

## Seventh Sunday after the Epiphany

February 24 & 25, 2019

**Welcome to Worship!** Some things are clearer in hindsight than in the middle of the experience. Joseph, whose life and plans were turned upside down by jealous brothers, learned that neither they nor he had the last word. It is still true in the lives of all of us who have faith in Jesus: God is at work for good!

**First time guests:** Please stop by the Welcome Center for a travel mug and other gifts!

**Cell Phones:** *Please remember to silence cell phones and electronics during worship.*

**We love children!** If your child gets fussy, please take him/her to the Comfort Place in the Atrium. You can hear the service there, and will allow others to hear as well. **A Staffed Nursery** is also available at **9:00 A.M.** beneath the narthex.

**Adult Bible Classes** meet in the Fellowship Hall and **Adult Instruction** in 202. **Sunday School** for ages 3-6<sup>th</sup> grade meets downstairs in the Social Room. **Parent/Toddler Class** meets upstairs in Room 215. **Jr/Sr High School** meets upstairs in the Youth Room.

**Holy Communion** will be offered at **9:00 A.M. and 7:00 P.M.** If you are not a confirmed member of the Lutheran church, please contact an Elder or Pastor before Communing. The Common Cup is served to those who do not take an individual cup. Wine with alcohol removed is in the center of the tray. Gluten-free wafers are available.

**Large Print bulletins** and **Hearing devices** are available from an usher.

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**THE PRELUDE:** "Renew Me, O Eternal Light" -Robert Lind

**THE OPENING HYMN:** "Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us" Hymn 851

**THE INVOCATION, CONFESSION, ABSOLUTION:** (page 184-185)

**THE GLORIA PATRI, KYRIE, and GLORIA IN EXCELSIS:** (page 186-189)

**THE PRAYER FOR THE DAY** (We pray together):

**O God, the strength of all who put their trust in You, 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. Amen.**

**THE WORD OF THE MONTH** (together): **"Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant or rude." 1 Corinthians 13:4**

**THE OLD TESTAMENT READING:** **Genesis 45:3-15** (page 39)

And Joseph 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. So 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. 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 yet five years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. And 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 tarry. You 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. There 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.' And now your eyes see, and the eyes of my brother Benjamin see, that it is my mouth that speaks to you. You must tell my father of all my honor in Egypt, and of all that you have seen. Hurry and bring my father down here." Then he fell upon his brother Benjamin's neck and wept, and Benjamin wept upon his neck. And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them. After that his brothers talked with him.

L: This is the Word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

**+++ 11:15 THE ANTHEM:** "Bless the Lord O My Soul" -Mikhail Ippolitof-Ivanof

**THE EPISTLE READING:** **1 Corinthians 15:21-26, 30-42** (page 961)

For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive. But each in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. Then comes the end, when he delivers the kingdom to God the Father after destroying every rule and every authority and power. For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. The last enemy to be destroyed is death. Why am I in danger every hour? I protest, brothers, by my pride in you, which I have in Christ Jesus our Lord, I die every day! What 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." Do not be deceived: "Bad company ruins good morals." Wake 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. But someone will ask, "How are the dead raised? With what kind of body do they come?" You foolish person! What you sow does not come to life unless it dies. And what you sow is not the body that is to be, but a bare kernel, 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. For not all flesh is the same, but there is one kind for humans, another for animals, another for birds, and another for fish. There 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. There 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. So is it with the resurrection of the dead. What is sown is perishable; what is raised is imperishable.

L: This is the Word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

**THE ALLELUIA AND VERSE:** (page 190)

**THE GOSPEL: Luke 6:27-38** (page 862)

**C: (sing) Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

But I say to you who hear, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. To 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. 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. If you love those who love you, what benefit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. And if you do good to those who do good to you, what benefit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. And 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. But 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. Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful. Judge not, and you will not be judged; condemn not, and you will not be condemned; forgive, and you will be forgiven; give, 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.

L: This is the Gospel of the Lord. **C: (sing) Praise be to Thee, O Christ.**

+++ **THE CREED: 9:00 & 7:00 NICENE** (page 191), **11:15 APOSTLES'** (page 192)

**THE HYMN: "O God, O Lord of Heaven and Earth"** **Hymn 834**

**THE SERMON: "Strings Attached"**

**THE OFFERING** (Please register Attendance and Communion)

**THE MUSICAL OFFERING: 9:00 & 7:00** "Lord of Glory You Have Bought Us"; (11:15) "God's Right Hand & Holy Arm" -K. Lee Scott

**THE OFFERTORY:** (page 192)

**THE PRAYERS**

+++ **9:00 & 7:00 COMMUNION:** Pages 194-202; **Hymns: 606, 619, 790, 814, 696**

**THE CLOSING HYMN: "Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus"** **Hymn 660**

*Please take time after the closing hymn to greet and introduce yourself to those around you.*

**THE POSTLUDE: "Praise to the Lord"** -Paul Manz

*A Pastor will be available after the service in the chapel to take prayer requests or notes for care.*

**Preacher:** Pastor Blumenberg **Liturgist:** Pastor Bloch and Pastor Rodriguez **Lector:** Vicar Werner **Organist:** Paul Scheiderer **Special Music:** Adult Choir (11:15)

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