

**7<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY**  
**FEBRUARY 23, 2025**



**St. Luke Evangelical Lutheran Church**  
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*“SHARING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST”*

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

**PRELUDE** *Seek Ye First*

*Karen Lafferty/John Purifoy*

## BRIEF ORDER OF CONFESSION

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Gracious God, have mercy on us. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone. Uphold us by your Spirit so that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

## APOSTOLIC GREETING

### KYRIE

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Ⓐ Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son:      ☩ Lord, have mer - cy.  
*Lord, . . . . have mer - cy:*



Ⓐ Chri - ste e - le - i - son:      ☩ Christ, have mer - cy.  
*Christ, . . . . have mer - cy:*



Ⓐ Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son:      ☩ Lord, have mer - cy.  
*Lord, . . . . have mer - cy:*

## HYMN OF PRAISE *All Creatures Worship God Most High ELW 835(vs. 1-4)*

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

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

Let us pray. *A brief silence is kept before the prayer.*

## FIRST READING

Genesis 45:3-11, 15

*Response after the reading:* **Thanks be to God.**

## **PSALM 37:1-11, 39-40** *Spoken responsively by whole verse.*

- <sup>1</sup> Do not be provoked by evildoers;  
do not be jealous of those who do wrong.
- <sup>2</sup> **For they shall soon wither like the grass,  
and like the green grass fade away.**
- <sup>3</sup> Put your trust in the LORD and do good;  
dwell in the land and find safe pasture.
- <sup>4</sup> **Take delight in the LORD,  
who shall give you your heart's desire.**
- <sup>5</sup> Commit your way to the LORD; put your trust in the LORD,  
and see what God will do.
- <sup>6</sup> **The LORD will make your vindication as clear as the light  
and the justice of your case like the noonday sun.**
- <sup>7</sup> Be still before the LORD and wait patiently.  
Do not be provoked by the one who prospers, the one who succeeds  
in evil schemes.
- <sup>8</sup> **Refrain from anger, leave rage alone;  
do not be provoked; it leads only to evil.**
- <sup>9</sup> For evildoers shall be cut off,  
but those who hope in the LORD shall possess the land.
- <sup>10</sup> **In a little while the wicked shall be no more;  
even if you search out their place, they will not be there.**
- <sup>11</sup> But the lowly shall possess the land;  
they will delight in abundance of peace.
- <sup>39</sup> **But the deliverance of the righteous comes from you,  
O LORD; you are their stronghold in time of trouble.**
- <sup>40</sup> You, O LORD, will help them and rescue them;  
you will rescue them from the wicked and deliver them, because in  
you they seek refuge.

## SECOND READING

I Corinthians 15:35-38, 42-50

*Response after the reading:* **Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

Al - le - lu - ia. You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

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

## GOSPEL

Luke 6:27-38

*The Holy Gospel according to Luke:* **Glory to you, O Lord.**

*The Gospel of the Lord.* **Praise to you, O Christ.**

## SERMON

## SILENCE FOR REFLECTION

**HYMN OF THE DAY** *God When Human Bonds are Broken* ELW 603

## **APOSTLES' CREED**

*Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.*

**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**

## **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

*God of grace, hear our prayer.*

## **SHARING OF THE PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

## ANTHEM

## OFFERING

**OFFERTORY** *The Living Bread*

Richard Blake

## PRESENTATION OF GIFTS

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## OFFERING PRAYER

## DIALOGUE

*The Lord be with you.*

**And also with you.**

*Lift up your hearts.*

**We lift them to the Lord.**

*Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.*

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

*The presiding minister continues: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise . . . we praise your name and join their unending hymn:*

## SANCTUS

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## EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER



## **LORD'S PRAYER**

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

**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**

## **LAMB OF GOD**

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## **DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION**

*All are welcome at the table! Please join us by coming up the center aisle and receiving the bread from the Pastor (Gluten-free wafers are available). Then you may choose to receive the wine from the common cup, or by picking up an empty cup and receiving the wine from one of the two pouring chalices. Filled cups of grape juice are available alongside the empty cups.*

## **COMMUNION HYMNS**

ELW 707, 708, 608, 789, 471

## **COMMUNION BLESSING**

## **PRAYER**

## **BENEDICTION**

## **SENDING HYMN**

*Blest Be the Tie That Binds*

ELW 656

## DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Live in hope.  
Thanks be to God.

**POSTLUDE**    *Be Thou My Vision*

Ben Logan

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### Today's Worship Support

Presiding Minister: Rev. Christopher Frye

Assisting Minister:                      Bob Huss

Lector:                                      Ellen Fairbairn

Communion Assistants: Rodger Vorhauer  
& Jeff Seilhamer

Acolyte:                                    Christina Yarma

Greeters:                                 Jeff & Linda Seilhamer

Altar Guild:                               Jeff Seilhamer  
& Vanessa Hepfer

Ushers:                                    Deane & Sandy McGehee

Offering Counters:                      Beth Keener  
& Kathy Wilson

A/V:                                         Shelly Davies  
& Gail Cox

Today's Organist:                       Jodi Forrester

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### Weekly Worship Schedule

#### Sundays

10:00 am Holy Communion  
8:45 am Faith Formation/Christian Education

#### Wednesdays

11:00 am Holy Communion & Healing  
7:00 pm Prayer & Share via Zoom



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