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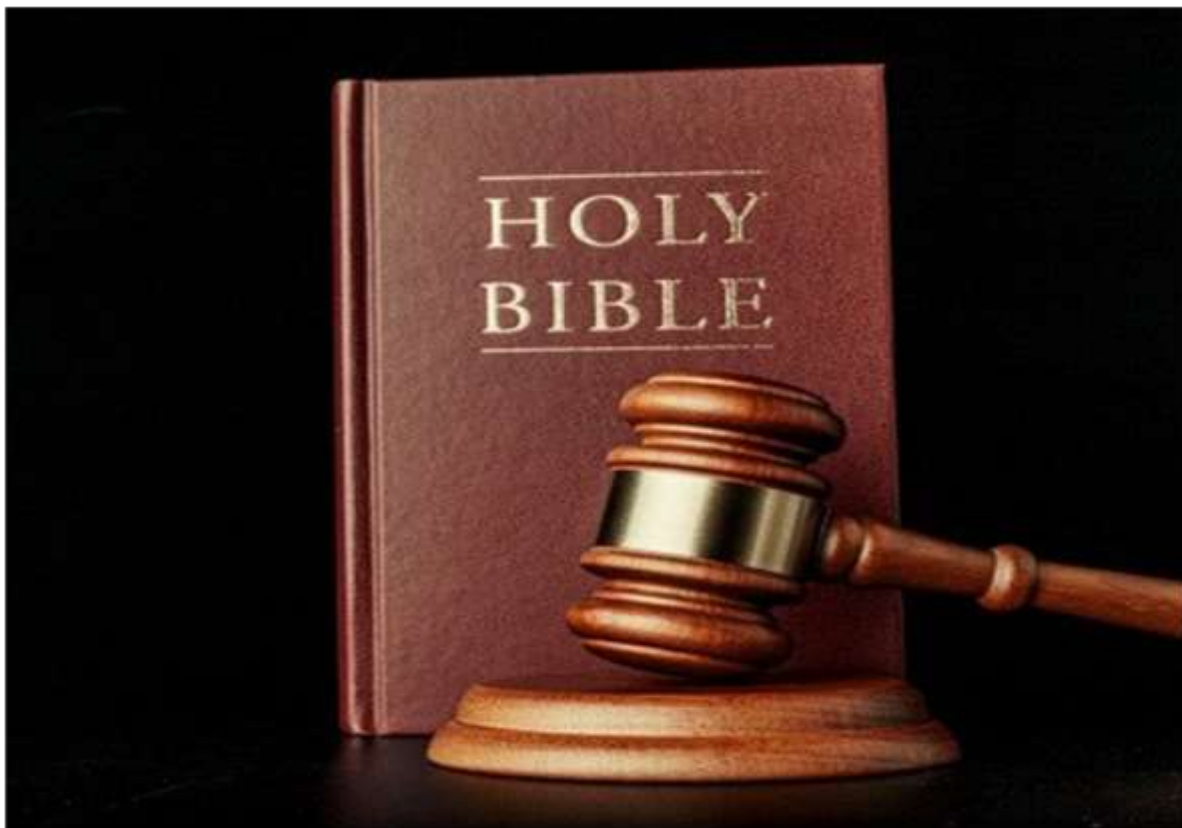
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Seventh Sunday after Epiphany



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Please leave your offering in the plate at the door
You may stand at times marked with an asterisk ()*

Opening

Prelude and Contemplation

Tena Rackow

Welcome and Announcements

Confession and Forgiveness

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P: In the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence for reflection

P: Father eternal, giver of light and grace,

**C: we have sinned against you and against our neighbor,
in what we have thought,
in what we have said and done,
through ignorance, through weakness,
through our own deliberate fault.**

We are sorry and ashamed and repent of all our sins.

**For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, who died for us,
forgive us all that is past
and lead us out from darkness
to walk as children of light. Amen.**

* Prayer of the Day

P: Let us 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.

Readings

First Reading: *Genesis 45:3-11, 15*

L: A reading from Genesis.

³ And 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.

⁴ So 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. ⁵ And now do not be distressed or angry with yourselves because you sold me here, for God sent me before you to preserve life. ⁶ For 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. ⁷ And God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. ⁸ 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. ⁹ 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 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. ¹¹ There 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.'

¹⁵ And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them. After that his brothers talked with him. [ESV]

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm: 37:1-11, 39-40

L: Let us read responsively from Psalm 37.

¹ Fret not yourself because of evildoers;
be not envious of wrongdoers!

² **For they will soon fade like the grass
and wither like the green herb.**

³ Trust in the LORD, and do good;
dwell in the land and find safe pasture.

⁴ **Delight yourself in the LORD,
and he will give you the desires of your heart.**

⁵ Commit your way to the LORD;
trust in him, and he will act.

⁶ **He will bring forth your righteousness as the light,
and your justice as the noonday.**

⁷ Be still before the LORD and wait patiently for him;
fret not yourself over the one who prospers in his way,
over the man who carries out evil devices!

⁸ **Refrain from anger, and forsake wrath!
Fret not yourself; it tends only to evil.**

⁹ For the evildoers shall be cut off,
but those who wait for the LORD shall inherit the land.

¹⁰ **In just a little while, the wicked will be no more;
though you look carefully at his place, he will not be there.**

¹¹ But the meek shall inherit the land
and delight themselves in abundant peace.

³⁹ **The salvation of the righteous is from the LORD;
he is their stronghold in the time of trouble.**

⁴⁰ The LORD helps them and delivers them;
he delivers them from the wicked and saves them,
because they take refuge in him. *[ESV]*

Second Reading: *I Corinthians 15:35-49*

L: A reading from Paul's first letter to the Corinthians.

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

⁴² So is it with the resurrection of the dead. What is sown is perishable; what is raised is imperishable. ⁴³ It is sown in dishonor; it is raised in glory. It is sown in weakness; it is raised in power. ⁴⁴ It is sown a soulful body; it is raised a spiritual body. If there is a soulful body, there is also a spiritual body.

⁴⁵ Thus it is written, “The first man Adam became a living soul”; the last Adam became a life-giving spirit. ⁴⁶ But it is not the spiritual that is first but the soulful, and then the spiritual. ⁴⁷ The first man was from the earth, a man of dust; the second man is from heaven. ⁴⁸ As was the man of dust, so also are those who are of the dust, and as is the man of heaven, so also are those who are of heaven. ⁴⁹ Just as we have borne the image of the man of dust, we shall also bear the image of the man of heaven. [*ESV, amended*]

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

*** Gospel Acclamation**

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C: Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

Alleluia. You have the words of eternal life.

Alleluia, alleluia.

*** Gospel: *Luke 6:27-38***

P: The Holy Gospel according to Luke.

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, ²⁸ bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. ²⁹ To one who strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also, and from one who takes away your cloak do not withhold your shirt either. ³⁰ Give to everyone who begs from you, and from one who takes away your goods do not demand them back. ³¹ And 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. ³³ And if you do good to those who do good to you, what benefit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. ³⁴ And 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.

³⁵ But 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. ³⁶ Be 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; ³⁸ give, 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.” *[ESV, amended]*

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Reflection

Sermon

Pastor Thomas Mosbo

* **Hymn**

Blest Be the Tie That Binds

ELW # 656

* **Apostles' Creed**

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P: Let us profess our baptismal faith in the triune God.

**C: 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.**

**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.**

Choir Anthem ***Build a Longer Table***

We lift our prayers for

Lynn Lyvers, Jerry, Fern Harnish, Taylor B., Denny Bergmann, Rene', Paul Fahr, Gary Hudik, Virgil Martin, Tena Rackow, Marilyn Fulfs, Cyndy Schumacher, Duane Tessendorf, Connor Stadermann, Brooke, Jon Forsythe, Diane, Randy, Brian, Paul Heller, Janet, Ryse Stone, Nicole, Meghan and her baby, John, Chuck, Joyce, Terri, Tina, Julie, Jamie, Crystal, Katie, Christian, Anna, Abby, Karla, Jacob and his family, Richard Gordon, Kay, Shanna, Kathy, Charlie, Brad, Jack, Tina, Joe, Sue, Emma, Cindy, Lamar Hail, Connie, Rachel Collins, Hanna, Mr. & Mrs. Ron Heckman, Jeri, Allie, Al, Bruce Stewart, Pam, Caroline, Tina D., Howard D., Jim DeMontigny Jr., Anita, Eric, Roger, Larry, Linda Kruger-Kleckler, Norman, Vivian, Tina Cheeney, Dennis Bokemeier, Susan Anderson, Brenda, Madilyn Yeager, Kara Allen, Christine Beyer, Judy, Bob Schulz, Kenny Frie, Pete Grandstad, Steve Rothschadl, Nathan Lott, Gary L. Hartwig, Josh Ellie Joy, Hannah and Ray Phillips.

Prayer

Prayers of Intercession

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Please respond to each petition with the following:

L: ... God of grace,

C: **hear our prayer.**

P: We entrust our prayers to you, O God, in the sure and certain hope that your promise is revealed among the people, through Jesus Christ our Savior.

C: **Amen.**

Lord's Prayer

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P: Let us pray with confidence in the words our Savior gave us:

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.**

Blessing

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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,
In the name of the Father, ✠ and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit..

C: Amen.

* **Hymn** *All Creatures of Our God and King*

**LBW # 527,
verses 1, 5-7**

* **Dismissal**

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P: Go in peace. Live in hope.

C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Tena Rackow

Good Shepherd Council Meeting

Good Shepherd's Council Meeting originally scheduled for February 13th has been changed to Monday, February 24th at 6:30pm.

Good Shepherd's

Ash Wednesday Service

March 5th at 7:00pm

Piece Corps Quilting Group

Meets every Wednesday from 8-11:30am at Good Shepherd in Fellowship Hall. Everyone welcome.

Join us each Wednesday
At Evangelical Free Church of Lena during Lent at 1 p.m. in
Fellowship Hall as we celebrate with music!

March 5 Steve Sheffey
March 12 Tyger Johnson
March 19 Deb Leininger
March 26 Freeport Sacred Youth Choir
April 2 Glenda Linneman
April 9 Brian/Sharon Lieb/Gone Fishin'
April 16 DELTA II

Each week a different group will perform.
Service will be 45-60 minutes long.



God's Power

by Maria J. Dodge

*In every waving blade of grass,
In every little flower.
That daily in my walks I pass,
I see God's wondrous power.
And every tiny drop of rain
Which falls in gentle shower,
And then in mist ascends again.
Tells of His wondrous power.
The little birds that gaily trill
Their songs in morning hour,
And all the air with music fill.
Sing of His wondrous power.*

Attendance February 9th
In-person 26, Online - not available