

## 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 there 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.”

**About the Cover:** In a merciless world, compassion can be hard to come by among the children of men. However, as children of the heavenly Father, we are called to a life that follows a different familial pattern. Though we did not deserve it, God has adopted us into His family. We have the Father in heaven because we have a Brother in Christ, the Son of God, who died in our place and washed us clean by Baptism so that we are now called the children of God.



Be merciful,  
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Luke 6:36



## 7<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

February 16 & 20, 2022

Sharing, Believing, Living, Caring

St. Bartholomew Lutheran Church  
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Liturgy: Divine Service Setting Three p. 184  
Hymns: 824, 820, 805, 620, 628, 843  
Sermon: "In Joseph's Shoes"  
Genesis 45:3-15

*Holy Communion: Members of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod are invited to receive the Lord's Supper. Non-members are requested to speak with Pastor before worship.*

### THE MEASURE OF OUR LOVE

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| Attendance 2/9 (Wed.): 40 | Offering: \$937.05         |
| Attendance 2/13 (Sun): 60 | Offering: \$1,414.04       |
| Budget Needs: \$3,594     | Scrip Profit 2/13: \$45.63 |
| S.S. - 5                  | Staff - 2                  |
|                           | B.C. - 6                   |

### KINGDOM WORK THIS WEEK

WED (2/23) 3:30 p.m. - Confirmation  
6:00 p.m. - Choir  
**7:00 p.m. - Worship**  
*District Sunday*

SUN (2/27) 8:00 a.m. - S.S./B.C.  
**9:00 a.m. - Worship**  
10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. - Chili Dinner  
1:00 p.m. - Circuit Forum, Brillion  
*District Sunday*

**DISTRICT CONVENTION LAY DELEGATE NEEDED** to attend the District Convention of the South Wisconsin District on June 12-14 at Concordia University Wisconsin. There is no cost to the delegate. The lay delegate is to be a confirmed voting member of the congregation.

**OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE** - District Convention delegate (2 day commitment), Elder (3 year commitment), Council Secretary (1 year commitment), Chili Dinner helper (1-6 hour commitment), Greeter (60-75 minutes for whatever month you sign up for), Usher (4-5 hours for the month you sign up for). Which opportunity are you going to volunteer for? Don't delay!!! Volunteer today!!!

**LADIES AID IS PLANNING A CHILI DINNER** on February 27. We will serve from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. You can take out or eat here right after the church service. If you wish to take out, please bring your own container. Sign-up sheets are on the bulletin board if you would like to help purchase some of the ingredients or bake a pie. Please have items here by Wednesday February 23<sup>rd</sup>.

**LADIES AID IS REQUESTING YOUR HELP** with their chili dinner on Saturday Feb. 26 for preparing and on Sunday, Feb. 27 for serving. Please sign-up on the bulletin board if you are available to help.

**THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS** - Act now before the 2021 Choice Dollars\* expire. To direct your Choice Dollars to [www.thriventchoice.com](http://www.thriventchoice.com) or call (800) 847-4836 and say "choice dollars" at automation. Designate your Choice Dollars before it's too late!

**LUTHERAN SCHOOLS NIGHT - MILWAUKEE BUCKS** - Friday, April 1, 7 p.m. LA Clippers take on the defending champion Milwaukee Bucks. Various seating and pricing options available. First 100 who purchase through the link will receive a Fear The Deer water bottle. Order tickets at: [fevo.me/lutheranschools22](http://fevo.me/lutheranschools22). Use promo code: school. Ticket order deadline: March 18.

**MARCH MADNESS BRACKET CHALLENGE** - If you are interested in participating in the bracket challenge here at church, please sign up on the table in the narthex. The cost is \$5 per person. The winner receives a \$25 scrip card. Any proceeds will go toward the Debt Retirement. The deadline to sign up is Sunday, March 6.

**KINDERGARTEN ROUND-UP** - Trinity Rantoul is having a **Preschool Information Night** for 3K, 4K and 5K programs at school on February 22 at 6 p.m. All interested parents are invited to come. Call 920-853-3134 with any questions.