

Sunday Worship
February 23, 2025
SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

**Do Unto Others As You
Would Have Them Do Unto
You...**

 **The Golden Rule**

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WELCOME TO OUR WORSHIP CELEBRATION!

Thanks for coming to be with us at Zion Lutheran Church. If you are visiting with us for the first time, will you please fill out a visitor card, available in the pew rack in front of you, and drop it in the offering plate. Whether this is your first visit or you worship here regularly, we are delighted that you chose to share with us. We worship together on Saturday at 5:00 p.m. and Sunday at 10:00 a.m. If you have a “prayer request” or a “praise report”, please let the pastor know. God bless you on your journey of faith.

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.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

I Come with Joy

Arr. Burkhardt

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✚ one God, our creator, our protector, our wellspring of life.

C: **Amen.**

P: Trusting that God receives our words and the meditations of our hearts, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Merciful God,

C: **You speak blessing and compassion into the world. Forgive us for the ways we act with judgment, cruelty, or indifference. We ignore the needs of our neighbors; we resist your call to oppose injustice; we give in to scarcity and fear; we assume the worst about one another. Cleanse us from our faults and release us from their grasp. Show us your lovingkindness. Restore our hearts and repair your world, that we may live in Christ's ways. Amen.**

P: God proclaims these words of assurance: "Do not fear, for I have redeemed you. I have called you by name. You are mine." In + Christ, you are forgiven. In the Spirit, you are made free. Refreshed by the waters of mercy, live anew as beloved children of God.

C: Amen.

HYMN Red hymnal #835

All Creatures, Worship God Most High

GREETING / PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Let us pray . . .

C: **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**

HYMN OF PRAISE Red hymnal #99

Glo - ry to God in the high -
est, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.
Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and
Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we
praise you for your glo - ry. Lord Je - sus
Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther,



Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world: have mer - cy on us; you are seat - ed at the
right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.
For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a -
lone are the Lord, you a - lone are the Most High,
Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it, in the glo - ry of
God the Fa - ther. A - men.
Glo - ry to God in the high -
est, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

CHANCEL CHOIR Director Susie Gray
Arranger: Brian Buda

You Shine

THE WORD

FIRST READING: Genesis 45:3-11,15

R: ³Joseph 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.

⁴Then 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. 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 five more years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. ⁷God 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 delay. ¹⁰You 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. ¹¹I 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.'" ¹⁵And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them; and after that his brothers talked with him.

R: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM: Psalm 37:1-11,39-40

R: ¹Do not be provoked by evildoers; do not be jealous of those who do wrong.

C: **²For they shall soon wither like the grass, and like the green grass fade away.**

R: ³Put your trust in the LORD and do good; dwell in the land and find safe pasture.

C: **⁴Take delight in the LORD, who shall give you your heart's desire.**

R: ⁵Commit your way to the LORD; put your trust in the LORD, and see what God will do.

C: **⁶The LORD will make your vindication as clear as the light and the justice of your case like the noonday sun.**

R: ⁷Be still before the LORD and wait patiently. Do not be provoked by the one who prospers, the one who succeeds in evil schemes.

C: **⁸Refrain from anger, leave rage alone; do not be provoked; it leads only to evil.**

R: ⁹For evildoers shall be cut off, but those who hope in the LORD shall possess the land.

C: **¹⁰In a little while the wicked shall be no more; even if you search out their place, they will not be there.**

R: ¹¹But the lowly shall possess the land; they will delight in abundance of peace.

C: ³⁹**But the deliverance of the righteous comes from You, O LORD; You are their stronghold in time of trouble.**

R: ⁴⁰You, O LORD, will help them and rescue them; You will rescue them from the wicked and deliver them, because in You they seek refuge

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

R: ³⁵But someone will ask, "How are the dead raised? With what kind of body do they come?" ³⁶Fool! What you sow does not come to life unless it dies. ³⁷And 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. ³⁸But God gives it a body as he has chosen, and to each kind of seed its own body. ⁴²So it is with the resurrection of the dead. What is sown is perishable, what is raised is imperishable. ⁴³It is sown in dishonor, it is raised in glory. It is sown in weakness, it is raised in power. ⁴⁴It is sown a physical body, it is raised a spiritual body. If there is a physical body, there is also a spiritual body. ⁴⁵Thus it is written, "The first man, Adam, became a living being"; the last Adam became a life-giving spirit. ⁴⁶But it is not the spiritual that is first, but the physical, and then the spiritual. ⁴⁷The first man was from the earth, a man of dust; the second man is from heaven. ⁴⁸As 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. ⁴⁹Just as we have borne the image of the man of dust, we will also bear the image of the man of heaven. ⁵⁰What I am saying, brothers and sisters, is this: flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable.

R: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Repeat alleluia

Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

HOLY GOSPEL

P: The Gospel according to **Luke 6:27-38**

C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

P: [Jesus said:] ²⁷"But I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, ²⁸bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. ²⁹If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. ³⁰Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. ³¹Do to others as you would have them do to you. ³²"If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. ³³If you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. ³⁴If 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. ³⁵But 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. ³⁶Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful. ³⁷"Do not judge, and you will not be judged; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven; ³⁸give, 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."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SERMON Pastor Jaren Summers

HYMN Purple Hymnal #1062

Build a Longer Table

RESPONSE TO GOD'S WORD

APOSTLE'S CREED

P: Let us confess our faith.

C: **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe 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 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 again 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 (*Response after each petition*)

P: Lord in your mercy,

C: **Hear our prayer . . .**

OFFERING—Invitation—God’s Work Continues

OFFERTORY SONG #113

Now Lord



Now, Lord, you let your ser-vant go in peace: your word has been ful -



filled. My own eyes have seen the sal - va - tion which you have pre-pared in the



sight of ev - 'ry peo - ple: a light to re-veal you to the na - tions



and the glo - ry of your peo - ple Is - ra - el.



Now, Lord, you let your ser - vant go in peace.

COMMUNION PREFACE #107 & 108

Great Thanksgiving

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts

C: **We lift them to the Lord**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise...we praise your name and join their unending hymn.

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

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

LORD'S PRAYER

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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION *(All who confess Jesus as their Lord and Savior and believe in the real presence of Christ in the sacrament are invited to receive Holy Communion.)*

BLESSING

P: The Spirit of the triune God + bless you with joy, anoint you with compassion, and send you in love.

C: Amen.

DISMISSAL

P: What is the mission of Zion Lutheran Church?

C: **The mission of Zion Lutheran Church is:
“Serving Christ through serving others.”**

P: Go in peace. Live in hope.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

Son of God, Eternal Savior

Arr. Burkhardt

*The altar flowers are given to the honor and glory of God
by Phil Elliott in memory of Boots.*

*Prayer concerns for Zion’s prayer chain may be submitted
using a ‘Prayer Request’ card from the pew rack.*

In Helpful Service

Acolyte	Noah Garvic
Pastor	Jaren Summers
Reader	Jeffrey Slyman
Communion Assist	Bob Keppel
Usher	George Hackbardt & Phil Elliott
Greeter	Linda Holt
Bell Ringer	Youth Sunday School

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ASH WEDNESDAY March 5th. 11:00 am - 1:00 pm - Pastor Summers will be at our portico to administer ashes on folks who wish to drive up. At **7:00 pm** we will have a traditional service.

CLOTHESLINE MEETING March 10th at 10:30 to continue planning for our annual dinner. If you cannot attend, please call Sharon Byrd at 937-667-1003 and leave your name and phone number.

BUNCO RETURNS Saturday, March 15th at 6:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall.. Pizza will be provided with a love offering to cover the cost. Please bring a snack to share and your own beverages. If you don’t know how to play, no worries, we will teach you. It’s easy and fun! **Sign up** in the fellowship hallway.

FEBRUARY TIDINGS are available on the round table in the Narthex.

FOOD PANTRY COLLECTION is the first Sunday of every month. Donations of non-perishable food items can be placed in the green barrel in the Walnut Street entrance. Needy Baskets picks up the items and distributes the food to those in need in our community.

THANK OFFERING will be collected in the back of the church by the Women of Zion. Money will be used to support the Good Samaritan Fund here at Zion which assists those in our community who need help paying rent, utilities, medical, gas etc.

MEMORIAL: Zion's former pastor, Jeff Glawe, recently lost his mother Lois. He and Jackie are supporting a ministry called "Matthew 25:40", whose mission is "Empowering Children to Escape Poverty through Education". It was suggested that this might be a good recipient of memorial gifts in Lois' name. You can donate by going to the website www.matthew2540.net and clicking on "Click Here to Sponsor a Child". There are several giving options besides sponsoring a child. They aren't set up to acknowledge memorial gifts so you will have to advise Glawes yourself.

GATHER: MIAMI VALLEY is going BOWLING - Next Tuesday, February 25 at 7:00 pm. Meet at The Roll House, 6170 Brandt Pike in Huber Heights. Gather: Miami Valley will pay for a few lanes for us to all bowl for an hour and then we can hang out there for a bit afterwards as well. Please feel free to invite your friends and we will look forward to seeing you there!

THIS WEEK AT ZION

Sunday, February 23	Randall Residence Outreach 5:00 pm	WoZ Valentine Video Night
Monday, February 24	10:30 am 3:30 pm 6:30 pm	Mission Quilts TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) Scouts
Tuesday, February 25	10:00 am 8:00 pm	Mission Quilts AA Meeting
Wednesday, February 26	7:00 pm	Choir Rehearsal

LENTEN SCHEDULE

Midweek Lenten Service

Wednesday, March 26th - 6:00 p.m.

Palm Sunday

Saturday, April 12th - 5:00 p.m.

Sunday, April 13th - 10:00 a.m.

Maundy Thursday Service

Thursday, April 17th – 7:00 p.m.

Good Friday Service

Friday, April 18th – 7:00 p.m.

Easter Sunday

Saturday, April 19th - 5:00 p.m.

Sunday, April 20th - 10:00 a.m.



Staff

Jaren Summers, *Pastor*; Bill Jones & Susie Gray, *Choir Directors*;
Lori Sebastian, *Organist*; Jessica Dorn, *Christian Education Director*;
Annette Calicoat, *Office Admin*; Sue Rambeau, *Treasurer*;
Tina Putnam, *Custodian*