

## Today's Scripture Readings

### Old Testament

*Genesis 45:3–15*

<sup>3</sup>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.

<sup>4</sup>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. <sup>5</sup>And now do not be distressed or angry with yourselves because you sold me here, for God sent me before you to preserve life. <sup>6</sup>For the famine has been in the land these two years, and there are yet five years in which these will be neither plowing nor harvest. <sup>7</sup>And God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. <sup>8</sup>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. <sup>9</sup>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. <sup>10</sup>You 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. <sup>11</sup>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." <sup>12</sup>And now your eyes see, and the eyes of my brother Benjamin see, that it is my mouth that speaks to you. <sup>13</sup>You must tell my father of all my honor in Egypt, and of all that you have seen. Hurry and bring my father down here." <sup>14</sup>Then he fell upon his brother Benjamin's neck and wept, and Benjamin wept upon his neck. <sup>15</sup>And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them. After that his brothers talked with him.

### Epistle

*1 Corinthians 15:21–26, 30–42*

<sup>21</sup>For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. <sup>22</sup>For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive. <sup>23</sup>But each in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. <sup>24</sup>Then comes the end, when he delivers the kingdom to God the Father after destroying every rule and every authority and power. <sup>25</sup>For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. <sup>26</sup>The last enemy to be destroyed is death. . . .

<sup>30</sup>Why am I in danger every hour? <sup>31</sup>I protest, brothers, by my pride in you, which I have in Christ Jesus our Lord, I die every day! <sup>32</sup>What do I gain if, humanly speaking, I fought with beasts at Ephesus? If the dead are not raised, "Let us eat and drink, for tomorrow we die." <sup>33</sup>Do not be deceived: "Bad

company ruins good morals." <sup>34</sup>Wake up from your drunken stupor, as is right, and do not go on sinning. For some have no knowledge of God. I say this to your shame.

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

<sup>42</sup>So is it with the resurrection of the dead. What is sown is perishable; what is raised is imperishable.

### Holy Gospel

*Luke 6:27–38*

<sup>27</sup>[Jesus said:] "But I say to you who hear, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, <sup>28</sup>bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. <sup>29</sup>To one who strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also, and from one who takes away your cloak do not withhold your tunic either. <sup>30</sup>Give to everyone who begs from you, and from one who takes away your goods do not demand them back. <sup>31</sup>And as you wish that others would do to you, do so to them.

<sup>32</sup>"If you love those who love you, what benefit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. <sup>33</sup>And if you do good to those who do good to you, what benefit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. <sup>34</sup>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. <sup>35</sup>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. <sup>36</sup>Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful.

<sup>37</sup>"Judge not, and you will not be judged; condemn not, and you will not be condemned; forgive, and you will be forgiven; <sup>38</sup>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."

*Scripture quotations are from The Holy Bible, English Standard Version®.*

### In Our Prayers this Week—

- *February missions of the month, Anchor of Hope Health Center and Lutherans for Life.*
- *Peace among nations.*
- *The victims and families of all violence and disaster throughout the world.*
- *Phyllis Conrad, recovering from a fall.*
- *Jim Schmitz, recovering from surgery.*
- *Jim Knepprath, recovering from surgery.*
- *Heidi Tupper, recovering from surgery.*
- *Suzanne Ponath, recovering from surgery.*
- *Michelle Popp and all expectant mothers.*

*All who are battling cancer:*

- *Jayne Cotter*
- *Ed Friede*
- *Cindi Arnold, sister of Debi Taylor*
- *Rev. Brad Birtell, brother of Amy Assmann*
- *Jennifer Harrill, mother of Andrew Harrill*
- *Randy Heidemann, brother of Sandy Korb*

*Please also keep in prayer*

—*our Seminarian, Vicar Luke Konkel;*

—*Rev. Eric Skovgaard, our district president;*

—*Matthew Harrison, synod president;*

—*the members, officers and auxiliaries of Emmanuel;*

—*our circuit congregation, Grace in Elkhart Lake and Rev. Peter Peitsch;*

—*our Missionary Rev. Tyler McMiller and his family in Italy and Southern Europe; and*

—*our shut-in Members, Donna Bloedel, Bob & Alice Denhardt, Ed Friede, Virginia Dowty and Bob Navis.*

# SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY



*"But I say to you who hear, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you."*

**Luke 6:27-28**

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WE WELCOME all who gather with us around the Altar and Pulpit to hear the Word of God.

IF YOU ARE VISITING this morning, we are happy that you could join us today. *Please sign our guest book in the narthex.*

IF YOU DESIRE TO COMMUNE, please speak to the pastor before the service. Our altar is open to those who confess oneness with us in doctrine and are members in good standing of our congregation or sister congregations of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod.

YOUNG CHILDREN are always welcome in our service. Jesus said, *“Let the little children come to me...”* Activity bags are available in the narthex.

NEED ASSISTANCE with anything? Please speak to the pastor or the usher.

RESTROOMS are available in the back of the church or in the education wing.

*We pray that you feel welcome in our congregation, that you are blessed by the service, and that you will come again.*

**AS THE SON OF GOD IS MERCIFUL AND FORGIVES YOUR SINS, YOU ALSO BE MERCIFUL AND FORGIVE**

Your inheritance as a child of Adam is sin and death, but in Christ you are made alive through His resurrection from the dead (1 Cor. 15:21–22). As you have died with Him in Holy Baptism, so are you raised with Him to newness of life. Therefore, “do not go on sinning” (1 Cor. 15:34). Instead of serving your desires and harming your neighbors, live as “sons of the Most High,” and “be merciful, even as your Father is merciful” (Luke 6:35–36). Deal with others as you would have others deal with you (Luke 6:31, 37–38). As Christ loved you when you were at enmity with Him, as He blessed and prayed for those who abused Him, and as He did good to those who hated Him and hurt Him, so also “love your enemies, do good” (Luke 6:27–29, 35). For God sent His Son to bear the cross and suffer death, not to condemn the guilty, but “to preserve life.” So does He provide a place for you within His Church, where He is near and deals kindly with “you and your children and your children’s children” (Gen. 45:5–10).

**T H E F A M I L Y A L T A R**

❶ **Verse of the Week** — **Luke 9:29** *“And as he was praying, the appearance of his face was altered, and his clothing became dazzling white.”*

❷ **Hymn of the Week** — LSB #413 — *“O Wondrous Type! O Vision Fair”*

❸ **Collect of the Week** — *O God, in the glorious transfiguration of Your beloved Son You confirmed the mysteries of the faith by the testimony of Moses and Elijah. In the voice that came from the bright cloud You wonderfully foreshowed our adoption by grace. Mercifully make us co-heirs with the King in His glory and bring us to the fullness of our inheritance in heaven; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.*

❹ **Daily Bible Readings** — **M:** Job 19:1-12, 21-27; Job 8:1-20 **T:** Job 20:1-23, 29; Job 8:21-38 **W:** Job 21:1-21; Job 8:39-59 **Th:** Job 30:16-31; Job 9:1-23 **F:** Job 31:1-12, 33-40; Job 9:24-41 **Sat:** Job 33:1-18; Job 10:22-42 **Sun:** Job 33:19—34:9; Job 11:1-16

❺ **Preparing for Next Sunday** — *Lessons for Transfiguration* (March 2, 2025): Deuteronomy 34:1-12; Hebrews 3:1-6; Luke 9:28-36; Psalm 99

❻ **Devotions** — *On Ash Wednesday, March 5, we will begin a new devotional.*

**Seventh Sunday after the Epiphany**

**FEBRUARY 23, 2025**

Greeters — *June Fischer & Jean Estrello*

Elder — *Jeff Ourada*; Usher — *Howard Mitchell*

Altar Guild — *Kayla Schommer, Jr.* Altar Guild — *Kari & Greta Marks*

Cantors — *Adult Choir*; Acolyte — *Bryce Dolezal*

Organist — *Mrs. Terry Ourada*

Pastor — *Rev. Paul W. Marks*

**Introit** (*sung responsively after confession & absolution*) Psalm 37:1-5; antiphon: vv. 7a, b



Be still before the Lord and wait patiently | for him;\*  
fret not yourself over the one who prospers | in his way.

**Fret not yourself because of evil- | doers;\***

**be not envious of wrong- | doers!**

For they will soon fade | like the grass\*

and wither like the | green herb.

**Trust in the Lord, | and do good;\***

**dwelt in the land and befriend | faithfulness.**

Delight yourself | in the Lord,\*

and he will give you the desires | of your heart.

**Commit your way | to the Lord;\***

**trust in him, and | he will act.**

**Glory be to the Father and | to the Son\***

**and to the Holy | Spirit;**

**as it was in the be- | ginning,\***

**is now, and will be forever. | Amen.**

Be still before the Lord and wait patiently | for him;\*  
fret not yourself over the one who prospers | in his way.

**Collect** (*spoken by pastor*)

O God, the strength of all who put their trust in You, mercifully grant that by Your power we may be defended against all adversity; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Gradual** (*sung responsively*) Psalm 117:1-2a, 96:8

Praise the Lord, all | nations!\*

Extol him, all | peoples!

**For great is his steadfast | love toward us,\***

**and the faithfulness of the Lord endures for- | ever.**

Ascribe to the Lord the glory | due his name;\*

bring an offering, and come in- | to his courts!

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