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SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY FEBRUARY 23, 2025



Image: Supuni, Amos, "Reconciliation" (Woerden, Netherlands)

8:00 AM SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

The Book of Common Prayer – beginning page 67

10:00 AM THE COMMUNITY GATHERS

Prelude: Andante from Sonata #5 (J.S. Bach)

Welcome, Announcements & Territorial Acknowledgement

We come to silence at the sound of the gong.

To request specific prayers during the service, please fill out a prayer card and place it in the prayer basket in the narthex.

Opening Hymn: CP397 Praise the one Who Breaks the Darkness

Presider	The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.
All	And also with you.
Presider	Jesus calls us to praise and prayer,
	to song and silence;
All	Jesus calls us to worship.
Presider	Jesus calls us to hearing and healing,
	to service and solidarity;
All	Jesus calls us to love.
Presider	Jesus calls us to advocacy and action,
	to protest and provision;
All	Jesus calls us to justice.
Presider	Let us heed the call of Christ.
All	Let us worship together with joy. ~written by Joanna Harader and posted on Spacious Faith. https://spaciousfaith.com/

Act of Praise - "This Little Light of Mine"

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine x₃ Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine!

All around the neighbourhood, I'm gonna let it shine x₃ Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine!

Children's Talk

Collect of the Day

Presider God of mercy, keep before us the love you have revealed in your Son, who prayed even for his enemies. In our words and actions help us to follow his example, so that we may transform hatred into love and selfishness into generosity; through Jesus Christ, our great reward. Amen. A Prayer Book for Australia (1995) alt.

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

FIRST READING: 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.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church. *All* Thanks be to God.

Psalm 37:1-11, 39-40

ReaderDo not fret yourself because of evildoers; *Alldo 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, *
who shall give you your heart's desire.
Commit your way to the Lord and put your trust in the Holy
One *
who will bring it to pass.
God will make your righteousness as clear as the light *
and your just dealing as the noonday.

Be still before the Lord and wait patiently for God. * 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 only to evil. For evildoers shall be cut off, * but those who wait upon the Lord shall possess the land. In a little while the wicked shall be no more; * you shall search out their place, but they will not be there. But the lowly shall possess the land; * they will delight in abundance of peace. But the deliverance of the righteous comes from the Lord, * who is their stronghold in time of trouble. The Lord will help them and rescue them; * rescuing them from the wicked and delivering them, because they seek refuge in God.

SECOND READING: 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 dishonour, 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.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.*All* Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn: CP584 The Church of Christ in Every Age

THE GOSPEL: LUKE 6:27-38

Reader The Lord be with you.

All And also with you.

ReaderThe Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to LukeAllGlory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Jesus said, "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."

Reader The Gospel of Christ.

All Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia (sing 3 times)

Homily

Anthem: Yes, My Jesus Loves Me - arr. Mary McDonald

The Prayers of the People

The Peace

Presider The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All And also with you.

Offertory Hymn: CP69 We Who Live by Sound and Symbol

WE SHARE THE SACRED MEAL

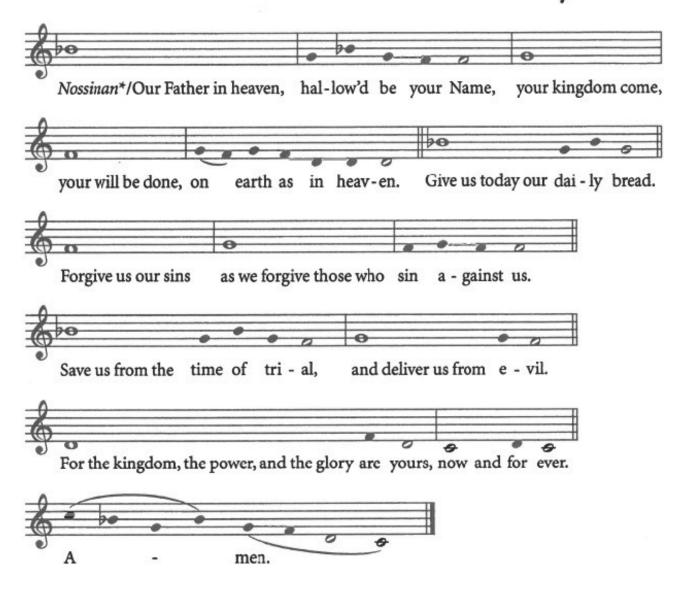
- *Presider* God of mercy and grace,
- All the eyes of all wait upon you, and you open your hand in blessing. Fill us with good things at your table, so that we may come to the help of all in need, through Jesus Christ, our redeemer and Lord. Amen. Evangelical Lutheran Worship (2006) alt.

Eucharistic Prayer – Supplementary 1PresiderThe Lord be with you.AllAnd also with you.PresiderLift up your hearts.AllWe lift them to the Lord.			
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All We lift them to the Lord.			
<i>Presider</i> Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.			
All It is right to give our thanks and praise.			
Presider Holy God, Lover of creation,			
we give you thanks and praise			
for in the ocean of your steadfast love you bear us and place			
the song of your Spirit in our hearts.			
When we turn from your love and defile the earth,			
you do not abandon us.			
Your Spirit speaks through Huldah and Micah,			
through prophets, sages, and saints in every age,			
to confront our sin and reveal the vision of your new creation.			
Joining in the song of the universe			
we proclaim your glory singing:			
All Holy, holy, holy, God of power,			
(Please see insert) of power and might,			
heaven and earth are full, are full of your glory.			
Hosanna! Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest.			
Hosanna! Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest.			
Blessed, blessed, blessed,			
Blessed is the one coming in the name,			
the name of the Lord.			
Hosanna! Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest.			
Hosanna! Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest.			
Presider Gracious God, in the fullness of time			
you sent Jesus the Christ to share our fragile humanity.			

Through Jesus' life, death, and resurrection you open the path from brokenness to health, from fear to trust, from pride and conceit to reverence for you. Rejected by a world that could not bear the Gospel of life, Jesus knew death was near. His head anointed for burial by an unknown woman, Jesus gathered together those who loved him. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it and gave it to his friends, saying, "Take and eat: this is my body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." After supper, Jesus took the cup of wine, gave you thanks, and said "Drink this all of you, this is my blood of the new covenant which is shed for you and for many. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me." And now we gather at this table in response to his commandment, to share the bread and cup of Christ's undying love, and to proclaim our faith. Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again. Breathe your Holy Spirit, Presider the wisdom of the universe, upon these gifts that we bring to you: this bread, this cup, ourselves, our souls and bodies, that we may be signs of your love for all the world and ministers of your transforming purpose. Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory is yours, Creator of all, and we bless your holy name for ever. Amen.

All

All



* Ojibway word. Option for "Our Father" pronounced noh-sih-nahn.

The Breaking of the Bread

Presider	"I am the bread of life," says the Lord.		
	"Whoever comes to me will never be hungry;		
	whoever believes in me will never thirst."		
All	Taste and see that the Lord is good;		
	happy are they who trust in him!		
Presider	The gifts of God for the People of God.		
All	Thanks be to God.		

All are welcome to join in the sacred feast of Holy Communion. Please come forward to receive the sacrament, stepping into the circle around the altar. You may indicate your desire to receive a blessing by crossing your arms over your chest. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request. All are invited to draw near the table of the Lord.

Healing prayer ministry is offered in the Lady Chapel during communion most Sundays. After you have received the sacrament, make your way to the chapel to receive prayer.

<u>Communion Music</u>: Lamb of God – see insert

Lamb of God – see insert Interlude Arioso (from Towards the Light) – Patrick Hawes MV85 Take, O Take Me as I Am

Take, O take me as I am; summon out what I shall be; set your seal upon my heart and live in me.

Prayer after Communion:

PresiderAll your works praise you, O Lord.AllAnd your faithful servants bless you.
Gracious God we thank you for feeding us
with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.
May we, who share his body, live his risen life;
we, who drink his cup, bring life to others;
we, whom the Spirit lights, give light to the world.
Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us,
so that we and all your children shall be free,
and the whole earth live to praise your name; through
Christ our Lord. Amen.

WE ARE SENT INTO THE WORLD

Blessing

PresiderThe Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the living God,
teach you to walk in his way more trustfully,
to accept his truth more faithfully,
and to share his life more lovingly;
that by the power of the Holy Spirit
you may come as one family to the kingdom of God.

And the blessing of God: Creator, Word and Holy Spirit, be with you and remain with you always.

All Amen.

Recessional Hymn: CP454 Revive Thy Work, O Lord

Dismissal

Assistant May Christ, who sends us to the nations, give us the power of the Spirit.All Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

Postlude: Allegro - Bach



The altar flowers are given to the Glory of God.

	8am	10am
Presider & Preacher	The Rev. Christine Conkin	The Rev. Christine Conkin
Music Director		Fran Pollet
First Reading	Marnie Bradfield	Rick Young
Psalm	Susan McMillan	Angela Buckingham
Second Reading	Ted Sheldon	John Sager
Prayers	Gary Fisher	Jeanette Muzio
Administrants	Leslie Glazier	Jennifer Handley, Darlene Fisher
Liturgical Assistant	Gary Fisher	Bruce Winter
Greeters	Leigh Bradbury	Darlene & Gary Fisher
Tech Assistant		Michael Marriott
Counter		Angela Buckingham
Supervisor		Cedrice Trueman
Flowers		Sandra Moore/Margaret Hood
Chancel Guild		Darlene Fisher/Pamela Smith
Altar Bread		Kathleen von Kanel/Joan Collis
Healing Prayers		Martha Stein Marriott, Sue Morrison

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