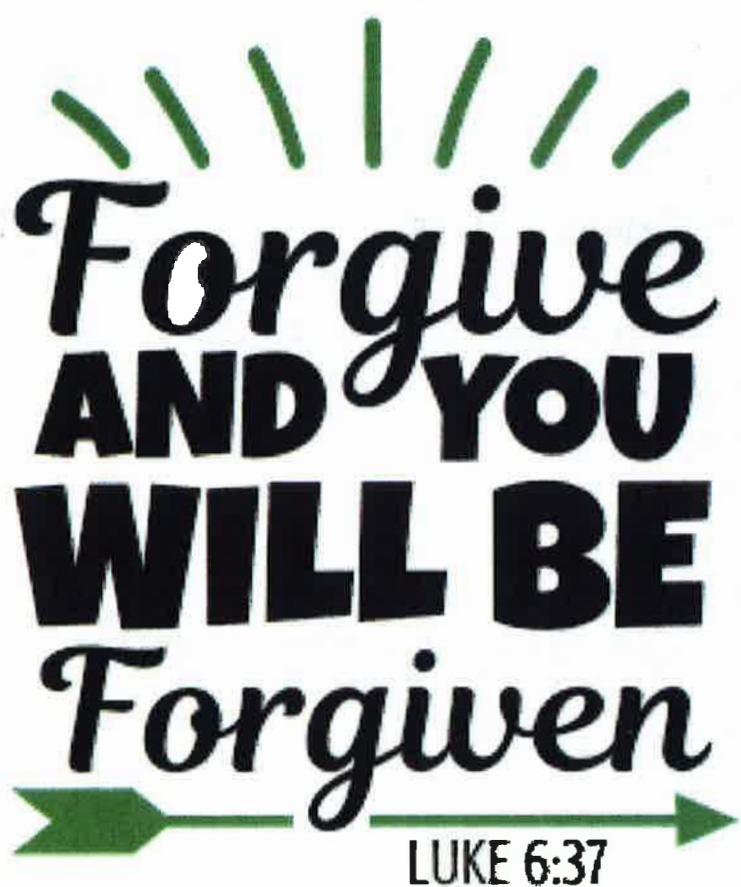


*Grace Lutheran Church  
Welcomes you to  
The Great Thanksgiving*



*Everyone is Welcome!  
Taste and See that the Lord is Good,  
Let us rejoice together!*

# GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

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**FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY**

**February 20, 2022**

**Pastor Jim Helgren**

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**Dismissal**

**We carry the “light” out into the world! Depart to serve!**

AN INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE:

We believe that with the bread and wine one receives the true body and blood of Christ for the forgiveness of sins. We welcome other Christians to receive Holy Communion with us. Children who have not had first Communion instruction may come forward for a blessing.

***We pray always for . . .***

*Robert Armknecht, Bill Bohling, Jodell Bridgmon, Luetta Bruns,  
Linda Daniels, Russ Dietz, Eric Fass, Jan Rader, Joan Staack*

***We also remember in our prayers . . .***

*Erick, Diana & Meshack, orphans we are sponsoring in Tanzania.*

***You may contact Pastor Helgren by calling 402-864-4201 (church)  
402-864-2113 (home) or 402-826-0613 (cell)***

*Please put items for the bulletins & newsletter in the secretary's box in the south office. Church office email [grace68329@gmail.com](mailto:grace68329@gmail.com)*

Please be sure to sign up for a couple of Sundays of Worship Duty – sign up sheet is at the back of the church.

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***PIECEMAKERS***

The Piecemakers meet every Tuesday during the months of January February and March - **all day**.

On March 8th they will be sharing a Salad Luncheon. You are welcome to join them if you feel safe doing so. Please come and join in the fellowship of making some beautiful blankets for those in need.

**Today 2/20/22**

Worship w/Communion – 8:30 a.m.

Sunday School – 9:30 a.m.

**Monday 2/21/22**

Tower Echoes Deadline

**Tuesday 2/22/22**

Piecemakers – Blanket Making – ALL DAY

**Wednesday 2/23/22**

Confirmation – 4:00 p.m.

**Next Sunday 2/27/22**

Worship – 8:30 a.m.

Sunday School – 9:30 a.m.

*Noisy Coin will be collected next Sunday, 2/27 and is  
designated for Oaks Indian Mission.*

*World Day of Prayer will be held on Friday,  
March 4<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m.*

**AT St. Paul's United Church of Christ**  
(not GLC as previously noted).  
Everyone is invited to attend!!





# Today's Readings

Seventh Sunday after Epiphany

February 20, 2022

## Prayer of the Day

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.**

## First Reading

**Genesis 45:3-11, 15**

Joseph 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.

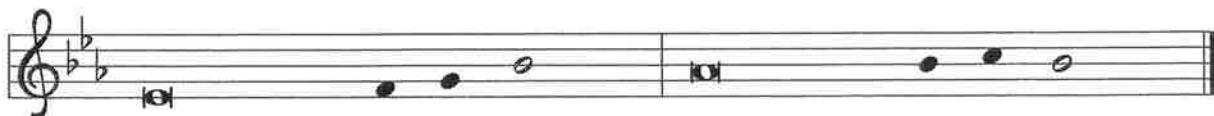
<sup>4</sup>Then Joseph said to his brothers, "Come closer to me." And they came closer. He said, "I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. <sup>5</sup>And now do not be distressed, or angry with yourselves, because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life. <sup>6</sup>For the famine has been in the land these two years; and there are five more years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. <sup>7</sup>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 delay. <sup>10</sup>You 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. <sup>11</sup>I 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.' "

<sup>15</sup>And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them; and after that his brothers talked with him.

## Psalm

**Psalm 37:1-11, 39-40; tone 4**



Do not be provoked by <sup>1</sup> evildoers;  
do not be jealous  
of those <sup>1</sup> who do wrong.  
**2**For they shall soon wither <sup>1</sup> like the grass,  
and like the green grass <sup>1</sup> fade away.  
**3**Put your trust in the LORD <sup>1</sup> and do good;  
dwell in the land and <sup>1</sup> find safe pasture.  
**4**Take delight <sup>1</sup> in the LORD,  
who shall give you your <sup>1</sup> heart's desire.  
**5**Commit your way to the LORD;  
put your trust <sup>1</sup> in the LORD,  
and see what <sup>1</sup> God will do.  
**6**The LORD will make your vindication  
as clear <sup>1</sup> as the light  
and the justice of your case  
like the <sup>1</sup> noonday sun.

<sup>7</sup>Be still before the LORD  
and wait <sup>1</sup> patiently.  
Do not be provoked  
by the one who prospers,  
the one who succeeds in <sup>1</sup> evil schemes.  
**8**Refrain from anger, leave <sup>1</sup> rage alone;  
do not be provoked;  
it leads on- <sup>1</sup> ly to evil.  
**9**For evildoers shall <sup>1</sup> be cut off,  
but those who hope in the LORD  
shall pos- <sup>1</sup> sess the land.  
**10**In a little while  
the wicked shall <sup>1</sup> be no more;  
even if you search out their place,  
they will <sup>1</sup> not be there.

*continued*

<sup>11</sup>But the lowly shall possess the land;  
they will delight  
in abundance of peace.  
<sup>39</sup>But the deliverance of the righteous  
comes from you, O LORD;  
you are their stronghold  
in time of trouble.

## Second Reading

But someone will ask, “How are the dead raised? With what kind of body do they come?” <sup>36</sup>Fool! What you sow does not come to life unless it dies. <sup>37</sup>And 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. <sup>38</sup>But God gives it a body as he has chosen, and to each kind of seed its own body.

<sup>42</sup>So it is with the resurrection of the dead. What is sown is perishable, what is raised is imperishable. <sup>43</sup>It is sown in dishonor, it is raised in glory. It is sown in weakness, it is raised in power. <sup>44</sup>It is sown a physical body, it is raised a spiritual body. If there is a physical body, there is also a spiritual body.

## Gospel

[Jesus said:] “But I say to you that listen, 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>If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. <sup>30</sup>Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. <sup>31</sup>Do to others as you would have them do to you.

<sup>32</sup>“If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. <sup>33</sup>If you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. <sup>34</sup>If you lend to those from whom you hope

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

## 1 Corinthians 15:35-38, 42-50

<sup>45</sup>Thus it is written, “The first man, Adam, became a living being”; the last Adam became a life-giving spirit. <sup>46</sup>But it is not the spiritual that is first, but the physical, and then the spiritual. <sup>47</sup>The first man was from the earth, a man of dust; the second man is from heaven. <sup>48</sup>As 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. <sup>49</sup>Just as we have borne the image of the man of dust, we will also bear the image of the man of heaven.

<sup>50</sup>What I am saying, brothers and sisters, is this: flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable.

## Luke 6:27-38

to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. <sup>35</sup>But 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. <sup>36</sup>Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.

<sup>37</sup>“Do not judge, and you will not be judged; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven; <sup>38</sup>give, 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.”

# 835 All Creatures, Worship God Most High!

1 All crea-tures, wor-ship God most high! Sound ev - 'ry voice in earth and  
 2 Sing, broth - er wind; with clouds and rain you grow the gifts of fruit and  
 3 Sing, broth - er fire, so mirth - ful, strong; drive far the shad-ows, join the  
 4 All who for love of God for - give, all who in pain or sor - row

sky: Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! Sing, broth - er sun, in splen-dor  
 grain: Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! Dear sis - ter wa - ter, use - ful,  
 throng: Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! Dear moth - er earth, so rich in  
 grieve: Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! Christ bears your bur-dens and your

bright; sing, sis - ter moon and stars of night:  
 clear, make mu - sic for your Lord to hear:  
 care, praise God in col - ors bright and rare:  
 fears; still make your song a - mid the tears:

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le -

lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!



1 Oh, praise the gra-cious pow'r that tum - bles walls of fear  
 2 Oh, praise per-sis-tent truth that o - pens fist ed minds  
 3 Oh, praise in - clu - sive love, en - cir - cling ev - 'ry race,  
 4 Oh, praise the word of faith that claims us as God's own,  
 5 Oh, praise the tide of grace that laps at ev - 'ry shore



and gath - ers in one house of faith all strang - ers far and near:  
 and eas - es from their anx - ious clutch the prej - u - dice that blinds:  
 ob - liv - i - ous to gen - der, wealth, to so - cial rank or place:  
 a liv - ing tem - ple built on Christ, our rock and cor - ner - stone:  
 with vi - sions of a world at peace, no lon - ger bled by war:



*Refrain*



We praise you, Christ! Your cross has made us one!

