



St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church

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Welcome to Worship

PRELUDE

WELCOME & GREETING

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OPENING PRAYER & INVOCATION

Psalm 37:4; 103:13

P We gather in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P Delight yourself in the Lord, and He will give you the desires of your heart.

C As a father shows compassion to his children, so the Lord shows compassion to those who fear Him.

HYMN: “Love in Christ Is Strong and Living”

LSB 706



1 Love in Christ is strong and liv - ing, Bind - ing faith - ful
2 Love is pa - tient and for - bear - ing, Clothed in Christ's hu -
3 Love in Christ a - bides for - ev - er, Faint - ing not when



hearts in one; Love in Christ is true and giv - ing.
mil - i - ty, Gen - tle, self - less, kind, and car - ing,
ills at - tend; Love, for - giv - ing and for - giv - en,



May His will in us be done.
Reach - ing out in char - i - ty.
Shall en - dure un - til life's end.

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CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

- P** 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.
- C** **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.**
- P** 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.
- C** **Amen.**

RESPONSIVE READING

Psalm 103:1-13

- C** **Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name!**
- P** Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits, who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases, who redeems your life from the pit, who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy, who satisfies you with good so that your youth is renewed like the eagle’s.
- L**eft The Lord works righteousness and justice for all who are oppressed.
- R**ight *He made known his ways to Moses, his acts to the people of Israel.*
- L**eft The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.
- R**ight *He will not always chide, nor will he keep his anger forever.*
- L**eft He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities.
- R**ight *For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him;*
- C** **as far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us.**
- P** As a father shows compassion to his children, so the Lord shows compassion to those who fear him.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

Luke 2:14; John 1:29 LSB 204



- C** 1 To God on high be glo - ry And peace to all the earth;
2 To You, O sole - be - got - ten, The Fa - ther’s Son, we pray;
3 For You a - lone are ho - ly; You on - ly are the Lord.



Good-will from God in heav - en Pro- claimed at Je-sus’ birth!
O Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, You take our sins a - way.
For - ev - er and for - ev - er, Be wor-shiped and a - dored;



We praise and bless You, Fa - ther; Your ho - ly name, we sing—
 Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus; Re - ceive our heart - felt cry,
 You with the Ho - ly Spir - it A - lone are Lord Most High,



Our thanks for Your great glo - ry, Lord God, our heav'n-ly King.
 Where You in pow'r are seat-ed At God's right hand on high—
 In God the Fa-ther's glo - ry. "A - men!" our glad re - ply.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray.

C **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.**

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Genesis 45:3–15

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.

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. 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 yet five years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. And 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 tarry. 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. 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.' And now your eyes see, and the eyes of my brother Benjamin see, that it is my mouth that speaks to you. 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." Then he fell upon his brother Benjamin's neck and wept, and Benjamin wept upon his neck. And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them. After that his brothers talked with him.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

NEW TESTAMENT READING

1 Corinthians 15:21–26, 30–42

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

Why am I in danger every hour? I protest, brothers, by my pride in you, which I have in Christ

Jesus our Lord, I die every day! 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.” Do not be deceived: “Bad company ruins good morals.” 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.

But someone will ask, “How are the dead raised? With what kind of body do they come?” You foolish person! What you sow does not come to life unless it dies. And what you sow is not the body that is to be, but a bare kernel, 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. For not all flesh is the same, but there is one kind for humans, another for animals, another for birds, and another for fish. 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. 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.

So is it with the resurrection of the dead. What is sown is perishable; what is raised is imperishable.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL READING

Luke 6:27–38

[Jesus said:] “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. 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. Give to everyone who begs from you, and from one who takes away your goods do not demand them back. And as you wish that others would do to you, do so to them.

“If you love those who love you, what benefit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. And if you do good to those who do good to you, what benefit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. 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. 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. Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful.

“Judge not, and you will not be judged; condemn not, and you will not be condemned; forgive, and you will be forgiven; 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.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

APOSTLE'S CREED

A Statement of Our Shared Faith

C 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 thence 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.

HYMN: "Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus"

LSB 685



1 Let us ev - er walk with Je - sus, Fol - low His ex -
 2 Let us suf - fer here with Je - sus And with pa - tience
 3 Let us glad - ly die with Je - sus. Since by death He
 4 Let us al - so live with Je - sus. He has ris - en



am - ple pure, Through a world that would de - ceive us And to
 bear our cross. Joy will fol - low all our sad - ness; Where He
 con - quered death, He will free us from de - struc - tion, Give to
 from the dead That to life we may a - wak - en. Je - sus,



sin our spir - its lure. On - ward in His foot - steps tread - ing,
 is, there is no loss. Though to - day we sow no laugh - ter,
 us im - mor - tal breath. Let us mor - ti - fy all pas - sion
 You are now our head. We are Your own liv - ing mem - bers;



Pil - grims here, our home a - bove, Full of faith and
 We shall reap ce - les - tial joy; All dis - com - forts
 That would lead us in - to sin; And the grave that
 Where You live, there we shall be In Your pres - ence



hope and love, Let us do the Fa - ther's bid - ding. Faith - ful
 that an - noy Shall give way to mirth here - af - ter. Je - sus,
 shuts us in Shall but prove the gate to heav - en. Je - sus,
 con - stant - ly, Liv - ing there with You for - ev - er. Je - sus,



Lord, with me a - bide; I shall fol - low where You guide.
 here I share Your woe; Help me there Your joy to know.
 here with You I die, There to live with You on high.
 let me faith - ful be, Life e - ter - nal grant to me.

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TEACHING FROM GOD'S WORD

Sermon on the Plain, Part 2, Luke 6:27-38

OFFERING

Using our God-given resources to connect people to Jesus.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

- P** Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs. We pray, Lord, with Joseph, who endured hardship and struggle and yet believed it would come to good. Bring all things to completion according to Your wisdom and purpose through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** For guidance amid the changes and chances of this earthly life. Deliver us from doubt and fear as a result of sin. Help us to know with joy our Lord Jesus Christ and the power of His resurrection, that we may not surrender to anxiety or despair. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer**
- P** For Your Church; for an end to the earthly divisions that grieve You; for the true unity and faith in Your Word; and for those who lead us in Your Church. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** For all church workers. Lead them to be faithful in their service and to serve Your people with compassion and love. Bless all the places where we hear Your Word and serve our neighbor in Christ's name, both here in this place and throughout the world. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** For the civil authority and for those responsible to You for the welfare of our nation, state and community. Help them to pursue faithfully the cause of justice and to protect and defend life from its natural beginning to its natural end. Guard and protect all those who defend us both here and abroad. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** For Your comfort upon all who suffer. Deliver the sick according to Your will, and sustain those troubled in body or soul by Your grace. Especially do we pray for . . . and those we name in our hearts. Be with the dying and grant them peace at the last, and give Your comfort to those who grieve. Give to all patience and courage, that they may endure these times of trial with hope in their hearts. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** For Your love to have its way with us. Lead us to expect no reward, and teach us from Your own example not to act from self-interest but to love even our enemies and to serve those in need. End all bitterness and strife, and let Your forgiveness cover us in our lives together as You cover us with the blood of Christ before Your heavenly throne. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** These, and all of our prayers that remain unspoken or are too deep for words, we commend to You, Holy God, in trust that You hear us, You love us, and You desire our well-being; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
- C** **Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

Matthew 6:9-13

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 The grace of our Lord ✠ Jesus Christ and the love of God the Father and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C Amen.

HYMN: “O Bless the Lord, My Soul”

LSB 814



1 O bless the Lord, my soul! Let all with - in me join
2 O bless the Lord, my soul, Nor let His mer - cies lie
3 'Tis He for - gives thy sins; 'Tis He re - lieves thy pain;
4 He crowns thy life with love When ran - somed 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_oppessed.**

**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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ANNOUNCEMENTS & POSTLUDE

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SERVING TODAY/NEXT WEEK

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Acolyte:	Levi Siegmann	Next Sunday: Luke Sutherland
Reader:	Matt Scive	Next Sunday: Jim Oliver
Counting Team:	Peggy Meyer, Mike Scive, Mike Scive II, Matt Scive, Sharon Muir	
Next Week:	Chad Cornell, Donna & Frank Cornell, Brent & Lynn Kroening	
Altar Guild for February:	Diane Milne, Kathy Wendt	



Message Notes

Main Points:

Bible Passages:

What can I apply to my life?

Last week Jesus’s teaching in Luke 6:17-26 seemed to turn everything upside down. He reminded us of the reality of our broken world because of sin and to not settle for the things of the world (second best) but to set our eyes on something better – life with Jesus.

Today Jesus continues His teaching about this upside down world and challenges us with how to live as a follower of God in this broken world. We are called to live a life different from the world – “love your enemy and be merciful.”

- **Who is your enemy? How can you show them love?**
- **One definition of mercy is “love that responds to human need in an unexpected or unmerited way.” What do you think of this definition? How can you show mercy to people around you?**

Remember: because of our sin we are enemies of God and deserve His wrath and punishment. But God loves us (his enemy) so much that He sent His Son to take on God’s wrath and punishment in our place (mercy) and give us forgiveness and new life in Jesus (undeserved grace). See Romans 5:6-11

Be merciful,
JUST AS YOUR FATHER
is merciful.
LUKE 6:36

