

Be merciful,
JUST AS YOUR FATHER
is merciful.
LUKE 6:36

Seventh Sunday *after* the Epiphany

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9:00 a.m.

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How does God's kingdom come?

God's kingdom comes when our heavenly Father gives us His Holy Spirit, so that by His grace we believe His holy Word and lead godly lives here in time and there in eternity. *Luther's Small Catechism*

THE LORD'S SUPPER

is a miracle in bread and wine! By the Word of Christ, His very body and very blood are truly present in this gift. Based on Scripture, we ask everyone to examine themselves prior to receiving the Lord's Supper:

1. Do I acknowledge that I am a sinner and deserve God's wrath and eternal punishment?
2. Am I truly sorry for my sins?
3. Do I believe that Jesus Christ died for me and shed His blood on the cross for the forgiveness of my sins?
4. Do I desire, with God's help, to conform my life to God's Word?
5. Do I believe that the true body and blood of Christ are miraculously present in the bread and wine in this meal?

If you join us, young children are encouraged to come forward to receive a blessing but are generally not served communion until they have gone through instruction, typically during 6th-8th grade. Guests who desire to commune but have questions about our understanding of this Sacrament are encouraged to speak with the pastor or an elder before the service.

The individual cups in the outer rings of the tray are filled with wine. If you prefer non-alcoholic wine, please choose an individual cup in the center of the tray. You may choose to receive a gluten free wafer from the center of the table.

During communion distribution, ushers will show you forward. Fill in the rails from the outside toward the center. After you are finished receiving, each group will be given the Blessing. You may then return to your seat.

Record of Fellowship

The Elders will distribute the Record of Fellowship pads during the offering. Please sign each person's name on a separate line (adults and children on separate lines) and indicate in the boxes if you are communing today, are a visitor, and wish to be contacted. If you have a change of address or other information please include that information or call the church office with the details. Pass the pad toward the center aisle of the church. Thank you and welcome!

As We Gather

The season of Epiphany is one of the “accordion” seasons of the Church Year. The later Easter falls in March or April, the more Sundays after the Epiphany there are. This year’s “Epiphany accordion” is stretched long enough to include eight Sundays. In an extended Epiphany season, the light of Christ burns brightest, as Jesus is revealed in action and in teaching through the Gospel writers. There is power when and where Jesus is among His people, as the hymn “Jesus Comes Today with Healing” teaches (*LSB* 620). May we welcome His presence among us!

Prelude

Come, Let Us Join Our Cheerful Songs *LSB* 812

Confession and Absolution

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

A In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

A Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C who made heaven and earth.

A If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

C But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.

A Since we are gathered to hear God’s Word and call upon Him in prayer and praise, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

C Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.

A Almighty God, merciful Father, in Holy Baptism You declared us to be Your children and gathered us into Your one, holy Church, in which You daily and richly forgive us our sins and grant us new life through Your Spirit. Be in our midst, enliven our faith, and graciously receive our prayer and praise; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen.

Service of the Word

Introit *Psalm 37:1–5; antiphon: vv. 7a, b*

Be still before the LORD and wait patiently | for him;*
fret not yourself over the one who prospers | in his way.
Fret not yourself because of evil- | doers;*
be not envious of wrong- | doers!
For they will soon fade | like the grass*
and wither like the | green herb.
Trust in the LORD, | and do good;*
dwell in the land and befriend | faithfulness.
Delight yourself | 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.

**Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*
and to the Holy | Spirit;
as it was in the be- | ginning,*
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.**

Be still before the LORD and wait patiently | for him;*
fret not yourself over the one who prospers | in his way.

Kyrie

A In peace let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

Hymn of Praise



- C** 1 To God on high be glo - ry And peace to all the earth;
2 To You, O sole-be - got - ten, The Fa - ther's Son, we pray;
3 For You a - lone are ho - ly; You on - ly are the Lord.



Good-will from God in heav - en Pro - claimed at Je - sus' birth!
O Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, You take our sins a - way.
For - ev - er and for - ev - er, Be wor - shiped and a - dored;



We praise and bless You, Fa - ther; Your ho - ly name, we sing—
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus; Re - ceive our heart - felt cry,
You with the Ho - ly Spir - it A - lone are Lord Most High,



Our thanks for Your great glo - ry, Lord God, our heav'n - ly King.
Where You in pow'r are seat - ed At God's right hand on high—
In God the Fa - ther's glo - ry. "A - men!" our glad re - ply.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

A The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

A Let us pray.

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

C **Amen.**

Sit

Old Testament **Genesis 45:3–15**

³ 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.

⁴So 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. ⁵And now do not be distressed or angry with yourselves because you sold me here, for God sent me before you to preserve life. ⁶For 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. ⁷And God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. ⁸So 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. ⁹Hurry 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. ¹⁰You 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. ¹¹There 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.’ ¹²And now your eyes see, and the eyes of my brother Benjamin see, that it is my mouth that speaks to you. ¹³You must tell my father of all my honor in Egypt, and of all that you have seen. Hurry and bring my father down here.” ¹⁴Then he fell upon his brother Benjamin’s neck and wept, and Benjamin wept upon his neck. ¹⁵And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them. After that his brothers talked with him.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm *Psalm 103:1–13; antiphon: v. 8*

¹Bless the LORD, | O my soul,*
and all that is within me,
bless his | holy name!

²Bless the LORD, | O my soul,*
and forget not all his | benefits,
³who forgives all your in- | iquity,*
who heals all your dis- | eases,

⁴who redeems your life | from the pit,*
who crowns you with steadfast love and | mercy,

- ⁵who satisfies | you with good*
so that your youth is renewed like the | eagle's.
- ⁶The LORD works | righteousness*
and justice for all who | are oppressed.
- ⁷He made known his ways to | Moses,*
his acts to the people of | Israel.
- ⁸The LORD is merciful and | gracious,*
slow to anger and abounding in | steadfast love.
- ⁹He will not | always chide,*
nor will he keep his anger for- | ever.
- ¹⁰He does not deal with us according | to our sins,*
nor repay us according to our in- | iquities.
- ¹¹For as high as the heavens are a- | bove the earth,*
so great is his steadfast love toward those who | fear him;
- ¹²as far as the east is | from the west,*
so far does he remove our transgres- | sions from us.
- ¹³As a father shows compassion to his | children,*
so the LORD shows compassion to those who | fear him.

Epistle 1 Corinthians 15:21–26, 30–42

²¹For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. ²²For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive. ²³But each in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. ²⁴Then comes the end, when he delivers the kingdom to God the Father after destroying every rule and every authority and power. ²⁵For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. ²⁶The last enemy to be destroyed is death. . . .

³⁰Why am I in danger every hour? ³¹I protest, brothers, by my pride in you, which I have in Christ Jesus our Lord, I die every day! ³²What 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." ³³Do not be deceived: "Bad company ruins good morals." ³⁴Wake 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.

³⁵But someone will ask, "How are the dead raised? With what kind of body do they come?" ³⁶You foolish person! What you sow does not come to life unless it dies. ³⁷And what you sow is not the body that is to be, but a bare kernel, perhaps of wheat or of some other grain. ³⁸But God gives it a body as he has chosen, and

to each kind of seed its own body. ³⁹For not all flesh is the same, but there is one kind for humans, another for animals, another for birds, and another for fish. ⁴⁰There 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. ⁴¹There 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.

⁴²So is it with the resurrection of the dead. What is sown is perishable; what is raised is imperishable.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Alleluia and Verse



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



C These things are writ - ten that you may be - lieve that



Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.



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

Holy Gospel *Luke 6:27-38*

A The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the sixth chapter.

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

²⁷[Jesus said:] "But I say to you who hear, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, ²⁸bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. ²⁹To 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. ³⁰Give to everyone who begs

from you, and from one who takes away your goods do not demand them back.
³¹And as you wish that others would do to you, do so to them.

³²“If you love those who love you, what benefit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. ³³And if you do good to those who do good to you, what benefit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. ³⁴And 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. ³⁵But 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. ³⁶Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful.

³⁷“Judge not, and you will not be judged; condemn not, and you will not be condemned; forgive, and you will be forgiven; ³⁸give, 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.”

A This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Sit

Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us *LSB 851*

Message

Stand

Apostles' Creed

C I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.

**And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life † everlasting. Amen.**

Prayer of the Church

A Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

After each portion of the prayers:

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

The prayers conclude:

A Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ, Our Lord.
C **Amen.**

Sharing of the Peace

(We greet one another in the name of the Lord, saying, "Peace be with you," as a sign of reconciliation and of the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.)

Sit

Offering

Offering Voluntary

Stand

What shall I
render to the **LORD**
for all his
BENEFITS to me?

Psalm 116:12, ESV

Create In Me

Music by David Fellingham
Words adapted from Ps 51:7,10

A C#m D A D

Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right

6 E A E A C#m D

spir - it in me. Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O

12 A D E A A7 D

God, and re - new a right spir - it in me. Wash me,

18 A E A D A B7

cleanse me, pur - i - fy me, make my heart as white as

24 E A C#m D

snow. Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O

28 A D E A

God, and re - new a right spir - it in me.

Sit

A Time of Praise, Prayer and Reflection

Please use this time of worship for praising God with your voice, coming to Him in prayer with your personal petitions and reflecting on His never-ending blessings to us, His children.

10,000 Reasons

CHORUS

Bless the Lord oh my soul, oh my soul
Worship His Holy name
Sing like never before, oh my soul
I'll worship Your Holy name

VERSE 1

The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning
It's time to sing Your song again
Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me
Let me be singing when the evening comes

VERSE 2

You're rich in love and You're slow to anger
Your name is great and Your heart is kind
For all Your goodness I will keep on singing
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find

VERSE 3

And on that day when my strength is failing
The end draws near and my time has come
Still my soul will sing Your praise unending
Ten thousand years and then forevermore

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A/B B7 E B/D# C#m F#m F#m9 B7

1. God for - gave my sin in Je - sus' name, I've been
 2. All _____ pow'r is giv'n in Je - sus' name, In _____

5 F#m F#m9 B7 E F#m/E E7 A E/G#

born a - gain in Je - sus' name; And in Je - sus' name I
 earth and heav'n in Je - sus' name; And in Je - sus' name I

11 F#m7 B/D# E F#m7 E/G# A B7sus B7 E A/B B7

come to you To share His love as He told me to: He said,
 come to you to share His pow'r as He told me to:

17 E F#m7 B7

"Free - ly free ly, you have re - ceived. Free - ly,

22 E A/B E

free - ly give; _____ Go in My name and, be -

27 F#m7 B7 E

cause you be - lieve, Oth - ers will know that I live." _____

Lord's Prayer

- 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.

Concluding Collect

- A** Let us pray.

Blessed are You, almighty God, for by You have refreshed us during this time of worship. Help us to treasure the epiphany of our Lord and see in Him the fullness of Your divine presence. Grant us Your abiding peace each day of our lives as we await Your eternal kingdom. In the name of Jesus, our hope and comfort, we pray.

- C** Amen.

Benedicamus and Benediction

- A** Let us bless the Lord.

- C** Thanks be to God.

- A** The Lord bless us and keep us.

The Lord make His face shine on us and be gracious to us.

The Lord look upon us with favor and ✠ give us peace.

- C** Amen.

Oh, That the Lord Would Guide My Ways *LSB 707*

Postlude

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