45 AM

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## February 17<sup>th</sup>, 2019 ✱ Epiphany-6C Blessed Are You

**TODAY WE CELEBRATE THE LORD'S SUPPER:** If you are new to the area or our worship and have never communed with us before, please speak with the pastor before the service. If you are not currently a member of an ELS or WELS congregation, we ask that you please **wait to take Communion until you can speak with our pastor.** Out of Christian love and consideration to you the guest, we want you to have the opportunity to learn what our church teaches about the Bible and Sacraments before you unite with us in taking Holy Communion. Thank you for your understanding. LORD's blessings to you.

**OUR ORDER OF WORSHIP** On silver liturgy sheets or in red TLH Hymnal p.15

Suggested Hymn	TLH# (#v)	...First Line
Opening Hymn	512 (6v)	O Christ, Our True and Only Light
<i>Psalm 98</i>	<i>Ps. 98 "4v"</i>	<i>All the Ends of the Earth Have Seen ... 7</i>
Hymn of the Day	399 (6v)	<i>Sing v1-5 Thee Will I Love, My Strength</i>
<i>Offertory Verses</i>	399 (6v)	<i>Sing v6 Thee Will I Love, My Crown of... →</i>
Distribution Hymn	315 (15)	I Come, O Savior, to Thy Table
Closing Hymn	47 (4v)	Savior Again to Thy Dear Name We Raise

**Suggested Bible readings for the weekdays after 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Epiphany**

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Gen. 41:38-57	Gen. 42:1-38	Gen. 43:1-34	Gen. 44:1-34	Gen. 45:1-28	Gen. 46:1-34
Matt. 15:29-39	Matt. 16:1-12	Matt. 16:21-28	Matt. 17:9-27	Matt. 19:1-15	Mat. 20:17-34

**PROPERs for the SIXTH SUNDAY after EPIPHANY ✱ ✱ ✱ ✱ FEB. 17<sup>TH</sup>**

**INTROIT** The pangs of death encompassed me, the sorrows of hell surrounded me. The floods of ungodliness made me afraid. In my distress I called upon the LORD. And He heard my voice from His temple. ...from Ps.18:4,7

**COLLECT** LORD God, Heavenly Father, we confess that we are poor, wretched sinners, and that there is no good in us; our hearts, flesh and blood being so corrupted by sin that we are never in this life without sinful lusts and desires. Therefore we beseech You, dear Father, forgive us these sins, and let Your Holy Spirit so cleanse our hearts that we may desire and love Your Word, abide by it, and thus by Your grace be forever saved; through our LORD, Jesus Christ, Your Son, Who lives, and reigns..." C:

**GRADUAL C:** The LORD also will be a Refuge for the oppressed, a Refuge in times of trouble. And those who know Your Name will put their trust in You, for You, LORD, have not forsaken those who seek You. For the needy will not always be forgotten, the expectation of the poor shall not perish forever. Arise, O LORD, let not man prevail. Psalm 9

**SCRIPTURE LESSONS** *printed on the outside back page of the bulletin →*

O.T.	Jeremiah 17:5-8	God wants Trust in Him, not in oneself.
Epi.	1 Corinthians 3:12-17	Christian Love binds all things in perfect unity.
Gos.	Matthew 20:1-16	Jesus tells the Parable of Workers in the Vineyard.

♪ Here are words to our "Beatitudes" **Matthew 5/Luke 6** ✱ Please sing along! ♪

Verse 1. ♪ *Blest are they, the poor in spirit; Theirs is the Kingdom of God.*

*Blest are they, full of sorrow; They shall be consoled.*

**Refrain C:** ♪ *Rejoice and be glad! Blessed are you; holy are you.*

*Rejoice and be glad! Yours is the Kingdom of God.*

Verse 2. *Blest are they, the low-ly ones; They shall inherit the earth.*

*Blest are they, who hunger and thirst; They shall have their fill.*

♪ *Rejoice and be glad! Blessed are you; holy are you. Rejoice and be glad!...*

Verse 3. *Blest are they who show mercy; Mer-cy shall- be theirs.*

*Blest are they, the pure of heart; They- shall see God!*

♪ *Rejoice and be glad! Blessed are you; holy are you. Rejoice and be glad!...*

Verse 4. *Blest are they who seek peace; They are the children of God.*

*Blest are they who suffer in fa-ith; Th' glory of God is theirs.*

♪ *Rejoice and be glad! Blessed are you; holy are you. Rejoice and be glad!...*

Verse 5. *Blest are you who suffer hate; All-- because-- of Me.*

*Re-joice and be glad. Yours is the Kingdom; Shine for all to see. Refrain*

♪ *Rejoice and be glad! Blessed are you; holy are you. Rejoice and be glad!...*

**6. Thee will I love, my Crown of gladness; Thee will I love, my God and Lord, Amid the darkest depths of sadness, Not for the hope of high reward- For Thine own sake, O Light Divine, So long as life is mine. A-men.**

**PRAYER REQUESTS:** (Member or Relation) Pray for...

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Volunteers	Today	Next Sunday
Greeters	Bev & Don Wienke	Barb Wolkens
Treaters		Potluck Lunch

Statistics	Last week	Year To Date / Avg.
Sunday, Attendance(Communion)	28 / (- -)	28 / 23
Bible Class Attendance: Sunday	11	9
Sunday Offering (Needed) & YTD	\$, (\$1,3K)	YTD \$,. (\$8. K)

Calendar of Events		
Today, February 17	8:30 am	Bible Study SalvationWord: Resurrection
Epiphany-6 Sunday	9:30 am	Divine Worship (WITH Communion)
Blessings & Woes	10:45 ff...	"FFF" = Food, Fun & Fellowship ... Stay!
Friday, 2/22	4:30-6:30	OSLadies Annual Spaghetti Dinner here
Next Sunday 2/24	8:30 am	BibleStudy SalvationWord:Righteousness
Epiphany-7 Sunday	9:30 am	Divine Worship (NO Communion)
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**Elders:** Tom Temple 213-4622; John Weber 853-5458; Don Wienke 815-8892

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EPIPHANY-6C Luke 6:20-26 “**BLESSED R U BUT WOE 2 U**” 02.17.19 OSL

TV COMMERCIAL

You’ve seen the **Lending Tree**

**commercial.** “*Hi. I’m Stanley Johnson. I’ve got a great family. I’ve got a four bedroom house in a great community. Like my car? It’s new. I even belong to the local golf club. How do I do it? I’m in debt up to my eyeballs. I can barely pay my finance charges. Somebody help me.*”

DOUBLE-LIFE

Stanley is trying to live life as a great financial success when, in fact, he is teetering on the edge of financial disaster. He is desperately trying to maintain his image. Even as he **rides off on his late model lawn tractor begging for help**, he has a smile on his face. It is clear that he is living a **double life** – one in public and another quite different life in his finances. His public appearance is quite different from his financial reality. He is leading a life of financial deception.

ETERNAL DOUBLE-LIFE

While it is very serious to lead a deceptive life financially, it is even **more serious to lead a deceptive life spiritually.** Financial deception will get you into trouble in this life. Spiritual deception will get you **into trouble ... forever.** It is much better to lead a truthful life both financially and especially spiritually. Today’s gospel tells us about a time that Jesus taught about these two paths of life, the honest way of blessing and the deceptive way of woe.

1. BLEST vs. WOE

At first, it might seem that Jesus is teaching the moral virtues of financial poverty and the evils of financial wealth. The **first beatitude** “Blessed” in today’s Gospel is, “*Blessed are you **who are poor**, for yours is the Kingdom of God.*” The **first Woe** is, “*But woe to you **who are rich**, for you have received your comfort (reward).*” This certainly **sounds as though Jesus is promoting poverty** as good and wealth as evil.

RICH GUY\$

There is a problem with this interpretation. What do we do with all of God’s “wealthy friends”? What do we do with **Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, who were all rich?** What do we do with **Joseph of Arimathea** and **Nicodemus** who buried Jesus? In fact, what do we do with John who wrote one of the Gospels and his brother James? They could hire servants to help them in the fishing business. What about Matthew the tax collector who wrote another one of the Gospels? He was wealthy enough to give a party in Jesus’ honor and invite all his friends. Now, **Jesus Himself** was poor enough to say, **[Luke 9:58] “Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay His Head.”** Never the less, He had wealthy followers, and **He never condemned them for that wealth.**

WHAT DOES THIS MEAN?

So, What does Jesus mean? For help with that, we can look to Jesus’ **Sermon on the Mount** in Matthew. There Jesus said, **[Matthew 5:3] “Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven.** Jesus is not talking about being financially poor, but “**spiritually poor.**” He is not asking us to look at our earthly portfolios, but our “Heavenly Portfolios.”

BE-ATTITUDES

As we look at these Beatitudes in today’s Gospel, we see that the spiritually poor, hungry, mourning, and persecuted stand before God honestly. They know they are poor for they have no wealth or currency that has any value for Salvation. They **hunger for God’s righteousness** – the Righteousness that Jesus Christ earned for us with His holy life and His suffering and death on the Cross. They **weep for their sins** because they understand the curse that those sins have earned. The Holy Spirit has enlightened them to be “spiritually honest.”

THE HONEST GET IT (ALL)

Almighty God is pleased to provide what is lacking for those who are spiritually honest. They receive the Kingdom of God. That is, they receive Jesus Christ and all His gifts – especially the gifts of forgiveness, life, and salvation that Jesus earned with His Sacrifice on the Cross. Jesus Christ fills them with His Righteousness as He takes away the emptiness of sin. The Holy Spirit gives Christ’s Righteousness as He **works faith through Word and Sacrament.** The spiritually-honest have the ultimate satisfaction that comes through Word and Sacrament here on earth and forever at **the Heavenly Feast.**

(WORLD) DON’T GET IT

The world does not understand the honest way. Ordinarily, the world loves the word *free*. It rejoices over free food, free clothes, free tickets, and so forth. But, when it comes to free salvation, the greatest gift of all, the world becomes hateful. The world hates God. Therefore, **the world hates all those who trust in God.** Never the less, Jesus encourages His disciples to rejoice and leap for joy when the world persecutes them.

REAL (BIG) TROUBLE/S

Jesus is not talking about the hassles that the world throws at all people every day. These troubles are the natural result of sin in the world. Instead, Jesus is talking about those **troubles we have specifically because we trust in Him.** Jesus is talking about the troubles we have simply because we are Christians.

ACTS (of APOSTLES)

The Apostles are an example of this. In Acts, we read the account of the Apostles before the Sanhedrin. The Sanhedrin punished them for preaching in the name of Jesus. **[Acts 5:40-41] When [the Sanhedrin] had called in the apostles, they beat them and charged them not to speak in the Name of Jesus, and let them go. Then they left the presence of the council, rejoicing that they were counted worthy to suffer dishonor for the Name.**

SUFFER FOR JESUS’ SAKE

Those who trust in Jesus Christ will encounter slander, rejection, persecution, and, at times, may even encounter a violent death. Never the less, the eternal reward we receive through Jesus Christ lavishly compensates us well beyond the struggles of this life. When we receive persecution **for Jesus sake**, the Holy Spirit gives us the ability to endure it and triumph over it. Spiritual honesty realizes that persecution **for Jesus sake** is a sign of the Heavenly reward God gives us.

TRUE vs. LIE (WAY) Jesus contrasted the **honest way with the deceptive way of life**. The sad thing about the deceptive way of life is that the deceivers deceive themselves. God serves us with blessings beyond our understanding in His Word and Sacraments. He offers us the forgiveness that Jesus earned for us with His death on the cross and His resurrection from the dead. Never the less, the deceivers believe that they serve God. They believe they are rich in their own good works and rely on themselves for salvation. They believe that they are full of the righteousness that leads to salvation. They laugh at repentance as unnecessary. **They rely on themselves for salvation** instead of trusting in God who died for them on the Cross.

DECEPTIVELY...SAD The result of the deceptive way is truly sad. What they have on this earth is all that they will ever have. At the end of their time on this earth, they will stand before God and God will send them away empty. Those who relied on earthly wealth are eternally destitute. Those who were full of their own righteousness, are eternally empty. Those who laughed at sin, will weep eternally. They deceive themselves with earthly rewards only to find that the things of this world do not last. They don't learn the truth until it is too late.

ITCHY (EARS) They don't learn the truth because they listen to false prophets. They listen because the false prophets tell them what they want to hear. As St. Paul told **Timothy, [2 Timothy 4:3-4]** *"For the time is coming when people will not endure sound teaching, but having itching ears they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own passions, and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander off into myths."*

*There are **two ways**. Only one leads to blessing. The other leads to woe.*

ONE-WAY The way to blessing depends on Jesus Christ. He is the one who first became poor for us. He is the one who hungered through forty days of temptation for us. He is the one who wept over Jerusalem. He is the one who endured the hatred, the exclusion, the reviling, and the spurning of the cross. He is the one who paved the way of blessing through death into eternal life through His own death and Resurrection. He is the one who offers us grace and every blessing.

WRONG-WAY The way to woe is the way of self-deception. Those who travel this path, deceive themselves. They believe that they are spiritually rich, spiritually full, and without sin. They follow the doctrines of the false prophets who deceive them with the myths they want to hear instead of the truth they need to hear. They are on the way of woe and don't know it. **[Matthew 7:13]** *"The gate is wide and the way is easy that leads to destruction, and those who enter by it are many."*

RIGHT<sub>o</sub>WAY There are **only two ways, the way of blessing and the way of woe**. Do not be a spiritual Stanley Johnson and deceive yourself. **[Acts 16:31]** *"Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved."* **YOU WILL travel the way of blessing. IJ'N, Amen. SDG**

**Possible Prayer of Church \*\*\* 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Epiphany ✕ Feb. 17<sup>th</sup>, 2019**

*As the prophet reminds us, blessed are those who trust in the Lord. So do we come this day with the concerns of our hearts and our prayers on behalf of all as they have need. (Possible Brief silence)*

Blessed Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, You have delivered Your people through the blood of Your Son and have given us the new birth into a hope and life death cannot overcome. Grant to Your Church honesty in our preaching and love in our service to those who have not yet heard the Gospel. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear...**

Blessed Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, You have given us Your pledge and promise that we shall not be alone. Guard Your people against the threats of the enemy and the persecution of a world still against You. Deliver all pastors, teachers, missionaries, deaconesses and other church workers from all that would hinder their service to us on Your behalf, and bestow upon them Your Spirit and His gifts for their faithful work. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Blessed Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, You hold in Your hand all the might of man and though we struggle against the enemies of Your will, You have promised to make all things work together for Your purpose. Bless our nation and those who lead us — our president, Congress, judges and magistrates — and enlighten them with Your Word, so that they would work in accordance with Your will and for the common good. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Blessed Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, You sent Your Son that we might have healing through His wounds. Be with the sick, the hospitalized, the aged, the infirm, the dying and the troubled in mind or heart **[especially Your servants [OSL]**

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*and those we name in our hearts]*. Help them to know Your presence and Your peace in their afflictions, and grant them healing and relief as You will. Teach them contentment of heart, and keep them in faith to the day of Christ's coming. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Blessed Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, we are the blessed and chosen people of Your grace and favor. You have called us by Your Word and gathered us by Your Spirit before this altar. Grant to us repentance and faith, that we may **receive this Sacrament** for our benefit and so be transformed by this Blessed Communion and be made more Christ-like in faith and service. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Blessed Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, though now we weep in the face of death, we rejoice to know the power of Christ and His Resurrection. In this hope, we commend to You all the faithful who have died in Your faith and fear. Bring us with those who have fallen asleep in Christ to that blessed day when the dead shall be raised, when sin shall no more accuse, when death shall no more grieve and when we will live in Your presence forevermore. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

All these things, Blessed Father, and those things You know we need, we pray You to grant us for the sake of and because of the merits of Jesus Christ alone, with Whom You live and reign, the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen. Then, Lord's Supper, p.24**