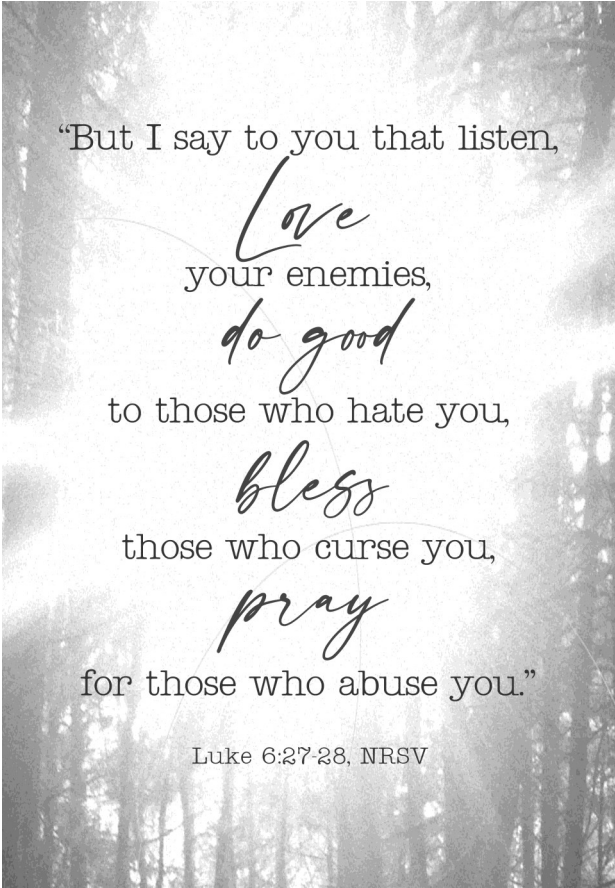


SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY ~ FEBRUARY 20, 2022



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If it is uncomfortable for you to stand where indicated, please feel free to remain seated. The congregation responds where it is bold print.



Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

please stand as you are able

Confession and Forgiveness

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism,
as the presiding minister begins.*

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, who creates us, redeems us, and calls us by name. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Most merciful God, **we confess that we have sinned against you and your beloved children. We have turned our faces away from your glory when it did not appear as we expected. We have rejected your word when it made us confront ourselves. We have failed to show hospitality to those you called us to welcome. Accept our repentance for the things we have done and the things we have left undone. For the sake of Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us and lead us, that we may live in the glory of your Son born among us, and reflect your love for all creation. Amen.**

Rejoice in this good news: In ☩ Christ Jesus, your sins are forgiven. You are descendants of the Most High, adopted into the household of Christ, and inheritors of eternal life. Live as freed and forgiven children of God. **Amen.**

Opening Hymn

"Word of God, Come Down on Earth"

#510

Greeting

The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.....**O Lord Jesus, make us instruments of your peace, that where there is hatred, we may sow love, where there is injury, pardon, and where there is despair, hope. Grant, O divine master, that we may seek to console, to understand, and to love in your name, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

please be seated

First Reading

Genesis 45:3 - 11, 15

³Joseph said to his brothers, "I am Joseph. Is my father still alive?" But his brothers could not answer him, so dismayed were they at his presence. ⁴Then Joseph said to his brothers, "Come closer to me." And they came closer. He said, "I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. ⁵And now do not be distressed, or angry with yourselves, because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life. ⁶For the famine has been in the land these two years; and there are five more years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. ⁷God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. ⁸So 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. ⁹Hurry 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 delay. ¹⁰You shall settle in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children's children, as well as your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. ¹¹I will provide for you there—since there are five more years of famine to come—so that you and your household, and all that you have, will not come to poverty.'" ¹⁵And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them; and after that his brothers talked with him.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 37:1-11, 39-40

¹Do not be provoked by evildoers; do not be jealous of those who do wrong.

²**For they shall soon wither like the grass, and like the green grass fade away.**

³Put your trust in the LORD and do good; dwell in the land and find safe pasture.

⁴**Take delight in the LORD, who shall give you your heart's desire.**

⁵Commit your way to the LORD; put your trust in the LORD, and see what God will do.

⁶**The LORD will make your vindication as clear as the light and the justice of your case like the noonday sun.**

⁷Be still before the LORD and wait patiently. Do not be provoked by the one who prospers, the one who succeeds in evil schemes.

⁸**Refrain from anger, leave rage alone; do not be provoked; it leads only to evil.**

⁹For evildoers shall be cut off, but those who hope in the LORD shall possess the land.

¹⁰**In a little while the wicked shall be no more; even if you search out their place, they will not be there.**

¹¹But the lowly shall possess the land; they will delight in abundance of peace.

³⁹**But the deliverance of the righteous comes from you, O LORD; you are their stronghold in time of trouble.**

⁴⁰You, O LORD, will help them and rescue them; you will rescue them from the wicked and deliver them, because in you they seek refuge.

Second Reading:

1 Corinthians 15:35 - 38, 42 - 50

³⁵But someone will ask, "How are the dead raised? With what kind of body do they come?" ³⁶Fool! What you sow does not come to life unless it dies. ³⁷And as for what you sow, you do not sow the body that is to be, but a bare seed, perhaps of wheat or of some other grain. ³⁸But God gives it a body as he has chosen, and to each kind of seed its own body. ⁴²So it is with the resurrection of the dead. What is sown is perishable, what is raised is imperishable. ⁴³It is sown in dishonor, it is raised in glory. It is sown in weakness, it is raised in power. ⁴⁴It is sown a physical body, it is raised a spiritual body. If there is a physical body, there is also a spiritual body. ⁴⁵Thus it is written, "The first man, Adam, became a living being"; the last Adam became a life-giving spirit. ⁴⁶But it is not the spiritual that is first, but the physical, and then the spiritual. ⁴⁷The first man was from the earth, a man of dust; the second man is from heaven. ⁴⁸As was the man of dust, so are those who are of the dust; and as is the man of heaven, so are those who are of heaven. ⁴⁹Just as we have borne the image of the man of dust, we will also bear the image of the man of heaven. ⁵⁰What I am saying, brothers and sisters, is this: flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Children's Sermon

Joyce Schlesselmann

Gospel
The Holy Gospel according to Luke the 6th chapter.

Luke 6:27 - 38
Glory to you, O Lord

[Jesus said:] ²⁷"But I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, ²⁸bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. ²⁹If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. ³⁰Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. ³¹Do to others as you would have them do to you. ³²If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. ³³If you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. ³⁴If you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. ³⁵But love your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return. Your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High; for he is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. ³⁶Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful. ³⁷Do not judge, and you will not be judged; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven; ³⁸give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap; for the measure you give will be the measure you get back."

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ**

please be seated
Sermon

Pastor Stephen Zeller

please stand as you are able
Hymn of the Day

"Oh, Praise the Gracious Power"

#651 vs 1-5



Apostle's Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Prayers of Intercession

Lord in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

Sharing The Peace

The Peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you.**

please be seated

Offerings

please stand as you are able

Offertory

"Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful"

#184

Offering Prayer

Let us pray.....Blessed are you, O God, Sovereign of the universe. You offer us new beginnings and guide us on our journey. Lead us to your table, nourish us with this heavenly food, and prepare us to carry your love to a hungry world, in the name of Christ our light. **Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Words of Institution

The Lord's Prayer

Hear, O Lord, the prayer you taught us to pray.....**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.**

please be seated

HOLY COMMUNION

By Stations

All who believe that Jesus is present in the Bread and the Wine
and has the power to forgive are welcome to commune.
Red wine or white grape juice is available.

Communion Hymns

"God, When Human Bonds Are Broken"

#603

"Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us"

#707

please stand as you are able

Post-Communion Blessing

May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen**

Post Communion Prayer

Let us pray.....We give you thanks, gracious God, for we have feasted on the abundance of your house. Send us to bring good news and to proclaim your favor to all, strengthened with the richness of your grace in your Son, Jesus Christ.

Amen.

Blessing

God, who leads you in pathways of righteousness, who rejoices over you, and who calls you by name, ☩ bless your going out and your coming in, today and forever.

Amen.

Sending Hymn

"All Creatures, Worship God Most High!"

#835 vs 1 - 4

Dismissal

Go with Christ into a weary world to share the good news.

Thanks be to God.

"WE ARE GUIDED BY THE LIGHT OF CHRIST"



Welcome: Christ's light shines in our darkness; God's love conquers hate; Spirit-given faith is stronger than fear. So we gather to praise the all-powerful Lord of Life. Welcome!

We invite everyone to enjoy coffee, snacks and fellowship before worship in the Gathering Space. Please join us!

In Our Prayers: "Unspoken prayer concerns", Luella Viebrock, Rocky Goyette, Jon Beckman, Kevin Tatum, Irene Viebrock and Kyle Luetjen.

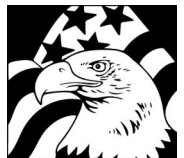


Dorothy Schroder (friend of Debbie Vaughan), Shirley Boose (mother of Melisa Balke), Noah Blackwell (great-nephew of Paul Fuelling), Nancy Webb (sister-in-law of Glen Webb), John Turley, Pat Arline (friend of Taylor Vanderlinden), Rebecca Heimsoth (friend of Norma Schlesselman), Dieter Knowle (brother of Kim Knowle-Zeller), Debbie Viebrock (daughter-in-law of Delbert Viebrock), Ronnie Logan (brother of Gale Logan), Marvin Logan (brother of Gale Logan), Marlin & Ruth Lackas (sister & brother-in-law of Paul Fuelling), Reagan Phillips, Greg Wright (family of Jim & Kim Gumbel), Rick Osborne (friend of Gale Logan), Bill Russell (friend of Florence VonHolten), Gina Smith, Baby Emma Ruth Eckhoff, Bill Hamilton, Marvin Bockelman (brother of Margie Gerken), Alex Stevens (friend of Tina Ives), Jeffery Jones (son of Bonnie Bohling), Joyce Jones (sister of Connie Gerken) and Adam Gumbel (son of Jim & Kim Gumbel).



Nursing Home: Vern Dean Bohling: *Ambrose*. Luella Viebrock, Marie Viebrock, Florence VonHolten & Cecelia Wiedemann: *GSCC*. Kathy Hallauer: *Loving Arms*.

Military: Please keep all those who have served our country past and present in your prayers, especially: ENS David M. Gardner (son of Pam Balke), Private Bradyn Hood (grandson of Connie Gerken), MSgt. Jason Ostberg (son-in-law of Suzanne Lutjen) Lt. Col. Ron Poe, Cpt. Joseph Strathman, Sgt. Russell J. Wiedemann (grandson of Cecelia Wiedemann) and Cpt. Wayne Wiedemann (grandson of Cecelia Wiedemann).



Prayers: If you would like your name added or removed from the prayer list, please contact the church office at 668-3537.

The Saint John's Bible Volunteers: Volunteers (members and non-members) will be on hand to welcome visitors during this exhibit. If you are interested in volunteering, we will have a short volunteer training session after worship **today** in the Sanctuary.



*Esther
Circle*

Circle: Esther Circle will meet on Monday, **February 21st** at 7:00pm at the home of Ellen Harms.

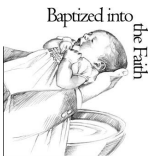
LBPS: Little Blessing Preschool will be in session on Tuesday, **February 22nd** and Wednesday, **February 23rd** from 8:00am until 11:15pm in the church basement.



Sunbeam: The Sunbeam committee will meet on Wednesday, **February 23rd** at 3:00pm.



Health Care: The Benton County Health Department will be here on Thursday, **February 24th** from 8:00am until 10:00am to help you with your health care needs.



Baptismal Grace: On Sunday, **February 27th** Owen Rae Smith will be washed clean in the waters of Holy Baptism. We welcome him into the fellowship of faith that we all share through baptismal grace of God. Owen is the son of Nick and Meghann Smith and was born on October 7, 2021.

Ash Wednesday: The journey to the cross begins with our Ash Wednesday services on Wednesday, **March 2nd**, at 7:00pm in the church sanctuary.



~ * ~ Coming Events ~ * ~

February 27	Baptism of Owen Smith
March 2	Ash Wednesday
March 6	The Saint John's Bible Opening Day
March 13	Elliott Family Baptism
March 13	Daylight Saving Time Begins

The start of ***The Saint John's Bible*** illumination exhibit is just around the corner! Throughout the five weeks of Lent we will have seventeen prints from *The Saint John's Bible*, the first handwritten and illuminated Bible since the invention of the printing press. It is an incredible work of art and theology that offers us an opportunity to experience the Word of God in a new way.



This exhibit kicks off on **Sunday, March 6th**, with a special program and the first opportunity to view the prints. We welcome Rev. Michael Patella, Professor of New Testament at Saint John's University, and chairperson of the Committee on Illumination and Text for *The Saint John's Bible*. The schedule for March 6th is:

- 9:00 am - Sunday School class about monasticism and scripture w/ Fr. Patella
 - 10:00 am - We will utilize illuminations with our scripture readings in worship
 - 11:15 am - Catered lunch in the Fellowship Hall (RSVPs requested)
 - 12:15 pm - Presentation with Fr. Patella about the creation of *The Saint John's Bible* and seeing more of the images.
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Throughout Lent, the Fellowship Hall will be open with hours available for **public viewing of the illuminations**. Please help us spread the word about this opportunity to view the images between March 10th and April 2nd on:

Thursdays: 12:00 noon - 7:00 pm • Fridays: 10:00 am - 4:00 pm

Saturdays: 10:00 am - 4:00 pm

Other days of the week are by appointment - please call the church office.

Volunteers are needed and welcomed to be present in the Fellowship Hall during those public hours to welcome visitors. Please contact Pastor Stephen if you are able to volunteer your time.

We will also worship with and utilize the prints and illuminations during our Wednesday **midweek Lenten services**, which will be held in the Fellowship Hall. **Lenten Breakfasts** with the Church Alliance will also happen in the Fellowship Hall and offers another opportunity to experience the illuminations.

Welcome to St. Paul's Lutheran Church

Ministers The Whole Congregation
Presiding Minister Pastor Stephen Zeller
Organist Lois Viebrock
Pianist Jeannette VonHolten
Altar Guild Janice Gerken & Teresa Viebrock
Ushers Greg Bredehoeft, Head Usher
..... Melisa Balke, Eric Kullman, John Oelrichs & Ryan Schlesselman



Seventh Sunday after Epiphany ~ February 20, 2022

Assisting Minister Connie Gerken
Communion Assistants Luther League
Reader Norma Schlesselman
Children's Sermon Joyce Schlesselmann
Acolytes Grady Elliott & Grant Kullman
Flowers Rhonda Schlesselman
Fellowship Hour



Eighth Sunday after Epiphany ~ February 27, 2022

Assisting Minister Anne Goosen
Communion Assistants Victoria Fox & Erin Oelrichs
Reader Luke Goosen
Children's Sermon Kim Knowle-Zeller
Acolytes Lucas Eckhoff & Logan Jackson
Flowers Sara Jackson
Fellowship Hour