

**Ordinary Time**  
**Seventh Sunday after Epiphany**  
**23 February 2025**

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**ORGAN PRELUDE** “Nimrod” from Enigma

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**P** We 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.**

*Please be seated.*

## THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

### FIRST LESSON

### Genesis 45:3-11,15

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. Then 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. 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 five more years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. 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 delay. You 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. I 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.'" And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them; and after that his brothers talked with him.

A The word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

### PSALM *Sung* Psalm 37:1-11, 39-40

Do not fret yourself because of | evildoers;

do not be jealous of those | who do wrong.

For they shall soon wither | like the grass,

and like the green grass | fade away.

Put your trust in the Lord | and do good;

dwell in the land and feed | on its riches.

Take delight | in the Lord,

and he shall give you your | heart's desire.

Commit your way to the Lord and put your | trust in him,

and he will bring | it to pass.

He will make your righteousness as clear | as the light

and your just dealing | as the noonday.

Be still be- | fore the Lord  
and wait patient- | ly for him.  
Do not fret yourself over the | one who prospers,  
the one who succeeds in | evil schemes.  
Refrain from anger, leave | rage alone;  
do not fret yourself; it leads on- | ly to evil.  
For evildoers shall | be cut off,  
but those who wait upon the Lord shall pos- | sess the land.  
In a little while the wicked shall | be no more;  
you shall search out their place, but they will | not be there.  
Mark those who are honest; ob- | serve the upright;  
for there is a future | for the peaceable.  
Transgressors shall be destroyed, | one and all;  
the future of the wicked | is cut off.  
Glory be to the Father, and | to the Son,  
and to the | Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the begin-| ning, is now  
and will be forever. | Amen.

## **SECOND LESSON      1 Corinthians 15:35-38, 42-50**

But someone will ask, "How are the dead raised? With what kind of body do they come?" Fool! What you sow does not come to life unless it dies. And as for what you sow, you do not sow the body that is to be, but a bare seed, 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. So it is with the resurrection of the dead. What is sown is perishable, what is raised is imperishable. It is sown in dishonor, it is raised in glory. It is sown in weakness, it is raised in power. It is sown a physical body, it is raised a spiritual body. If there is a physical body, there is also a spiritual body. Thus it is written, "The first man, Adam, became a living being"; the last Adam became a life-giving spirit. But it is not the spiritual that is first, but the physical, and then the spiritual. The first man was from the earth, a man of dust; the second man is from heaven. As was the man of dust, so are those who are of the dust; and as is the man of heaven, so are those who are of heaven. Just as we have borne the image of the man of dust, we will also bear the image of the man of heaven. What I am saying, brothers and sisters, is this: flesh and blood

cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable.

A The word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** *Please stand as you are able.* Pg. 151

**THE HOLY GOSPEL** **Luke 6:27-38**

**C Glory to you, O Lord**

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. If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. Do to others as you would have them do to you. "If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. If you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. If 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. But 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. Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful. "Do not judge, and you will not be judged; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven; give, 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."

P The gospel of the Lord.

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

*Please be seated.*

**SERMON**

**HYMN OF THE DAY** Forgive Our Sins As We Forgive **No. 605**

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**THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

*Please stand as you are able.*

The response to "Lord, in your mercy," is "**hear our prayer.**"

A United as one body in Christ, let us pray for the church, the world and all in need.

*A brief silence.*

A Fill us with a spirit of generosity and care. Lead us to forgive as we forgive. Show us new ways to be helpful to others. Lord, in your mercy,

**C hear our prayer.**

A Grant reasonable weather for the planting and harvesting of crops. Protect farms, orchards, and gardens from damage. Bless those who till fields, those who care for livestock, and all who provide food. Lord, in your mercy,

**C hear our prayer.**

A For all researchers and leaders who work to resolve complex issues; for all who teach peace and reconciliation to communities in conflict; for those affected by earthquake, drought, or storms, and all who come to their aid. Bring peace to Ukraine and all that are torn apart by warfare and violence. Lord, in your mercy,

**C hear our prayer.**

A Inspire us to be good stewards of the resources you have entrusted to us. Teach us to give freely of ourselves and to offer our lives in service. Lord, in your mercy,

**C hear our prayer.**

A For those in need; those who lack adequate food, shelter, or access to medical care; those unable to find gainful employment. Heal the sick and comfort the grieving. We pray for: Bruce Beamer, Anna Berwanger, Simret Bogale, Chrystine Cuch, Mariette Erasmus, Adeline Erick, Dolores Hollowell, Donna Harbor, Genevieve Janssen, Julie Janssen Downe, Eleanora Lahoda, Fay Larsen, Amy Lynch, Jean McCowan, Mark Mutschlechner, Bruce and Judith Nagel, Jerry Rasmuson and family, Jim and Joyce Rasmussen, David Sr. and Joan Richardson, Ron Sauer, Vern Schnell, Rose Sinclair, those we name aloud ... those we carry in our hearts. Lord, in your mercy,

**C hear our prayer.**

A We pray for your holy catholic Church:

- the National Church Council and national committee members
- the West Central Area Leadership Team, pastors, and people
- national and synodical archivists and those who keep available the work of church history and leaders of the past
- Trinity Lutheran, Calgary, and Bethel Lutheran, Camrose
- Strong Castle Congregation, Barrio Codito, Bogota, Colombia
- all who work toward building interfaith relationships
- the pastors and people of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Chile
- the bishops, priests, and people of the Roman Catholic Church in Canada
- the pastors and people of the Anglican, Mennonite, and Moravian Churches of Canada

For all these, Lord, in your mercy,

**C hear our prayer.**

A With thanksgiving, we remember those who have died, Even in the midst of death, give us faith to trust your promise of everlasting life. Lord, in your mercy,

**C hear our prayer.**

A For all virtually gathered for this service, and those attending to the care of others and to beneficial endeavours that keep them away from worshipping. Lord, in your mercy,

**C hear our prayer.**

P Receive our prayers and fill us with the radiance of your love; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C Amen.**

**THE PEACE**

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P The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**C And also with you.**

**OFFERING**

**OFFERTORY** Grant Us Your Peace R. Lau  
*Setting of the altar and reception of the Offerings.*  
*Please be seated.*

**OFFERTORY PRAYER** (General I)

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| THE GREAT THANKSGIVING         | Pg. 152 |
| EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER            |         |
| THE LORD’S PRAYER (Version II) | Pg. 154 |

THE FRACTION

P The Word became flesh and lived among us; and we have beheld His glory.

**C Make yourself known to us in the breaking of the bread and the sharing of the cup.**

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| LAMB OF GOD | Pg. 154 |
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THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE SACRAMENT

*Please be seated. Assistants and those in need commune first.*

COMMUNION HYMNS

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| Praise and Thanks and Adoration      | No. 783 |
| All Creatures, Worship God Most High | No. 835 |

TABLE BLESSING

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*Please be seated.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE SENDING FORTH OF THE COMMUNITY

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| SENDING HYMN Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us | No. 707 |
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P Go in peace...

**C Thanks be to God!**

ORGAN POSTLUDE “Lord of Glory” arr. R. Vaughn Williams



**WELCOME** to all gathered here today. Join us for refreshments and conversation downstairs after worship, Questions? Ask one of today’s servants or speak with the pastor.

**WE THANK TODAY’S SERVANTS**

- Usher: Al Gummo
- Lector: Helga Weissenberger
- Assistant: Art Wildeman
- Altar Guild: Ruth Gummo, Linda Schnell
- Refreshments: Ruth and Al Gummo

Zoom Host: Phil Tang, Ahmed Conteh

**OFFERING AND ATTENDANCE**

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|---------------|-------------|-------------|
| Last week     | 16 February | Budget 2025 |
| Current       | \$ 1,625    | \$2,911     |
| Benevolence   | \$ 0        |             |
| Building Fund | \$ 0        |             |
| Other         | \$ 1,225    |             |
| Attendance    | 42          |             |

**ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK**

|           |        |          |                                                    |
|-----------|--------|----------|----------------------------------------------------|
| Today     | 23 Feb | 11:45 PM | Fellowship and Refreshments                        |
|           |        | 2:00 PM  | CFMA Worship                                       |
| Monday    | 24 Feb | 7:00 PM  | 12 Step Program                                    |
| Tuesday   | 25 Feb | 10:00 PM | Hot Shots                                          |
|           |        | 6:30 PM  | S.A.F.E. Place Peer Support                        |
| Wednesday | 26 Feb | 10:00 AM | 12 Step Program                                    |
|           |        | 7:00 PM  | 12 Step Program                                    |
| Thursday  | 27 Feb | 10:00 AM | Knitting Circle                                    |
| Friday    | 28 Feb | 7:00 PM  | 12 Step Program                                    |
| Saturday  | 1 Mar  | 9:00 AM  | House of Hope Worship                              |
|           |        | 10:00 AM | Men’s Breakfast Ace Casino Airport                 |
| Sunday    | 2 Mar  | 10:30 AM | Transfiguration of Our Lord Holy Communion Service |

**HOUSE BLESSINGS** – Epiphany was on 6 January 2025 and now is the season of House Blessings. Schedule your time with the Pastor. Kits are also available for you to use.

**HIGHWOOD HIGHLIGHTS** – the March edition is available online and in the narthex.

**THE KNITTING CIRCLE** will meet on Thursday, 27 February at 10:00 AM. We’ll help you learn to knit or crochet. All are welcome to visit with us.

**GIVING UP BACON FOR LENT?** – Find out if this can be done at the Men’s Breakfast at 10:00 AM Saturday 1 March at the Ace Casino Airport. Bring a guest or two and join us in fellowship.



**FESTIVAL CHORUS CONCERT** – “*Home and Away*” Saturday, 1 March at 3:00 PM at Bethany Chapel of Calgary (3333 Richardson Way SW, Calgary). Tickets from [thefestivalchorus.com](http://thefestivalchorus.com) website.

**LAUDETTE COMMUNITY SINGERS** – A free concert with the Maple Leaf Brass will take place at Brentview Baptist Church (3512 Charleswood Dr. NW, Calgary) at 7:00 PM on Sunday, 2 March. No tickets are needed. Just come and enjoy.

**SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER** – mark your calendars to join us 4 March 2025 at 6:00 PM. Sign up on the sheet downstairs, so we know how much food to prepare.

**ASH WEDNESDAY** – Service will be at 7:00 PM on Wednesday, 5 March. Join us as we prepare for our Lenten journey.

**HIGHWOOD LADIES’ BIBLE STUDY** for March will be on the 2nd Tuesday, March 11, at 1:00. This is to accommodate the Shrove Tuesday Pancake supper on the 4<sup>th</sup>. Please come, all ladies are welcome. Bring a friend if you would like.

**LUTHERAN HOSPITAL MINISTRIES** – Annual General Meeting will take place at 10 AM, Saturday 15 March 2025 at St. Matthew Lutheran Church.

**TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE** – If you need a ride to church, contact Elizabeth Anderson 587 897 0548 or Bill Strand 403 239 9894

**NEXT WEEK’S READINGS** Transfiguration of Our Lord

Exodus 34:29-35

Psalm 99

2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2

Luke 9:28-43