

# Seventh Sunday after Epiphany

**February 20, 2022**

9:00 am

Communion



*279 Years Of  
"Joyously proclaiming the good news of God's love"*

**ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH**

SPRING CITY, PENNSYLVANIA

Founded in 1743

**THIS WEEK AT ZION**

Sunday 2/20	7.45 am 9.00 am	Bell choir <b>Worship</b> no SCS/ Confirmation
Monday	6.30 pm 7.00 pm	Praise band AA meeting
Tuesday	5:00 pm 7.30 pm	Tae Kwan Do Property Committee meeting
Thursday	6.15 pm 7.00 pm	Hymn Singer/Special Music Rehearsal Zion adult choir
Sunday 2/27	7.45 am 9.00 am	Bell choir <b>Worship</b>

**Bowling Sunday: please sign up on the sheet at church/send an email to office.**

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**A Congregation of the Southeastern Pa. Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America**

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<b>This week (2/20)</b>	
Bruce Wilson	Assistant Minister
Sharon Wilson	Lay Reader
Shawn Rogers	Greeter
Maggie Munz	Greeter
Beverly Tyson	Altar Guild
Zion choir	Hymns

<b>Next week (2/27)</b>	
Steve Moore	Assistant Minister
Angela Moore	Lay Reader
Shawn Rogers	Greeter
Maggie Munz	Greeter
Beverly Tyson	Altar Guild
Zion choir	Hymns

**We thank you for your service to the church.**

Sunday, February 20<sup>th</sup>, 2022

## INTRODUCTION

*Mercy. Mercy. Mercy. Joseph lives it in Egypt. Jesus preaches it in the gospel. The Spirit guides us into merciful lives with the power of forgiveness to reconcile what is fractured and divided. Such merciful living is the baptismal blessing of having put on Christ. It is the gift of the life-giving Spirit. It is a reflection of God's glory revealed in Christ.*

## PRELUDES

**On Tannenberg- "Forgive Us Our Sings As We Forgive"**

Tune: The Sacred Harp, Phila. 1844 Setting: Robert J. Powell

**On Piano- "How Deep the Father's Love For Us"**

Words and Music by Stuart Townend, Arr. by Carol Tornquist

**On Allen Organ- "Cantilene"** by Lani Smith

## WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

### GREETING

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C: And also with you.**

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: 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.**

### KYRIE

### CONFESSION

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, who creates us, redeems us, and calls us by name.

**C: Amen.**

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

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

P: Most merciful God,

**we confess that we have sinned against you and your beloved children.**

**We have turned our faces away from your glory**

**when it did not appear as we expected.**

**We have rejected your word when it made us confront ourselves.**

**We have failed to show hospitality**

**to those you called us to welcome.**

**Accept our repentance for the things we have done and the things we have left undone.**

**For the sake of Jesus Christ, have mercy on us.**

**Forgive us and lead us, that we may bathe in the glory of your Son born among us,**

**and reflect your love for all creation.**

**C: Amen.**

P: Rejoice in this good news:

In ☩ Christ Jesus, your sins are forgiven.

You are descendants of the Most High, adopted into the household of Christ, and inheritors of eternal life.

Live as freed and forgiven children of God.

**C: Amen.**

**HYMN OF PRAISE - Sing 2 times**

*Please be seated*

**FIRST READING: Genesis 45:3-11, 15**

*Many years after being sold into slavery by his jealous brothers, Joseph reveals himself to them. Now the second-in-command in Egypt, Joseph reassures his brothers that God has used their evil intentions for good to preserve life during a devastating famine, and Joseph forgives them.*

R: A reading from the book of Genesis:

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.

R: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm: Psalm 37:1-11, 39-40**

*The lowly shall possess the land; they will delight in abundance of peace. (Ps. 37:11)*

R: Do not be provoked by evildoers; do not be jealous of those who do wrong.

**C: For they shall soon wither like the grass, and like the green grass fade away.**

R: Put your trust in the Lord and do good; dwell in the land and find safe pasture.

**C: Take delight in the Lord, who shall give you your heart's desire.**

R: Commit your way to the Lord; put your trust in the Lord, and see what God will do.

**C: The Lord will make your vindication as clear as the light and the justice of your case like the noonday sun.**

R: Be still before the Lord and wait patiently. Do not be provoked by the one who prospers the one who succeeds in evil schemes.

**C: Refrain from anger, leave rage alone; do not be provoked; it leads only to evil.**

R: For evildoers shall be cut off, but those who hope in the Lord shall possess the land.

**C: In a little while the wicked shall be no more; even if you search out their place, they will not be there.**

R: But the lowly shall possess the land; they will delight in abundance of peace

**C: But the deliverance of the righteous comes from you, O Lord; you are their stronghold in time of trouble.**

R: 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.

*Those able, please stand*

## **ACCLAMATION**

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

*Jesus continues to address a crowd of his disciples. He invites his followers to shower radical love, blessing, forgiveness, generosity, and trust even on enemies and outsiders. Living in harmony with God's intent brings the reward of overflowing blessing.*

P: The Holy Gospel according to Luke

**C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

[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.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to you, O Christ**

## **THE CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

### **SERMON**

#### **HYMN**

**All Creatures Worship God Most High! - ELW 835, Vs. 1, 4 & , 6**

Text: Francis of Assisi, 1182-1226; tr. Composite , Text © 1997 Augsburg Fortress.

*Those able, please stand*

#### **Apostles' Creed**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell; on the third day, he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again 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**

*You can add names to the prayer list by contacting the church office. After three weeks names will be removed from the prayer of intercession unless resubmitted. These removed people will still be in our private prayers.*

A: The Spirit of the Lord is poured out upon us in abundance; so we are bold to pray for the church, the world, and all that God has made.

A: You teach us to love our neighbors and enemies alike. Encourage your church to follow the leading of your love, especially when it is risky or difficult. Help us to show mercy just as we have first received mercy. God of grace,

**C: hear our prayer.**

A: Nurture fields that lie dormant, resting until it is time to bloom again. Bless farmers and all who cultivate fields and urban gardens. Give favorable weather for planting. Bring forth from buried seed an abundant harvest, and guard against famine and disease. God of grace,

**C: hear our prayer.**

A: Look upon our world with mercy, that we delight in an abundance of peace. Protect all whose lives are marred by war and civil unrest. Release political prisoners and amplify the voices that challenge us to seek forgiveness and pursue nonviolence. God of grace,

**C: hear our prayer.**

A: Your people cry out for mercy. Console hearts that long for forgiveness. Mend broken relationships. Heal bodies that suffer chronic pain or illness. Strengthen and deliver all whose spirits are troubled. God of grace,

**C: hear our prayer.**

A: You bind us together into one family. Teach us to forgive one another and to resolve conflicts with humility and patience. Bless families of all shapes and sizes, and show love to those who are lonely or grieving. God of grace,

**C: hear our prayer.**

A: For all who are sick. Hear our prayers for **Roger** Batten, **Amy** Mandik, **Jack** Rousseau, **Helen** Christman, **Nicki** Grubb, **Joy** Moyer, **Anne** Carroll and those we lift before you now. Surround them with your unwavering presence. God of grace,

**C: hear our prayer.**

P: We praise you for the saints who have inherited the fullness of your kingdom. As you have raised them to imperishable and eternal life, sustain us in faith by the promise of resurrection. God of grace,

**C: hear our prayer.**

P: Since we have such great hope in your promises, O God, we lift these and all of our prayers to you in confidence and faith; through Jesus Christ our Savior.

**C: Amen.**

### **THE PASSING OF THE PEACE**

P: The peace of the Lord be with you all.

**C: And also with you.**

*Let us share the peace with one another*

### **OFFERING INVITATION**

**Feb. 20, 2022 (7<sup>th</sup> Sunday after the Epiphany, Year C)**

**Genesis 45:15** – And Joseph kissed all his brothers and wept upon them; and after that his brothers talked with him.

*Meeting his brothers years after they had sold him into slavery, Joseph now greets them with love, forgiveness, assistance and restoration. A great model for loving relationships! What loving relationships need your forgiveness and restoration?*

*Please be seated*

### **OFFERING with Special music**

"Big House" - Words and Music: Blair/Herdman/McGinnis/Stuarby

**Performed by Praise Band- Christopher Kirk, Lily Staley, Emily Hoshaw, Lori Hoshaw**

### **OFFERING PRAYER**

A: Blessed are you, O God, Sovereign of the universe.

You offer us new beginnings and guide us on our journey.

Lead us to your table, nourish us with this heavenly food, and prepare us to carry your love to a hungry world, in the name of Christ our light.

**C: Amen.**

*Those able, please stand*



## **SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION**



*Believing in the real presence of Christ, this church practices communion hospitality. All baptized persons are welcome to participate in the Lord's Supper. Parent(s)/Grandparent(s) will place their hands on untutored young people for a blessing given by the Pastor. The response when receiving the bread and wine could be: "Amen" or "I believe." Prepackaged Elements are available.*

### **GREAT THANKSGIVING**

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

**C: We lift them to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

P: It is indeed our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God. Sharing our life, Christ lived among us to reveal your glory and love, that our darkness should give way to his own brilliant light. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with all the faithful of every time and every place, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

### **Holy, Holy, Holy Lord**

### **WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

P: Blessed are you, O holy God: you are the Life and Light of all. By your powerful word you created all things. Through the prophets you called your people to be a light to the nations.

Blessed are you for Jesus, your Son. He is your Light, shining in our darkness and revealing to us your mercy and might.

P: In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this in remembrance of me.

P: Remembering, therefore, his preaching and healing, his dying and rising, and his promise to come again, we await that day when all the universe will rejoice in your holy and life-giving light. Through him all glory and honor is yours, Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy Church, both now and forever.

**C: Amen**

P: Lord, 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.**

### **INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

P: Come to God's table. There is a place for you and enough for all.  
**C: Amen.**

### **SHARING IN COMMUNION**

P: This is the Body of Christ given for you  
**A: I believe or Amen** (Congregation will eat the wafer)

P: This is the Blood of Christ given for you  
**A: I believe or Amen** (Congregation will drink the wine)

### **POST COMMUNION BLESSING**

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen us and keep us in his grace.  
**A: Amen.**

### **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

A: We give you thanks, gracious God, for we have feasted on the abundance of your house. Send us to bring good news and to proclaim your favor to all, strengthened with the richness of your grace in your Son, Jesus Christ.  
**C: Amen.**

### **BLESSING**

P: God, who leads you in pathways of righteousness, who rejoices over you, and who calls you by name,  
✠ bless your going out and your coming in, today and forever.  
**C: Amen**

### **THE SENDING HYMN**

### **Make Me a Channel of Your peace- W & P 95**

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*Please be seated*

### **DISMISSAL**

A: Go with Christ into a weary world. Share the good news.  
**C: Thanks be to God.**

### **POSTLUDE**

"Let All Things Now Living" Tune: The Ash Grove, Welsh Folk Tune, Setting, Nancy Raabe

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### **BULLETINS AND FLOWERS:** Bulletins sponsored by Laura Clark.

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**BIBLE READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Monday	Genesis 33:1-17	Jacob and Esau reconcile
Tuesday	I Samuel 24:1-22	David spares Saul's life
Wednesday	Luke 10:1-24	Jesus sends out his disciples
Thursday	Luke 10:25-42	The parable of the good Samaritan
Friday	I Corinthians 15:35-38, 42-50	The mystery of the resurrection
Saturday	Psalms 38	Confession of Sin