

Forgiveness:

As God in Christ Jesus Shows Mercy to Us,
We Show Mercy to Others



Christ Our Shepherd Lutheran Church

Peachtree City, Georgia

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The Seventh Sunday after Epiphany ☩ February 20, 2022 ☩ 8:30 and 11:00 A.M.
Fritz Wiese, Senior Pastor Miriam Beecher, Pastor David Beecher, Minister of Music
The Rev. Katherine Pasch, Guest Preacher

☐ = Pastor ☒ = Lector [reader] ☑ = Congregation ELW=Evangelical Lutheran Worship (hymnal)

PRELUDES

Welcome to worship! Today's worship includes the sacrament of communion, so please pick up a prefilled communion "kit" on the altar rail as you approach the altar. Please tell an usher if you need a communion kit brought to you where you sit. At home you may prepare ahead of time wine/grape juice and bread appropriate for your family. Our liturgy declares we celebrate with "the church on earth and the hosts of heaven." We acknowledge that communion always connects us "remotely" and powerfully with the Church through time and space.

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Miriam

CONFESSION and FORGIVENESS

- ☐ Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, who creates us, redeems us, and calls us by name. Amen.
Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another. *Silence is kept for reflection.*
- ☑ **Most merciful God, 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.**
- ☐ 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.
- ☑ **Amen.**

☩ GATHERING HYMN: *Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us*

ELW Hymn 707

- 1 **Lord of glory, you have bought us with your lifeblood as the price,
never grudging for the lost ones that tremendous sacrifice;
and with that have freely given blessings countless as the sand
to the unthankful and the evil with your own unsparing hand.**
- 2 **Grant us hearts, dear Lord, to give you gladly, freely, of your own.
With the sunshine of your goodness melt our thankless hearts of stone
till our cold and selfish natures, warmed by you, at length believe
that more happy and more blessed 'tis to give than to receive.**
- 3 **Wondrous honor you have given to our humblest charity
in your own mysterious sentence, "You have done it all to me."
Naked, sick, in prison, hungry—in the least, your face we view,
saying by your poor and needy, "Give as I have giv'n to you."**

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☩ GREETING

- ☐ The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- ☑ **And also with you.**

↑ KYRIE

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| <p>℣ In peace, let us pray to the Lord.</p> <p>℣ For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.</p> <p>℣ 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.</p> <p>℣ For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.</p> <p>℣ Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.</p> | <p>☩ Lord, have mercy.</p> <p>☩ Lord, have mercy.</p> <p>☩ Lord, have mercy.</p> <p>☩ Lord, have mercy.</p> <p>☩ Amen.</p> |
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↑ HYMN OF PRAISE: *Oh, Praise the Gracious Power*

ELW Hymn 651

- 1 Oh, praise the gracious pow’r that tumbles walls of fear
and gathers in one house of faith all strangers far and near:**

Refrain: We praise you, Christ! Your cross has made us one!

- 2 Oh, praise persistent truth that opens fist-ed minds
and eases from their anxious clutch the prejudice that blinds: *Refrain***

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

- ☩ 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.
- ☩ Amen.

LESSON: Genesis 45:3-11, 15

- ℣ This morning’s lesson is from Genesis, the forty-fifth chapter.

Joseph said to his brothers, “I am Joseph. Is my father still alive?” But his brothers could not answer him, so dismayed were they at his presence.

⁴Then Joseph said to his brothers, “Come closer to me.” And they came closer. 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 five more years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. ⁷God 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 delay. ¹⁰You shall settle in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children’s children, as well as your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. ¹¹I will provide for you there—since there are five more years of famine to come—so that you and your household, and all that you have, will not come to poverty.’”

¹⁵And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them; and after that his brothers talked with him.

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| <p>℣ Word of God, Word of life.</p> | <p>☩ Thanks be to God.</p> |
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↑ GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: *All Creatures, Worship God Most High*

ELW Hymn 835

- 1 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!** ▶

**4 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!**

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† **HOLY GOSPEL: Luke 6:27-38**

Ⓟ The Holy Gospel according Luke, the sixth chapter.

Ⓞ **Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus said:] ²⁷“But I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, ²⁸bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. ²⁹If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. ³⁰Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. ³¹Do to others as you would have them do to you.

³²“If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. ³³If you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. ³⁴If you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. ³⁵But love your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return. Your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High; for he is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. ³⁶Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.

³⁷“Do not judge, and you will not be judged; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven; ³⁸give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap; for the measure you give will be the measure you get back.”

Ⓟ The Gospel of the Lord.

Ⓞ **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

Pastor Katie Pasch

† **HYMN OF THE DAY: *Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive***

ELW Hymn 605

**1 “Forgive our sins as we forgive,” you taught us, Lord, to pray;
but you alone can grant us grace to live the words we say.**

**2 How can your pardon reach and bless the unforgiving heart
that broods on wrongs and will not let old bitterness depart?**

**3 In blazing light your cross reveals the truth we dimly knew:
how trifling others’ debts to us; how great our debt to you!**

**4 Lord, cleanse the depths within our souls and bid resentment cease;
then, by your mercy reconciled, our lives will spread your peace.**

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† **OUR PROFESSION OF FAITH: THE APOSTLES’ CREED**

Ⓟ Let us confess our baptismal faith together.

Ⓞ **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s 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 to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

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

ANTHEM: O Love

- 1 *O Love, O Love, O Love that will not let me go,
O Love, I rest my weary soul in thee;
I give thee back the life I owe, that in thy ocean depths its flow may richer, fuller be.*
- 3 *O Joy, O Joy, O Joy that seeks me through the pain,
O Joy, I cannot close my heart to thee;
I trace the rainbow through the rain and feel the promise is not vain that morn shall tearless be.*
- 1 *O Love, O Love, O Love that will not let me go,
O Love, I rest my weary soul in thee;
I give thee back the life I owe, that in thy ocean depths its flow may richer, fuller be.*

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↑ PASTORAL BLESSING and BENEDICTION

P 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: Praise to You, O God of Mercy*ELW Hymn 208*

- 1 **Praise to you, O God of mercy: thanks be to you forever!
Raising high the weak and lowly: thanks be to you forever!**
- 2 **From of old you loved and sought us: thanks be to you forever!
Truth and justice you have taught us: thanks be to you forever!**

Bridge: Strong is your faithfulness, strong is your love, rememb'ring your covenant of life with us.

- 3 **Praise to you, O God of mercy: thanks be to you forever!
Raising high the weak and lowly: thanks be to you forever! Thanks be to you forever!**

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↑ DISMISSAL

P Go with Christ into a weary world. Share the good news.
Invite all to join in connecting to Jesus' pathway of joy and life.

C Thanks be to God.

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