

How
are the
dead
raised?

1 Corinthians 15:35

Seventh Sunday After the Epiphany

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Our Mission

“To Know Jesus and to Make Him Known”

Our Vision

Educate, Equip and Encourage ourselves and our families through worship and study, and engage our community through discipleship, example and Acts of Kindness, using the unique gifts bestowed on each member of our congregation by the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Worship Information

Parents with Young Children: We encourage families to worship together.

Worship Bulletin: Our order of service is printed out in your worship folder.

Worship Form: There are 5 “Movements” in our Worship.

- God grants us the gift of forgiveness.
- God speaks to us from His Word.
- God receives our offerings and prayers.
- God offers us His real presence in Holy Communion.
- God blesses us and sends us out.

Communion: Please read the Statement of Communion below.

(If you are **gluten intolerant** please speak with Pastor or an elder prior to the worship service so we can accommodate you.)

STATEMENT OF COMMUNION

BECAUSE THE WORD OF GOD TEACHES THAT:

- We are all sinners in need of forgiveness.
- Jesus is our only Savior from sin through His death and resurrection.
- The True Body and Blood of Christ is present in the Sacrament of the Holy Communion



Please see Pastor if you have any questions about this or do not believe in the Lord's Supper in this way. You are welcome to come forward for a blessing if you are not communing.


- Please see Pastor if there is something going on in your life that needs the attention of Christ in private confession *and* absolution.

AS WE GATHER-- Today's Old Testament Reading is the account of Joseph forgiving his brothers, who had sold him into slavery years earlier. Is it possible for us to forgive as he did? Joseph learned to trust in God and how He would arrange things. God has arranged everything for us too! The resurrection of Jesus is beyond our understanding but not beyond our comprehension. So Paul tries to explain about heavenly beings. We don't know much about them, but we can forgive because our Lord went a lot farther than we are called to follow, into death, for God to forgive us. Today Word and Sacrament strengthen us to follow His example in daily living.

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WITNESS AND OUTREACH-- Luke 6:27-38: Loving our enemies is one of the most difficult things for sinful people like us to do. Our sinful nature would rather hate, get even with, or hold grudges against our enemies. Yet, by the Holy Spirit's help, the love that we share with our enemies may be the example and witness that leads someone else to see the love that God has for them in Christ Jesus.

WELCOME to GUESTS & VISITORS
Hymns will be from the Lutheran Service Book (LSB).

✠ PREPARATION ✠

 **HYMN** "Children of the Heavenly Father" LSB 725

INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
People: Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES *1 Corinthians 15:21–22, 42*

Pastor: As by a man came death,
People: **by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead.**
Pastor: As in Adam all die,
People: **so also in Christ shall all be made alive.**
Pastor: What is sown is perishable;
People: **what is raised is imperishable.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION *Luke 6:27, 32, 37*

Pastor: Confident of our Lord's victory over death, leading all who follow Him by faith, let us confess our sins.
"Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you." We confess our failure to love our enemies, O Lord.

People: We have responded to them as they have dealt with us. We have not done to them as we wish they would have done to us. Forgive us, Father.

Pastor: “If you love those who love you, what benefit is that to you?” We confess our giving preference to people who are like us.

People: We have loved those near and dear to us and have dealt with others without love and mercy. Forgive us, Lord Jesus.


Pastor: “Judge not, and you will not be judged.” We confess our judgment of people we think are not up to the standards we think we can meet.

People: We have failed to pass on the forgiveness we have received from You, O Holy Spirit. Forgive us, Lord our God.

Pastor: “Forgive, and you will be forgiven.” Your sins have been forgiven by the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ! As a called and ordained servant of His, I therefore forgive you in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

✠ WORD ✠

 **HYMN OF PRAISE** “Entrust Your Days and Burdens” LSB 754, vs.1,6

SALUTATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.
People: And also with you.

FIRST READING *Genesis 45:3–15* (Joseph explains to his brothers that God is really in control of all things, including their selling him into slavery.)

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

PSALM *Psalms 103:1–13* (A Psalm of David)

EPISTLE *1 Corinthians 15:21–26, 30–42* (“What is sown is perishable; what is raised is imperishable.”)

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

 **CHILDREN’S MESSAGE**

HOLY GOSPEL *Luke 6:27–38* (Jesus preaches about loving our enemies, beggars we meet, and others.)

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the sixth chapter.

People: **Glory to You, O Lord.**

(The Gospel is read.)

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to You, O Christ.**



HYMN

“Love in Christ Is Strong and Living”

LSB 706

SERMON

CREED *Nicene Creed*

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: Let us pray for ourselves, our friends and family, the nations of the world, and our enemies.

For the church, people gathered around Word and Sacrament, those who serve professionally that they reflect the Gospel they proclaim, and those who serve their family and friends quietly, that God remind them that they are indeed His children, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Pastor: For the nations of this world and their leaders, that God use them for the good of all and that they serve both the influencers and those who have been forgotten by society, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Pastor: For artists and craftspeople, musicians and actors, that they use their gifts to the glory of God, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Pastor: For troops deployed and police at home, for first responders and health professionals and volunteers that their efforts bring about healing and peace, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Pastor: For those near and dear to us, [including . . .], that God give them health and healing, recovery and remission, solace and peace, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Pastor: For ourselves and our congregation, that God refresh and renew our resolve to spread the Gospel, love the people around us, and serve Him with all the resources He provides, For Beautiful Savior and the next Pastor you will lead to us, we pray, Lord, that you will bless his current ministry and give us patience and faith while we wait. Lord, be with our call committee and congregation throughout the process, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Pastor: Into Your hands, gracious Father, we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, grace, and compassion, for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: Amen.

OFFERTORY (in offering plate at entrance to sanctuary)



HYMN

“Let the Vineyards be Fruitful” LSB 955

✠ SACRAMENT ✠

PREFACE *2 Timothy 4:22*

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.



SANCTUS “Holy, Holy, Holy” LSB 161

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might:
Heaven and earth are full of Your glory.
Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on us and sent Your only-begotten Son to save us. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by His death on the cross. Strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit that we may faithfully eat His body and drink His blood. Then gather us together with all the faithful to celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: **Amen.**

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD *Matthew 26:26–28; Mark 14:22–24; Luke 22:19–20; 1 Corinthians 11:23–25*

Pastor: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: “Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me.”
In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: “Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST *1 Corinthians 11:26; Rev. 22:20*

Pastor: As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord’s death until He comes.

People: **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

Pastor: O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

LORD'S PRAYER *Matthew 6:9–13*

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.

PAX DOMINI

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: **And also with you. Amen.**



AGNUS DEI “Lamb of God” LSB 163

Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

See LSB 329: Christian Questions with Their Answers prepared by Dr. Martin Luther for those who intend to go to the Sacrament.



NOTE: Pastor will come around again, offering the COMMON CUP.



DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

“Your Table I Approach” LSB 628

“Where Charity and Love Prevail” LSB 845

“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling” LSB 700

COMMUNION DISMISSAL

Pastor: Now this, the Body and Blood of Christ, crucified, risen and ascended, strengthen you, nourish you and keep you steadfast in the true faith to life everlasting. Depart in peace.

People: **Amen.**

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Let us pray. We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift,

People: **and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another;**

Pastor: through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and

reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

BENEDICTION *Numbers 6:24–26*

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you.
 The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
 The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

People: Amen.



HYMN

“What Is the World to Me”

LSB 730

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SENDING

Pastor: Go in peace! Serve the Lord!

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Creative Worship for the Lutheran Parish, Series C, Quarter 1.

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NEXT WEEK’S READINGS:

OLD TESTAMENT READING Deuteronomy 34:1-12

EPISTLE Hebrews 3:1-6

HOLY GOSPEL Luke 9:28-36

TITHE & OFFERING – our sacrifice of thanksgiving to the Lord

Our “**tithes**” are our first fruits returned to God in proportional, joyful, thankful and faithful response to His grace. “**Offerings**” are special gifts for ministries, memorials and needs over and above the tithe.

(If you are a guest, we welcome you as a guest. Please do not feel obligated to give an offering unless you feel moved to do so by the Spirit.)

January Financial Recap:

January Givings (Thank you!) \$10,297.15

Monthly Need: \$17,812.08

Shortage: - \$ 7,514.93

Parking Lot Project:

\$65,775.00

Goal: \$100,000

Scrip profit from 2/10/25 - 2/16/25: \$13.00

Life Quotes: February 23 “Handmade by the one true God and designed in His image, we are inherently valuable, not only for this life but for all of eternity.” *Michelle Bauman, Y4Life – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*

CALENDAR:

Mondays—6pm Women’s Bible Study @ BSLC

Tuesdays—9am Orphan Grain Train packing

Fridays—10-11:30am, Friday morning Bible study **will resume March 7th**

March 4—1pm, Sewing Eye Pockets for Kenya Mission, & Hymnal Ribbons

March 4—Grief Share begins, 4-6:30pm

March 5—6:30pm Ash Wednesday worship

March 7—6:30pm, Family Fellowship: Game Night at Church



Next Friday Study: Pastor Dan will lead “You are Never Alone” based on a book by Max Lucado. This study explores Christ’s miracles and how He is still at work in our lives. When life feels depleted, does God care? I’m facing an onslaught of challenges, will God help? When life grows dark and story, does God notice? I’m facing the fear of death, will God help me? The answer in the life-giving miracles in the Gospel of John is a resounding yes! **We will begin March 7th (NO Friday class will take place Feb. 28th).**

Sewing Opportunity: March 4th at 1 pm. after the OGT potluck we will have a sewing session for eye pockets. Bring your sewing machine and join us. These eye pockets will be going to Matt Holman (Karen and Joe's son) who will be going to Kenya on May 29th with the Trinity Ablaze group. They conduct eye exams to see if people need glasses. Each person who gets a pair of glasses gets an eye pocket. They also hear about Jesus when they are there. Not a sew-er? Ribbon bookmarks for our hymnals will also be assembled that afternoon.

Call Process:

Thank you to the volunteers serving on our Call Committee:

Karol Harris, Marv Hopp, Lee Loomis, David Lutz, Kristi Philhower

Update: The Call Committee met on Tuesday with Pastor Hulke. We have received our list of possible candidates! The next step is going through these names and prayerfully considering who God may be leading to Beautiful Savior to be our next Pastor. Please continue to pray for the man God has already chosen for us. We do not know who that man will be, but God does. The next call Committee meeting will be March 6th at 6:30pm.

Help for the Homeless Hygiene Drive: Feb. 23-March 16. There is a box in the narthex for your donations (all of which will remain in the Stevens Point/Plover area helping those here). Most needed items include deodorant, dental care items, feminine care products, soap, diapers, trash bags, laundry detergent, and other items listed on the poster. Small sized items found at a Dollar Store are perfect. Thank you for your donations.

Grief Share Classes: Starting Tuesday, March 4, 4:30-6pm and the following 13 Tuesdays.



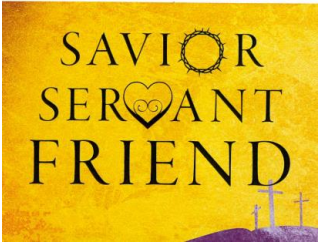
These sessions make it possible for individuals to begin or continue the healing process after the loss of a loved one or dear friend. Pastor Dan will be facilitating each class which has three components:

- 1) Video Seminar with leading grief counselors
- 2) Support Group, discussion about the weekly video content
- 3) Workbook-journaling and personal study exercises that reinforce the weekly session topics using God’s Word as our guide.

The best recruiting for these classes is done by you; this is not just for our members. It is our prayer that you would relay this information to those who you know who are experiencing the hurt of grief that has been recent or long standing. For questions or to register, please speak with Pastor Dan Hinrichs. Pamphlets are available in the narthex.

Join us for **Midweek Lenten Meals and Bible Study** (in place of a more formal worship service): “Savior, Servant, Friend”

Wednesdays:



5:30-6pm Dinner (volunteer for a week: March 19 and 26 are still available?) Some Thrivent funds are available.)

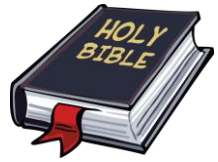
6-7pm Bible Study

This Bible study for Lent explores extraordinary attributes of our Savior, Servant, Friend, Jesus.

<u>March 12:</u>	Lasagna	Session 1: Forgiver
<u>March 19:</u>	Chili	Session 2: Healer
<u>March 26:</u>	Pulled chicken	Session 3: Listener
<u>April 2:</u>	Walking Tacos	Session 4: Encourager
<u>April 9:</u>	Pizza	Session 5: Protector

February 23 – March 1, 2025

Week 9 “Bible in a Year” Questions:



Exodus 6-12:

1. How was the first plague a peculiar trial to the Egyptians (7:14-22)?
2. How far could the magicians imitate Moses and Aaron (8:7, 18)?
3. What did the magicians say when they could go no further (8:19)? Did Pharaoh listen to them?
4. What did the Passover meal consist of and how was it to be eaten (ch.12)?

Job 23-30:

1. In Job 29, Job has a nostalgic review of his former happiness, wealth and honor. What stands out to you in this chapter?
2. In Job 30, the tone changes. Job laments over the loss of everything, especially his honor. What stands out to you here? Can you relate to anything he was feeling?

Luke 9-15:

1. In Luke 9:21, Jesus strictly tells the disciples not to tell anyone who He is. Why?
2. Against what are we warned in Luke 12:13-21 and 12:34?
3. What does it mean to be “rich toward God” (12:21)?
3. What name could be given to the parables of Luke 15? What can we learn from these?

General Questions to consider:

1. What did you learn from this week’s readings?
2. Is there something in these readings that surprised you?
3. What is one passage that encourages or challenges you? How?

Beautiful Savior Lutheran Prayer List : 2/23/2025 – 3/1/2025

Ongoing prayers for Grief & Loss: (Named & Not Named):

Family of Art Holford; Schultz Family; Kubisiak family (Roy's mother passed away); Karen Holman (mother, Rose Janke, passed away); Charlene Kawleski (sister, Kathy, passed away)

Situations:

Suicide Attempts, Cancer, Christian Parenting, Caregivers, AODA (those struggling with alcohol and other substance abuse), those struggling with mental health

Military: Devante; Emily; Nick

Pending Diagnosis & Treatment:

Ken Resch (Father of Julie Barge); Phil Idsvoog; BSLC friend, Sarah, cancer; Jane Dubois; Lynda Helmrick

Hospitalized/Recovering: Sharon Hughes—Hospice; Jack Edgerton (broken arm)

Circuit 17:

St Luke-Rapids (continuing the Call process for a Pastor); Bethlehem-Nekoosa (starting the Call process for a Pastor); **Beautiful Savior as we are in the Call process**

Shut-ins: Mary S.; Anita C.

Birthdays:

2/25 Paul Hansen
2/27 Kyle Wagoner
2/29 Tara Pardon

Baptism Birthdays:

3/1 Jan Higgins

Anniversaries:

Missions:

First Choice Resource Center
Camp Luther
Peace Campus Center & Pastor Andy Weden
St. Paul Lutheran Elementary School
Immanuel Lutheran School
Future Lutheran High School
Wycliffe & Lutheran Bible Translators & Linda Jordan
J.P. & Aimee Cima & Family
Orphan Grain Train Center
Christ Care / Carpenter's Crew

***Please let us know if you
have any prayer requests –
Thank you! ***

Old Testament Reading: Genesis 45:3–15

³Joseph 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.

⁴So 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. 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 yet five years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. ⁷And God 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 tarry. ¹⁰You 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. ¹¹There 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.' ¹²And now your eyes see, and the eyes of my brother Benjamin see, that it is my mouth that speaks to you. ¹³You must tell my father of all my honor in Egypt, and of all that you have seen. Hurry and bring my father down here." ¹⁴Then he fell upon his brother Benjamin's neck and wept, and Benjamin wept upon his neck. ¹⁵And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them. After that his brothers talked with him.

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 15:21–26, 30–42

²¹For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. ²²For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive. ²³But each in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. ²⁴Then comes the end, when he delivers the kingdom to God the Father after destroying every rule and every authority and power. ²⁵For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. ²⁶The last enemy to be destroyed is death. . . .

³⁰Why am I in danger every hour? ³¹I protest, brothers, by my pride in you, which I have in Christ Jesus our Lord, I die every day! ³²What 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." ³³Do not be deceived: "Bad company ruins good morals." ³⁴Wake 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.

³⁵But someone will ask, "How are the dead raised? With what kind of body do they come?" ³⁶You foolish person! What you sow does not come to life unless it dies. ³⁷And what you sow is not the body that is to be, but a bare kernel, 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. ³⁹For not all flesh is the same, but there is one kind for humans, another for animals, another for birds, and another for fish. ⁴⁰There 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. ⁴¹There 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.

⁴²So is it with the resurrection of the dead. What is sown is perishable; what is raised is imperishable.

Holy Gospel: Luke 6:27–38

²⁷[Jesus said:] "But I say to you who hear, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, ²⁸bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. ²⁹To 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. ³⁰Give to everyone who begs from you, and from one who takes away your goods do not demand them back. ³¹And as you wish that others would do to you, do so to them.

³²If you love those who love you, what benefit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. ³³And if you do good to those who do good to you, what benefit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. ³⁴And 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. ³⁵But 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. ³⁶Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful.

³⁷Judge not, and you will not be judged; condemn not, and you will not be condemned; forgive, and you will be forgiven; ³⁸give, 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."



About the Cover: Tombstones bear testimony to the sting that death still inflicts on this world. However, it could not hold Christ in the tomb. His tomb remains empty to this day. He has conquered sin, death, and the devil. At the day of His return and judgment, all shall be bodily raised to stand before the Lord. But we, the church, will be rejoicing over death's defeat and loss of its sting because Christ's forgiveness, life, and salvation is already ours today by faith.