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**February 20, 2022 – Seventh Sunday after Epiphany**

*Welcome in Jesus' name.*

*We extend a special welcome to guests and visitors.*



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# WELCOME TO WORSHIP

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Prelude/Procession/Bells

Welcome and Announcements

\*Confession and Forgiveness:

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who creates us, redeems us, and calls us by name.

**C: Amen.**

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

(Silence for Private Confession)

Most Merciful God,

**C: 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.**

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

\*Hymn: "Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ"

ELW #674

1 Let us talents and tongues employ,  
reaching out with a shout of joy:  
bread is broken, the wine is poured,  
Christ is spoken and seen and heard.

**Refrain:**

Jesus lives again, earth can breathe again,  
pass the Word around: loaves abound!

2 Christ is able to make us one,  
at the table he sets the tone,  
teaching people to live to bless,  
love in word and in deed express. **[Refrain]**

3 Jesus calls us in, sends us out  
bearing fruit in a world of doubt,  
gives us love to tell, bread to share:  
God (Immanuel) ev'rywhere! **[Refrain]**

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**\*Apostolic 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.**

**\*The Prayer of the Day:**

P: 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.**

**Hymn:**

"Blessed Assurance"

ELW #638

1 Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!  
Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine!  
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,  
born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.

**Refrain:**

This is my story, this is my song,  
praising my Savior all the day long:  
this is my story, this is my song,  
praising my Savior all the day long.

2 Perfect submission, perfect delight,  
visions of rapture now burst on my sight;  
angels descending bring from above  
echoes of mercy, whispers of love. **[Refrain]**

3 Perfect submission, all is at rest;  
I in my Savior am happy and blest,  
watching and waiting, looking above,  
filled with his goodness, lost in his love. **[Refrain]**

## Scripture Reading

## Genesis 45:3-11, 15

<sup>3</sup>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. <sup>4</sup>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. <sup>5</sup>And now do not be distressed, or angry with yourselves, because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life. <sup>6</sup>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. <sup>7</sup>God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. <sup>8</sup>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. <sup>9</sup>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. <sup>10</sup>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. <sup>11</sup>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.’ <sup>15</sup>And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them; and after that his brothers talked with him.

L: Word of God, Word of Life.

**C. Thanks be to God.**

## Responsive Psalm Reading:

## Psalm 37

L: Do not fret because of the wicked; do not be envious of wrongdoers,

**C: for they will soon fade like the grass, and wither like the green herb.**

L: Trust in the LORD, and do good; so you will live in the land, and enjoy security.

**C: Take delight in the LORD, and he will give you the desires of your heart.**

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

**C: He will make your vindication shine like the light, and the justice of your cause like the noonday.**

L: 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.

**C: Refrain from anger, and forsake wrath. Do not fret—it leads only to evil.**

L: For the wicked shall be cut off, but those who wait for the LORD shall inherit the land.

**C: Yet a little while, and the wicked will be no more; though you look diligently for their place, they will not be there.**

L: But the meek shall inherit the land, and delight themselves in abundant prosperity.

**C: The salvation of the righteous is from the LORD; he is their refuge in the time of trouble.**

L: The LORD helps them and rescues them; he rescues them from the wicked, and saves them, because they take refuge in him.

**Scripture Reading:**

**1 Corinthians 15:35-38, 42-50**

<sup>35</sup>But someone will ask, "How are the dead raised? With what kind of body do they come?" <sup>36</sup>Fool! What you sow does not come to life unless it dies. <sup>37</sup>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. <sup>38</sup>But God gives it a body as he has chosen, and to each kind of seed its own body. <sup>42</sup>So it is with the resurrection of the dead. What is sown is perishable, what is raised is imperishable. <sup>43</sup>It is sown in dishonor, it is raised in glory. It is sown in weakness, it is raised in power. <sup>44</sup>It is sown a physical body, it is raised a spiritual body. If there is a physical body, there is also a spiritual body. <sup>45</sup>Thus it is written, "The first man, Adam, became a living being"; the last Adam became a life-giving spirit. <sup>46</sup>But it is not the spiritual that is first, but the physical, and then the spiritual. <sup>47</sup>The first man was from the earth, a man of dust; the second man is from heaven. <sup>48</sup>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. <sup>49</sup>Just as we have borne the image of the man of dust, we will also bear the image of the man of heaven. <sup>50</sup>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.

L: Word of God, Word of Life

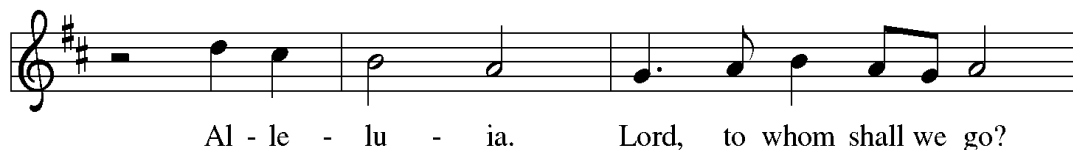
**C: Thanks be to God.**

Children's Sermon

**\*Gospel Acclamation:**

"Alleluia"

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**\*Holy Gospel:**

**Luke 6:27-38**

P: The Holy Gospel according to the 6<sup>th</sup> Chapter in Luke.

**C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>27</sup>“But I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, <sup>28</sup>bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. <sup>29</sup>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. <sup>30</sup>Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. <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? For even sinners love those who love them. <sup>33</sup>If you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. <sup>34</sup>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. <sup>35</sup>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. <sup>36</sup>Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful. <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, running over, will be put into your lap; for the measure you give will be the measure you get back.”

P: The Gospel of our Lord.

**C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon

**Hymn:** “Light Dawns on a Weary World”

ELW #726

1 Light dawn on a weary world  
When eyes begin to see all people’s dignity.  
Light dawn on a weary world:  
The promised day of justice comes.

**Refrain:**

The trees shall clap their hands;  
The dry lands, gush with spring;  
The hills and mountains shall break forth with singing!  
We shall go out with joy,  
And be led forth in peace,  
As all the world in wonder echoes shalom.

2 Love grows in a weary world  
When hungry hearts find bread  
And children's dreams are fed.  
Love grows in a weary world;  
The promised feast of plenty comes. **Refrain**

3 Hope blooms in a weary world  
When creatures, once forlorn, find wilderness reborn.  
Hope blooms in a weary world:  
The promised green of Eden comes. **Refrain**

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### **\*Apostle's 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 the People**

PLEASE HOLD IN YOUR PRAYERS: **Ernie Ruchti Calvin Verhoeff, Deb Anderson, The Lindsay Family, Richard Kirckof, Richard Hanson, Gail Otteson, Janet Raveling, Calmon Peterson** (Karla Anderson's brother), and all those we name in our hearts, having the confidence that through the power of the Holy Spirit, God knows our needs.

### **\*Peace:**

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

**Offering** (children may bring offerings forward)

**Offertory Hymn:** "We Are an Offering"

ELW #692

We lift our voices, we lift our hands,  
we lift our lives up to you: we are an offering.  
Lord, use our voices, Lord, use our hands,  
Lord, use our lives, they are yours: we are an offering.  
All that we have, all that we are, all that we hope to be,  
we give to you, we give to you.  
We lift our voices, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you:  
We are an offering, we are an offering.

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**Offertory Prayer:**

**C: Blessed are you, O God, Sovereign of the universe. You offer us new beginnings and guide us on our journey. Lead us to your table, nourish us with this heavenly food, and prepare us to carry your love to a hungry world, in the name of Christ our light. Amen.**

**\*The 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:**

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

**\*Hymn:** "Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling"

ELW #608

1 Softly and tenderly Jesus is calling,  
calling for you and for me;  
see, on the portals he's waiting and watching,  
watching for you and for me.

**Refrain:**

"Come home, come home!  
You who are weary, come home."  
Earnestly, tenderly, Jesus is calling,  
calling, "O sinner, come home!"



2 Why should we tarry when Jesus is pleading,  
pleading for you and for me?  
Why should we linger and heed not his mercies,  
mercies for you and for me? **[Refrain]**

3 Oh, for the wonderful love he has promised,  
promised for you and for me!  
Though we have sinned, he has mercy and pardon,  
pardon for you and for me. **[Refrain]**

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**\*Dismissal:**

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

**C: Thanks be to God.**