



SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

Sunday, 23 February A+D 2025 • 10:00 A.M.



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LUTHERAN CHURCH

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WE ARE PLEASED TO HAVE YOU WITH US TODAY AS WE GATHER AROUND GOD'S GIFTS OF FORGIVENESS, LIFE, AND SALVATION. If you are with us for the first time, please take a moment to introduce yourself to our pastor. Should you be looking for a church home, please indicate so when you sign the Record of Fellowship tablet. We would love to take the opportunity to tell you more about our congregation and what it means to be a part of the people of God here in the Twin Cities area.

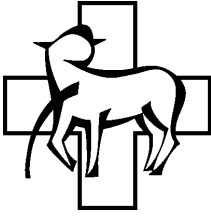
A WORD TO OUR GUESTS ABOUT HOLY COMMUNION: In the Sacrament of the Altar, our Lord Jesus Christ gives us His very Body and Blood to eat and drink. Receiving the Sacrament is not merely a matter between God and the person, but a "communion," something done in "community." It is a public confession of our faith and expression of the unity that exists between Christians. Because of these reasons, Our Redeemer Lutheran Church practices closed communion. We invite those who are members in good standing of LCMS congregations to join us at the altar today. All those communing for the first time should speak with the pastor before doing so.



PREPARING FOR THE SACRAMENT OF THE ALTAR: Christ offers His very body and blood, with the bread and wine, for the forgiveness of our sins. Those who come before the holy altar of God to receive this body and blood do so having prepared to receive this holy gift.

1. Have you confessed your sins before God in heaven? (See the Ten Commandments, *LSB* page 321.)
2. Are you able to come forward in a spirit of unity with those communing with you? (See 1 Corinthians 1:10; 11:18-19.)
3. Do you share the confession of faith proclaimed in this congregation and church body? (See Acts 2:42, 1 Corinthians 11:26.)
4. Do you believe that this bread and wine is truly the body and blood of Christ? (See *LSB*, page 326, "What is the Sacrament of the Altar?")
5. Do you believe that this body and blood are given for your forgiveness, life, and salvation? (See *LSB* page 327, "What is the benefit of this eating and drinking?")

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Lutheran Service Book,
Divine Service, Setting Three, pg. 184

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

HYMN OF INVOCATION

"Christ Is Our Cornerstone" LSB 912

Stand

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

LSB 184

SERVICE OF THE WORD

INTROIT

Psalm 37:1–5; antiphon: vv. 7a, b



Be still before the LORD and wait patiently | for him;*
fret not yourself over the one who prospers | in his way.

Fret not yourself because of evil- | doers;*
be not envious of wrong- | doers!

For they will soon fade | like the grass*
and wither like the | green herb.

Trust in the LORD, | and do good;*
dwel in the land and befriend | faithfulness.

Delight yourself | in the LORD,*
and he will give you the desires | of your heart.

Commit your way | to the LORD;*
trust in him, and | he will act.



Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther and to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost;



as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men.

Be still before the LORD and wait patiently | for him;*
fret not yourself over the one who prospers | in his way.

KYRIE

LSB 186

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

LSB 187

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

LSB 189

O God, the strength of all who put their trust in You, mercifully grant that by Your power we may be defended against all adversity; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Sit

OLD TESTAMENT READING*Genesis 45:3-15*

³Joseph said to his brothers, “I am Joseph! Is my father still alive?” But his brothers could not answer him, for they were dismayed at his presence.

⁴So Joseph said to his brothers, “Come near to me, please.” And they came near. And he said, “I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. ⁵And now do not be distressed or angry with yourselves because you sold me here, for God sent me before you to preserve life. ⁶For the famine has been in the land these two years, and there are yet five years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. ⁷And God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. ⁸So it was not you who sent me here, but God. He has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. ⁹Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, ‘Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt. Come down to me; do not tarry. ¹⁰You shall dwell in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children’s children, and your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. ¹¹There I will provide for you, for there are yet five years of famine to come, so that you and your household, and all that you have, do not come to poverty.’ ¹²And now your eyes see, and the eyes of my brother Benjamin see, that it is my mouth that speaks to you. ¹³You must tell my father of all my honor in Egypt, and of all that you have seen. Hurry and bring my father down here.” ¹⁴Then he fell upon his brother Benjamin’s neck and wept, and Benjamin wept upon his neck. ¹⁵And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them. After that his brothers talked with him.

GRADUAL*Psalms 117:1-2a; 96:8*

Praise the LORD, all | nations!*

Extol him, all | peoples!

**For great is his steadfast | love toward us,*
and the faithfulness of the LORD endures for- | ever.**

**Ascribe to the LORD the glory | due his name;*
bring an offering, and come in- | to his courts!**

EPISTLE*1 Corinthians 15:21-26, 30-42*

²¹For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. ²²For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive. ²³But each in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. ²⁴Then comes the end, when he delivers the kingdom to God the Father after destroying every rule and every authority and power. ²⁵For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. ²⁶The last enemy to be destroyed is death. . . .

³⁰Why am I in danger every hour? ³¹I protest, brothers, by my pride in you, which I have in Christ Jesus our Lord, I die every day! ³²What do I gain if, humanly speaking, I fought with beasts at Ephesus? If the dead are not raised, “Let us eat and drink, for tomorrow we die.”

³³Do not be deceived: “Bad company ruins good morals.” ³⁴Wake up from your drunken stupor, as is right, and do not go on sinning. For some have no knowledge of God. I say this to your shame.

³⁵But someone will ask, “How are the dead raised? With what kind of body do they come?”
³⁶You foolish person! What you sow does not come to life unless it dies. ³⁷And what you sow is not the body that is to be, but a bare kernel, perhaps of wheat or of some other grain. ³⁸But God gives it a body as he has chosen, and to each kind of seed its own body. ³⁹For not all flesh is the same, but there is one kind for humans, another for animals, another for birds, and another for fish. ⁴⁰There are heavenly bodies and earthly bodies, but the glory of the heavenly is of one kind, and the glory of the earthly is of another. ⁴¹There is one glory of the sun, and another glory of the moon, and another glory of the stars; for star differs from star in glory.

⁴²So is it with the resurrection of the dead. What is sown is perishable; what is raised is imperishable.

Stand

ALLELUIA AND VERSE

LSB 190; Luke 6:36

Alleluia. Be | merciful,*
even as your Father is merciful. Alle- | luia.

HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 6:27-38

²⁷[Jesus said:] “But I say to you who hear, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, ²⁸bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. ²⁹To one who strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also, and from one who takes away your cloak do not withhold your tunic either. ³⁰Give to everyone who begs from you, and from one who takes away your goods do not demand them back. ³¹And as you wish that others would do to you, do so to them.

³²“If you love those who love you, what benefit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. ³³And if you do good to those who do good to you, what benefit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. ³⁴And if you lend to those from whom you expect to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to get back the same amount. ³⁵But love your enemies, and do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return, and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High, for he is kind to the ungrateful and the evil. ³⁶Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful.

³⁷“Judge not, and you will not be judged; condemn not, and you will not be condemned; forgive, and you will be forgiven; ³⁸give, and it will be given to you. Good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap. For with the measure you use it will be measured back to you.”

APOSTLES' CREED

LSB 192

Sit

HYMN OF THE DAY

“My Soul, Now Praise Your Maker” LSB 820

SERMON

“Children Who Look Like Their Father” Luke 6:27-38

Stand

OFFERTORY

LSB 192

Sit

OFFERING

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PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Each petition ends with:

P Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

PREFACE	LSB 194
SANCTUS	LSB 195
LORD'S PRAYER	LSB 196
THE WORDS OF OUR LORD	LSB 197
PAX DOMINI	LSB 197
AGNUS DEI	LSB 198

Sit

DISTRIBUTION

Guests are asked to please read "A Word to Our Guests About Holy Communion" on page 2 of this week's bulletin.

Those who are communing are encouraged to prepare themselves using "Preparing for the Sacrament of the Altar" on page 2 of the bulletin.

The Lord's Supper is distributed at the altar rail. Each table is dismissed with the following blessing:

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart ✠ in peace.

G Amen.

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

"O Love, How Deep" LSB 544

"Awake, O Sleeper, Rise from Death" LSB 697

"O Living Bread from Heaven" LSB 642

Stand

NUNC DIMITTIS	LSB 199
THANKSGIVING	LSB 200
SALUTATION AND BENEDICAMUS	LSB 201
BENEDICTION	LSB 202
HYMN TO DEPART	<i>"Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus" LSB 660</i>

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NEWS & NOTES

MIDWEEK DIVINE SERVICES continue this Wednesday at 7:00 P.M. During the month of February, we are going through the Old Testament book of Jonah and will conclude our series this Wednesday, February 26th.

LENTEN SUPPERS & SERVICES BEGIN ON MARCH 5TH. Join us at 6:00 P.M. for each of the Wednesdays in Lent for a supper hosted by the various groups of our congregation. Our Midweek Lenten Divine Services will follow at 7:00 P.M. On March 5th, the Ladies' Guild will host supper and the service will be our Ash Wednesday Divine Service with option Imposition of Ashes.

THE LADIES' GUILD IN-GATHERING for Walk of Life Pregnancy Services continues through the end of February. Members are encouraged to bring in baby items and place them in the cradle in the narthex.

FELLOWSHIP HOSTS are needed for next Sunday and other Sundays over the next several months. See the sign-up sheet on the Welcome Kiosk if you would like help.

WE NEED YOUR REFUNDABLE BOTTLES/CANS AND YOUR RECEIPTS! Our Redeemer Youth is collecting refundable bottles and cans for upcoming youth events. Also, we are collecting Super One and Tadych's Marketplace receipts. White buckets for collecting the receipts are located just inside the Fellowship Hall entrance. For every receipt, 1% of every \$1 goes towards Our Redeemer Youth. Thank you for your support!

LIFE THOUGHTS IN THE CHURCH YEAR – Epiphany VII: Joseph's brothers aborted him well after his birth because they thought him a threat. History eventually disclosed the Heavenly Father's design: a life-giving mission they didn't see (Genesis 45:7-8). The same holds true in the surprise pregnancies and terminal diagnoses we encounter. So Christians practice servanthood to apparently burdensome persons (Luke 6:29), because like mercy from God makes our lives possible.

"HANDMADE BY THE ONE TRUE GOD AND DESIGNED IN HIS IMAGE, we are inherently valuable, not only for this life but for all of eternity." *Michelle Bauman, Y4Life – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*

STEWARDSHIP NOTES: Luke 6:30–31 – "Give to everyone who begs from you, and from one who takes away your goods do not demand them back. And as you wish that others would do to you, do so to them." Is it really possible to live like this? Would it really work to be so open-handed and generous? Our conscience often reminds us of our failures, and the Lord knows our frailty, that's for sure! But a life of faith is a life lived in imitation of Jesus — and every follower of Jesus knows that yes, indeed, it is better to give than to receive.

SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE

	<u>MUSIC</u>	<u>ELDER</u>	<u>ALTAR GUILD</u>	<u>FELLOWSHIP</u>
<i>Week of 2/23</i>				
Sun., 10:00 A.M.	Bruce Rasmussen & Choir	Jim Reed	Maridol Bey	NEEDED
Weds., 7:00 P.M.	Dustin Sotka & Digital Music	Jim Sleik	Maridol Bey	N/A
<i>Week of 3/2</i>				
Sun., 10:00 A.M.	Bruce Rasmussen	Will Patton	Lisa Swanson	Youth Group
Weds., 7:00 P.M.	Bruce Rasmussen	Jim Sleik	Lisa Swanson	N/A

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>EVENT</u>
Sunday (23)	8:45 A.M.	Education Hour
	10:00 A.M.	Divine Service
	11:30 A.M.	Coffee & Fellowship
Monday (24)		
Tuesday (25)		
Wednesday (26)	5:30 P.M.	Choir Practice
	5:30 P.M.	Confirmation
	7:00 P.M.	Midweek Divine Service
Thursday (27)	9:30 A.M.	Bible Study
Friday (28)		<i>Pastor's Day Off</i>
Saturday (1)		
Sunday (2)	8:45 A.M.	Education Hour
	10:00 A.M.	Divine Service
	11:30 A.M.	Coffee & Fellowship

JANUARY FINANCIAL REPORT

	<u>JANUARY</u>	<u>YEAR-TO-DATE</u>
Receipts:	\$16,265.83	\$16,265.83
Expenses:	\$17,298.08	\$17,298.08
Difference:	-\$1,032.25	-\$1,032.25

ATTENDANCE REPORT

<u>SERVICE</u>	<u>ATTENDANCE</u>	<u>COMMUNION</u>
Sun., Feb. 16 th , 10:00 A.M.	88	74
Weds., Feb. 19 th , 7:00 P.M.	14	14