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7th Sunday after Epiphany

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First Miracle



Lasting Impressions



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¹Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name!
²Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits, ³who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases, ⁴who redeems your life from the pit, who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy, ⁵who satisfies you with good so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's. ⁶The Lord works righteousness and justice for all who are oppressed. ⁷He made known his ways to Moses, his acts to the people of Israel. ⁸The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. ⁹He will not always chide, nor will he keep his anger forever. ¹⁰He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities. ¹¹For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him; ¹²as far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us. ¹³As a father shows compassion to his children, so the Lord shows compassion to those who fear him.

Order of Divine Worship

Hymn: TLH #134 "Songs of Thankfulness and Praise"

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

C ♪ A - - - men.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION:

P Pastor

C Congregation

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. 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 Thou forgavest the iniquity of my sin.**

P Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto You that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against You by thought, word, and deed. Wherefore we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

C **O most merciful God, who hast given Thine only-begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Thy Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of Thee and of Thy will and true obedience to Thy Word, to the end that by Thy grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

P Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and has given His only Son to die for us and for His sake forgives us all our sins. To those

who believe in His name He gives power to become the sons of God and has promised them His Holy Spirit. He who believes and is baptized shall be saved. Grant this, Lord, unto us all.

C ♪ A --- men.

INTROIT

Psalm 37:1-5

P Be still before the Lord and wait patiently for him; fret not yourself over the one who prospers in his way.

C Fret not yourself because of evildoers; be not envious of wrongdoers!

P For they will soon fade like the grass and wither like the green herb.

C Trust in the Lord, and do good; dwell in the land and befriend faithfulness.

P Delight yourself in the Lord, and he will give you the desires of your heart.

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

GLORIA PATRI

Latin for "Glory be to the Father"

C Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther and to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost;

as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and ev-er shall be, world with-out end. A-men.

The musical score consists of two systems of staves. The first system has a treble and bass staff. The second system also has a treble and bass staff. The lyrics are placed between the staves.

VERSE OF THE DAY

Luke 6:36

P Alleluia. Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful. Alleluia.

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

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

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C ♪ All glory be to God on high, Who hath our race befriended! To us no harm shall now come nigh, The strife at last is ended. God showeth His good will to men, And peace shall reign on earth again; O thank Him for His goodness!

P 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.

C ♪ A - - - men.

OLD TESTAMENT READING – Isaiah 62:1-5 For Zion’s sake I will not hold My peace, And for Jerusalem’s sake I will not rest, Until her righteousness goes forth as brightness, And her salvation as a lamp that burns. 2 The Gentiles shall see your righteousness, And all kings your glory. You shall be called by a new name, Which the mouth of the Lord will name. 3 You shall also be a crown of glory In the hand of the Lord, And a royal diadem In the hand of your God. 4 You shall no longer be termed Forsaken, Nor shall your land any more be termed Desolate; But you shall be called Hephzibah, and your land Beulah; For the Lord delights in you, And your land shall be married. 5 For as a young man marries a virgin, So shall your sons marry you; And as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride, So shall your God rejoice over you.

GOSPEL LESSON – Luke 3:15-20 Now as the people were in expectation, and all reasoned in their hearts about John, whether he was the Christ or not, 16 John answered, saying to all, “I indeed baptize you with water; but One mightier than I is coming, whose sandal strap I am not worthy to loose. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. 17 His winnowing fan is in His hand, and He will thoroughly clean out His threshing floor, and gather the wheat into His barn; but the chaff He will burn with unquenchable fire.” 18 And with many other exhortations he preached to the people. 19 But Herod the tetrarch, being rebuked by him concerning Herodias, his brother Philip’s wife, and for all the evils which Herod had done, 20 also added this, above all, that he shut John up in prison.

CONFESSION OF FAITH

The Apostles’ Creed

I believe in God the Father almighty, maker 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 into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there 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.

Hymn: TLH #364

“How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds”

SERMON – John 2:1-11 On the third day a wedding took place at Cana in Galilee. Jesus’ mother was there, and Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. When the wine was gone, Jesus’ mother said to him, “They have no more wine.” “Dear woman, why do you involve me?” Jesus replied. “My time has not yet come.” His mother said to the servants, “Do whatever he tells you.” Nearby stood six stone water jars, the kind used by the Jews for ceremonial washing, each holding from twenty to thirty gallons. Jesus said to the servants, “Fill the jars with water”; so they filled them to the brim. Then he told them, “Now draw some out and take it to the master of the banquet.” They did so, and the master of the banquet tasted the water that had been turned into wine. He did not realize where it had come from, though the servants who had drawn the water knew. Then he called the bridegroom aside and said, “Everyone brings out the choice wine first and then the cheaper wine after the guests have had too much to drink; but you have saved the best till now.” This, the first of his miraculous signs, Jesus performed at Cana in Galilee. He thus revealed his glory, and his disciples put their faith in him.

FIRST MIRACLE, LASTING IMPRESSIONS

OFFERTORY

- ☩ ♪ Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.**

- OFFERING OF THANKFUL HEARTS -

Followed immediately by the Offering Hymn printed below:

Grant us hearts, dear Lord, to yield Thee- Gladly, freely, of Thine own; With the sunshine of Thy goodness Melt our thankless hearts of stone Till our cold and selfish natures, Warmed by Thee, at length believe That more happy and more blessed 'Tis to give than to receive.

PRAYERS & the BENEDICTION

Numbers 6:24-26

- 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 give you His peace.
- Amen, amen, a – men.

✠ Announcements ✠

Pastor Fossum Pastor Fossum will be returning to preach March 6 for communion Sunday. There will be Bible Class at 9:15 a.m. He will be conducting Orlando service the following Sunday, March 13 and returning for the Winter Haven service at 10:15 a.m. There will be no Bible Class that Sunday.

- ✠ Feb. 20: WH 10:15am
- ✠ Feb. 27: Orlando Service 8a
- ✠ Feb. 27: WH 10:15am
- ✠ Mar. 6: Bible Class 9:15am
WH 10:15am Communion
Installation of officers
- ✠ Pastor Fossum preaching

Last Week: WH – 38 Orlando – 11

Total Offering = \$2,226.25

General = \$1551.25 | CLC Missions = \$170 | Property = \$200 | ILC SCH = \$250 |

Tuition Grant = \$100 | Kuehne Memorial \$25 | CLC Student Aid = \$100

Prayers Sherry's gallbladder surgery Sunday afternoon was successful and she was released from the hospital on Wednesday and is recovering well at home.

Cleaner (2/26): Naumann | **Acolyte (2/27):** Grant Bernthal

Daily Bible Readings for Home Devotions; Feb. 21-26, '22

Mon Genesis 45:3-15 Joseph understood God's strengths better than we do sometimes—that God can turn handicaps into blessings both for us and for others. Remember—God had leveraged Joseph from slavery into becoming the P.M. of Egypt. Then God sent the famine to rescue Joseph's family. Then God sponsored the miracle of making Joseph able to forgive his brothers for what they had done to him years earlier; then the miracle of changing villains into champions who loved and protected Benjamin, Joseph's little brother.

Tues Luke 6:27-38 It's our human nature to not love our enemies, to not bless those who curse us, to not pray for those who mistreat us, etc., etc. God understands this problem we have with ourselves, so He reaches down into our hearts to forge an attitude that mirrors His own pitying love for derelicts (35-36). Hearts can be changed by God's gracious, loving kindness into generous, charitable hearts that dispense His blessings to others (37-38).

Wed Romans 12:14-21 Since God wants to bring everyone to heaven, He lets us help along the way (14-15), reaching out to others by putting ourselves in second place (16), surrendering our own interests for the sake of others (18-19), and being so generous that it embarrasses others (20). In the struggles of life, goodness outclasses and supersedes evil every day, thank God (21).

Thurs Genesis 50:15-22 The drama of Jacob/Joseph's life is drawing to a close as the curtain rises on this scene. All ends well—partly because the brothers are repentant and partly because they ask to be forgiven for the evil they had done to Joseph decades earlier—but mostly because Joseph understood what God had been doing all along: He was turning their evil into good (20). God is good, gracious, forgiving—and also lovingly painstaking.

Fri Luke 6:43-45 We understand God's business better when it's explained with earthly illustrations. A tree is recognizable by its fruit, and it's the same with people (43-44). A businessman who treats his customers with dignity and generosity is a good businessman; the fellow who cheats or defrauds his clients is a swindler because he was born that way. We are what we are until God changes us—from the inside out. Thank You, Holy Spirit!

Sat 2 Corinthians 2:6-11 It may seem strange to us that the Christians in Corinth didn't know what to do about a fellow-member who repented of his sex sins. Was it OK to forgive him and welcome him back into the fold? YES! Since God forgave him for Jesus' sake, Christians should assure him of their forgiveness, too. Otherwise, the repentant sinner will be tempted to despair and revert back to Satan (7). God, help us to share Your goodness!