

SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

Divine Service – Setting Two

St. Mark Evangelical Lutheran Church – Mendon, New York

February 23, 2025

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

824 May God Bestow on Us His Grace



1 May God be - stow on us His grace, With bless - ings rich pro -
2 Thine o - ver all shall be the praise And thanks of ev - 'ry
△ 3 O let the peo - ple praise Thy worth, In all good works in -



vide us; And may the bright - ness of His face
na - tion; And all the world with joy shall raise
creas - ing; The land shall plen - teous fruit bring forth,



To life e - ter - nal guide us, That we His sav - ing
The voice of ex - ul - ta - tion. For Thou shalt judge the
Thy Word is rich in bless - ing. May God the Fa - ther,



health may know, His gra - cious will and plea - sure,
earth, O Lord, Nor suf - fer sin to flour - ish;
God the Son, And God the Spir - it bless us!



And al - so to the na - tions show Christ's rich - es with - out
Thy peo - ple's pas - ture is Thy Word Their souls to feed and
Let all the world praise Him a - lone, Let sol - emn awe pos -



mea - sure And un - to God con - vert them.
nour - ish, In righ - teous paths to keep them.
sess us. Now let our hearts say, "A - men!"

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Confession and Absolution

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination

P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

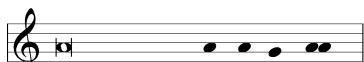
P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Service of the Word

Kyrie

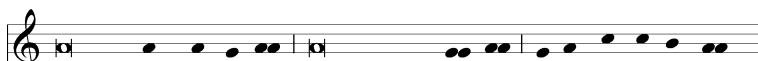
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A In peace let us pray to the Lord.



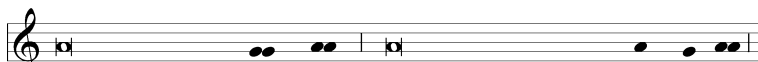
C Lord, have mer - cy.



A For the peace from a-bove and for our sal-va-tion let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



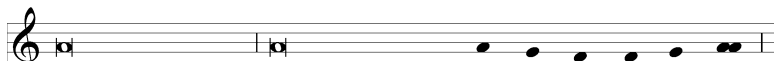
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



and for the uni-ty of all let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



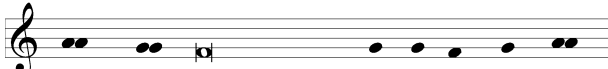
A For this holy house and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise



let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



A Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.



G A - men.

This Is the Feast

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A This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al - le - lu - ia.



G Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,



whose blood set us free to be peo-ple of God.



Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and strength and



hon - or and bless-ing and glo - ry are His.



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al - le -



lu - ia. Sing with all the peo - ple of



God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion:



Bless - ing and hon - or and glo - ry and might be to

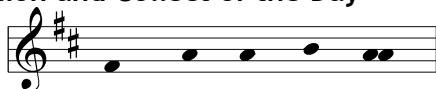


God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.



This is the feast of vic-tory for our God,
 for the Lamb who was slain has be-gun His reign.
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Salutation and Collect of the Day



P The Lord be with you.



C And al - so with you.

P Let us pray.

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.



C A - men.

Sit

Old Testament Reading

Genesis 45:3–15

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle

1 Corinthians 15:21–26, 30–42

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Choir Anthem

Stand

Alleluia and Verse

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C Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?
 You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

Holy Gospel

Luke 6:27-38

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the sixth chapter.



C Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C Praise to You, O Christ.

Sit

741 Jesus Christ, My Sure Defense

sts. 1-4



1 Je - sus Christ, my sure de - fense And my Sav - ior, now is
 2 Je - sus, my Re - deem - er, lives; Like - wise I to life shall
 3 No, too close - ly I am bound By my hope to Christ for -
 4 I am flesh and must re - turn To the dust, whence I am
 liv - ing! Know - ing this, my con - fi - dence
 wak - en. He will bring me where He is;
 ev - er; Faith's strong hand the Rock has found,
 tak - en; But by faith I now dis - cern

Rests up - on the hope here giv - en, Though the
 Shall my cour - age then be shak - en? Shall I
 Grasped it, and will leave it nev - er; E - ven
 That from death I shall a - wak - en With my

night of death be fraught Still with man - y an anx - ious thought.
 fear, or could the Head Rise and leave His mem - bers dead?
 death now can - not part From its Lord the trust - ing heart.
 Sav - ior to a - bid In His glo - ry, at His side.

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Sermon

"The Reading of the Will" - 1 Corinthians 15:35-38a, 42-50

741 Jesus Christ, My Sure Defense

sts. 5-8

5 Glo - ri - fied, I shall a - new With this flesh then be en -
 6 Then take com - fort and re - joice, For His mem - bers Christ will
 7 Laugh to scorn the gloom - y grave And at death no long - er
 8 O, then, draw a - way your hearts From all plea - sures base and

shroud - ed; In this bod - y I shall view
 cher - ish. Fear not, they will hear His voice;
 trem - ble; He, the Lord, who came to save
 hol - low; Strive to share what He im - parts

God, my Lord, with eyes un - cloud - ed; In this
 Dy - ing, they will nev - er per - ish; For the
 Will at last His own as - sem - ble. They will
 While you here His foot - steps fol - low. As you

flesh I then shall see Je - sus Christ e - ter - nal - ly.
 ver - y grave is stirred When the trum - pet's blast is heard.
 go their Lord to meet, Tread - ing death be - neath their feet.
 now still wait to rise, Fix your hearts be - yond the skies!

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Nicene Creed

C I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life ✠ of the world to come. Amen.

Prayer of the Church

- A** Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** hear our prayer.

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Offering

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Offertory

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C What shall I ren - der to the Lord for all His ben - e-fits to

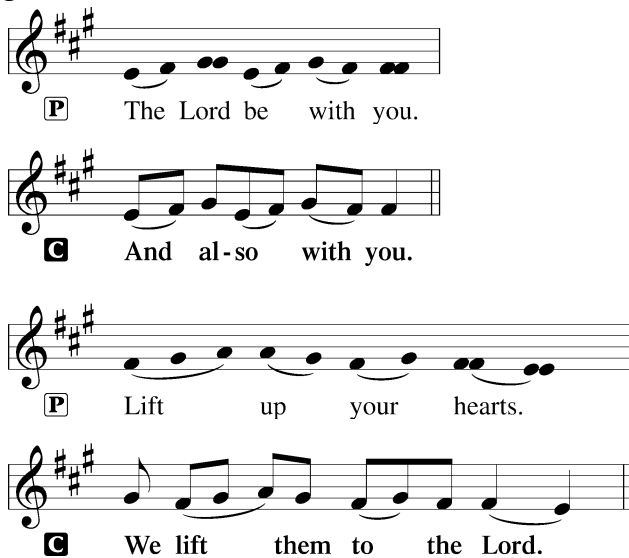


me? I will of-fer the sac-ri - fice of thanks - giv - ing and will
 call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of sal-
 va-tion and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my
 vows to the Lord now in the pres-ence of all His peo - ple, in the
 courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Je-ru - sa-lem.

Service of the Sacrament

Preface

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P The Lord be with you.
C And al-so 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 Him thanks and praise.

Proper Preface

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord; for what had been hidden from before the foundation of the world You have made known to the nations in Your Son. In Him, being found in the substance of our mortal nature, You have manifested the fullness of Your glory. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus

LSB 178



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of



pow'r and might: Heav'n and earth are full of Your



glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.



Bless - ed is He who comes in the name



of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

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P Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Lord's Prayer

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.

The Words of Our Lord

Pax Domini

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

Agnus Dei

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C Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the world;




have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the
 sin of the world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of
 God, You take a-way the sin of the world;
 grant us peace, grant us peace.

Sit

Distribution

545 Word of God, Come Down on Earth



1 Word of God, come down on earth, Liv - ing rain from
 2 Word e - ter - nal, throned on high, Word that brought to
 3 Word that caused blind eyes to see, Speak and heal our
 4 Word that speaks God's ten - der love, One with God be -
 heav'n de - scend - ing; Touch our hearts and bring to birth
 life cre - a - tion, Word that came from heav'n to die,
 mor - tal blind - ness; Deaf we are: our heal - er be;
 yond all tell - ing, Word that sends us from a - bove,
 Faith and hope and love un - end - ing, Word al - might - y,
 Cru - ci - fied for our sal - va - tion, Sav - ing Word, the
 Loose our tongues to tell Your kind - ness. Be our Word in
 God the Spir - it, with us dwell - ing, Word of truth, to
 we re - vere You; Word made flesh, we long to hear You.
 world re - stor - ing, Speak to us, Your love out - pour - ing.
 pit - y spo - ken, Heal the world, by sin now bro - ken.
 all truth lead us; Word of life, with one bread feed us.

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574 Before the Throne of God Above



1 Be - fore the throne of God a - bove I have a
 2 My name is grav - en on His hands, My name is
 3 When Sa - tan tempts me to de - spair, And tells me
 4 Be - cause the sin - less Sav - ior died, My sin - ful



strong, a per - fect plea: A great High Priest, whose name is
 writ - ten on His heart; I know that while in heav'n He
 of the guilt with - in, Up - ward I look, and see Him
 soul is count - ed free; For God, the just, is sat - is -



Love, Who ev - er lives and pleads for me.
 stands No tongue can bid me thence de - part.
 there Who made an end of all my sin.
 fied To look on Him and par - don me.

5 Behold Him there! The risen Lamb!
 My perfect, spotless righteousness,
 The great unchangeable I AM,
 The King of glory and of grace!

6 At one with Him, I cannot die,
 My soul is purchased by His blood;
 My life is hid with Christ on high,
 With Christ, my Savior and my God.

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Thank the Lord

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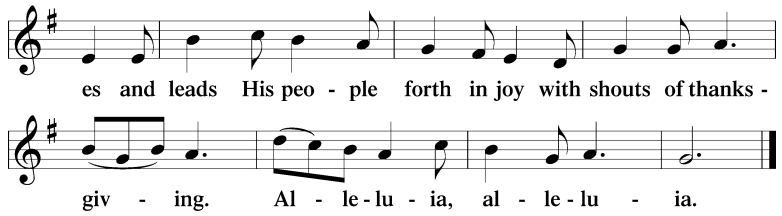
☐ Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev - 'ry-one what



He has done. Let ev - 'ry-one who seeks the Lord re -



joice and proud - ly bear His name. He re - calls His prom - is -

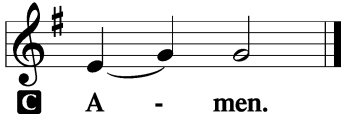


es and leads His peo - ple forth in joy with shouts of thanks -
giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Post-Communion Collect

A Let us pray.

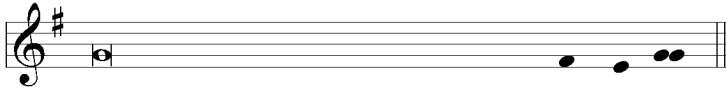
We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C A - men.

Benediction

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P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you
and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.



C A - men.

706 Love in Christ Is Strong and Living



1 Love in Christ is strong and liv - ing, Bind - ing faith - ful
2 Love is pa - tient and for - bear - ing, Cloth - ed 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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Announcements

Guest Pastor: Today we welcome Pastor Richard Pape and are thankful he can be with us to share a message of encouragement and joy in our Lord. Pastor Pape is a retired Intentional Interim pastor, living in Fairport since 2012. Since then, he's served 5 interims, the last one at St. Paul, Batavia for 5 years. This July is his 50th anniversary of Ordination. He and Sylvia have 4 grandchildren and one great grandson, living in Victor and North Tonawanda. They are members of Faith Lutheran in Penfield. His last full-time parish was Christ Lutheran in Milford, Michigan. He was Circuit Visitor for Rochester East congregations for 7 years and has preached once or twice before at St. Mark.

Sermon Intro: The Reading of the Will," 1 Cor 15:50: God has left us an extravagant Will that offers His sons and daughters a most precious inheritance! We will have a spiritual body like Jesus Christ's glorified body upon our resurrection on the Last Day and so much more that is part of God's Will for us! What can we take with us when we die? All the fruits of the Spirit as we Christian inherit our eternal "home!"

Lenten Series: Red Letter Challenge is designed to help us become greater followers of Jesus Christ by offering practical habits and behaviors for Christian living while keeping the language simple. There are three levels of commitment. First, get the book (Elders will hand out) and begin reading the daily challenges on Wednesday, March 5 (Ash Wednesday). Second, listen to the midweek Lenten sermons as they will be focused on this series. Third, join the Sunday school group after Sunday worship to experience the small group section of this series for encouragement, support, and to gain a deeper understanding of the ways of Jesus. This series will help us to live with renewed purpose and intention as individuals and as a congregation.

Genesee Zone LWML Zone Spring event: “Hope in the Storm” based on Jeremiah 29:11, will be held Saturday, March 29 9am-2pm at Pinnacle Lutheran Church. Guest speaker will be from Miss Julie’s School of Beauty, a non-profit cosmetology school that provides vocational training to human trafficking survivors. There will also be Bible Study by Pastor Bob Weidmayer, LWML updates, a service project, an ingathering, and lunch.

Prayer Chain: Ladies Aid invites all fellow parishioners to be part of our prayer chain. The prayer chain is an opportunity to support others through prayer, both for challenging events in their lives such as illness or death and celebratory times such as marriages, births, and special anniversaries. The prayer chain is a phone tree that helps to relay prayer requests. Please contact Pastor Urlaub, Marilyn Ryan, or Carolyn Krause if you are interested in joining or if you want to find out more information.

Pianist John Williams presents: “Great Ladies of Song,” a one-hour, narrated tribute to great female singers of popular music over the last 100 years. Free event. Free parking off Sunset, Tuesday, March 11, 7pm, United Church of Pittsford, 123 S. Main Street in Pittsford.