



# Our Redeemer Lutheran Church

Jackson, Minnesota

*“Bringing Jesus to Jackson”*

**The Seventh Sunday after the Epiphany**

**February 23, 2025**

**Welcome** to this Divine Service. We gather in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Please sign the attendance card in pew and place in offering plate.



## **Prelude and Ringing of the Bell**

**Hymn** “Rise, Shine, You People” **825**

**Opening Verses, Venite** **219-221**

**Introit** **Ps. 37:1-5; antiphon: Ps. 37:7a,b**

**[P]** Be still before the LORD and wait patiently for him;  
**[C]** **fret not yourself over the one who prospers in his way.**

**[P]** Fret not yourself because of evildoers;

**[C]** **be not envious of wrongdoers!**

**[P]** For they will soon fade like the grass

**[C]** **and wither like the green herb.**

**[P]** Trust in the LORD, and do good;

**[C]** **dwelt in the land and befriend faithfulness.**

**[P]** Delight yourself in the LORD,

**[C]** **and he will give you the desires of your heart.**

**[P]** Commit your way to the LORD;

**[C]** **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 beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

**[P]** Be still before the LORD and wait patiently for him;

**[C]** **fret not yourself over the one who prospers in his way.**

**Hymn** “O Bless the Lord, My Soul” **814**

**Old Testament Reading** **Genesis 45:3–15 ESV**

<sup>3</sup> And 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.

**[P]** O Lord, have mercy on us.

**[C]** Thanks be to God.

## Epistle

## 1 Corinthians 15:21–26, 30–42 ESV

<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 are we 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.

**P** O Lord, have mercy on us.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Holy Gospel

St. Luke 6:27–38 ESV

<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.”

**P** O Lord, have mercy on us.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Common Responsory

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**Catechism Lesson: The Sacrament of the Altar**

- P** How can bodily eating and drinking do such great things?
- C** Certainly not just eating and drinking do these things, but the words written here: “Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins.” These words, along with the bodily eating and drinking, are the main thing in the Sacrament. Whoever believes these words has exactly what they say: “forgiveness of sins.”

**P** Who receives this sacrament worthily?

- C** Fasting and bodily preparation are certainly fine outward training. But that person is truly worthy and well prepared who has faith in these words: “Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins.”

But anyone who does not believe these words or doubts them is unworthy and unprepared, for the words “for you” require all hearts to believe.

Sermon

1 Corinthians 15:21–26, 30–42

“The Meal of the Resurrection”

Canticle

“Te Deum”

223-225

Offering

Kyrie, Lord’s Prayer, Salutation

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**Prayer of the Church**

*Gerald Russenberger, Kim Kolander, Gary Flurer, Neil Miller, Karen Temple, Richard Polz, Jim Grantz, Marge Russenberger, Derek Rehnelt (Gen Rehnelt’s grandson), Mary Grantz, Doug Wetzler, Bonnie Temple (Ken and Karen Temple’s daughter-in-law), Don Kuehl, Matt Nielsen (Karilyn Richard’s son), Ron Sinn, Ron Kloos, Travus Mekosch. We rejoice with Ivan and Lorraine Adkins as they celebrate their 70<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.*

*Petitions conclude:*

**P** . . . Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** hear our prayer.

*Final petition:*

**P** Lord God, heavenly Father, we confess that we are poor, miserable sinners with no good in us. Our hearts and our flesh and blood are so corrupted by sin that we are never without sinful desires in this

life. Therefore, we implore You, forgive us our sins. Let Your Holy Spirit so cleanse our hearts that we would love Your Word, abide by it and, by Your grace, be saved forever; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the same Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

**Collect for Grace, Benedicamus, Benediction** **228**

**Hymn** “Spread the Reign of God the Lord” **830**

**Postlude**

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