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7th Sunday after the Epiphany



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Welcome!

Whether you have been with us for years, or if this is your first time visiting, we extend a hearty welcome to our family of faith in the name of Jesus! May the Lord richly bless our time together.

A Word To Our Guests

We are so happy you could be with us today!

A PARENTS ROOM and RESTROOMS are located from the East hallway exit from church. After service, we share conversation, coffee (and cookies?) in our ELEMENTARY SCHOOL space. This is also where we have our Sunday Bible study.

If you haven't spoken to Pastor already, he'd love to meet you (or talk with you again if we have already met). If you have any questions about Good Shepherd or our school, please don't hesitate to ask any of us. Come again to worship with our family here any time!

Today's Worship Focus

Last week Jesus revealed His abundant spiritual and eternal blessings belong freely and fully to those who trust Him, the Savior. This week, as God-love has enlightened us from the Lord's Messiah, so we reflect God-love to all, even to our enemies, who are like us in that they do not deserve God's love either.

PERSONAL PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP

We ask You, Jesus, be our Helper and Defender. Rescue those of our number in distress; raise up the fallen.

Search out and bring back those of Your people who stray; release our captives. Revive the weak in faith; encourage those who lose heart in life's dark shadows.

Let all the nations realize that You, heavenly Father, are the only God, that Jesus Christ is Your eternal Child, and that we are Your people and the sheep of Your pasture for His sake. -Clement c. 95-

Pastor Clement was from Rome, Italy. This prayer is from a sermon he wrote for Christians in the city of Corinth about 95 A.D.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

WELCOMING SONG: *OH, BLESS THE LORD* #238CW

THE INVOCATION AND GREETING

PASTOR: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

PEOPLE: AMEN!

THE CONFESSION OF SINS AND ABSOLUTION

PASTOR: Dear friends and family of faith, you are dearly loved by my LORD. Together let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father. Let us ask Him, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to freely and fully forgive us for Jesus' sake.

PEOPLE: Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful; I have disobeyed You in my thoughts, words, and deeds. I have done what is evil. I also have failed to do what is good. For this I deserve Your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins. I trust in the promises of my Savior Jesus Christ, and so I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.

PASTOR: Jesus promised that the sins we forgive on earth are also forgiven in heaven. I trust God's precious promise. Therefore, as His called and ordained servant of the Gospel, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit.

RESPONSE:

TUNE: #236CW

I cried to Him in time of need:
 Lord God, oh, hear my calling!
 For death He gave me life indeed
 And kept my feet from falling.
 For this my thanks shall endless be;
 Oh, thank Him, thank our God with me—
 To God all praise and glory!



The LORD will not forsake His flock,
 His chosen generation;
 He is their Refuge and their Rock,
 Their Peace and their Salvation.
 As with a mother's tender hand
 He leads His own, His chosen band—
 To God all praise and glory!

Then come before His presence now
 And banish fear and sadness;
 To your Redeemer pay your vow
 And sing with joy and gladness.
 Though great distress my soul befell,
 The LORD my God did all things well—
 To God all praise and glory!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

PASTOR: Gracious Father, keep Your family, the Church, always faithful to You. In this way we will always lean on the hope of Your promises and be strong in the power of Your love. In joyful confidence we join with others to ask this in Jesus' name. He lives and rules with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

THE WORD

GOD'S WORD FROM BEFORE CHRIST WAS BORN OLD TESTAMENT

GENESIS 45:3–8A, 15

Joseph said to his brothers, "I am Joseph! Is my father still alive?"

His brothers could not answer him, because they were terrified by his presence. Joseph said to his brothers, "Come closer to me, please."

They came closer. He said, "I am Joseph, your brother, whom you sold into Egypt. Now do not be upset or angry with yourselves for selling me to this place, since God sent me ahead of you to preserve life.

For two years now the famine has been in the land, and there are still five more years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. God sent me ahead of you to preserve you as survivors on the earth, and to keep you alive by a great act of deliverance. So it was not you who sent me here, but God.

He kissed all his brothers and wept over them. After that his brothers talked with him.

*This is
crafted
to join all
the day's
Bible
readings
into one
joint
family-
of-faith
prayer.*

How quick
I am to
withhold
love when
I have
been
wronged! I
cling to
anger. I
want to
make the
offender
suffer be-
cause of
my hurt.
Praise be
to God
that He
does not
treat me
this way
in Christ.

GOD'S WORD FROM THE LIFE OF CHRIST

THE GOSPEL

LUKE 6:27-38

God's
blessings
rests
on all
who put
Jesus first
and
therefore
are
enabled
to live
godly
lives.

God's
family of
faith puts
the focus
on
spiritual
over
material.

This
faithful-
ness will
be
eternally
rewarded
as
evidence
of faith.



ay to you who are listening: Love your
as. Do good to those who hate you.
s those who curse you. Pray for those
o mistreat you. ²⁹If someone strikes
ou on one cheek, offer the other
too. If someone takes away your
coat, do not withhold your shirt.
³⁰Give to everyone who asks you,
and if anyone takes away your
things, do not demand them back.

³¹"Treat others just as you would want them to treat you. ³²If
you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? To be
sure, even the sinners love those who love them.

³³And if you do good to those who do good to you, what
credit is that to you? Even the sinners do the same thing.

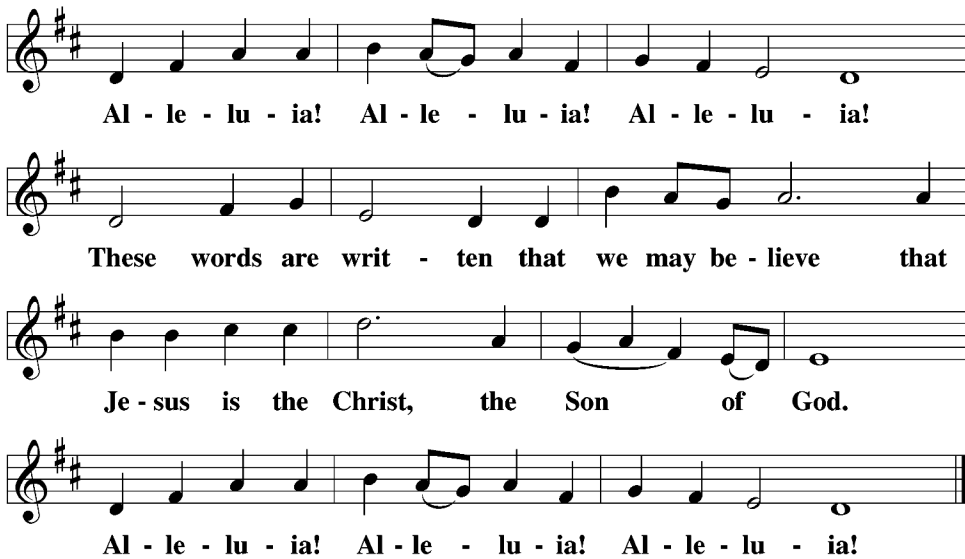
³⁴If you lend to those from whom you expect to be repaid,
what credit is that to you? Even the sinners lend to sinners in or-
der to be paid back in full.

³⁵Instead, love your enemies, do good and lend, expecting
nothing in return. Your reward will be great, and you will be sons
of the Most High, because He is kind to the unthankful and the
evil. ³⁶Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.

³⁷"Do not judge, and you will not be judged. Do not con-
demn, 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, and running over will be
poured into your lap. In fact, the meas-
ure with which you measure will be
measured back to you."





Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

These words are writ - ten that we may be - lieve that

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

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

ALLELUIA!
comes
from the
Greek
language
and
means:
"Praise
the LORD!"

GOD'S WORD FROM AFTER JESUS' ASCENSION

THE LETTERS

1 Corinthians 15:35–38a, 42–49

³⁵But someone will object, "How can it be that the dead are raised? With what kind of body are they going to come?"

³⁶You are being foolish. What you sow is not made alive unless it dies. ³⁷And what you sow is not the body that will be, but a bare seed, perhaps of wheat or some other grain. ³⁸But God gives it a body of the kind He wanted it to have.

⁴²That is the way the resurrection of the dead will be. What is sown is perishable; it is raised imperishable. ⁴³It is sown in dishonor; it is raised in glory. It is sown in weakness; it is raised in power. ⁴⁴It is sown as a natural body; it is raised as a spiritual body.

If there is a natural body, there is also a spiritual body. ⁴⁵So also it is written, "The first man, Adam, became a living natural being." The last Adam became a life-giving

With
Christ's
resurrection
at the heart
of the faith,
I can be
confident of
my own
resurrection
from the
sleep of
death.

spirit. ⁴⁶However, that which is spiritual is not first; rather, first comes the natural, then the spiritual.

⁴⁷The first man is of the earth, made of dust. The second Man is the LORD from heaven. ⁴⁸As was the man made of dust, so are the people who are made of dust, and as is the heavenly Man, so the heavenly people will be. ⁴⁹And just as we have borne the image of the man made of dust, let us also bear the image of the heavenly Man.

The Triune-
God reveals
Himself in His
Word. God
wants
people to
trust His
great gift of
full and free
salvation.
What a
great Day is
in store for all
who trust
Him!

WE CONFESS OUR CHRISTIAN FAITH 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, suf-
fered 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.**

VICTORY SONG OF THE DAY *SON OF GOD, ETERNAL SAVIOR #492CW*



INSTRUCTION FROM GOD'S WORD

LUKE 6:27-38

Radical Response to Radical God-Love



OFFERINGS GATHERED

*Jesus Word teaches us,
"Freely you have received,
freely give."*

*All are invited to participate, none are compelled to
give offerings. This is an act of worship,
a thank-You to our generous God.*

*God's peo-
ple freely
return gifts
to Him.
Thank you.
Your sup-
port that
spreads His
Gospel
freely.*

PRAYERS | THE LORD'S PRAYER



WORDS OF INSTITUTION

**At Passover Christ Jesus
and foll'wers met as one,
His final night together,
before His work was done.
With thanks to God, the Father,
His ancient feast made new.
"Take; eat; *this is My Body*.
I've given it for you."**

**His Covenant of mercy
is yours throughout all time.
"*This is My Blood*," He taught us
and gave His cup of wine.
Jesus began His Supper,
still calls us to His feast:
"Take: eat and drink! My people,
do this! Remember Me!"**

DISTRIBUTION OF THE HOLY COMMUNION

Dear Guests gathered in our Father's House,

Forgiveness has been purchased for ALL people. His full and free forgiveness is never in doubt. But in His Holy Communion, Jesus especially comforts those who are united in following Him.

Our Lord Jesus offers this special blessed means to strengthen the faith of His followers who publicly stand united in Jesus.

Holy Communion differs from Baptism. This sacrament is a 1) a public unity with each other's faith as well as 2) a public unity with Christ. We do not want to make you say you stand united with us unless you are.

We look forward to the time when you can join in this expression of unity. Until that day, let us strive to clearly proclaim Holy Scriptures. Our pastor readily provides Bible information classes in this area for any questions you may have. *Thank you.*

SONGS from the red song books, CHRISTIAN WORSHIP, for use during the distribution of the Holy Communion #**479, 459, 493, 494** if needed.

BENEDICTION

PASTOR: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness. 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 give you peace. Amen.



PARTING SONG:

TUNE: #459CW

**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.**

**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.**

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Family
Worship
Review
Time:



READ: LUKE 6:17FF REFLECT:

- 1 Why do people often call revenge “sweet?”
2. When is forgiveness most difficult to give?
3. Jesus says, “do not judge” in v37, but Jesus also tells me to discern right from wrong. What is the difference?
4. Jesus said, “Give and it will be given to you” and then talks about consequences. What happens when we give like God gives (v38)?



RESPOND:

5. God, my Father gives generously to me all the time, without my asking. Why do I have such a hard time giving the same way?
6. God forgives me freely without my asking. Why do I have such a hard time forgiving?
7. What shall I do to correct my attitude so that I am more like my heavenly Father? When will I do it?

God-willing, the Lord gathers us next to be blessed and to encourage one another **next Thursday** at 7:00pm / **Sunday** at 9:00am. Bring a friend or three with you! ☺ 🙏 ☺ ☺

This Week at Good Shepherd

February 24, 2019

Today

9:00am Worship/Communion
10:15am Sunday School and Bible Study

Wednesday 6:30pm Confirmation
 7:00pm Choir
Thursday 7:00pm Worship/Communion

Next Week:

Sunday 3/3 9:00am Worship/Communion
 10:15am Sunday School and Bible Study
Wednesday 10:30am & 7pm *Ash Wednesday* Worship/Communion
 5:30pm Lenten Meal Served by Our Choir
 Choir following worship
Thursday 7:00pm *Good Shepherd School Science Fair*

Visitors!

*We are **blessed** to have you worship with us and we **look forward** to seeing you again! Please sign our guest book that is in the entryway! Communion registration for WELS/ELS members is on the table in the Narthex. **Thank you!***

Cancellations of our church services due to bad weather, etc... can be found on **WAOW channel 9**, at their website (www.waow.com), on our church website (www.1GoodShepherd.org), on **WFHR AM1320**, and posted on our electronic sign.

Lenten Meal Sign-Up Sheet!

Groups of folks are welcome to sign-up to serve soup and sandwiches, or whatever you choose for the meal prior to the Lenten service.
Serving begins at 5:30pm.

You can view our **previous week's** Worship Service on **Solarus HD Channel 3** or **Charter/Spectrum Channel 985**, both at **4pm on Tuesdays** and **2pm on Sundays**. We are on the web, **24/7**, at **1GoodShepherd.org/live**.

Care About One Another in Christ

***The individuals listed below would be very thankful to receive
an encouraging card from you or your family.***

*Also, if you know of someone who would like to be added to our current prayer list
please call the church office at 715-325-3355 or Pastor Tullberg at 715-325-6812.*

PRAYER LIST: The following individuals request that you keep them in your prayers:

Adams, Rose Marie	Jaecks, Bonnie	Ryun, Duane
Bunt, Julie	Kanter, Faith	
		Schroeder, Alberta
Carlson, Eric	Loechler, Elmer	Seidler, David
Cepress, Sherri		Shepard, Tom, Elicia & Victoria (Torreon, Mexico)
Conrad, Madison Craig, Elaine	Marichal Family	Skicki, Lorna
Dorr, Robert	Miller, Dr. Kevin	
Ehlke, Mandy	Mittelsteadt, Jonathan	Thiele, Mary
Estlund, John		Tullberg, Loren
	Newman, Roger	
Family of Audrey Hanson		Weigel, Mike
Family of Elaine Zuege	Ozburn, Judy	
Family of John Ozburn		Zuege, Elton
Harrington, Elaine	Piper, Sam & Becky	
Hartman, Pastor Robert	Powell, Violet	
Heiman, Karen	Przybylski, Elliot (infant son of Stacey Berdan and Andrew Przybylski)	*ONLINE*
Heiman, Scott & family		Allerding, Sarah's Grandmother
Hogan, Andy & Margie	Robert in Ecuador	Hunziker, Pat
Holberg, Ben (Bunt's son)	Rozelle, Pat & Alan	Straszewski MD, Shannon (Rev Kuenzel's niece)
	Ross, Cassie (Geneva K's grand daughter teaching in Malawi)	Walters, Gloria (New York)

**Ushers: Feb 24 Jerry Wiessinger Andy Hogan Andy Bunt Al Rozelle
Mar 3 Al Weiland Bill Harrington John Melke David Seidler**