



# OUR SAVIOR'S

EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

Seventh Sunday after Epiphany – February 20, 2022

“But I say to you that listen,

*Love*

your enemies,

*do good*

to those who hate you,

*bless*

those who curse you,

*pray*

for those who abuse you.”

Luke 6:27-28, NRSV

## Welcome to Our Savior's

Welcome to worship, especially our guests! We are delighted to have you with us. If you are looking for a church home, we are happy to share ours with you. If we haven't seen you in a while, it is great to see you today! May God bless your time with us richly.

## Prayer Before Worship

"I rejoiced with those said to me, 'Let us go to the house of the Lord.'" Give me joy, dear Jesus, as I prepare to worship you today. Make me understand what my life would be like without you so that I long to hear about your grace and compassion. Help me participate in a way that honors you and builds up all who worship with me, and let their worship strengthen and encourage my faith.

## Serving Today

- Minister – Pastor Andrew Franzo
- Organist – Marie Kurth
- Ushers – Dan & Carrie Stelzer (Next Sunday – Unruh/Sulko)

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## 483 Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty

- 1 Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!  
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.  
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!  
God in three persons, blessèd Trinity!
  
- 2 Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee,  
casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;  
cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,  
which wert and art and evermore shalt be.
  
- 3 Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee,  
though the eye of sinful man thy glory may not see,  
only thou art holy; there is none beside thee,  
perfect in pow'r, in love, and purity.
  
- 4 Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!  
All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea.  
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!  
God in three persons, blessèd Trinity!

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*Stand*

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

## **Confession**

Blessed are they whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered.

**Blessed are they whose sin the Lord does not count against them.**

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

**Almighty and merciful Father,**

**we have strayed from your ways like lost sheep.**

**We have followed what we have devised and desired in our hearts.**

**We have offended you and sinned against your holy law.**

**We have done those things that we should not have done,**

**and we have not done those things that we should have done.**

**Have mercy on us, Lord!**

**Spare us, forgive us, and restore us,**

**according to your promises in Christ Jesus.**

*Silence for meditation and reflection*

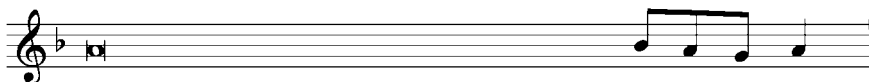
Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, who gave his life as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

# Lord, Have Mercy



In peace let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



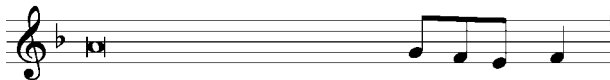
For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



**Lord, have mer - cy.**



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.



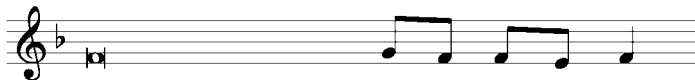
**Lord, have mer - cy.**



For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us



pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord.



**A - men.**

# Glory Be to God

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Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will toward men.



We praise you, we bless you, we wor-ship you, we glorify you,



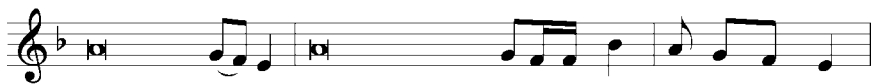
we give thanks to you, for your great glory, O Lord God, heav'n-ly King,



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, you take away the sin of the world;



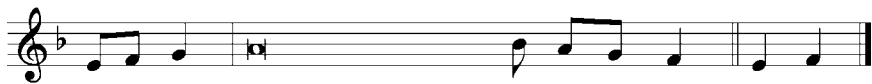
have mercy on us. You take away the sin of the world; re-ceive our prayer.



You sit at the right hand of God the Father; have mercy on us.



For you on-ly are holy; you on-ly are the Lord. You only, O Christ, with the



Ho-ly Spirit, are most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

# The Word

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**

## Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, keep your family continually in true faith, so that those who rely only on the hope of your heavenly grace may be protected by your mighty power; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

*Be seated*

## First Reading

*Genesis 45:3–15*

<sup>3</sup>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.

<sup>4</sup>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! <sup>5</sup>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. <sup>6</sup>For two years now there has been famine in the land, and for the next five years there will be no plowing and reaping. <sup>7</sup>But God sent me ahead of you to preserve for you a remnant on earth and to save your lives by a great deliverance.

<sup>8</sup>“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. <sup>9</sup>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. <sup>10</sup>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. <sup>11</sup>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.'

<sup>12</sup>"You can see for yourselves, and so can my brother Benjamin, that it is really I who am speaking to you. <sup>13</sup>Tell my father about all the honor accorded me in Egypt and about everything you have seen. And bring my father down here quickly."

<sup>14</sup>Then he threw his arms around his brother Benjamin and wept, and Benjamin embraced him, weeping. <sup>15</sup>And he kissed all his brothers and wept over them. Afterward his brothers talked with him.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm 103A The LORD Is Kind and Merciful

### Refrain

The LORD is kind and mer-ci-ful,  
slow to an-ger, and rich in com-pas-sion.

### Tone

Praise the LORD, / my soul;  
all my inmost being, praise his / holy name—  
who forgives / all your sins  
and heals all your dis- / eases,  
who redeems your life / from the pit  
and crowns you with love and com- / passion,



who satisfies your desires / with good things  
so that your youth is renewed like the / eagle's. *Refrain*

The LORD is compassionate and / gracious,  
slow to anger, abound- / ing in love.

He does not treat us as our / sins deserve  
or repay us according to our in- / iquities.

For as high as the heavens are a- / bove the earth,  
so great is his love for those who / fear him;

as far as the east is / from the west,

so far has he removed our transgressions / from us.

**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. *Refrain***

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## **Second Reading**

*Romans 12:14–21*

<sup>14</sup>Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse. <sup>15</sup>Rejoice with those who rejoice; mourn with those who mourn. <sup>16</sup>Live in harmony with one another. Do not be proud, but be willing to associate with people of low position. Do not be conceited.

<sup>17</sup>Do not repay anyone evil for evil. Be careful to do what is right in the eyes of everyone. <sup>18</sup>If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone. <sup>19</sup>Do not take revenge, my dear friends, but leave room for God's wrath, for it is written: "It is mine to avenge; I will repay," says the Lord. <sup>20</sup>On the contrary:

"If your enemy is hungry, feed him;

if he is thirsty, give him something to drink.

In doing this, you will heap burning coals on his head."

<sup>21</sup>Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

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## Gospel Acclamation

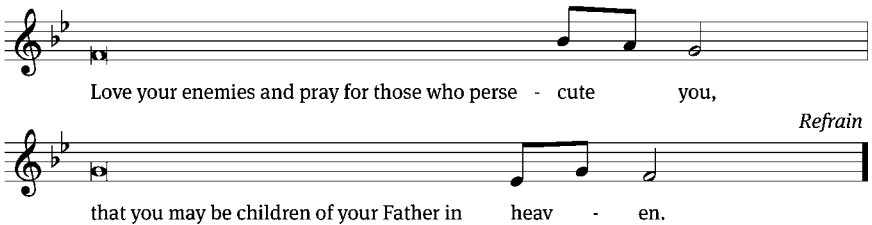
Matthew 5:44,45



Refrain



Tone



Refrain

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## Gospel

Luke 6:27-38

<sup>27</sup>But to you who are listening I say: Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, <sup>28</sup>bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you. <sup>29</sup>If someone slaps you on one cheek, turn to them the other also. If someone takes your coat, do not withhold your shirt from them. <sup>30</sup>Give to everyone who asks you, and if anyone takes what belongs to you, do not demand it back. <sup>31</sup>Do to others as you would have them do to you.

<sup>32</sup>If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? Even sinners love those who love them. <sup>33</sup>And if you do good to those who are good to you, what credit is that to you? Even sinners do that. <sup>34</sup>And if you lend to those from whom you expect repayment, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, expecting to be repaid in full. <sup>35</sup>But love your enemies, do good to them, and lend to them without expecting to get anything back. Then your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High, because he is kind to the ungrateful and wicked. <sup>36</sup>Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.

<sup>37</sup>“Do not judge, and you will not be judged. Do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven. <sup>38</sup>Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise be to you, O Christ!**

*Be seated*

## **729 Son of God, Eternal Savior**

- 1 Son of God, eternal Savior,  
source of life and truth and grace,  
Word made flesh, whose birth among us,  
hallows all our human race,  
you our head, who, throned in glory,  
for your own will ever plead:  
fill us with your love and pity,  
heal our wrongs and help our need.
  
- 2 Bind us all as one together  
in your Church's sacred fold,  
weak and healthy, poor and wealthy,  
sad and joyful, young and old.  
Is there want or pain or sorrow?  
Make us all the burden share.  
Are there spirits crushed and broken?  
Teach us, Lord, to soothe their care.

- 3 As you, Lord, have lived for others,  
so may we for others live.  
Freely have your gifts been granted;  
freely may your servants give.  
Yours the gold and yours the silver,  
yours the wealth of land and sea;  
we but stewards of your bounty  
held in solemn trust will be.
- 4 Son of God, eternal Savior,  
source of life and truth and grace,  
Word made flesh, whose birth among us  
hallows all our human race,  
by your praying, by your willing  
that your people should be one,  
grant, O grant our hope's fruition:  
here on earth your will be done.

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## Sermon

*Stand*

## **Apostles' Creed**

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his 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 into hell.**

**The third day he rose again from the dead.**

**He ascended into heaven**

**and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.**

**From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

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

*Be seated*

## **Offering**

## 740 O God, My Faithful God

- 1 O God, my faithful God,  
O Fountain ever flowing,  
who good and perfect gifts  
in mercy are bestowing,  
give me a healthy frame,  
and may I have within  
a conscience free from blame,  
a soul unhurt by sin.
  
- 2 Grant me the strength to do  
with ready heart and willing  
whatever you command,  
my calling here fulfilling,  
that I do what I should  
while trusting you to bless  
the outcome for my good,  
for you must give success.
  
- 3 Keep me from saying things  
that later need recalling;  
grant that no idle words  
may from my lips be falling,  
but when within my place  
I must and ought to speak,  
then fill my words with grace  
lest I offend the weak.
  
- 4 Lord, let me win my foes  
with kindly words and actions,  
and let me find good friends  
for counsel and correction.  
Help me, as you have taught,  
to love both great and small  
and by your Spirit's might  
to live in peace with all.

## Prayer of the Church

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, you love your whole creation and forget none of your creatures. We bring you our supplications for all your children, for all those we love and all those committed to your care:

**We implore you to hear us, good Lord.**

For all who have blessed us with kindness, led us with patience, and restored and refreshed us by their sympathy and help:

**We implore you to hear us, good Lord.**

For all who have wished or done us ill, that you would turn their hearts to penitence and ours to blessing:

**Lord, have mercy.**

For all prisoners and captives and all who suffer from oppression, that you would lead them to know the perfect freedom of your Son's forgiveness, relieve their suffering, and move us to imitate you by assisting them with works of mercy and compassion:

**Lord, have mercy.**

For all who bear the cross of suffering, who are sick in body or in mind:  
**Be merciful and spare them, good Lord.**

For all who are troubled by the suffering or sin of those they love:  
**Lord, hear our prayer.**

For all who have experienced worldly loss, that in the midst of darkness and confusion they may find their peace in you:  
**We implore you to hear us, O God.**

For all who are absorbed in their own grief, that they may be raised to share the sorrows of their brothers and sisters and to know and appreciate the fellowship of those who bear Christ's cross:  
**We implore you to hear us, O God.**

For all who are suffering because of their faithfulness to conviction and duty, that in sacrifice they might find strength and joy; and that you, who see in secret, may uphold them by your grace, so they may at last come to an open reward:

**Lord, have mercy.**

For all who are undergoing temptations of the flesh or who imagine evil in their hearts, that you would enable them to overcome and obtain the victory through Christ:

**Be merciful and spare them, good Lord.**

For all who are lonely and sad in the midst of the joys of others, that they may know you as their Father, Friend, and Comforter:

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

For the infirm, the aged, and all who are approaching death, that they may find their strength in you and obtain a blessed end:

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

For all for whom we have forgotten to pray but who are dear to you:

**Assist them according to their needs, and bring them to your heavenly kingdom, through Christ our Lord.**

O God our Father, hear our intercessions, answer them according to your will, and make us the channels of your infinite pity and helpfulness.

**In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

*Stand*



## Lord's Prayer

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.

## Blessing

The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look on you with favor and T give you peace.  
Amen.

## 726 Love in Christ Is Strong and Living

- 1 Love in Christ is strong and living, binding faithful hearts in one;  
love in Christ is true and giving, may his will in us be done.
- 2 Love is patient and forbearing, clothed in Christ's humility,  
gentle, selfless, kind, and caring, reaching out in charity.
- 3 Love in Christ abides forever, fainting not when ills attend;  
love, forgiving and forgiven, shall endure until life's end.

*Thank you for worshipping with us!  
May God richly bless your week.*

<b>This Week's Opportunities for Growing in Christ</b>		
<b>Today</b>	9:30 AM 10:30 AM	Sunday School & Bible Class Worship
<b>Tuesday</b>	6:30PM	Call Meeting
<b>Wednesday</b>	4:00 PM 6:30 PM	Catechism Small Group Bible Class
<b>Thursday</b>	5:00 PM	OSS Basketball at Home vs. St. Peter
<b>Saturday</b>		OS Day at Dime & Dollar
<b>Sunday 2/27</b>	9:30 AM 10:30 AM	Sunday School & Bible Class Worship with Communion

**Call Meeting on Tuesday** Pastor Casmer has returned our call. The next call meeting is this Tuesday, Feb. 22 at 6:30 PM.

### **"The Crucial Hours": Lent 2022**

Ash Wednesday is March 2. We will have one worship service at 1:00 PM followed by light refreshments.

If you're unable to attend 1:00 services, we encourage you to attend one of our sister congregations' Lenten worship services or watch online.

### **Memorials**

We are thankful to family and friends of the Woelfle family for gifts to the memorial fund and Our Savior's School given in Ron's memory. *Blessed be his memory. Thanks be to God for the love which led to these gifts.*

**OS School Open House & Registration** If you or someone you know is interested in learning more about our school, please pick up a postcard with more information in the narthex or speak with one of our teachers.

**NLHS: Local Deals Coupon Books** for 2022 are available in the narthex. Cost is \$20 and monies support Northland LHS.

<b>Our Stewardship of God's Gifts: February 13, 2022</b>					
<u>Weekly</u>	<u>Vision</u>	<u>Debt</u>	<u>Initial Env</u>	<u>Plate</u>	<u>Missions</u>
\$2,067.00	\$135.00	\$80.00	\$30.00	\$1.00	\$20.00
<u>NLHS Tuition</u>	<u>NLHS Op</u>	<u>Memorials</u>	<u>OS School</u>		
\$5.00	\$30.00	\$450.00	\$35.00		
<u>School Fees</u>	<u>Magic Paper Box</u>				
\$473.00	\$16.48				

**Attendance:** February 13 – 71    online – 25                      Total = 96



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