

# Seventh Sunday after the Epiphany

February 23 & 24, 2019

5:00 p.m. & 8:30 a.m.

## AS WE GATHER

The new life in Christ we have been given is full of blessings, peace, and joy. But this new life is not without its challenges to be lived out in this world. Today we hear two of the seemingly impossible commands of our Lord: "Love your enemies" and "Judge not." Left on our own, we think enemies deserve retaliation and words of judgment. But in Christ we have been given a new heart and spirit. It was, after all, while we were yet sinners that Christ died for us. That's the same self-giving love that we now show to others because we are witnesses to the Lord's great and abundant mercy for all sinners. Having received such grace and mercy from God for ourselves, we are set free to bring that same grace and mercy to others.

## PRELUDE

8:30 "Lift Every Voice and Sing"

setting for handbells by Vicki Smith

*The congregation turns and faces the cross as the procession approaches the altar reminding us that Christ leads us into the presence of God.*

## ✠ PREPARATION ✠

*Please stand*

## ENTRANCE HYMN

851 Lord Of Glory, You Have Bought Us

## INVOCATION

Leader: In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.**

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Leader: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness. Our help is in the name of the Lord,

People: **who made heaven and earth.**

Leader: I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord.

People: **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

Leader: Almighty God, our maker and redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto You that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against You by thought, word, and deed. Wherefore we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

People: **O most merciful God, who has given Your only-begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Your Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of You and of Your will and true obedience to Your Word, to the end that by Your grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

Leader: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and has given His only Son to die for us and for His sake forgives us all our sins. To those who believe on His name He gives power to become the children of God and has promised them His Holy Spirit. He that believes and is baptized shall be saved. Grant this, Lord, unto us all.


People: **Amen.**

# HYMN OF PRAISE


## "To God Be the Glory"

Fanny J. Crosby, 1820-1915


William H. Doane, 1832-1915




1. To God be the glo - ry, great things he hath done;  
2. O per - fect re - demp-tion, the pur - chase of blood,  
3. Great things he hath taught us, great things he hath done,



So loved he the world that he gave us his Son,  
To ev - 'ry be - liev - er the prom - ise of God;  
And great our re - joic - ing through Je - sus the Son;



Who yield - ed his life an a - tone-ment for sin  
The vil - est of - fend - er who tru - ly be - lieves,  
But pur - er and high - er and great - er will be



And o - pened the Life - gate that all may go in.  
That mo - ment from Je - sus a par - don re - ceives.  
Our won - der, our trans - port, when Je - sus we see.

*Refrain*



Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, Let the earth hear his voice!



Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, Let the peo - ple re - joice!



Oh, come to the Fa - ther through Je - sus the Son,



And give him the glo - ry, great things he hath done.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Leader: Let us pray.

People: **O Lord, You taught us to love our enemies and to be merciful as You are merciful. By Your Holy Spirit grant us the gifts of love and peace without which we cannot live before You; for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, who live and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

## EXCHANGE OF PEACE

*During this cold and flu season, it is important to recognize that some people are especially susceptible to the viruses that can be spread by contact and that some immune systems are very sensitive. Please understand that some people may choose not to shake hands during the Exchange of Peace, but might simply greet you with a verbal greeting, a wave, or a smile.*

## WELCOME

### ✠ WORD ✠

## OLD TESTAMENT READING

Genesis 45:3–15

*(Joseph provides for his brothers and family.)*

<sup>3</sup> Joseph said to his brothers, "I am Joseph! Is my father still living?" But his brothers were not able to answer him, because they were terrified at his presence.

<sup>4</sup> Then Joseph said to his brothers, "Come close to me." When they had done so, he said, "I am your brother Joseph, the one you sold into Egypt!" <sup>5</sup> And now, do not be distressed and do not be angry with yourselves for selling me here, because it was to save lives that God sent me ahead of you. <sup>6</sup> For two years now there has been famine in the land, and for the next five years there will not be plowing and reaping. <sup>7</sup> But God sent me ahead of you to preserve for you a remnant on earth and to save your lives by a great deliverance.

<sup>8</sup> "So then, it was not you who sent me here, but God. He made me father to Pharaoh, lord of his entire household and ruler of all Egypt. <sup>9</sup> Now hurry back to my father and say to him, 'This is what your son Joseph says: God has made me lord of all Egypt. Come down to me; don't delay. <sup>10</sup> You shall live in the region of Goshen and be near me—you, your children and grandchildren, your flocks and herds, and all you have. <sup>11</sup> I will provide for you there, because five years of famine are still to come. Otherwise you and your household and all who belong to you will become destitute.'

<sup>12</sup> "You can see for yourselves, and so can my brother Benjamin, that it is really I who am speaking to you. <sup>13</sup> Tell my father about all the honor accorded me in Egypt and about everything you have seen. And bring my father down here quickly."

<sup>14</sup> Then he threw his arms around his brother Benjamin and wept, and Benjamin embraced him, weeping. <sup>15</sup> And he kissed all his brothers and wept over them. Afterward his brothers talked with him.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM

Psalm 103:1-13

Leader: Praise the LORD, O my soul; all my inmost being, praise his holy name.

People: **Praise the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits—**

Leader: who forgives all your sins and heals all your diseases,

People: **who redeems your life from the pit and crowns you with love and compassion,**

Leader: who satisfies your desires with good things so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

People: **The LORD works righteousness and justice for all the oppressed.**

Leader: He made known his ways to Moses, his deeds to the people of Israel:

People: **The LORD is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in love.**

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**Leader:** He will not always accuse, nor will he harbor his anger forever; he does not treat us as our sins deserve or repay us according to our iniquities.

**People:** **For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his love for those who fear him;**

**Leader:** as far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us.

**People:** **As a father has compassion on his children, so the LORD has compassion on those who fear him;**

## **EPISTLE**

1 Corinthians 15:21–26, 30–42

*(The resurrection body)*

<sup>21</sup> For since death came through a man, the resurrection of the dead comes also through a man. <sup>22</sup> For as in Adam all die, so in Christ all will be made alive. <sup>23</sup> But each in his own turn: Christ, the firstfruits; then, when he comes, those who belong to him. <sup>24</sup> Then the end will come, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father after he has destroyed all dominion, authority and power. <sup>25</sup> For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. <sup>26</sup> The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

<sup>30</sup> And as for us, why do we endanger ourselves every hour? <sup>31</sup> I die every day--I mean that, brothers--just as surely as I glory over you in Christ Jesus our Lord. <sup>32</sup> If I fought wild beasts in Ephesus for merely human reasons, what have I gained? If the dead are not raised, "Let us eat and drink, for tomorrow we die." <sup>33</sup> Do not be misled: "Bad company corrupts good character." <sup>34</sup> Come back to your senses as you ought, and stop sinning; for there are some who are ignorant of God--I say this to your shame.

<sup>35</sup> But someone may ask, "How are the dead raised? With what kind of body will they come?" <sup>36</sup> How foolish! What you sow does not come to life unless it dies. <sup>37</sup> When you sow, you do not plant the body that will be, but just a seed, perhaps of wheat or of something else. <sup>38</sup> But God gives it a body as he has determined, and to each kind of seed he gives its own body. <sup>39</sup> All flesh is not the same: Men have one kind of flesh, animals have another, birds another and fish another. <sup>40</sup> There are also heavenly bodies and there are earthly bodies; but the splendor of the heavenly bodies is one kind, and the splendor of the earthly bodies is another. <sup>41</sup> The sun has one kind of splendor, the moon another and the stars another; and star differs from star in splendor.

<sup>42</sup> So will it be with the resurrection of the dead. The body that is sown is perishable, it is raised imperishable.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

## ANTHEM

8:30 "What a Friend We Have in Jesus" setting by Valeria A. Foster

*Please stand*

Leader: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the sixth chapter.

People: **Glory to You, O Lord.**

## HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 6:27–38

*(Love your enemies.)*

<sup>27</sup> "But I tell you who hear me: Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, <sup>28</sup> bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you. <sup>29</sup> If someone strikes you on one cheek, turn to him the other also. If someone takes your cloak, do not stop him from taking your tunic. <sup>30</sup> Give to everyone who asks you, and if anyone takes what belongs to you, do not demand it back. <sup>31</sup> Do to others as you would have them do to you.

<sup>32</sup> "If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? Even 'sinners' love those who love them. <sup>33</sup> And if you do good to those who are good to you, what credit is that to you? Even 'sinners' do that. <sup>34</sup> And if you lend to those from whom you expect repayment, what credit is that to you? Even 'sinners' lend to 'sinners,' expecting to be repaid in full. <sup>35</sup> But love your enemies, do good to them, and lend to them without expecting to get anything back. Then your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High, because he is kind to the ungrateful and wicked. <sup>36</sup> Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.

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<sup>37</sup> "Do not judge, and you will not be judged. Do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven. <sup>38</sup> Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you."

**Leader:** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**People:** Praise to You, O Christ.

## **HYMN OF THE WORD**

**845** Where Charity and Love Prevail

## **PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD**

*Please stand*

### **APOSTLES' CREED**

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## **OFFERING**



*Please stand*

## **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

**Leader:** Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

**+++ Special Intercessions +++**

**Each concluding:** **Leader:** Lord, in Your mercy, **People:** hear our prayer.

**Leader:** Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**People:** **Amen.**

## **LORD'S PRAYER**

**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.**

## **BENEDICTION**

**Leader:** The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.

**People:** **Amen.**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*Please turn towards the cross as it is carried out of the church, and remain facing it until the hymn is completed. This symbolizes our following Christ into the world as we leave.*

**RECESSIONAL HYMN**

**964** Lift Every Voice and Sing

**POSTLUDE**

Prepare for next weekend's worship by reading:  
Deuteronomy 34:1-12; Hebrews 3:1-6; Luke 9:28-36

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# Serving at Chapel

Preacher:	Theodore Laesch	
Liturgists:	5:00 p.m.	Jake Bellinghausen
	8:30 a.m.	Orval Mueller
	11:00 a.m.	Alex Goodwin
Lectors:	8:30 a.m.	Jen Schmidt
	11:00 a.m.	Alex Goodwin
Acolytes:	8:30 a.m.	Cassie Dunn
	11:00 a.m.	Alex Uttley
Soloist:	8:30 a.m.	Lynda Christian
Choirs:	Sunday	Chapel Bells
	11:00 a.m.	Children's Choir
Instrumentalists:	Lynda Christian, oboe	
	Ellory Glenn, bass guitar	
Director:	Jen Schmidt	
Organist & Accompanist:	Ryan Meyer	
Radio Announcer:	Steve Brutlag	
Elder of the Week:	Gene Weidner	