

Trinity



LUTHERAN CHURCH

Seventh Sunday after Epiphany

February 23, 2025

11:00 am



Mercy. Mercy. Mercy. Joseph lives it in Egypt. Jesus preaches it in the gospel. The Spirit guides us into merciful lives with the power of forgiveness to reconcile what is fractured and divided. Such merciful living is the baptismal blessing of having put on Christ. It is the gift of the life-giving Spirit. It is a reflection of God's glory revealed in Christ.

Order of Worship

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or "All Creation Sings" (ACS)

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING SONG

"Draw Me Close" Kelly Carpenter

Draw me close to You never let me go
I lay it all down again
To hear You say that I'm Your friend
You are my desire no one else will do
'Cause nothing else could take Your place
To feel the warmth of Your embrace
Help me find the way bring me back to You

You're all I want
You're all I've ever needed
You're all I want
Help me know You are near

Draw me close to You never let me go
I lay it all down again
To hear You say that I'm Your friend
You are my desire no one else will do
'Cause nothing else could take Your place
To feel the warmth of Your embrace
Help me find the way bring me back to You

You're all I want
You're all I've ever needed
You're all I want
Help me know You are near

Help me know You are here

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(stand)

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

P

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
the fountain of living water,
the rock who gave us birth,
our light and our salvation.

C

Amen.

P

Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life. For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. (*Romans 6:3-5*)

P

We give you thanks, holy and gracious God,
for you created the waters of the earth:
wide oceans, rushing streams, clear lakes, mighty rivers.
You led your people through the sea and called them to life in covenant with you.
Your Son was baptized in the river Jordan to begin his mission among us.
You pour out your Holy Spirit to renew the face of the earth.
Through this water remind us of the gift of baptism.
Renew us in your promise so that we may serve this world in all its need;
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C

Amen.

P

Almighty God,
who gives us a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit
and forgives us all our sins,
strengthen us in all goodness
and by the power of the Holy Spirit
keep us in eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C

Amen

(stand) **OPENING SONG**

“House of the Lord” Phil Wickham

**We worship the God who was
We worship the God who is
We worship the God who evermore will be
He opened the prison doors
He parted the raging sea
My God He holds the victory yeah**

**There’s joy in the house of the Lord
There’s joy in the house of the Lord today
And we won’t be quiet
We shout out Your praise
There’s joy in the house of the Lord
Our God is surely in this place
And we won’t be quiet
We shout out Your praise**

**Oh oh oh
We shout out Your praise**

**We sing to the God who heals
We sing to the God who saves
We sing to the God who always makes a way
'Cause He hung up on that cross
Then He rose up from that grave
My God’s still rolling stones away**

**There’s joy in the house of the Lord
There’s joy in the house of the Lord today
And we won’t be quiet
We shout out Your praise
There’s joy in the house of the Lord
Our God is surely in this place
And we won’t be quiet
We shout out Your praise**



**('Cause) We were the beggars
Now we're royalty
We were the prisoners
Now we're running free
We are forgiven accepted
Redeemed by His grace
Let the house of the Lord sing praise (REPEAT)**

**There's joy in the house of the Lord
There's joy in the house of the Lord today
And we won't be quiet
We shout out Your praise
There's joy in the house of the Lord
Our God is surely in this place
And we won't be quiet
We shout out Your praise (REPEAT)**

**We shout out Your praise
There is joy in this house
There is joy in this house today
We shout out Your praise
We shout out Your praise**

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(stand) **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.**

(stand) **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P Let us pray...

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.

C **Amen.**

FIRST READING Genesis 45:3-11, 15

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.

³ 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.

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

A Word of God, word of life.

C Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN’S SERMON

(stand) **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

“I Love You Lord” Laurie Klein

**I love you Lord and I lift my voice
To worship You, O my soul rejoice
Take joy my King in what You hear
May it be a sweet, sweet sound in Your ear.**

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(stand) **GOSPEL READING Luke 6:27-38**

P The holy gospel according to Luke.

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

Jesus continues to address a crowd of his disciples. He invites his followers to shower radical love, blessing, forgiveness, generosity, and trust even on enemies and outsiders. Living in harmony with God's intent brings the reward of overflowing blessing.

[Jesus said:] ²⁷ "But I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, ²⁸ bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. ²⁹ 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. ³⁰ Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. ³¹ Do to others as you would have them do to you.

³² "If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. ³³ If you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. ³⁴ 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. ³⁵ 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. ³⁶ Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.

³⁷ "Do not judge, and you will not be judged; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven; ³⁸ 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 the Lord.

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

(sit) **SERMON Pastor Katie Christie**

HYMN OF THE DAY

“Blessed Assurance” Phoebe Knapp

**Blessed assurance Jesus is mine
O what a foretaste of glory divine
Heir of salvation purchase of God
Born of His Spirit washed in His blood**

**Perfect submission perfect delight
Visions of rapture now burst on my sight
Angels descending bring from above
Echoes of mercy whispers of love**

**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**

**Perfect submission all is at rest
I in my Savior am happy and blessed
Watching and waiting looking above
Filled with His goodness lost in His love**

**I will testify to the love of Christ
Of His life death and resurrection
Till that promised day when He comes again
I will rest in complete assurance**

Held in loving arms

**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**

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(stand)

APOSTLES' CREED

P

God has made us God's people through our Baptism into Christ. Living together in trust and hope, we 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.**

(stand)

THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

A

With the Spirit of Christ shining upon us, let us boldly pray for the church, the world, and all of creation.

Silence for reflection.

Each petition will close with the words: "God of grace,"

*The response is "**hear our prayer.**"*

P

We entrust our prayers to you, O God, in the sure and certain hope that your promise is revealed among the people.

C

Amen.

PEACE

P

The peace of our Lord be with you always.

C

And also with you.

(sit)

THE OFFERING

“We Are Many Parts”Marty Haugen

**God of all, we look to You
We would be Your servants true
Let us be Your love for all the world**

**We are many parts
We are all one body
And the gifts we have
We are given to share
May the spirit of love, make us one indeed
One, the love that we share
One, our hope in despair
One, the cross that we bear**

OFFERING PRAYER

P Let us pray. God of grace,
C your love reaches to the heavens,
and your abundance to the depths of the seas.
Bless what we offer to your service:
our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts.
Let us overflow with gratitude and generosity,
now and always.
Amen.

(stand)

GREAT THANKSGIVING

P The Lord be with you.
C And also with you.
P Lift up your hearts.
C We lift them to the Lord.
P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
C It is right to give our thanks and praise.

EUCHARISTIC PRAYER AND WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

P Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray. **(sung)**

G **Our Father, in heaven,**
 hallowed be Your name,
 Your kingdom come,
 Your will be done,
 on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread;
And help us forgive as we have been forgiven
In the time of trial lead us into light
For Yours is the kingdom and
 the power, and the glory,
 Forever.
Our Father in heaven, holy is Your name, holy is Your name.
Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P The joy of the Lord is our strength.
Come, eat this meal of gladness.

G **Thanks be to God.**

(sit) COMMUNION INSTRUCTIONS

Communion will be distributed at the altar railing. The usher will indicate when each section of pews should come forward. Whether kneeling or standing, those wishing to receive anointing, cross your arms after reaching the rail. If you are not able or not comfortable coming to the altar, the pastor will bring the bread and wine to you at the pew. Gluten free wafers and grape juice are available. Simply request these from the pastor.

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

“Water Life” ELW #457

Before I can remember

The covenant was sealed with Father. Son and Spirit

In water was revealed the cleansing was for certain

With water and the word

Gentle words were spoken

In heaven they were heard

They were singing waterlife, beginning of life

Waterlife, all my life, water life, spirit life, water life

A simple sweet beginning, a loving place to start

Christ began the singing that swells in my heart

His love became my calling, His life my ministry

His name is my adoption into His family

They were singing waterlife, beginning of life

Waterlife, all my life, water life, spirit life, water life

My hope and my expectation for true community

Begins with resurrection his death and life in me

His Spirit fills the body, His church through water sees

Promise for tomorrow His water life in me.

They were singing waterlife, beginning of life

Waterlife, all my life, water life, spirit life, water life (REPEAT)

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

C Amen!

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P Let us pray...

Nourishing God,

at this table you have refreshed us

with holy gifts of food and drink.

Strengthen us for service,

and send us out to embody your good news

of hope and healing for the sake of the world.

In the name of Christ we pray.

C Amen.

BLESSING

P The Spirit of the triune God
✠ bless you with joy,
anoint you with compassion,
and send you in love.

C **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN

“How Great is our God” Chris Tomlin

**The splendor of the King
Clothed in majesty
Let all the earth rejoice
All the earth rejoice
He wraps Himself in light
And darkness tries to hide
And trembles at His voice
And trembles at His voice**

**How great is our God
Sing with me
How great is our God
And all will see how great
How great is our God**

**And age to age He stands
And time is in His hands
Beginning and the End
Beginning and the End
The Godhead three in one
Father Spirit Son
The Lion and the Lamb
The Lion and the Lamb**

**How great is our God
Sing with me
How great is our God
And all will see how great
How great is our God**

**Name above all names
Worthy of all praise
My heart will sing
How great is our God (REPEAT)**

**How great is our God
Sing with me
How great is our God
And all will see how great
How great is our God**

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DISMISSAL

- P** Go in peace. Live in hope.
- G** Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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