



*"I am your brother, Joseph...*

**GOD SENT ME**

*before you to preserve life."*

Genesis 45:4-5

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The *Old Testament Reading* from Genesis shows that God has been in the salvation surprise business before, as Joseph's true identity is unveiled to his brothers. Much of what happened to Joseph (and will happen to Jesus) is difficult to watch, and yet Joseph's reflection has not caused him to doubt God's providence or trust in his own determination. Rather, he trusts that God has worked behind the scenes to make him "father," "lord," and "ruler" at just the right time to bring salvation to his family.

There is a Cry Room available for use during our worship service. It is located just outside the sanctuary.

Children Leaving the Sanctuary: This is a matter of caring concern for your child, or the young child that you are responsible for, age 13 or younger. The Board of Lay Ministry asks that if your child needs to leave the sanctuary during the worship service, you as a parent or responsible adult will need to escort them to and from the sanctuary. Thank you

***The Lord's Supper*** is a very special privilege God gives to His people. Because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and

blood unworthily do so to their great harm and because the Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod, and yet desire to receive this sacrament, are asked first to speak with the pastor or an elder.

**OUR OFFERINGS TO THE LORD FROM HIS BLESSINGS TO US**

Offerings remind us of the blessings God has given us and are an opportunity to thank Him for what He has done in our lives. Please place your offerings in our Offering Box located in front of the water fountains in the narthex of the church. You may also choose “e-tithing” by having a weekly deposit to St Paul’s from your bank account. If you have questions on e-tithing, please contact the Church Office.

**Hymn 827** Hark, the Voice of Jesus Calling

**CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

*P* In the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.

*C* **Amen.**

*P* Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

*P* Our help is in the name of the Lord,

*C* **who made heaven and earth.**

*P* I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

*C* **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

*P* O almighty God, merciful Father,

*C* **I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for**

**the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

*P* Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.

*C* **Amen.**

## SERVICE OF THE WORD

### **Introit**

Psalm 37:1-5, 7

*P* Be still before the LORD and wait patiently for Him;

*C* **fret not yourself over the one who prospers in his way.**

*P* Fret not yourself because of evildoers;

*C* **be not envious of wrongdoers!**

*P* For they will soon fade like the grass

*C* **and wither like the green herb.**

*P* Trust in the LORD, and do good;

*C* **dwel in the land and befriend faithfulness.**

*P* Delight yourself in the LORD,

*C* **and He will give you the desires of your heart.**

*P* Commit your way to the LORD;

*C* **trust in Him, and He will act.**

**All: Glory be to the Father and to the Son  
and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now,  
and will be forever. Amen.**

*P* Be still before the LORD and wait patiently for Him;

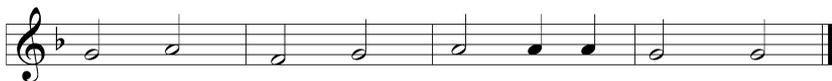
**fret not yourself over the one who prospers in his way.**

## Kyrie

LSB 186



**■** Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -



on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

## Gloria in Excelsis

LSB 187



**■** Glory be to God on high: **■** and on earth peace, good - will toward



men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor - ship Thee,



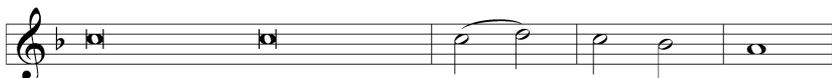
we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.



O Lord God, heav'n - ly King, God the Fa - ther Al - mighty.



O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ;



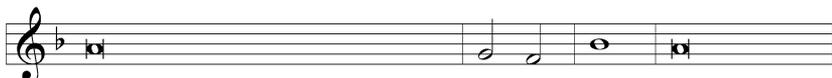
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,



that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up - on us.



Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re - ceive our prayer.



Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up -

on us. For Thou only art holy; Thou on-ly art the Lord.  
 Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Ghost,  
 art most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

**Salutation and Collect of the Day**

P The Lord be with you.

And with thy spir - it.

P Let us pray.

O God, the strength of all who put their trust in You, mercifully grant that by Your power we may be defended against all adversity; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

A - men.

**Old Testament Reading**

Genesis 45:3–15

<sup>3</sup> 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.

<sup>4</sup>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. <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 yet five years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. <sup>7</sup>And 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 tarry. <sup>10</sup>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. <sup>11</sup>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.' <sup>12</sup>And now your eyes see, and the eyes of my brother Benjamin see, that it is my mouth that speaks to you. <sup>13</sup>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." <sup>14</sup>Then he fell upon his brother Benjamin's neck and wept, and Benjamin wept upon his neck. <sup>15</sup>And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them. After that his brothers talked with him.

*P* This is the Word of the Lord.

*C* **Thanks be to God.**

### **Gradual**

Psalm 117 & 1 Chronicles 16:29

*P* Praise the LORD, all nations!

*C* **Extol Him, all peoples!**

*P* For great is His steadfast love toward us,

*C* **and the faithfulness of the LORD endures forever.**

*P* Ascribe to the LORD the glory due His name;

*C* **bring an offering, and come into His courts!**

### **Epistle**

1 Corinthians 15:21–26, 30–42

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

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

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

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

*P* This is the Word of the Lord.

*C* **Thanks be to God.**

**Alleluia**

LSB 190

Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.

**Holy Gospel**

Luke 6:27-38

*P* The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the sixth chapter.

Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

<sup>27</sup>Jesus said: "But I say to you who hear, 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>To 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. <sup>30</sup>Give to everyone who begs from you, and from one who takes away your goods do not demand them back. <sup>31</sup>And as you wish that others would do to you, do so to them.

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

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

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



☐ Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

## **Apostles' 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.**

**Sermon Hymn** My Soul, Now Praise Your Maker

**Sermon** "In Joseph's Shoes"

**Sermon Text:** Genesis 45:3–15

1. Wouldn't you want to stand where Joseph stands right now—

\_\_\_\_\_?

2. But Joseph knew God's plan for him only after years of

\_\_\_\_\_.

3. Only after such struggles by Christ will you be able to

\_\_\_\_\_ God's plan for you.

**Hymn 844** Lord of All Nations, Grant Me Grace

**Prayers**

**Lord's Prayer**

LSB 196

*C* **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.**

**Benedicamus**

LSB 202

*P* Bless we the Lord.



**G** Thanks be to God.

## Benediction

LSB 202

*P* The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.

The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and *T* give you peace.



**C** A-men, a-men, a - men.

## Hymn 917 Savior, Again to Thy Dear Name We Raise

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### Liturgical Corner

**Worship Component:** Post-Communion Collect/Nunc Dimittis

**Scriptural Basis:** Psalm 136, Psalm 118

**Meaning:** Having received forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation, we thank the Lord for His gifts and pray that He will grant us faith to use them in love toward our neighbor. The *Nunc Dimittis* is named after its first words in Latin, meaning *Now you dismiss*.

**Application for Daily Living:** Daily we remember His blessings. In our words and deeds we will tell what He has done.

### Calendar of Events

**TODAY:** ..... **February 20, 2022**

Sunday School & Bible Classes..... 8:30 am

Worship Service.....9:30 am

8<sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation ..... after Church

6<sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation..... 12:00 pm

Adult Basketball in Gym..... 3:00 pm

Bell Choir Practice.....	5:00 pm
Adult Choir Practice.....	6:00 pm
<b>MON:</b>	
No School.....	
Board Meetings.....	7:00 pm
<b>TUES:</b>	
Pastor at The Whitlock.....	10:30 am
Board of Lay Ministry Meeting.....	6:30 pm
Prayer Circle.....	7:00 pm
<b>WEDS:</b>	
Men’s Bible Study.....	6:30 am
Preschool/Day School Chapel.....	11:00 am
<b>THURS:</b>	
Ladies Bible Study.....	9:30 am
<b>NEXT SUNDAY:..... February 27th, 2022</b>	
Sunday School & Bible Classes.....	8:30 am
Worship Service with Communion.....	9:30 am
8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation .....	after Church
6 <sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation.....	12:00 pm
Bell Choir Practice.....	5:00 pm
Adult Choir Practice.....	6:00 pm

**Thank you** to all the “sub-makers”. The subs were delicious!

**Altar flowers** today are given to the glory of our Triune God, in thanksgiving and praise for the 91<sup>st</sup> birthday of Shirley Lakins.

**LWML, Monday, April 11 at 7:00 pm:** Taste of Passover Seder Foods. All are invited to this special time to remember and experience what our Lord has done for us. We will need a count for food preparation so **please** indicate a number of those attending on the forms available near the offering box in the Narthex.

**CHRISTIAN MEN - AWAKE!**

If you're at least 18 years of age, wake up on Wednesday morning every other week and join in a Bible Study at the Bremen Hospital cafeteria conference room at 6:30 A.M.. Enter the cafeteria area entrance on the south side patio to the left of the main entrance portico (presently the covid testing drive-thru). The cafeteria has an excellent breakfast menu and we enjoy our study with discussion and fellowship until 7:30 A.M. Bible study is a means

of strengthening our understanding of God's plan for us and strengthening our faith, which we all can use in the daily challenges we face. Bring your Bible and join us as we study, eat and fellowship! The dates we will meet in 2022 are as follows: 1/12, 1/26, 2/9, 2/23, 3/9, 3/23, 4/6, 4/20, 5/4, 5/18, 6/1, 6/15, 6/29, 7/13, 7/27, 8/10, 8/24, 9/7, 9/21, 10/5, 10/19, 11/2, 11/16, 11/30, 12/14, 12/28

*If you have questions, please contact Dave Burcham or Tom Coxey.*

**Thank you** for your prayers, cards and words of sympathy these past weeks. We rejoice that my mother is now praising God in heaven. "Be thou faithful unto death and I will give thee a crown of life." Rev. 2:10. Anita and Ken Eichinger

**Special Voters' Meeting -The Board of Church Properties** will be holding a special voters' meeting in the sanctuary after the church service on Sunday, February 27th. The meeting will be to discuss the replacement of the school roof, the roof is " + or - " 30 years old and it needs to be repaired or replaced. During the estimate inspections we discovered that it is necessary to have the work done as soon as school is out. This means that we need to get on a roof contractor's schedule now. Please plan to attend.

**The beautiful flowers** that adorned the altar on February 6<sup>th</sup> were given to the glory of our Heavenly Father by Wayne and Robin Spicher in remembrance of the birthday of Caroline Kline and in celebration of Wayne's birthday (February 17<sup>th</sup>). (Many apologies from the church office for missing this in the February 6<sup>th</sup> bulletin.)

**" As Christians**, we are born to bless others by sharing the Gospel, our resources and our very lives to lead others to Christ. The old adage says that failing to plan is planning to fail. We may have a plan in our minds while we are alive, but have you planned how you may bless others (family, ministry, etc.) when you're gone? Come and hear some ideas at the Luncheon hosted by the Board of Stewardship and the LCMS Foundation on Sunday, April 3, 2022 after worship services that day."

If you have questions ask Jim Tinkey, Lori Haug, Brian Denk or Mel Schutz."

**Budget info:** Operating budget fund balance as of February 17, 2022 : \$117,300. This amount represents over 7 weeks of normal day-to-day expenses of the Church and School ministries.

**Women's Retreat 2022** at Camp Lutherhaven was rescheduled for March 25-27. The theme is "What If" and offers a chance to grow in faith, experience Christ's peace, compassion, and belonging, all while enjoying the fellowship of other women. All women are invited. Come join the fun, invite a friend, and enjoy the outdoors! For more information or to register, please visit [www.lutherhaven.org](http://www.lutherhaven.org)

### **Youth News**

A tremendous "Thank You" to everyone who supported our Youth through the recent "Non-Sale Bake Sale" and the sub sandwiches on Super Bowl Sunday. We made over 175 sandwiches, including those delivered throughout town and to some of our shut-ins who were grateful for the opportunity to participate. As a result of your generous support, we collected approximately \$3,000 combined through free will offerings over the last 2 weeks and are nearly 2/3 of the way to our financial goal for the National Youth Gathering. To God be the glory!

Stay tuned for information on additional activities for our Youth (Grades 4 through High School) in the weeks and months ahead as we turn our eyes toward Spring .....

### **School Corner :**

Our preschool has been busy in the weeks following Christmas break. Our students participated in National Lutheran Schools Week and then enjoyed the books read to them by the Reading Buddies from the Day School. Valentine celebrations were held, along with stuffed animal day and sock day.

We continued studies on certain letters and numbers, as well as dental health. Most importantly, we are now learning about the miracles of Jesus as He shows us how to love and serve one another. Please keep our students and their families in your prayers, and tell your family members and friends to check us out for next year!

Praise be to our Lord Jesus!

Mrs. Christie Wonnacott

### **Special School Events**

Reading Challenge is ongoing through February, and Mrs. Wildauer also registered her class in the WSBT22 “I LOVE TO READ CHALLENGE”. Please visit WSBT.com and vote for our school under the search bar: HOMETOWN LIVING, I LOVE TO READ. In both challenges, prizes are awarded to top readers!

Our Preschool through 8<sup>th</sup> grade Open House theme this year is “Camp on Solid Ground at St. Paul’s”, referencing the Bible verse, “Lord I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.” Psalm 26:8. The Open House is scheduled for March 15<sup>th</sup>, 5-7 pm. We will have refreshments and games, with a chance to meet our staff and find out more about St. Paul’s. Please advertise to your family and friends! Enrollment is always open!

### **Servants for Today’s Worship**

Pastor: Rev. Neil Wonnacott

Organist: Anita Eichinger

Ushers: Jim Mitchell & Larry Britt

Acolyte: Sophia and Sara Sahlhoff

Elder: Dennis Sienicki