

# Epiphany 7

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#### Confession and Absolution



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

- P In the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.
- P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
- C But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

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

- P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
- Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.
- 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.

#### Service of the Word

**Introit** Introit

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 LSB 152

A In peace let us pray to the Lord.



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

A For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.



A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.



A For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.



A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.



#### **Gloria in Excelsis**

LSB 154



A Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His peo - ple on earth.



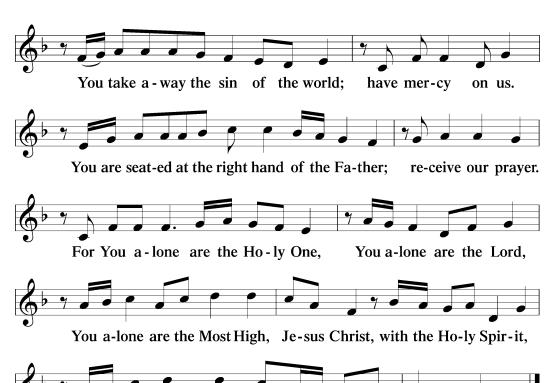
C Lord God, heav-en-ly king, al-might-y God and Fa - ther:

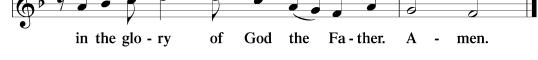


We wor-ship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glo-ry.



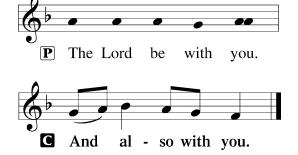
Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God:





## **Salutation and Collect of the Day**

Epiphany 7 / Sexagesima



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.



Sit

### **Old Testament Reading**

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.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Bless the LORD, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name! Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits, who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases, who redeems your life from the pit,

who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy, who satisfies you with good so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

The LORD works righteousness and justice for all who are oppressed. He made known his ways to Moses, his acts to the people of Israel. The LORD is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

He will not always chide, nor will he keep his anger forever.
He does not deal with us according to our sins,
nor repay us according to our iniquities.
For as high as the heavens are above the earth,
so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him;
as far as the east is from the west,
so far does he remove our transgressions from us.
As 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

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.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

#### **Alleluia and Verse**

LSB 156



# Holy Gospel

Luke 6:27-38

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



[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.

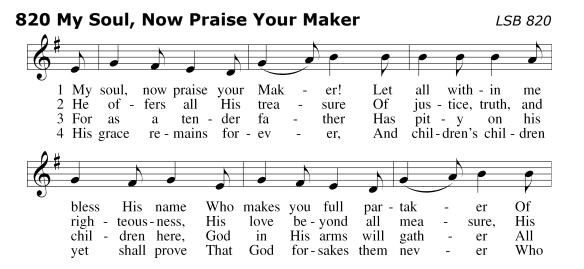
"Judge not, and you will not be judged; condemn not, and you will not be condemned; forgive, and you will be forgiven; give, and it will be given to you. Good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap. For with the measure you use it will be measured back to you."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



#### **Apostles' Creed**

#### **Back inside of Hymnal**





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#### Sermon

### Offering



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#### Stand

Offertory LSB 159

C What shall I render to the Lord for all His benefits to me? I will offer the sacrifice of thanksgiving and will call on the name of the Lord.

I will take the cup of salvation and will call on the name of the Lord.

I will pay my vows to the Lord now in the presence of all His people,

in the courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.

### **Prayer of the Church**

## Lord's Prayer

C Our Father who art in heaven, . . .

For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

Benediction LSB 166

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.



#### 814 O Bless the Lord, My Soul

LSB 814



And aid my tongue to bless His name Whose fa - vors are di - vine. For - got - ten in un-thank-ful - ness And with - out prais - es 'Tis He that heals thy sick-ness - es And makes thee young a - gain. He that re-deemed my soul from hell Hath sov - 'reign pow'r to save.

- He fills the poor with good;
   He gives the suff'rers rest.
   The Lord hath judgments for the proud And justice for th'oppressed.
- 6 His wondrous works and ways He made by Moses known, But sent the world His truth and grace By His belovèd Son.

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# Weekly Schedule for February 23- March 2, 2025

23 Today	Sunday School	9:30 a.m.	Fellowship Hall
	Adult Class	9:30 a.m.	Sanctuary
	Divine Service	10:30 a.m.	Sanctuary
24 Monday	Quilters	9:00 a.m.	Fellowship Hall
	Men's Book Club. Ch 6.	6:30 p.m.	Pelican Brewing Co.
25 Tuesday	Elder Meeting	4:00 p.m.	Office
26 Wednesday	Men's breakfast	8:00 a.m.	Denny's
	Confirmation	6:30 p.m.	Fellowship Hall
27 Thursday	Midweek Studies	1:00 p.m.	Fellowship Hall
	5 Rivers Study	1:30 p.m.	5 Rivers
28 Friday			
01 Saturday			
02 Next Sunday	Sunday School	9.30 a.m.	Fellowship Hall
	Adult Bible Class	9:30 a.m.	Sanctuary
	Divine Service	10:30 a.m.	Sanctuary

**February 23** "Handmade by the one true God and designed in His image, we are inherently valuable, not only for this life but for all of eternity." *Michelle Bauman, Y4Life – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org* 

February 23 – Luke 6:30–31 – "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." Is it really possible to live like this? Would it really work to be so open-handed and generous? Our conscience often reminds us of our failures, and the Lord knows our frailty, that's for sure! But a life of faith is a life lived in imitation of Jesus — and every follower of Jesus knows that yes, indeed, it is better to give than to receive.

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#### Week Beginning Sunday, February 23, 2025 Sexagesima

Catechism—Sacrament of the Altar: Where is this written? (sung) What is the benefit of this eating and drinking? How can bodily eating and drinking do such great things?

Verse of the week: John 6:54 Whoever eats My flesh and drinks My blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up at the last day.

Psalm of the week: Psalm 44

Hymn of the week: 536 "One Thing's Needful" (stanzas 1, 3-5)

Bible Stories for the Week:

**Bible Narrative** 

	Sunday	The Parable of the Sower and the Seed—Luke 8:4-15		
	Monday	St Matthias, Apostle—Acts 1:15-26	Matthew 11:25-30	
	Tuesday	The Rebuilding of the Temple—Ezra 3:1-13	2 Peter 2:1-22	
	Wednesday	Nehemiah's Prayer—Nehemiah 1:1–2:6	2 Peter 3:1-18	
	Thursday	Ezra Reads from the Torah—Nehemiah 7:73c–8:12	Jude 1:1-11	
	Friday	The Israelites Confess Their Sins—Nehemiah 9:1-38	Jude 1:12-25	
	Saturday	Sunday's OT and Epistle—1 Samuel 16:1-13	1 Corinthians 13:1-13	

Fellow Redeemer Members: As a recap of our wonderful fall Pie Auction, we would like



you to know that we completed and delivered 14 Christmas Baskets. The recipients had a lovely assortment of fruits, vegetables, and a voucher for meat from the grocery. As we finished this outreach, Tillamook's Care Inc. had "Homeless Connect" January 29<sup>th</sup>. There was money left over from the Christmas Basket making and we were able to provide 105 Health and hygiene kits and 100 towels. All was greatly appreciated. We thank God that we are able to provide for those in our community. Thank you to all.

Second Reading

LWML meeting March 3 at 11:00 All women are welcome to join us in the fellowship hall. LWML Spring Rally March 8, at St. Peter's Church in Cornelius. The ingathering are food items for their food pantry. (box meals, cereal, crackers and soup etc.) Please bring to church by Friday March 7<sup>th</sup>.