



Seventh Sunday after Epiphany

Immanuel Lutheran Church

Forest City, Iowa

Pastors: Rod Hopp & Zech Anderson

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February 24, 2019

9:15 a.m.

Building community in the name and likeness of Jesus Christ.

Mercy. Mercy. Mercy. Joseph lives it in Egypt. Jesus preaches it in the gospel. The Spirit guides us into merciful lives with the power of forgiveness to reconcile what is fractured and divided. Such merciful living is the baptismal blessing of having put on Christ. It is the gift of the life-giving Spirit. It is a reflection of the glory of God revealed in the Christ.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE: “My Song Is Love Unknown” J.D. Edwards, arr. B.B. Kinyon

Bell Choir

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT: “The Day He Wore My Crown” by Phil Johnson

Eduardo Villa, tenor

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who creates us and forms us, who redeems us and calls us, who unites us and sends us.

Amen.

Gathered in God’s presence, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Mighty and loving God,

We confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We seek our own way. We divide the body of Christ. In your mercy, cleanse us and heal us. Let the words of our mouths, the thoughts of our hearts, and everything that we do be filled with faith, hope, and love. Amen.

Hear the voice of Jesus: “The Spirit of the Lord is upon me to proclaim release to the captives.” In the name of † Jesus Christ, I proclaim to you that your sins are forgiven and you are released. The joy of the Lord is your strength, and the gifts of the Holy Spirit are yours forever.

Amen.

GATHERING HYMN: “**All Creatures of Our God and King**” vs. 1,3,5,7 from LBW

All creatures of our God and King, Lift up your voice with us and sing:

Alleluia! Alleluia! O burning sun with golden beam and silver moon with softer gleam:

Refrain:

Oh, praise him! Oh, praise him! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

O flowing waters, pure and clear, make music for your Lord to hear.

Oh, praise him! Alleluia! O fire so masterful and bright, Providing us with warmth and light,

O ev’ryone of tender heart, forgiving others, take your part, oh, praise him!

Alleluia! All you who pain and sorrow bear, Praise God and lay on him your care.

Let all things their Creator bless and worship God in humbleness. Oh, praise him!

Alleluia! Oh, praise the Father, praise the Son, and praise the Spirit, Three in One,

GREETING [congregational response] **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

PROMISELAND KIDS: “Kumbaya”, “I’m Gonna Live So God Can Use Me”

CHILDREN’S SERMON

FIRST READING: Genesis 45:3-11, 15 *Joseph forgives his brothers*

PSALM: Psalm 37:1-11, 39-40 *The lowly shall possess the land; they will delight in abundance of peace. (37:11)*
[cantor sings verse, assembly sings refrain]

- ¹Do not be provoked by | evildoers; do not be jealous of those | who do wrong.
²For 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.
⁴Take delight | in the LORD, who shall give you your | heart’s desire. **Refrain**
⁵Commit your way to the LORD; put your trust in the LORD, and see what | God will do.
⁶The 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
prosper, the one who succeeds in | evil schemes.
⁸Refrain from anger, leave | rage alone;
do not be provoked; it leads on- | ly to evil. **Refrain**
⁹For evildoers shall | be cut off,
but those who hope in the LORD shall pos- | sess the land.
¹⁰In 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 pos- | sess the land; they will delight in abun- | dance of peace.
³⁹But 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. **Refrain**

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 15:35-38, 42-50 *The mystery of the resurrection of the body*

GOSPEL: Luke 6:27-38 *Love your enemies*

Announcement: **Glory to you, O Lord.** Conclusion: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

Pastor Rod

HYMN OF THE DAY: “**Lord of All Nations, Grant Me Grace**”

#716 ELW

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION: *L: Lord, in your mercy, C: hear our prayer.*

June Anderson

Karen Johns

Kathryn Olson

Rolf Anderson

Duane Moe

Tim Schmidt

Baby Jaylee Bartleson

John Monson

family of Delores Steinfeldt

Baby Nora Beck

Ione Nelson

Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Magallenes

Heather Davidson

Missionaries Colin, Jeni, Josie & Amos Grangaard

SHARING OF THE PEACE: The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

OFFERTORY: "I'll Walk With God" by Nicholas Brodzsky

Eduardo Villa, tenor

OFFERING PRAYER

WORDS OF INSTITUTION / LORD' PRAYER

COMMUNION:

"Just As I Am"

#592

"By Your Hand You Feed Your People"

#469

"Praise and Thanks and Adoration"

#783

POST COMMUNION BLESSING & PRAYER

SENDING HYMN: **"Lift Every Voice and Sing"** #841 (vs. 1,3, 1st half solo Makenzie Davis; 2nd half ALL)

This is the National Song of the African-American community. Please stand.

BLESSING / DISMISSAL: Go in peace. Christ is your light. **Thanks be to God!**

POSTLUDE

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WORSHIP LEADERS & VOLUNTEERS

Music: Ben Allaway; *Singers:* Cindi Lehmann, Mary Kingland

Musicians: Matt Lumley-bass, Javier Yturriaga-drums

Bell Choir: Ruth Melby, director

Greeters: Marla Betz, Melanie Westerberg

Assisting Minister: Carolyn Price

Scripture Reader: Ken Korth

Communion Set Up: Ruth Melby

Communion Servers: Melanie Westerberg, Leah Boyd

Ushers: Gary McCarthy, Matt & Dominic Bronson, Loren Ehrich

Altar Care: Jeanette Neuman

Sound Techs: Brody Hopp, Eric Rust

Today's worship service is broadcast at 11:00 a.m. over KLOW, 107.3 FM. **Broadcast** today is given in memory of Michael Gernetzke (Feb. 25 b'day) from Gary, Ruth, Maren, & David.

Current Mission Emphasis: 'Hunger near & far' – FC Food Bank & ELCA World Hunger. TACKLING HUNGER with SOUP & CRACKERS during February.

Attendance:

Sunday, Feb. 17: 93

Wednesday, Feb. 20: cancelled