

## BENEDICTION

God, who leads you in pathways of righteousness, who rejoices over you, and who calls you by name, bless your going out and coming in, today and forever. **Amen.**

**CLOSING HYMN: Hallelujah! We Sing Your Praises**

**ELW #535**

## DISMISSAL

Go with Christ into a weary world. Share the good news.

**Thanks be to God.**

## POSTLUDE

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### Announcements

- **Worship Schedule:** Worship will be indoors every Sunday at 9:00am. We ask that you please wear a mask and continue to sign in.
- **FEBRUARY NEEDS:** Please visit the usher table to sign up for February discipleship - lector, vocal leading, ushering and running the sound system!
- **Bible Study:** Meet downstairs after worship! Printed materials are available.

**PRAYERCARE** Sandy McElratha, Ron Hackmann, the family of Doris Fors, Helen Swanson, the family of Ann Rue, the family of Kurt Kowarsch, family of Joe Mallery, Dan Petersen, & the family of Margaret Dale, the family of Cheryl Slattengren, Marcielle Rogers, Cleo Stomberg Michelle Lynch, the family of Brian Maloney, Leo Nelson, Nancy Mallery, the family of Dale Stomberg, the family of Lowell Nelson, Yutaro Nakanishi, the family of Anne Lindgren, the family of John Solheim, Donna Lindgren, Don & Verna Grover, Vicki Ford, Dave Danberg, Caroline Greene, and Nia Glynn.

### Sunday, February 20, 2022

**Pastor Dwight Rudquist**

**Music:** Toni Brekke

**Usher:** Bruce & Kathy Carlsted

**Lector:** Natalie Landgreen

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Seventh Sunday After Epiphany

Bolded words: Congregation  
Non-bolded words: Pastor

## PRELUDE

## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

## CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, who creates us, redeems us, and calls us by name.  
**Amen.**

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

Most merciful God, **we confess that we have sinned against you and your beloved children. We have turned our faces away from your glory when it did not appear as we expected. We have rejected your word when it made us confront ourselves. We have failed to show hospitality to those you called us to welcome. Accept our repentance for the things we have done and the things we have left undone. For the sake of Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us and lead us, that we may bathe in the glory of your Son born among us, and reflect your love for all creation. Amen.**

Rejoice in this good news: In Christ Jesus, your sins are forgiven. You are descendants of the Most High, adopted into the household of Christ, and inheritors of eternal life. Live as freed and forgiven children of God. **Amen.**

**OPENING HYMN: All Creatures, Worship God Most High      ELW #835**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

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

**And also with you.**

O Lord Jesus, **make us instruments of your peace, that where there is hatred, we may sow love, where there is injury, pardon, and where there is despair, hope. Grant, O divine master, that we may seek to console, to understand, and to love in your name, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

## GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right, ... join in their unending hymn:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory, Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.**

## DISTRIBUTION OF ELEMENTS

**COMMUNION HYMN: Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me**

**ELW #623**

## POST COMMUNION BLESSING & PRAYER

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

We give you thanks, gracious God, for we have feasted on the abundance of your house. Send us to bring good news and to proclaim your favor to all, strengthened with the richness of your grace in your Son, Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

## THE GOSPEL: Luke 6:27-38

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke the 6th Chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

“But I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. Do to others as you would have them do to you.

“If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. If you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. If you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. But love your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return. Your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High; for he is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.

“Do not judge, and you will not be judged; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven; give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap; for the measure you give will be the measure you get back.”

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**MESSAGE: Pastor Dwight Rudquist**

**HYMN OF THE DAY: Light Dawns on a Weary World**

**ELW #726**

## 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

P: God of grace.      C: Hear our prayer.

## SCRIPTURE READINGS

### FIRST READING: Genesis 45:3-11,15

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

Then Joseph said to his brothers, “Come closer to me.” And they came closer. He said, “I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. And now do not be distressed, or angry with yourselves, because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life. For the famine has been in the land these two years; and there are five more years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. So 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. Hurry 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 delay. You shall settle in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children’s children, as well as your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. I will provide for you there—since there are five more years of famine to come—so that you and your household, and all that you have, will not come to poverty.’

And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them; and after that his brothers talked with him.

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **PSALM 37:1-11, 39-40**

Do not fret because of the wicked;  
do not be envious of wrongdoers,  
for they will soon fade like the grass,  
and wither like the green herb.

Trust in the LORD, and do good;  
so you will live in the land, and enjoy security.  
Take delight 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.  
He will make your vindication shine like the light,  
and the justice of your cause like the noonday.

Be still before the LORD, and wait patiently for him;  
do not fret over those who prosper in their way,  
over those who carry out evil devices.

Refrain from anger, and forsake wrath.  
Do not fret—it leads only to evil.  
For the wicked shall be cut off,  
but those who wait for the LORD shall inherit the land.

Yet a little while, and the wicked will be no more;  
though you look diligently for their place, they will not be there.  
But the meek shall inherit the land,  
and delight themselves in abundant prosperity.

The salvation of the righteous is from the LORD;  
he is their refuge in the time of trouble.  
The LORD helps them and rescues them;  
he rescues them from the wicked, and saves them,  
because they take refuge in him.

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### **SECOND READING: I Corinthians 15:35-38, 42-50**

But someone will ask, “How are the dead raised? With what kind of body do they come?” Fool! What you sow does not come to life unless it dies. And as for what you sow, you do not sow the body that is to be, but a bare seed, perhaps of wheat or of some other grain. But God gives it a body as he has chosen, and to each kind of seed its own body.

So it is with the resurrection of the dead. What is sown is perishable, what is raised is imperishable. It is sown in dishonor, it is raised in glory. It is sown in weakness, it is raised in power. It is sown a physical body, it is raised a spiritual body. If there is a physical body, there is also a spiritual body. Thus it is written, “The first man, Adam, became a living being”; the last Adam became a life-giving spirit. But it is not the spiritual that is first, but the physical, and then the spiritual. The first man was from the earth, a man of dust; the second man is from heaven. As was the man of dust, so are those who are of the dust; and as is the man of heaven, so are those who are of heaven. Just as we have borne the image of the man of dust, we will also bear the image of the man of heaven.

What I am saying, brothers and sisters, is this: flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable.

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