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SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY
Order of Worship – 9 AM

AS WE GATHER – The new life in Christ we have been given is full of blessings, peace, and joy. But this new life is not without its challenges to be lived out in this world. Today we hear two of the seemingly impossible commands of our Lord: "Love your enemies" and "Judge not." Left on our own, we think enemies deserve retaliation and words of judgment. But in Christ we have been given a new heart and spirit. It was, after all, while we were yet sinners that Christ died for us. That's the same self-giving love that we now show to others because we are witnesses to the Lord's great and abundant mercy for all sinners. Having received such grace and mercy from God for ourselves, we are set free to bring that same grace and mercy to others.

PRESERVICE MUSIC "Be Thou My Vision" by Paul Manz

WELCOME [†Means please stand; ♫Means please be seated]

OPENING HYMN

O Bless the Lord, My Soul

1. O bless the Lord, my soul! Let all within me join
2. O bless the Lord, my soul, Nor let His mercies lie
3. 'Tis He for-gives thy sins; 'Tis He re-lieves thy pain;
4. He crowns thy life with love When ransomed from the grave;

And aid my tongue to bless His name Whose fa-vors are di-vine.
For got-ten in un-thank-ful-ness And with-out prais-es die!
'Tis He that heals thy sick-ness-es And makes thee young a-gain.
He that re-deemed my soul from hell Hath sov-reign pow’r to save.

5. He fills the poor with good;
   He gives the suff’rers rest.
The Lord hath judgments for the proud
   And justice for the oppressed.

6. His wondrous works and ways
   He made by Moses known,
   But sent the world His truth and grace
   By His beloved Son.

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INVOCATION & OPENING SENTENCES
Psalm 37:4; 103:13
[In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.
Delight yourself in the Lord, and He will give you the desires of your heart.
As a father shows compassion to his children, so the Lord shows compassion to those who fear Him.

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS
As the patriarch Joseph received his brothers in spite of their sin because of God’s gracious providence, so we are called this day to be renewed by the forgiveness of our sins. Let us then confess our sins to God our gracious Father.
Almighty God, we confess that we have sinned against You and against one another by our thoughts, words, and deeds, by what we have done and by what we have failed to do. We have not loved You with our whole heart. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. By Your grace revealed to us in Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, grant us Your deliverance and forgiveness. Renew a right heart within us by Your love and mercy. Amen.
Upon this your confession, as a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

INTROIT [Verses: Choir; Antiphon: Congregation] Psalm 103
Antiphon: Praise the LORD, O my soul;
All my inmost being, praise His holy, His holy name.
Verse 1: Praise the LORD, O my soul; all my inmost being, praise His holy name.
Verse 2: Praise the LORD, O my soul; and forget not all His benefits.
Antiphon: [congregation]
Verse 3: He forgives all my sins and heals all of my diseases.
Verse 4: He redeems my life from the pit and crowns me with love and compassion.
Verse 5: He satisfies my desires with good things so that my youth is renewed like the eagle’s.
Verse 6: The LORD is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in love.
Verse 7: For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is His love for those who fear Him.
Verse 8: As far as the east is from the west, so far has He removed our transgressions from us.
Verse 9: As a father has compassion on his children, so the LORD has compassion on those who fear Him.
Antiphon: [congregation]

HYMN OF PRAISE
Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us

1 Lord of glo - ry, You have bought us With Your
2 Grant us hearts, dear Lord, to give You Glad - ly,
3 Won - drous hon - or You have giv - en To our
4 Lord of glo - ry, You have bought us With Your

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life - blood as the price, Nev - er grudg - ing for the
free - ly of Your own. With the sun - shine of Your
hum - blest char - i - ty In Your own mys - te - rious
life - blood as the price, Nev - er grudg - ing for the
lost ones That tre - men - dous sac - ri - fice;
good - ness Melt our thank - less hearts of stone
sent - tence, "You have done it all to Me."
lost ones That tre - men - dous sac - ri - fice.

And with that have free - ly giv - en Bless - ings
Till our cold and self - ish na - tures, Warmed by
Can it be, O gra - cious Mas - ter, That You
Give us faith to trust You bold - ly, Hope, to
count - less as the sand To the un - thank - ful
You, at length be - lieve That more hap - py
deign for alms to sue, Say - ing by Your
stay our souls on You; But, oh, best of

and the e - vil With Your own un - spar - ing hand.
and more bless - ed 'Tis to give than to re - ceive.
poor and need - y, "Give as I have giv'n to you"?
all Your grac - es, With Your love our love re - new.

PRAYER OF THE DAY
P The Lord be with you.  C And also with you.
All: O Lord, make us instruments of Your peace that we share with all other people the gift of Your love and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever. Amen.

SHARING OF THE PEACE
P The peace of the Lord be with you always.  C And also with you.
P Let us share this peace with one another.
(People greet one another saying: "Peace be with you. And also with you.")

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON
(lesson is on the last page of the bulletin)
L This is the Word of the Lord.
C Thanks be to God.

Genesis 45:3–15
**EPISTLE LESSON**
(lesson is on the last page of the bulletin)

1. This is the Word of the Lord.  
C. Thanks be to God.

**ALLELUIA VERSE**
All: Alleluia. Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful. Alleluia.

**HOLY GOSPEL**
P. The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the sixth chapter.
C. Glory to You, O Lord.  
(lesson is on the last page of the bulletin)

P. This is the Gospel of the Lord.  
C. Praise to You, O Christ.

**CHILDREN’S MESSAGE**

[Prayer requests will be collected at this time.]

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

*My Soul, Now Praise Your Maker*

1. My soul, now praise your Maker! Let all within me bless His name Who makes you full partaker Of righteousness, His love beyond all measure, His mercy more than you dare claim. Forget Him not whose yearning pity o’er distress; Nor treat us as we who are His in childlike fear. He knows how frail our in true fear shall seek His love. In heav’n is fixed His meekness Still bears with all your sin, Who heals your every mer - it But sets His anger by. The poor and con - trite pow - ers, Who but from dust are made. We flour - ish like the dwell - ing, His rule is over all; O hosts with might ex -

2. He offers all His treasure Of justice, truth, and yet shall prove That God for - sakes them never Who meekness, Re news your life with - in; Whose grace and spirit finds His compas - sion nigh; And high as flow - ers, And even so we fade; The wind but cel - ling, With praise before Him fall. Praise Him for -

Luke 6:36

SÉRMON  "YOU WANT ME TO DO WHAT FOR MY ENEMY?"  Luke 6:27-38

I. Our world teaches us to get revenge on our enemies.
II. Jesus teaches us to love our enemies, as He died for us while we were enemies of God.

APÓSTLE'S CREED

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 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.

OFFERING / CHORAL SELECTIONS

Lutheran High Jubilate Choir

OFFERTORY

Lord of All Nations, Grant Me Grace

1 Lord of all na - tions, grant me grace
2 Break down the wall that would di - vide
3 For - give me, Lord, where I have erred
4 Give me Thy cour - age, Lord, to speak

To love all peo - ple, ev'ry race;
Thy chil - dren, Lord, on ev'ry side.
By love - less act and thought - less word.
When - ev - er strong op - press the weak.

And in each per - son may I see
My neigh - bor's good let me pur - sue;
Make me to see the wrong I do
Should I my - self the vic - tim be,

(continued)
My kin ‐ dred, loved, re ‐ deamed by Thee.
Let Chris ‐ tian love bind warm and true.
Will grieve my wound ‐ ed Lord anew.
Help me for ‐ give, re ‐ mem ‐ b'ring Thee.

5. With Thine own love may I be filled
And by Thy Holy Spirit willed,
That all I touch, where'er I be,
May be divinely touched by Thee.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P In peace, let us pray to the Lord. C Lord, have mercy.
P For the gift of divine peace and of pardon, with all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord. C Lord, have mercy.
P For the Holy Christian Church, here and scattered throughout the world, and for the proclamation of the Gospel and the calling of all to faith, let us pray to the Lord. C Lord, have mercy.
P For this nation, for our cities and communities, and for the common welfare of us all, let us pray to the Lord. C Lord, have mercy.
P For seasonable weather and for the fruitfulness of the earth, let us pray to the Lord. C Lord, have mercy.
P For those who labor, for those whose work is difficult or dangerous, and for all who travel, let us pray to the Lord. C Lord, have mercy.
P For all those in need, for the hungry and homeless, for the widowed and orphaned, and for all those in prison, let us pray to the Lord. C Lord, have mercy.
P For the sick and dying and for all those who care for them, let us pray to the Lord. C Lord, have mercy.
P Finally, for these and for all our needs of body and soul, let us pray to the Lord. C Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

P O Lord Jesus Christ, 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.

BENEDICTION

P May God be gracious to us and bless us and make His face to shine upon us. God, our God, shall bless us.
C God shall bless us; let all the ends of the earth fear Him!
P The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you His peace.
C Amen.
CLOSING HYMN

Gather Your Children, Dear Savior, in Peace

[Jubilate Choir: v. 3]

Jaroslav J. Vajda, 1919–2008

1 Gather Your children, dear Savior, in peace. And
2 Knowing You, loving You, naming You Lord, We
3 Love be our banner, forgiveness our theme, Come-
4 Host at our table in our house and Yours, Here

draw us to You with Your passionate pleas; Still
cluster around You and grow by Your Word, One
passion our nature, Your vision our dream; Who
bind us together with love that endures; Like

seek us and call us to come and be blessed, To
day to remember these moments so rare, Of
knows what the Spirit of God yet can do, What
parents, like children, let this be our fame: That,

find in Your arms, Lord, safety, comfort, and rest.
caring and closeness, just because You are there.
joy may be tasted, or what promise come true?
blest, we bless man y, to the praise of Your name.


ANNOUNCEMENTS
POSTLUDE

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THE LUTHERAN HOUR MESSAGE
KOA 850 AM: Sunday @ 6:00 AM

March 3: "Is God Everybody's Father?", Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler, Speaker
A Christian can say, "I am not Jesus, but we have the same Father." (John 8)