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# SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

February 24, 2019

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## PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC: Ashoken Farewell by Jay Unger

Performed by Nora Stanley

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**AS WE GATHER...**In these Sundays after the Epiphany, we have observed many of the miracles of our Lord, who came to save us in body and soul. We give thanks for His many gifts of life and health and daily bread, but especially for our new birth in Holy Baptism—the forgiveness of our sins and the promise of eternal life. Today we are reminded that because we have received such great, generous, and life-giving blessings from God, we now are enabled to give and share the love of God with others who need God’s blessings.

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## RINGING OF THE BELL

Kaia Lucke & Alyssa Stanley

Following the ringing of the bell, we take a few moments *in silence* to prepare our hearts and minds for today’s worship.

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## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

**P:** In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C:** Amen.

**P:** Delight yourself in the Lord, and He will give you the desires of your heart. *Psalms 37:4*

**C:** As a father shows compassion on his children, so the Lord shows compassion to those who fear Him. *Psalms 103:13*

P: We are called this day to be renewed by the forgiveness of our sin. Let us now confess our sins before God, our Father, and before one another.

*Silence for reflection*

P: Heavenly Father,

**C: we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have failed to live in faithfulness, the fruit of Your Holy Spirit, in our thinking, speaking and acting. Yet we would hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful. Our Lord Jesus revealed His person and ministry through His words and actions. In Your great mercy, forgive, renew, and lead us so that we may be revealed as His faith-filled followers to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

P: Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

**SONG OF PRAISE: “Great Is Thy Faithfulness”**

**TOSB 55**

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P: Let us pray. O Lord make us instruments of Your peace that we share with all other people the gift of Your love and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit; one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

*Joseph provides for his brothers and family.*

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.

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. And now do not be distressed or angry with yourselves because you sold me here, for God sent me before you to preserve life. 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. And God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. 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. 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. 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. 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.’ And now your eyes see, and the eyes of my brother Benjamin see, that it is my mouth that speaks to you. 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.” Then he fell upon his brother Benjamin's neck and wept, and Benjamin wept upon his neck. And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them. After that his brothers talked with him.

Youth Led Hymn: Rejoice in the Lord Always

TOSB 180

Rejoice in the Lord always and again I say rejoice.

Rejoice in the Lord always and again I say rejoice.

Rejoice, rejoice, and again I say rejoice.

Rejoice, rejoice, and again I say rejoice..

## GOSPEL

Luke 9:37-43

### *The Healing of a Boy With an Evil Spirit*

On the next day, when they had come down from the mountain, a great crowd met him. And behold, a man from the crowd cried out, “Teacher, I beg you to look at my son, for he is my only child. And behold, a spirit seizes him, and he suddenly cries out. It convulses him so that he foams at the mouth, and shatters him, and will hardly leave him. And I begged your disciples to cast it out, but they could not.” Jesus answered, “O faithless and twisted generation, how long am I to be with you and bear with you? Bring your son here.” While he was coming, the demon threw him to the ground and convulsed him. But Jesus rebuked the unclean spirit and healed the boy, and gave him back to his father. And all were astonished at the majesty of God.

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### CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Haley Bentsen

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### SERMON HYMN: *On Eagle's Wings*

TOSB 155

You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord  
who abide in His shadow for life  
Say to the Lord, “My refuge, my Rock in whom I trust.  
And He will raise you up on eagle wings  
Bear you on the breath of dawn,  
Make you to shine like the sun,  
And hold you in the palm of His hand.

The snare of the fowler will never capture you,  
and famine will bring you no fear  
under His wings your refuge,  
His faithfulness your shield  
And He will raise you up on eagle wings  
Bear you on the breath of dawn,  
Make you to shine like the sun,  
And hold you in the palm of His hand.

You need not fear the terror of the night,  
not the arrow that flies by day,  
though thousands fall about you,  
near you it shall not come.  
And He will raise you up on eagle wings  
Bear you on the breath of dawn,  
Make you to shine like the sun,  
And hold you in the palm of His hand.

For to His angels He's given a command  
to guard you in all of your ways;  
upon their hands they will bear you up,  
lest you dash your foot against a stone.  
And He will raise you up on eagle wings  
Bear you on the breath of dawn,  
Make you to shine like the sun,  
And hold you in the palm of His hand.

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**SERMON**

“A Cure for Can't”

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## CREED

**C: I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.  
And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead.  
He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God, the  
Father Almighty.  
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the  
communion of saints,  
The forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life  
everlasting. Amen.**

## CHURCH OFFICERS

### OFFERING

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#### OFFERTORY

How Great Thou Art  
by Stuart K. Hine  
*Performed by Clara Stanley*

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### PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH (A Bidding Prayer)

P: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: For the gift of divine peace and of pardon, with all our heart and with  
all our mind, let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: For the Holy Christian Church, here and scattered throughout the world, and for the proclamation of the Gospel and the calling of all to faith, let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: For this nation, for our cities and communities, and for the common welfare of us all, let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: For seasonable weather and for the fruitfulness of the earth, let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: For those who labor, for those whose work is difficult or dangerous, and for all who travel, let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: For all those in need, for the hungry and homeless, for the widowed and orphaned, and for all those in prison, let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: For the sick and dying and for all those who care for them, let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: For . . . [*additional bids for prayer may be inserted here*] . . . let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: Finally, for these and for all our needs of body and soul, let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Amen.**

## LORD'S PRAYER

## BENEDICTION

P: The blessing of God Almighty—the Father, who gave His Son for the life of the world; the Son, who has revealed to us God's grace, mercy and love; and the Spirit, by whose fruit we are seen to be children of God—bless you now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

## CLOSING HYMN: *For the Beauty of the Earth*

*LBW 561*

For the beauty of the earth, For the beauty of the skies,  
For the love which from our birth Over and around us lies;  
Christ our Lord, to you we raise This our sacrifice of praise.

For the wonder of each hour, Of the day and of the night,  
Hill and vale and tree and flow'r, Sun and moon and stars of light:  
Christ our Lord, to you we raise This our sacrifice of praise.

For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's delight,  
For the mystic harmony Linking sense to sound and sight:  
Christ our Lord, to you we raise This our sacrifice of praise.

For the joy of human love, Brother, sister, parent, child,  
Friends on earth and friends above; For all gentle thoughts and mild:  
Christ our Lord, to you we raise This our sacrifice of praise.

For yourself, best gift divine To the world so freely giv'n:  
Agent of God's grand design, Peace on earth and joy in heav'n  
Christ our Lord, to you we raise This our sacrifice of praise.

## EXTENDING PEACE:

Love INC.

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**POST-SERVICE MUSIC**