



# Seventh Sunday after Epiphany

We gather this morning to celebrate and proclaim the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Hymns can be found in the red book, Evangelical Lutheran Worship.

**P** = Pastor   **A** = Assisting Pastor   **C** = Congregation   **L** = Leader

*Prelude: "Cantabile" means "in a singing style." This piece is a "song" written for solo organ. The melody is played on the Hautbois [Oboe] stop in the soprano and bass registers.*

## Prelude

"Cantabile" from *Trois Pièces*  
César Franck

## Welcome and Announcements

### 9:30 AM Anthem

"Dayenu"  
arr. Harvey Hollman

*Please stand.*

## Invocation

Pastor John Christopherson

- A** Blessed be the Father, and the † Son, and the Holy Spirit, one God, who forgives all our sin, and whose mercy endures forever.
- C** Amen.

## Confession and Forgiveness

- A** Let us come into the light of Christ, confessing our need for God's mercy.

*Silence for reflection.*

- A** Most merciful God,
- C** I confess to you all my sins, with which I have offended you. I repent and pray for your boundless mercy. For the sake of the suffering and death of your Son, Jesus Christ, be merciful to me, a poor sinful being; forgive my sins, give me your Holy Spirit, and bring me to life everlasting.
- A** By the mercy of Almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us and, for his sake, God forgives us all our sins. Through his Holy Spirit, he cleanses us, frees us from sin and death, and calls us out of darkness into the splendor of his light. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Rejoice and give thanks!
- C** Amen.

## Entrance Hymn 632

"O God, Our Help in Ages Past"

ST. ANNE

Stanzas 1 and 2 – All   3 – Organ   4-6 – All

### 9:30 AM Holy Baptism *(See insert)*

## Apostolic Greeting

- A** The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light. 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.

*Entrance Hymn: In Jesus Christ, God has been our hope in "ages past" and for all "years to come." The introduction and organ stanza are written by organist Paul Manz, whose life and ministry we will celebrate later this afternoon with a community hymn festival.*

*The organ stanza is written to reflect the text of stanza three and provide opportunity for the congregation to read and consider the text. The improvisation draws upon an ancient style of writing—the "ornamented chorale"—to musically paint the everlasting nature of God's mercy.*

*Kyrie: Throughout the weeks after Epiphany, we sing a setting of Holy Communion by Lutheran composer Richard Hillert.*

**8 AM Kyrie**

In peace, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.  
 For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.  
 Lord, have mer - cy.  
 For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,  
 and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.  
 For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,  
 let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.  
 Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. A - men.

*Canticle of Praise: We sing the good news of the angels—"Glory to God in the highest!"—as we give thanks for the glory of God revealed in Jesus Christ.*

**8 AM Canticle of Praise**

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.  
 Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther,  
 we wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.  
 Lord Je - sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,  
 you take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;  
 you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther; re - ceive our prayer.  
 For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,  
 you a-lone are the Most High Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,  
 in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

**Prayer of the Day**

- A** Let us pray. O Lord Jesus,
- C** 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.

*Please be seated.*

**First Reading:** Many years after being sold into slavery by his jealous brothers, Joseph reveals himself to them. Now the second in command in Egypt, Joseph reassures his brothers that God has used their evil intentions for good to preserve life during a devastating famine, and Joseph forgives them.

**First Reading** Genesis 45:3-11, 15

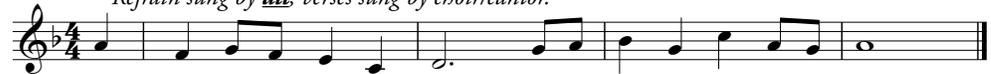
OT page 43 in the pew Bible

- L** Word of God, Word of Life.
- C** Thanks be to God.

**Psalm 37**

Michel Guimont

*Refrain sung by all; verses sung by choir/cantor.*



**Refrain:** The hum-ble shall own the land, and en-joy the full-ness of peace.

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| <p>1. Do not fret because of the wicked; do not envy those who do evil, for they wither quickly like grass and fade like the green of the fields.<br/><i>Refrain sung by all.</i></p> <p>3. Calm your anger and forget your rage; do not fret, it only leads to evil. For those who do evil shall perish; those waiting for the Lord shall inherit the land.<br/><i>Refrain sung by all.</i></p> | <p>2. If you trust in the Lord and do good, then you will live in the land and be secure. If you find delight in the Lord, he will grant your heart's desire.<br/><i>Refrain sung by all.</i></p> <p>4. The salvation of the just comes from the Lord, their stronghold in time of distress. The Lord helps them and delivers them and saves them, for their refuge is in God.<br/><i>Refrain sung by all.</i></p> |
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**Second Reading:** In the Apostles' Creed, we speak of the "resurrection of the body and the life everlasting." Using the metaphor of a planted seed and the story of Adam, Paul preaches passionately about the mystery of following Christ's perfect life into eternity.

**Second Reading** 1 Corinthians 15:35-38, 42-50 NT page 169 in the pew Bible

- L** Word of God, Word of Life.
- C** Thanks be to God.

**8 AM Children's Message**

Elias Johnson-Youngquist

*Please stand.*

**Gospel Acclamation**

John Ferguson



**C** Al-le - lu - ia, al-le-lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia.

*Choir: Love your enemies, and you will be children of the Most High; forgive and you will be forgiven. (Luke 6:35,37)*



**C** Al-le - lu - ia, al-le-lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia.

**Gospel:** Jesus continues to address a crowd of his disciples. He invites his followers to shower radical love, blessing, forgiveness, generosity, and trust even to enemies and outsiders. Living in harmony with God's intent brings the reward of overflowing blessing.  
+ Denotes this reading as today's preaching text.

**Gospel Announcement**

- P** The Holy Gospel, according to St. Luke, the sixth chapter.
- C** Glory to you, O Lord.

**Gospel** Luke 6:27-38 +

NT page 60 in the pew Bible

### Gospel Response

- P** The Gospel of the Lord.
- C** Praise to you, O Christ.

*Please be seated.*

### Sermon

Pastor Jeff Backer

*Silence for reflection.*

*Please stand.*

**Hymn of the Day:** Christ's cross reveals "how trifling others' debts [are] to us" and "how great" our debt is to our Lord. As Jesus says in today's Gospel text, the mercy and love of enemies and all people flows because our heavenly Father has first shown us mercy in the death and resurrection of the Son.

### Hymn of the Day 605

"Forgive Our Sins As We Forgive"

DETROIT

### 8 AM Apostles' Creed

- A** With the whole church, let us confess our faith.
- C** 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 Church

- A** Dwelling in the presence of God with us, let us boldly pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

*Following each petition:*

- A** Lord, in your mercy,
- C** hear our prayer.

*The prayers conclude:*

- A** Trusting in the presence of God by the power of the Holy Spirit, we commend all for whom we pray, dwelling in the light and hope of Christ, our Savior.
- C** Amen.

### Sharing of the Peace

- A** The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- C** And also with you.

*Please be seated.*

### Offering

**Offering:** Offering envelopes are available in the pews. Please sign the fellowship register and pass it to those sitting next to you. Children may bring their offering forward at this time.

**Offering Voluntary:** This variation based on "O God, Our Help in Ages Past" is based on stanza three: "A thousand ages in your sight are like an evening gone, short as the watch that ends the night before the rising sun."

**Offering Anthem:** Sung today by the Youth Choir, this anthem comes from the Taizé tradition of southern France. Solo voices offer individual phrases over the repeated refrain.

**8 AM Offering Voluntary**

"Canon on ST. ANNE"  
Paul Manz

**9:30 AM Offering Anthem**

"Ubi Caritas et amor"  
Taizé; Jacques Berthier

Ubi caritas et amor, ubi caritas,  
Deus ibi est.  
*Where true charity and love abide;  
God is dwelling there.*

*Your love, O Jesus Christ, has gathered us together.  
May your love, O Jesus Christ, be foremost in our lives.  
Let us love one another as God has loved us.  
The love of God in Jesus Christ bears eternal joy.  
The love of God in Jesus Christ will never have an end.*

*Please stand.*

**Offertory Presentation:** Throughout the weeks after Epiphany, the Lutheran chorale "In Thee Is Gladness" will serve as our response to God's blessings as the offering is presented. Christ's victory over death is the sunshine that lights our way during these weeks and each time we gather for worship. Because our Lord has claimed us as His own, "we fear no powers—not of earth or sin or death."

**Offering Presentation**

"In Thee Is Gladness"  
IN DIR IST FREUDE

1. In thee is glad - ness a - mid all sad - ness, Je - sus, sun - shine of my  
2. Je - sus is ours! . . . . We fear no pow - ers, not of earth or sin or  
heart. By thee are giv - en the gifts of heaven - en, thou the  
death. He sees and bless - es in worst dis - tress - es; he can  
true re - deem - er art. Our souls thou wak - est; our bonds thou  
change them with a breath. Where - fore the sto - ry tell of his  
break - est. Who trusts thee sure - ly has built se - cure - ly  
glo - ry with heart and voic - es; all heav'n re - joic - es  
and stands for - ev - er: Al - le - lu - ia! Our hearts are  
in him for - ev - er: Al - le - lu - ia! We shout for  
pin - ing to see thy shin - ing, dy - ing or liv - ing,  
glo - ry, tri - umph o'er sad - ness, love him and praise him  
to thee are cleav - ing; naught can us sev - er: Al - le - lu - ia!  
and still shall raise him glad hymns for - ev - er: Al - le - lu - ia!

**Offertory Prayer**

- A** Let us pray. God of abundance,
- C** all that we have is yours. Receive these gifts for the sake of the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

### 9:30 AM The Lord's Prayer

- A** Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.
- C** 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.

*Words of Institution: Hear Christ's words of promise spoken again "for you, for the forgiveness of your sin."*

## Service of Holy Communion - 8 AM Worship

### Words of Institution

#### The Lord's Prayer

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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.
- A** Come to the table of mercy and grace.
- C** Let us receive the feast the Lord has given.

*Please be seated.*

### Agnus Dei

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have  
mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the  
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
sin of the world; grant us peace.

*Communion: All who are baptized and trust Christ's word are welcome to the table of this holy supper, where our Lord is truly present, offering his gifts of forgiveness and eternal life. Please come forward at the ushers' direction. Grape juice and gluten-free wafers are available.*

### Communion

#### Communion Music

Hymn 494

"For the Bread Which You Have Broken"

OMNI DIE

Hymn 483

"Here Is Bread"

HERE IS BREAD

*Please stand.*

**Blessing**

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

**Prayer after Communion**

- A** Let us pray. O Morning Star, fair and bright, you have refreshed us again with your Word of new life. You are our dearest treasure. Go with us now—today, tomorrow, every day—that we might walk in your promise and light, now and forever.
- C** Amen.

**Benediction**

- P** May the God of glory dwell in you richly, call you beloved, and shine brightly on your path. The blessing of Almighty God—the Father, the † Son, and the Holy Spirit—be upon and remain with you always.
- C** Amen.

*Sending Hymn: The mercy of God the Father is well-summarized in stanza two of this hymn: "How vast your mercy to accept the burden of our sin, and bow your head in cruel death to make us clean within." With such a gracious and loving God, Jesus tells his followers to love even their enemies and to see each person as a redeemed child of our merciful Lord.*

**Sending Hymn 604**

"O Christ, Our Hope"  
LOBT GOTT, IHR CHRISTEN

**Dismissal**

- A** Go in peace. Share the good news of Jesus Christ.
- C** Thanks be to God!

**Postlude**

"Fugue-Finale on ST. ANNE"  
Paul Manz

*Postlude: This fugue and final variation was originally improvised by Paul Manz at a church music conference at Valparaiso University and was intended to serve as a model of improvisation for other church musicians. You are invited to celebrate Paul's life and ministry later this afternoon at a community hymn festival with organist David Cherwien, theologian Paul Westermeyer, and the Augustana Choir. Come and sing!*

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