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Mankato, Minnesota

The Seventh Sunday after the Epiphany  
February 23, 2025

**At Our Savior Lutheran Church we live to make Christ known.**

**Monthly Memory Verse:**

The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the  
stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

Psalm 27:1

**Confession and Absolution**

**Opening Hymn: “My Soul, Now Praise Your Maker”**

**LSB 820**

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| 1 My soul, now praise your Maker!<br>Let all within me bless His name<br>Who makes you full partaker<br>Of mercies more than you dare claim.<br>Forget Him not whose meekness<br>Still bears with all your sin,<br>Who heals your ev’ry weakness,<br>Renews your life within;<br>Whose grace and care are endless<br>And saved you through the past;<br>Who leaves no suff’rer friendless<br>But rights the wronged at last. | 3 For as a tender father<br>Has pity on his children here,<br>God in His arms will gather<br>All who are His in childlike fear.<br>He knows how frail our powers,<br>Who but from dust are made.<br>We flourish like the flowers,<br>And even so we fade;<br>The wind but through them passes,<br>And all their bloom is o’er.<br>We wither like the grasses;<br>Our place knows us no more.                |
| 2 He offers all His treasure<br>Of justice, truth, and righteousness,<br>His love beyond all measure,<br>His yearning pity o’er distress;<br>Nor treats us as we merit<br>But sets His anger by.<br>The poor and contrite spirit<br>Finds His compassion nigh;<br>And high as heav’n above us,<br>As dawn from close of day,<br>So far, since He has loved us,<br>He puts our sins away.                                     | 4 His grace remains forever,<br>And children’s children yet shall prove<br>That God forsakes them never<br>Who in true fear shall seek His love.<br>In heav’n is fixed His dwelling,<br>His rule is over all;<br>O hosts with might excelling,<br>With praise before Him fall.<br>Praise Him forever reigning,<br>All you who hear His Word—<br>Our life and all sustaining.<br>My soul, O praise the Lord! |

**P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

**P** Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

**P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**C** who made heaven and earth.

**P** I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

**C** and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

*Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.*

**P** O almighty God, merciful Father,

**C** I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

## Absolution

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## Service of the Word

## Kyrie

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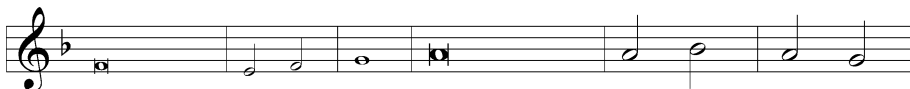
**C** Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -



on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

## Gloria in Excelsis

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**P** Glory be to God on high: **C** and on earth peace, good - will toward

men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor-ship Thee,  
we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.  
O Lord God, heav'n-ly King, God the Fa-ther Al - mighty.  
O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ;  
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,  
that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up-on us.  
Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re-ceive our prayer.  
Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up-  
on us. For Thou only art holy; Thou on - ly art the Lord.  
Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Ghost,  
art most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

## Salutation and Collect of the Day



**P** The Lord be with you.



**G** And with thy spir - it.

**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.



**G** A - men.

## Old Testament Reading

*Genesis 45:3–15*

<sup>3</sup> 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.

<sup>4</sup>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. <sup>5</sup>And now do not be distressed or angry with yourselves because you sold me here, for God sent me before you to preserve life. <sup>6</sup>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. <sup>7</sup>And God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. <sup>8</sup>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. <sup>9</sup>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. <sup>10</sup>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. <sup>11</sup>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.’ <sup>12</sup>And now your eyes see, and the eyes of my brother Benjamin see, that it is my mouth that speaks to you. <sup>13</sup>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.” <sup>14</sup>Then he fell upon his brother Benjamin’s neck and wept, and Benjamin wept upon his neck. <sup>15</sup>And 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*

- <sup>1</sup>Bless the LORD, | O my soul,\*  
and all that is within me,  
bless his | holy name!
- <sup>2</sup>Bless the LORD, | O my soul,\*  
and forget not all his | benefits,
- <sup>3</sup>who forgives all your in- | iquity,\*  
who heals all your dis- | eases,
- <sup>4</sup>who redeems your life | from the pit,\*  
who crowns you with steadfast love and | mercy,
- <sup>5</sup>who satisfies | you with good\*  
so that your youth is renewed like the | eagle's.
- <sup>6</sup>The LORD works | righteousness\*  
and justice for all who | are oppressed.
- <sup>7</sup>He made known his ways to | Moses,\*  
his acts to the people of | Israel.
- <sup>8</sup>The LORD is merciful and | gracious,\*  
slow to anger and abounding in | steadfast love.
- <sup>9</sup>He will not | always chide,\*  
nor will he keep his anger for- | ever.
- <sup>10</sup>He does not deal with us according | to our sins,\*  
nor repay us according to our in- | iquities.
- <sup>11</sup>For as high as the heavens are a- | bove the earth,\*  
so great is his steadfast love toward those who | fear him;
- <sup>12</sup>as far as the east is | from the west,\*  
so far does he remove our transgres- | sions from us.
- <sup>13</sup>As a father shows compassion to his | children,\*  
so the LORD shows compassion to those who | fear him.

## Gloria Patri

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

## Epistle

*1 Corinthians 15:21–26, 30–42*

<sup>21</sup>For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. <sup>22</sup>For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive. <sup>23</sup>But each in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. <sup>24</sup>Then comes the end, when he delivers the kingdom to God the Father after destroying every rule and

every authority and power. <sup>25</sup>For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. <sup>26</sup>The last enemy to be destroyed is death. . . .

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

<sup>35</sup>But someone will ask, “How are the dead raised? With what kind of body do they come?” <sup>36</sup>You foolish person! What you sow does not come to life unless it dies. <sup>37</sup>And what you sow is not the body that is to be, but a bare kernel, perhaps of wheat or of some other grain. <sup>38</sup>But God gives it a body as he has chosen, and to each kind of seed its own body. <sup>39</sup>For not all flesh is the same, but there is one kind for humans, another for animals, another for birds, and another for fish. <sup>40</sup>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. <sup>41</sup>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.

<sup>42</sup>So 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.

## Anthem: “Praise the Lord Ye Heavens Adore Him”

Vocal Choir

### Alleluia

*LSB 190*



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

### Holy Gospel

*Luke 6:27–38*

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



**C** Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

<sup>27</sup>[Jesus said:] “But I say to you who hear, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, <sup>28</sup>bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. <sup>29</sup>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. <sup>30</sup>Give to everyone who begs from you, and from one who takes away your goods do not demand them back. <sup>31</sup>And as you wish that others would do to you, do so to them.

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

<sup>37</sup>“Judge not, and you will not be judged; condemn not, and you will not be condemned; forgive, and you will be forgiven; <sup>38</sup>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 be to Thee, O Christ.

## Nicene Creed

**C** I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life ✠ of the world to come. Amen.

## Hymn of the Day: “O God, O Lord of Heaven and Earth”

LSB 834

- 1 O God, O Lord of heav’n and earth,  
Thy living finger never wrote  
That life should be an aimless mote,  
A deathward drift from futile birth.  
Thy Word meant life triumphant hurled  
In splendor through Thy broken world.  
Since light awoke and life began,  
Thou hast desired Thy life for man.
  
- 2 Our fatal will to equal Thee,  
Our rebel will wrought death and night.  
We seized and used in prideful spite  
Thy wondrous gift of liberty.  
We housed us in this house of doom,  
Where death had royal scope and room,  
Until Thy servant, Prince of Peace,  
Breached all its walls for our release.
  
- 3 Thou camest to our hall of death,  
O Christ, to breathe our poisoned air,  
To drink for us the dark despair  
That strangled our reluctant breath.  
How beautiful the feet that trod  
The road that leads us back to God!  
How beautiful the feet that ran  
To bring the great good news to man!
  
- △ 4 O Spirit, who didst once restore  
Thy Church that it might be again  
The bringer of good news to men,  
Breathe on Thy cloven Church once more,  
That in these gray and latter days  
There may be those whose life is praise,  
Each life a high doxology  
To Father, Son, and unto Thee.

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## Sermon



## Offertory

LSB 192

**C** Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -  
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -  
way from Thy pres - ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it  
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -  
tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir - it. A - men.

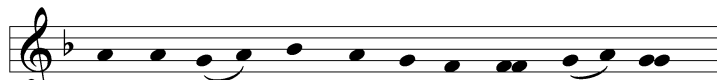
## Prayer of the Church

## Service of the Sacrament

## Preface

LSB 194

**P** The Lord be with you.  
**C** And with thy spir - it.  
**P** Lift up your hearts.  
**C** We lift them up un - to the Lord.



**P** Let us give thanks un - to the Lord, our God.



**C** It is meet and right so to do.

**P** It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord; for what had been hidden from before the foundation of the world You have made known to the nations in Your Son. In Him, being found in the substance of our mortal nature, You have manifested the fullness of Your glory. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

## Sanctus

*LSB 195*



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



heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,



ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He,



bles - ed is He, bles - ed is He that com - eth in the name of the Lord.



Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

## Lord's Prayer

LSB 196

**P** 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.



**C** For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the



glo - ry for - ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

## The Words of Our Lord

LSB 197

### Pax Domini

LSB 197



**P** The peace of the Lord be with you al - ways.



**C** A - men.

## Agnus Dei

LSB 198



O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sin of the



world, have mer - cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that



tak - est a-way the sin of the world, have mer - cy up - on us.

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. A - men.

**Distribution Hymns:**

**“Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive”**

**LSB 843**

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| <p>1 “Forgive our sins as we forgive,”<br/>You taught us, Lord, to pray;<br/>But You alone can grant us grace<br/>To live the words we say.</p> <p>2 How can Your pardon reach and bless<br/>The unforgiving heart<br/>That broods on wrongs and will not let<br/>Old bitterness depart?</p> | <p>3 In blazing light Your cross reveals<br/>The truth we dimly knew:<br/>What trivial debts are owed to us,<br/>How great our debt to You!</p> <p>4 Lord, cleanse the depths within our<br/>souls<br/>And bid resentment cease;<br/>Then, bound to all in bonds of love,<br/>Our lives will spread Your peace.</p> |
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**“Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness”**

**LSB 636**

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| <p>1 Soul, adorn yourself with gladness,<br/>Leave the gloomy haunts of sadness,<br/>Come into the daylight’s splendor,<br/>There with joy your praises render.<br/>Bless the One whose grace unbounded<br/>This amazing banquet founded;<br/>He, though heav’nly, high, and holy,<br/>Deigns to dwell with you most lowly.</p> <p>2 Hasten as a bride to meet Him,<br/>And with loving rev’rence greet Him.<br/>For with words of life immortal<br/>He is knocking at your portal.<br/>Open wide the gates before Him,<br/>Saying, as you there adore Him:<br/>Grant, Lord, that I now receive You,<br/>That I nevermore will leave You.</p> | <p>3 He who craves a precious treasure<br/>Neither cost nor pain will measure;<br/>But the priceless gifts of heaven<br/>God to us has freely given.<br/>Though the wealth of earth were<br/>proffered,<br/>None could buy the gifts here offered:<br/>Christ’s true body, for you riven,<br/>And His blood, for you once given.</p> <p>4 Now in faith I humbly ponder<br/>Over this surpassing wonder<br/>That the bread of life is boundless<br/>Though the souls it feeds are countless:<br/>With the choicest wine of heaven<br/>Christ’s own blood to us is given.<br/>Oh, most glorious consolation,<br/>Pledge and seal of my salvation!</p> |
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5 Jesus, source of lasting pleasure,  
Truest friend, and dearest treasure,  
Peace beyond all understanding,  
Joy into all life expanding:  
Humbly now, I bow before You;  
Love incarnate, I adore You;  
Worthily let me receive You  
And, so favored, never leave You.

6 Jesus, sun of life, my splendor,  
Jesus, friend of friends, most tender,  
Jesus, joy of my desiring,  
Fount of life, my soul inspiring:  
At Your feet I cry, my maker,  
Let me be a fit partaker  
Of this blessed food from heaven,  
For our good, Your glory, given.

7 Lord, by love and mercy driven,  
You once left Your throne in heaven  
On the cross for me to languish  
And to die in bitter anguish,  
To forego all joy and gladness  
And to shed Your blood in sadness.  
By this blood redeemed and living,  
Lord, I praise You with thanksgiving.

8 Jesus, bread of life, I pray You,  
Let me gladly here obey You.  
By Your love I am invited,  
Be Your love with love required;  
By this Supper let me measure,  
Lord, how vast and deep love's treasure.  
Through the gift of grace You give me  
As Your guest in heav'n receive me.

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## “O Living Bread from Heaven”

LSB 642

1 O living Bread from heaven,  
How well You feed your guest!  
The gifts that You have given  
Have filled my heart with rest.  
Oh, wondrous food of blessing,  
Oh, cup that heals our woes!  
My heart, this gift possessing,  
With praises overflows.

2 My Lord, You here have led me  
To this most holy place  
And with Yourself have fed me  
The treasures of Your grace;  
For You have freely given  
What earth could never buy,  
The bread of life from heaven,  
That now I shall not die.

3 You gave me all I wanted;  
This food can death destroy.  
And You have freely granted  
The cup of endless joy.  
My Lord, I do not merit  
The favor You have shown,  
And all my soul and spirit  
Bow down before Your throne.

4 Lord, grant me then, thus strengthened  
With heav'nly food, while here  
My course on earth is lengthened,  
To serve with holy fear.  
And when You call my spirit  
To leave this world below,  
I enter, through Your merit,  
Where joys unmingled flow.

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## Nunc Dimittis

LSB 199

**C** Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de - part in peace ac -  
cord - ing to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,  
which Thou hast pre - pared be - fore the face of all people,  
a light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of Thy  
peo - ple Is - ra - el. Glo - ry be to the Father and  
to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the beginning,  
is now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men.

## Thanksgiving

LSB 200

**A** O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,  
**C** and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

**A** 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.



**P** The Lord be with you.



**C** And with thy spir - it.

## Benedicamus

*LSB 202*



**A** Bless we the Lord.



**C** Thanks be to God.

## Benediction

*LSB 202*

**P** The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.

The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and ☩ give you peace.



**C** A-men, a-men, a - men.

## Closing Hymn: “Where Charity and Love Prevail”

LSB 845

- 1 Where charity and love prevail  
There God is ever found;  
Brought here together by Christ’s love  
By love are we thus bound.
- 2 With grateful joy and holy fear  
His charity we learn;  
Let us with heart and mind and soul  
Now love Him in return.
- 3 Forgive we now each other’s faults  
As we our faults confess,  
And let us love each other well  
In Christian holiness.
- 4 Let strife among us be unknown;  
Let all contention cease;  
Be God’s the glory that we seek;  
Be ours His holy peace.
- 5 Let us recall that in our midst  
Dwells Christ, His only Son;  
As members of His body joined  
We are in Him made one.
- 6 For love excludes no race or clan  
That names the Savior’s name;  
His family embraces all  
Whose Father is the same.

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