

**Grow ... Go ... Gather**  
**February 20, 2022**



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# The Seventh Sunday after the Epiphany

## Order of Worship (DS 4)

### The Preservice Music, Call to Worship, and Welcome

### The Opening Hymn: LSB 411, "I Want to Walk as a Child of Light"



1 I want to walk as a child of the light.  
2 I want to see the bright-ness of God.  
3 I'm look - ing for the com - ing of Christ.



I want to fol - low Je - sus.  
I want to look at Je - sus.  
I want to be with Je - sus.

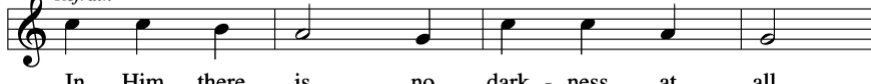


God set the stars to give light to the world.  
Clear Sun of Righ - teous - ness, shine on my path,  
When we have run with pa - tience the race,



The star of my life is Je - sus.  
And show me the way to the Fa - ther.  
We shall know the joy of Je - sus.

#### *Refrain*



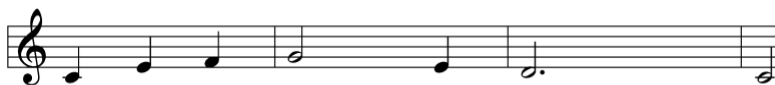
In Him there is no dark - ness at all.



The night and the day are both a - like.



The Lamb is the light of the cit - y of God.



Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus.

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## Invocation

- P In the name of the Father and of the T Son  
and of the Holy Spirit.
- C **Amen.**

## Exhortation

*LSB 203*

- P Our help is in the name of the Lord,  
C **who made heaven and earth.**
- P 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.**
- P Since we are gathered to hear God's Word,  
call upon Him in prayer and praise, and  
receive the body and blood of our Lord  
Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar,  
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.

## Confession of Sins

*LSB 203*

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

# Absolution

LSB 203

**P** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** **Amen.**

# The Kyrie

LSB 204



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

# Gloria in Excelsis

LSB 204



**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.

*Text: Stephen P. Starke*

## **The Salutation and Prayer of the Day**

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P 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.**

## **The Old Testament Lesson: Genesis 45:3–15**

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.**

### **A Song: “Free Amen”**

#### **Intro**

Amen amen amen  
Amen amen amen

#### **Verse 1**

Hope falling down like rain  
Love that I can't explain  
Peace that stills my soul  
Light in the darkest place  
Life even in the pain  
It feels like coming home

#### **Chorus**

**Where the Spirit of the Lord is  
There is freedom  
I am free amen  
Where the Spirit of the Lord is  
There is freedom  
I am free amen**

#### **Verse 2**

Here I'm alive again  
Gone is the weight of sin  
Oh sweet liberty  
Praise God  
Who saved my life  
I'm bought with the blood of Christ  
I have been redeemed **(Chorus 2 Xs)**

### **Bridge**

Free at last  
Free at last  
Thank God almighty  
I am free at last  
All my chains  
Are in the past  
Thank God Almighty  
I am free at last **(repeat Bridge 3 Xs) (Chorus)**

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### **The Epistle Lesson:** 1 Corinthians 15:21–26, 30–42

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

LSB 205

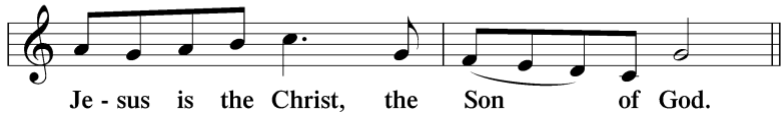


Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



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





### **The Gospel Lesson:** Luke 6:27–38

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

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

[Jesus said:] "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

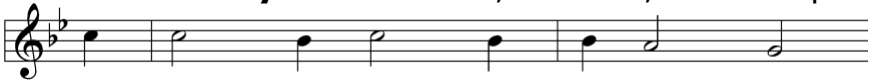
you will be forgiven; give, and it will be given to you. Good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap. For with the measure you use it will be measured back to you."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

**The Apostles' Creed** (on the back cover of the hymnal)

**The Sermon Hymn: LSB 544, "O Love, How Deep"**



1 O love, how deep, how broad, how high,  
 2 He sent no an - gel to our race,  
 3 For us bap - tized, for us He bore  
 4 For us He prayed; for us He taught;



Be - yond all thought and fan - ta - sy,  
 Of high - er or of low - er place,  
 His ho - ly fast and hun - gered sore;  
 For us His dai - ly works He wrought,



That God, the Son of God, should take  
 But wore the robe of hu - man frame,  
 For us temp - ta - tion sharp He knew;  
 By words and signs and ac - tions thus



Our mor - tal form for mor - tals' sake!  
 And to this world Him - self He came.  
 For us the tempt - er o - ver - threw.  
 Still seek - ing not Him - self but us.

5 For us by wickedness betrayed,  
 For us, in crown of thorns arrayed,  
 He bore the shameful cross and death;  
 For us He gave His dying breath.

6 For us He rose from death again;  
For us He went on high to reign;  
For us He sent His Spirit here  
To guide, to strengthen, and to cheer.

D 7 All glory to our Lord and God  
For love so deep, so high, so broad;  
The Trinity whom we adore  
Forever and forevermore.

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## **The Sermon**

## **The Offering**

## **The Prayer of the Church and The Lord’s Prayer**

### **A Hymn: “Blessed Be Your Name”**

#### **Verse 1**

Blessed be Your name  
In the land that is plentiful  
Where Your streams of abundance flow  
Blessed be Your name

#### **Verse 2**

Blessed be Your name  
When I’m found in the desert place  
Though I walk through the wilderness  
Blessed be Your name

#### **Pre-Chorus**

**Ev’ry blessing You pour out I’ll  
Turn back to praise  
When the darkness closes in Lord  
Still I will say**

## **Chorus**

**Blessed be the name of the Lord**

**Blessed be Your name**

**Blessed be the name of the Lord**

**Blessed be Your glorious name**

## **Verse 3**

Blessed be Your name

When the sun's shining down on me

When the world's all as it should be

Blessed be Your name

## **Verse 4**

Blessed be Your name

On the road marked with suffering

Though there's pain in the offering

Blessed be Your name **(Pre-chorus and Chorus)**

## **Bridge**

You give and take away

You give and take away

My heart will choose to say

Lord blessed be Your name **(Chorus)**

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## **T The Service of the Sacrament T**

### **The Preface**

*LSB 208*

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 Him thanks and praise.**

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

**The Sanctus**

*LSB 208*



**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth a - dored;



Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.



Sing ho - san-na in the high-est, sing ho-san - na to the Lord;



Tru - ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

*Text: Stephen P. Starke*

### The Words of Institution

### The Pax Domini

*LSB 209*

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **Amen.**

### The Agnus Dei

*LSB 210*



1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,



You take the sin of the world a - way;  
You take the sin of the world a - way;



O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,



Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.  
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

*Text: Stephen P. Starke*

### The Distribution

(During Holy Communion you are invited to sing,  
LSB 820, "My Soul, Now Praise Your Maker")

"My Soul, Now Praise Your Maker"



1 My soul, now praise your Mak - er! Let all with - in me  
2 He of - fers all His trea - sure Of jus - tice, truth, and  
3 For as a ten - der fa - ther Has pit - y on his  
4 His grace re - mains for - ev - er, And chil - dren's chil - dren



bless His name Who makes you full par - tak - er Of  
righ - teous - ness, His love be - yond all mea - sure, His  
chil - dren here, God in His arms will gath - er All  
yet shall prove That God for - sakes them nev - er Who



mer - cies more than you dare claim. For - get Him not whose  
yearn - ing pit - y o'er dis - tress; Nor treats us as we  
who are His in child - like fear. He knows how frail our  
in true fear shall seek His love. In heav'n is fixed His



meek - ness Still bears with all your sin, Who heals your ev - 'ry  
mer - it But sets His an - ger by. The poor and con - trite  
pow - ers, Who but from dust are made. We flour - ish like the  
dwell - ing, His rule is o - ver all; O hosts with might ex -



weak - ness, Re - news your life with - in; Whose grace and  
spir - it Finds His com - pas - sion nigh; And high as  
flow - ers, And e - ven so we fade; The wind but  
cel - ling, With praise be - fore Him fall. Praise Him for -

care are end - less And saved you through the past; Who  
 heav'n a - bove us, As dawn from close of day, So  
 through them pass - es, And all their bloom is o'er. We  
 ev - er reign - ing, All you who hear His Word— Our

leaves no suf - f'rer friend - less But rights the wronged at last.  
 far, since He has loved us, He puts our sins a - way.  
 with - er like the grass - es; Our place knows us no more.  
 life and all sus - tain - ing. My soul, O praise the Lord!

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## The Nunc Dimittis LSB 211

1 O Lord, now let Your ser - vant De -  
 2 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All

part in heav'n - ly peace, For I have seen the  
 glo - ry to the Son, All glo - ry to the

glo - ry Of Your re - deem - ing grace:  
 Spir - it, For - ev - er Three in One;

A light to lead the Gen - tiles Un -  
 For as in the be - gin - ning, Is

to Your ho - ly hill, The glo - ry of Your  
 now, shall ev - er be, God's tri - une name re -

peo - ple, Your cho - sen Is - ra - el.  
 sound - ing Through all e - ter - ni - ty.



## The Post-Communion Prayer

P Let us pray.

O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

## The Benedicamus

*LSB 212*

P Let us bless the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

## The Benediction

*LSB 212*

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

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

The Lord look upon you with favor and T give you peace.

C **Amen.**

**The Closing Hymn:** LSB 687, "Thine Forever, God of Love"



1 Thine for - ev - er, God of love! Hear us from Thy throne a - bove;  
 2 Thine for - ev - er! Oh, how blest They who find in Thee their rest!  
 3 Thine for - ev - er, Lord of Life! Shield us through our earth - ly strife.  
 4 Thine for - ev - er! Shep-herd, keep These Thy frail and trem-bling sheep;  
 5 Thine for - ev - er! Thou our guide, All our wants by Thee sup - plied,



Thine for - ev - er may we be Here and in e - ter - ni - ty!  
 Sav - ior, guard - ian, heav'n - ly friend, O de - fend us to the end!  
 Thou, the life, the truth, the way, Guide us to the realms of day.  
 Safe a - lone be - neath Thy care, Let us all Thy good - ness share.  
 All our sins by Thee for - giv'n; Lead us, Lord, from earth to heav'n.

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Events of the Week: February 20 – February 27

- TODAY:** **KIDZ TIME** during the sermon, pre-2nd  
**11:00 a.m.** Coffee Hour  
**11:00 a.m.** Bible Study  
**3:00-5:00 p.m.** Youth Meeting
- Monday:** **6:30 p.m.** Monday Evening Worship  
 Service w/ Holy Communion
- Tuesday:** **7:30 p.m.** Bible Study on Zoom
- Wed:** **10:00 a.m.** Bible Study w/ Darrell
- Thursday:** **6:00 p.m.** Bell Choir  
**7:15 p.m.** Adult Choir
- Friday:** Pastor's Day off
- Sunday:** **8:00 a.m.** Gizmo Devotions on FB  
**9:30 a.m.** WORSHIP at St James & FBL.  
**KIDZ TIME** during the sermon, pre-2nd  
**11:00 a.m.** Bible Study

### Those who serve Today:

**Deacons:** Bryan Ensing and John Weiss  
**Ushers:** Ben and Ashley Johnson

**Lector:** Cindy McAuliffe

**Organist/pianist:** Beth McKay

**Video/Sound/Recording:** John and Marjie Weiss and Nathan Urbanski

**Those who serve February 27:**

**Deacon:** Jerry Talen

**Ushers:** Nate, Kim, Hayden and Heath Urbanski

**Lector:** Carol Bifulco



**February Altar Guild:** Karen Swanson

**Life Quote for Sunday, February 20:**

“Jesus Christ has made every human life indispensable.”

*Pastor Michael Salemink, Lutherans For Life*

**FINANCIAL DISCIPLESHIP:** February 13, 2022

General Fund	\$4,190.00
Plate Collections	30.00
Memorial, Betty Mosies	25.00
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	Total: \$4,245.00
On-line giving	130.00
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	Total: \$4,375.00

**TODAY - Surprise Event!**

We will be meeting at the church from 3 pm-5pm. Kids should bring their favorite snack to pass. If you have any questions, please contact Youth Leader, Kelsey Butler.