

P Since we are gathered to hear God's Word and call upon Him in prayer and praise, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

Please kneel as you are able

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

Confession of Sins

LSB 203

P Together we confess:

C Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.

Absolution

[John 20:19–23] LSB 203

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 ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Please stand as you are able

Service of the Word

Introit

Psalm 37:1–5, antiphon: v. 7

P Be still before the LORD and wait patiently for him; fret not yourself over the one who prospers in his way.

C Fret not yourself because of evildoers; be not envious of wrongdoers!

P For they will soon fade like the grass and wither like the green herb.

C Trust in the LORD, and do good; dwell in the land and befriend faithfulness.

P Delight yourself in the LORD, and he will give you the desires of your heart.

C Commit your way to the LORD; trust in him, and he will act.

C Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

P Be still before the LORD and wait patiently for him; fret not yourself over the one who prospers in his way.

Kyrie

Mark 10:47 LSB 204



C Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

Gloria in Excelsis

Luke 2:14; John 1:29 LSB 204



C 1 To God on high be glo - ry And peace to all the earth;
2 To You, O sole-be - got - ten, The Fa - ther's Son, we pray;
3 For You a - lone are ho - ly; You on - ly are the Lord.



Good-will from God in heav - en Pro - claimed at Je - sus' birth!
O Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, You take our sins a - way.
For - ev - er and for - ev - er, Be wor - shiped and a - dored;



We praise and bless You, Fa - ther; Your ho - ly name, we sing—
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus; Re - ceive our heart - felt cry,
You with the Ho - ly Spir - it A - lone are Lord Most High,



Our thanks for Your great glo - ry, Lord God, our heav'n-ly King.
Where You in pow'r are seat-ed At God's right hand on high—
In God the Fa - ther's glo - ry. "A - men!" our glad re - ply.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

G And also with you.

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.

G Amen.

Please be seated

Old Testament

Genesis 45:3–15

A The Old Testament Lesson for the Seventh Sunday after the Epiphany is from Genesis, chapter forty-five.

³ 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.

⁴So 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. 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 yet five years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. ⁷And God 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 tarry. ¹⁰You 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. ¹¹There 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.' ¹²And now your eyes see, and the eyes of my brother Benjamin see, that it is my mouth that speaks to you. ¹³You must tell my father of all my honor in Egypt, and of all that you have seen. Hurry and bring my father down here." ¹⁴Then he fell upon his brother Benjamin's neck and wept, and

Benjamin wept upon his neck. ¹⁵And 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.

Psalm

Psalm 103:1-13

P¹Bless the Lord, O my soul,

C and all that is within me, bless his holy name!

P²Bless the Lord, O my soul,

C and forget not all his benefits,

P³who forgives all your iniquity,

C who heals all your diseases,

P⁴who redeems your life from the pit,

C who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy,

P⁵who satisfies you with good

C so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

P⁶The Lord works righteousness

C and justice for all who are oppressed.

P⁷He made known his ways to Moses,

C his acts to the people of Israel.

P⁸The Lord is merciful and gracious,

C slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

P⁹He will not always chide,

C nor will he keep his anger forever.

P¹⁰He does not deal with us according to our sins,

C nor repay us according to our iniquities.

P¹¹For as high as the heavens are above the earth,

C so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him;

P¹²as far as the east is from the west,

C so far does he remove our transgressions from us.

P¹³As a father shows compassion to his children,

C so the Lord shows compassion to those who fear him.

Epistle

1 Corinthians 15:21–26, 30–42

A The Epistle is from First Corinthians, chapter fifteen.

²¹For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. ²²For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive. ²³But each in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. ²⁴Then comes the end, when he delivers the kingdom to God the Father after destroying every rule and every authority and power. ²⁵For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. ²⁶The last enemy to be destroyed is death....

³⁰Why am I in danger every hour? ³¹I protest, brothers, by my pride in you, which I have in Christ Jesus our Lord, I die every day! ³²What 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." ³³Do not be deceived: "Bad company ruins good morals." ³⁴Wake 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.

³⁵But someone will ask, "How are the dead raised? With what kind of body do they come?" ³⁶You foolish person! What you sow does not come to life unless it dies. ³⁷And what you sow is not the body that is to be, but a bare kernel, perhaps of wheat or of some other grain. ³⁸But God gives it a body as he has chosen, and to each kind of seed its own body. ³⁹For not all flesh is the same, but there is one kind for humans, another for animals, another for birds, and another for fish. ⁴⁰There 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. ⁴¹There 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.

⁴²So 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.

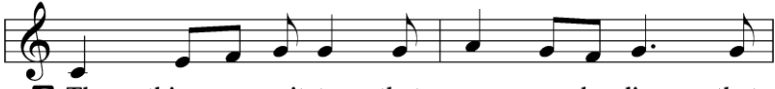
Please stand as you are able

Alleluia and Verse

John 20:31 LSB 205



C Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



C These things are writ - ten that you may be - lieve that



Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.



C Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Holy Gospel

Luke 6:27–38

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

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

²⁷[Jesus said:] "But I say to you who hear, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, ²⁸bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. ²⁹To 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. ³⁰Give to everyone who begs from you, and from one who takes away your goods do not demand them back. ³¹And as you wish that others would do to you, do so to them.

³²"If you love those who love you, what benefit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. ³³And if you do good to those who do good to you, what benefit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. ³⁴And 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. ³⁵But 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. ³⁶Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful.

³⁷“Judge not, and you will not be judged; condemn not, and you will not be condemned; forgive, and you will be forgiven; ³⁸give, 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.

G Praise to You, O Christ.

Please be seated

Children's Message

Please stand as you are able

Hymn of the Day *Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service* LSB 848

Please be seated

Sermon

Silence for reflection

Please stand as you are able

Apostles' Creed

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

And 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 sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence 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.

Please be seated

Prayer of the Church

1 Timothy 2:1-4

After each petition:

P Lord, in Your mercy.

C **Hear our prayer.**

P Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

C **Amen.**

Offering

During this time, please fill out and pass the blue Friendship Register, first toward the side aisle and then back to the center aisle. Please indicate whether you are a member or visitor. If you are looking for a church home, we invite you to join the family of believers here at Christ the Redeemer.

Voluntary

Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness

Wayne Wold
(b. 1954)

Please stand as you are able

Offertory Hymn

Hail to the Lord's Anointed

LSB 398

Lord's Prayer

Matthew 6:9-13 LSB 209

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.**

Collect

P O God, from whom come all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works, give to us, Your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey Your commandments and also that we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may live in peace and quietness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Benedicamus and Benediction *Psalm 103:1, Numbers 6:23-27 LSB 212*

P Let us bless the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

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 ✠ give you peace.

C Amen.

Closing Hymn

Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us

LSB 851

Announcements

P Go in peace, serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us

Nancy Raabe
(b. 1954)

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Guest Musician: Daphnee Brian

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Music Notes for February 23, 2025 – Seventh Sunday after the Epiphany

Thank you to CTR member Daphnee Brian for serving as guest musician this Sunday!

The Prelude for the Seventh Sunday after the Epiphany is an expressive setting of the hymn "Not What These Hands Have Done" (LSB 567) by American organist William H. Bates (b. 1943). Dr. Bates, longtime Professor of Organ and Music History at the University of South Carolina, holds degrees in organ and church music from Howard Payne University and the Jacobs School of Music at Indiana University.

The Voluntary is an arrangement of the hymn "Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness" by Wayne Wold (b. 1954). Dr. Wold is Church Music Institute Director and Adjunct Associate Professor of Organ at Shenandoah University in Winchester, Virginia.

The Communion Voluntary is *Voluntary* by English composer and organist William Walond (1719-1768). Walond, who was a graduate of Christ Church, Oxford, served as Assistant Organist of Christ Church Cathedral, Oxford. He is best known for his sacred choral works "Ode on St. Cecilia's Day" and "Not Unto Us," as well as for two sets of *Voluntaries* for the organ or harpsichord.

The Postlude is a stately setting of the Closing Hymn, "Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us" (LSB 851), by American composer Nancy Raabe. Rev. Raabe, who serves as pastor of Grace Lutheran Church in Hatfield, PA, has enjoyed a distinguished career as a pastor, author, church musician, classical music critic, and composer. Her numerous contributions to the field of church music include *Carl F. Schalk: A Life in Song*, Raabe's biography of Lutheran church musician and scholar Carl Schalk (1929-2021).