



**W**elcome to Beautiful Savior!

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**Seventh Sunday after Epiphany *"The Gospel's Great Blessing"*  
February 20, 2022 9:00 a.m.**

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.



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P: Pastor

C: Congregation

A: Assistant Minister

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## ORDER OF WORSHIP

**GATHERING WORSHIP MUSIC**    *“O Day of Peace”*

Charles Callahan

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

*(Please kneel as you are able during a time of silence for reflection and self-examination.)*

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God, who creates us, redeems us, and calls us by name.

**C: Amen.**

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

P: Most merciful God,

**C: we confess that we have sinned against you and your beloved children. We have turned our faces away from your glory when it did not appear as we expected. We have rejected your word when it made us confront ourselves. We have failed to show hospitality to those you called us to welcome. Accept our repentance for the things we have done and the things we have left undone. For the sake of Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us and lead us, that we may bathe in the glory of your Son born among us, and reflect your love for all creation. Amen.**

P: Rejoice in this good news: In ✝ Christ Jesus, your sins are forgiven. You are descendants of the Most High, adopted into the household of Christ, and inheritors of eternal life. Live as freed and forgiven children of God.

**C: Amen.**

*(Please stand as you are able.)*

### THE 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.**

Praise and thanks and adoration,  
Son of God, to you we give,  
for you chose to serve creation,  
died that sinners all might live.  
Dear Lord Jesus, guide my way;  
faithful let me day by day  
follow where your steps are leading,  
find adventure, joys exceeding!

Hold me ever in your keeping,  
comfort me in pain and strife;  
through my laughter and my weeping,  
lift me to a nobler life.  
Draw my fervent love to you;  
constant hope and faith renew  
in your birth, your life and passion,  
in your death and resurrection.

**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.**

**BEAUTIFUL SAVIOR MISSION STATEMENT**

P: Although as individuals we are unique in many and various ways, we gather as a congregation for a common mission.

**C: In Jesus's name, we:**

**Bring Glory to God through fulfilling worship,**  
**Serve God's people, both within our congregation and without,**  
**Learn about the Lord's will for us through sharing and teaching, and**  
**Connect within our membership and reach out to connect with others.**

*(Please be seated.)*

**MISSION MOMENT**

*"Small Groups"*

Craig Fitzgerald

## READING

*Genesis 45: 3-11,15*

Lisa Wade

A: The reading is from Genesis, the forty-fifth chapter.

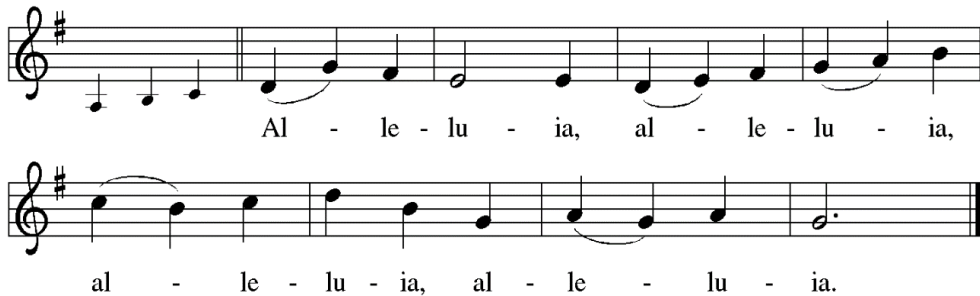
Joseph said to his brothers, “I am Joseph! Is my father still living?” But his brothers were not able to answer him, because they were terrified at his presence. Then Joseph said to his brothers, “Come close to me.” When they had done so, he said, “I am your brother Joseph, the one you sold into Egypt! And now, do not be distressed and do not be angry with yourselves for selling me here, because it was to save lives that God sent me ahead of you. For two years now there has been famine in the land, and for the next five years there will be no plowing and reaping. But God sent me ahead of you to preserve for you a remnant on earth and to save your lives by a great deliverance. “So then, it was not you who sent me here, but God. He made me father to Pharaoh, lord of his entire household and ruler of all Egypt. Now hurry back to my father and say to him, ‘This is what your son Joseph says: God has made me lord of all Egypt. Come down to me; don’t delay. You shall live in the region of Goshen and be near me—you, your children and grandchildren, your flocks and herds, and all you have. I will provide for you there, because five years of famine are still to come. Otherwise you and your household and all who belong to you will become destitute.’” And he kissed all his brothers and wept over them. Afterward his brothers talked with him.

A: The word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

*(Please stand as you are able.)*

## GOSPEL VERSE



## GOSPEL

*Luke 6:27-28*

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

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

[Jesus said,] “But to you who are listening I say: Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord

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

*(Please be seated.)*

**CHILDREN’S MESSAGE**

The Rev. Dr. Philip Hemke, Pastor Emeritus

**SERMON**

The Rev. Dr. Philip Hemke, Pastor Emeritus

*“The Gospel’s Great Blessing”*

*(Please stand as you are able.)*

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

*“O Christ, Your Heart, Compassionate”*

**ELW 722**

O Christ, your heart, compassionate,  
bore ev'ry human pain.

Its beating was the pulse of God;  
its breadth, God's vast domain.

The heart of God, the heart of Christ  
combined in perfect rhyme  
to write God's love in human deeds,  
eternity in time.

O Christ, create new hearts in us  
that beat in time with yours,  
that, joined by faith with your great heart,  
become love's open doors.

We are your body, risen Christ;  
our hearts, our hands we yield  
that through our life and ministry  
your love may be revealed.

O Love that made the distant stars,  
yet marks the sparrow's fall,  
whose arms stretched wide upon a cross  
embrace and bear us all:  
come, make your church a servant church  
that walks your servant ways,  
whose deeds of love rise up to you,  
a sacrifice of praise!

**PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

P: The Spirit of the Lord is poured out upon us in abundance; so we are bold to pray for the church,  
the world, and all that God has made.

*A brief silence.*

P: You teach us to love our neighbors and enemies alike. Encourage your church to follow the leading of your love, especially when it is risky or difficult. Help us to show mercy just as we have first received mercy. God of grace,

**C: hear our prayer.**

P: Nurture fields that lie dormant, resting until it is time to bloom again. Bless farmers and all who cultivate fields and urban gardens. Give favorable weather for planting. Bring forth from buried seed an abundant harvest, and guard against famine and disease. God of grace,

**C: hear our prayer.**

P: Look upon our world with mercy, that we delight in an abundance of peace. Protect all whose lives are marred by war and civil unrest. Release political prisoners and amplify the voices that challenge us to seek forgiveness and pursue nonviolence. God of grace,

**C: hear our prayer.**

P: Your people cry out for mercy. Console hearts that long for forgiveness. Mend broken relationships. Heal bodies that suffer chronic pain or illness. Strengthen and deliver all whose spirits are troubled (especially). God of grace,

**C: hear our prayer.**

P: You bind us together into one family. Teach us to forgive one another and to resolve conflicts with humility and patience. Bless families of all shapes and sizes, and show love to those who are lonely or grieving. God of grace,

**C: hear our prayer.**

P: We praise you for the saints who have inherited the fullness of your kingdom (especially). As you have raised them to imperishable and eternal life, sustain us in faith by the promise of resurrection. God of grace,

**C: hear our prayer.**

P: Since we have such great hope in your promises, O God, we lift these and all of our prayers to you in confidence and faith; through Jesus Christ our Savior.

**C: Amen.**

*(Please be seated.)*

**HANDBELL OFFERING**

*“He Leadeth Me”*

Anne Hartley

*(Please stand as you are able.)*

**OFFERING PRAYER**

P: Together, let us pray:

**C: Blessed are you, O God, Sovereign of the universe. You offer us new beginnings and guide us on our journey. Lead us to your table, nourish us with this heavenly food, and prepare us to carry your love to a hungry world, in the name of Christ our light. Amen.**

## THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

P: In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me. Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

**C: Amen.**

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

P: Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray...

**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.**

*(Please be seated.)*

### ***What is Holy Communion?***

Holy Communion is a meal instituted by Jesus Christ that involves the receiving of God's forgiveness in a tangible form – we receive Jesus's life-giving body and blood in the presence of bread and wine (or grape juice). The meal is a time of remembrance and celebration.

### ***Who can take part?***

Holy Communion is something that not one of us has earned, so we receive it as God's free gift of life. The Church traditionally recommends that people be baptized before taking part, but all that is required is simply a heart that believes in Jesus Christ. If a person of any age wishes to be baptized, please let us know.

### ***How does Holy Communion take place?***

If you wish to take part, come forward as directed by the ushers. You will receive the wafer from the Pastor and the wine/grape juice from the communion assistant. If you wish to come forward for a blessing only, please cross your arms across your chest. You may also remain seated if you so wish.



## POST HOLY COMMUNION BLESSING

P: May the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

**C: Amen.**

*(Please stand as you are able.)*

## PRAYER AFTER HOLY COMMUNION

P: Together, let us pray:

**C: We give you thanks, gracious God, for we have feasted on the abundance of your house. Send us to bring good news and to proclaim your favor to all, strengthened with the richness of your grace in your Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

## BLESSING

P: May God, who leads you in pathways of righteousness, who rejoices over you, and who calls you by name, ✝ bless your going out and your coming in, today and forever.

**C: Amen.**

## SENDING HYMN

*“All Creatures, Worship God Most High!”*

**ELW 835**

All creatures, worship God most high!  
Sound ev'ry voice in earth and sky: Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Sing, brother sun, in splendor bright;  
sing, sister moon and stars of night:  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

All who for love of God forgive,  
all who in pain and sorrow grieve: Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Christ bears your burdens and your fears;  
still make your song amid the tears:  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

O sisters, brothers, take your part,  
and worship God with humble heart: Alleluia! Alleluia!  
All creatures, bless the Father, Son,  
and Holy Spirit, Three in One:  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

## DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace and serve the Lord.

**C: We will! Thanks be to God!**

P: And next time ...

**C: ... we'll invite a friend!**

***We thank you for worshiping with us today.***

***We hope to worship with you again in the near future!***

***Many thanks to all those on our tech team  
for making this livestream service possible.***

### **HELPFUL INFORMATION**

**WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES** – The 9:00 & 11:15 a.m. worship services will be livestreamed through our website and YouTube pages. People can gather with us in the Sanctuary at 9 a.m. to worship in a more traditional style in person. We offer a more contemporary style worship service at 11:15 a.m. People can also worship in their homes with the livestream at 9 or 11:15 a.m., as well as access the recording of either service any time after worship concludes.

### **SERVING NEXT MONTH**

#### **Readers**

February 6 Jay Herbst  
February 13 Lori Calbeck  
February 20 Lisa Wade  
February 27 Wayne Geik

#### **Ushers**

February 6 Mike & Steve Gonda  
February 13 Mike & Steve Gonda  
February 20 Bob Hoffman & Bob Shaw  
February 27 Bryant Wade and Bob Shaw

#### **PowerPoint**

February 6 Tim Jehowski  
February 13 Craig Fitzgerald  
February 20 Chuck Biebelhausen  
February 27 Nancy Geik

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