

**Gethsemane Lutheran Church  
Denny Deeter  
February 20, 2022  
Seventh Sunday after Epiphany**

**Welcome to worship today.** Our prayer is that we may meet our holy God in song, word, activity and prayer.

**Introduction**

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 God's glory revealed in Christ.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

*[Congregation's responses are printed in **BOLD** type.]*

## PRELUDE

### GATHERED

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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 bathe 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.**

## HYMN

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# All Creatures, Worship God Most High! vs. 1-4



- 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: Al-le - lu - ia, al-le -  
 care, praise God in col - ors bright and rare:  
 fears; still make your song a - mid the tears:



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

## 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.

## **FED**

### **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.

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. 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 five more years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. 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 delay. 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. 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.’” And 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 READING    Psalm 37:1-11, 39-40    (read responsively)**

Do not fret because of the wicked; do not be envious of wrongdoers,  
**for they will soon fade like the grass, and wither like the green herb.**

Trust in the LORD, and do good; so you will live in the land, and enjoy security.

**Take delight in the LORD, and he will give you the desires of your**

**heart.**

Commit your way to the LORD; trust in him, and he will act.

**He will make your vindication shine like the light, and the justice of your cause like the noonday.**

Be still before the LORD, and wait patiently for him; do not fret over those who prosper in their way, over those who carry out evil devices.

**Refrain from anger, and forsake wrath. Do not fret — it leads only to evil.**

For the wicked shall be cut off, but those who wait for the LORD shall inherit the land.

**Yet a little while, and the wicked will be no more; though you look diligently for their place, they will not be there.**

But the meek shall inherit the land, and delight themselves in abundant prosperity.

**The salvation of the righteous is from the LORD; he is their refuge in the time of trouble.**

The LORD helps them and rescues them; he rescues them from the wicked, and saves them, because they take refuge in him.

## **SECOND READING 1 Corinthians 15:35-38, 42-50**

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

So it is with the resurrection of the dead. What is sown is perishable, what is raised is imperishable. It is sown in dishonor, it is raised in glory. It is sown in weakness, it is raised in power. It is sown a physical body, it is raised a spiritual body. If there is a physical body, there is also a spiritual body. Thus it is written, “The first man, Adam, became a living being”; the last Adam became a life-giving spirit. But it is not the spiritual that is first, but the physical, and then the spiritual. The first man was from the earth, a man of dust; the second man is from heaven. 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

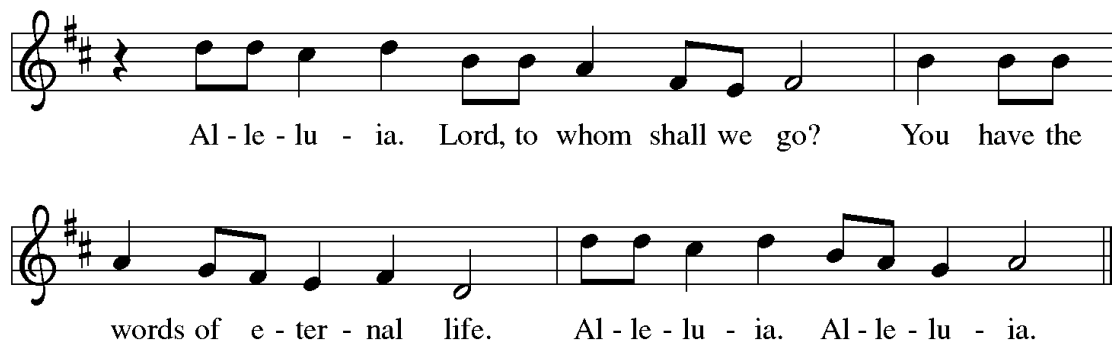
are of heaven. Just as we have borne the image of the man of dust, we will also bear the image of the man of heaven.

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.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



## HOLY GOSPEL: Luke 6:27-38

The holy Gospel according to Luke, the 6th chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

“But I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. 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. Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. Do to others as you would have them do to you.

“If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. If you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. If 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. 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. Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.

“Do not judge, and you will not be judged; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven; 8give, 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.”

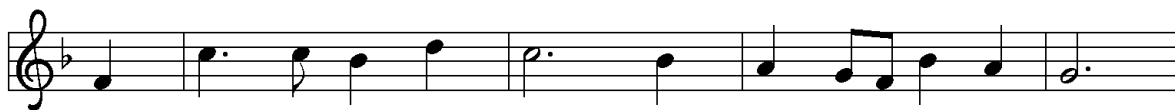
The gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## SERMON

## HYMN

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## Oh, Praise the Gracious Power vs. 1-5



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!

## APOSTLES' CREED

Together let us confess our faith using the words of the Apostles' 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**

Each prayer petition ends,    God of grace,  
Our response, **hear our prayer.**

### **THE PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you all.

**And also with you.**

*You may share the peace of Christ with one another*

### **OFFERTORY 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.**

### **GREAT THANKSGIVING**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**



Lift up your hearts.

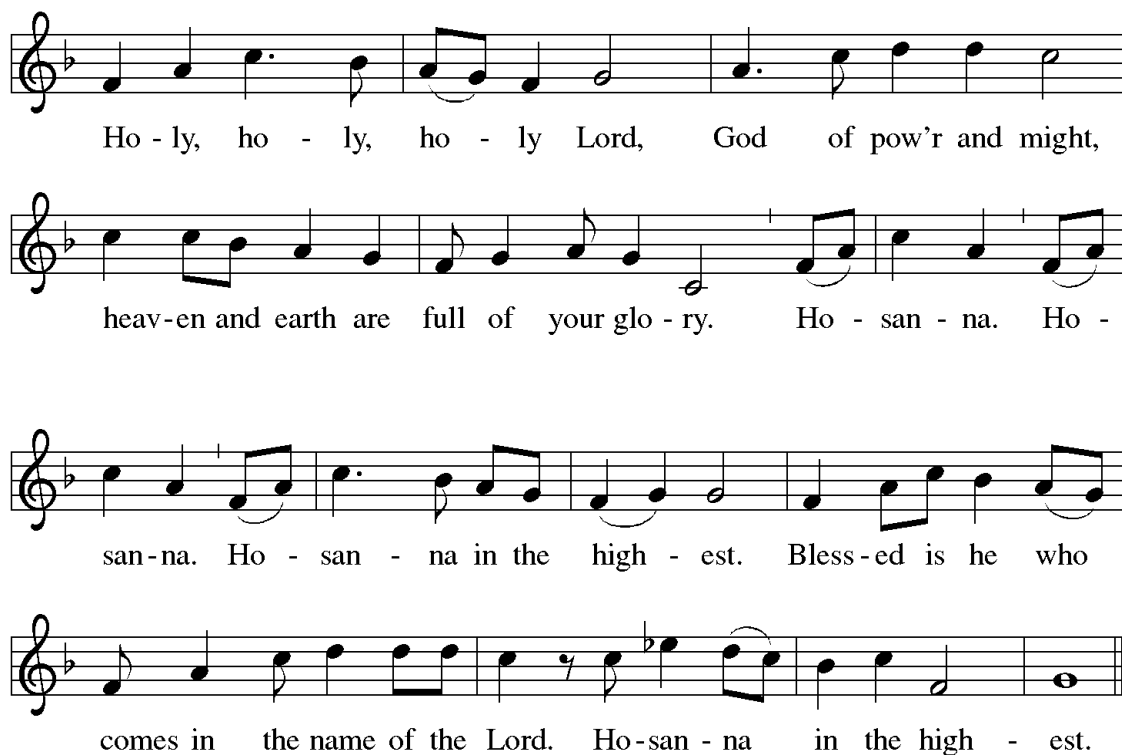
**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,.....

we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,  
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -  
san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who  
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

## **THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE**

Holy One, the beginning and the end, the giver of life:.....

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

We look with hope for his coming.

**Come, Lord Jesus.**

Bring the gift of peace on earth.

**Come, Holy Spirit.**

.....Power of the Most High, one God, now and forever.  
**Amen.**

## **LORD'S PRAYER**

**Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins**

**as we forgive those  
who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours,  
now and forever. Amen.**

## **DISTRIBUTION OF THE SACRAMENT**

Assisting Minister will be communed first so that those on Zoom can partake in the communion before the congregation:

The Body of Christ given for you.  
The Blood of Christ shed for you.

The musical notation is written on four staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like. The lyrics are written below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across notes. The first staff ends with a double bar line. The second staff begins with a repeat sign. The third staff ends with a double bar line. The fourth staff begins with a repeat sign and ends with a double bar line.

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have  
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the  
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
sin of the world; grant us peace.

## **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.**

## **SENT**

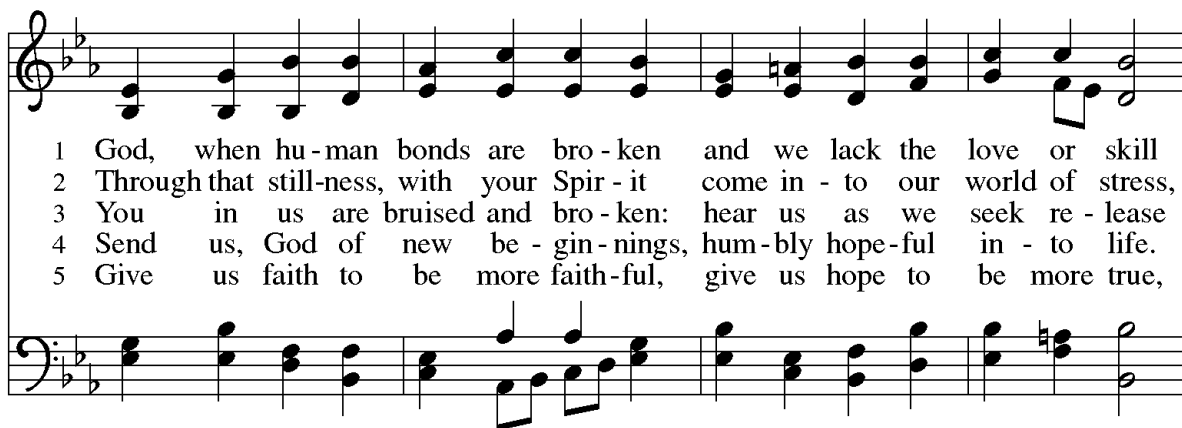
## **BENEDICTION**

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.**

**HYMN**

**603**

**God, when Human Bonds Are Broken**



1 God, when hu-man bonds are bro-ken and we lack the love or skill  
 2 Through that still-ness, with your Spir-it come in-to our world of stress,  
 3 You in us are bruised and bro-ken: hear us as we seek re-lease  
 4 Send us, God of new be-gin-nings, hum-bly hope-ful in-to life.  
 5 Give us faith to be more faith-ful, give us hope to be more true,



to re-store the hope of heal-ing, give us grace and make us still.  
 for the sake of Christ for-giv-ing all the fail-ures we con-fess.  
 from the pain of ear-lier liv-ing; set us free and grant us peace.  
 Use us as a means of bless-ing: make us stron-ger, give us faith.  
 give us love to go on learn-ing: God, en-cour-age and re-new!

## DISMISSAL

Go with Christ into a weary world. Share the good news.

**Gathered by the Spirit**

**Fed by Jesus**

**Sent to live God's Love**

## POSTLUDE

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Texts for February 27 2022: Exodus 34:29-35; Psalm 99; 2 Corinthians  
 3:12—4:2; Luke 9:28-43a

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**The attendance** on at last week services was 21 in Church and 4 on Zoom.

### **Calendar for the Week**

**Wednesday February 23** – Bible Study at 7:00pm via Zoom. Dennis Frick will send out the invite.

### **Upcoming Events**

**Monday, February 28** - Shared Ministry meeting for Bethany and Gethsemane at 6:30 p.m. at Bethany.

**Wednesday, March 2** - 7:00 pm - Ash Wednesday Service at Gethsemane - in

person and via Zoom (Please see weekly Lenten schedule, below)

### **Irvington Ministerial Association Lenten Schedule**

Gethsemane will again participate in the joint Lenten services of the Irvington churches and we encourage everyone to attend. Each service will begin at 7:00 pm. There will be no soup suppers prior to the services this year.

**March 9** – Gethsemane Lutheran Church / Preacher: Deacon Joel Munoz

**March 16** – Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church / Preacher: Pastor Denise Robinson

**March 23** – Downey Avenue Christian Church / Preacher: Pastor Martin Bornhoeft

**March 30** – Irvington United Methodist Church / Preacher: Father Rick Ginther

**April 6** – St Matthew Episcopal Church / Preacher: Pastor Intern Daren Hube