#### SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY *El Salvador Mission Weekend* Saturday, February 23, 2019 - 6:30 p.m. Sunday, February 24, 2019 - 8:00 & 10:45 a.m. *Based on the Service of Prayer & Preaching LSB pg. 260*

#### As We Gather

The new life in Christ we have been given is full of blessings, peace, and joy. But this new life is not without its challenges to be lived out in this world. Today we hear of the seemingly impossible commands of our Lord, like "Love your enemies" and "Judge not." Left on our own, we think enemies deserve retaliation and words of judgment. But in Christ we have been given a new heart and spirit. It was, after all, while we were yet sinners that Christ died for us. That's the same self-giving love that we now show to others because we are witnesses to the Lord's great and abundant mercy for all sinners. Having received such grace and mercy from God for ourselves, we are set free to bring that same grace and mercy to others.

#### Prelude & Welcome

Entrance Hymn (Please stand on last verse) "Awake, My Soul, and With The Sun" LSB 868





#### **Opening Sentences**

- L: This is the day which the Lord has made;
- C: let us rejoice and be glad in it.
- L: From the rising of the sun to its setting,
- C: the name of the Lord is to be praised.
- L: Better is one day in Your courts than a thousand elsewhere;
- C: I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of the wicked.
- L: Make me to know Your ways, O Lord.
- C: Teach me Your paths.
- L: Sanctify us in Your truth.
- C: Your Word is truth.
- L: From the rising of the sun to its setting,
- C: the name of the Lord is to be praised.
- C: 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.

#### Hymn of Praise "Awake, My Soul, and With The Sun"

LSB 868

- 5 Direct, control, suggest this day All I design or do or say That all my pow'rs with all their might In Thy sole glory may unite.
- 6 Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host: Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

#### Prayer for the Word

- L: Blessed Lord, You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning. Grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn, and take them to heart that, by the patience and comfort of Your holy Word, we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C: Amen.



### $\oplus$ The Word of the Lord $\oplus$

#### **Epistle** (*Please be seated*)

"Christ the firstfruits"

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.

L:	This is the Word of the Lord.	C: Thanks be to God.

Hymn Verse (Please stand and sing) "Sing Praise to God, the Highest Good" LSB 819

5 All who confess Christ's holy name, Give God the praise and glory. Let all who know His pow'r proclaim Aloud the wondrous story. Cast ev'ry idol from its throne, For God is God, and He alone: To God all praise and glory!

All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work. -2 Timothy 3:16-17

Holy Gospel "Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful" Luke 6:27-38 <sup>27</sup>[Jesus said:] "But I say to you who hear, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you,  $^{28}$ bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you.  $^{29}$ 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.  $^{32}$ "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. C: Praise to You, O Christ.

## 🕆 Catechism 🕆

#### The Commandments

- P: When Jesus commands us to love our enemies, He reminds us of our Heavenly Father's good and perfect will for our life. In His fifth commandment, He commands us, "You shall not murder." This commandment isn't only about killing. What does this mean?
- C: We should fear and love God so that we do not hurt or harm our neighbor in his body, but help and support him in every physical need.

Children's Message (Please be seated)



Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these."

-- Matthew 19:14



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#### Sermon

#### 1) Sometimes, "He can't mean that," is just a comfortable way of saying,

Now the serpent was more crafty than any other beast of the field that the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God actually say, You shall not eat of any tree in the garden??" –GENESIS 3:1

2) We call "\_\_\_\_" what Jesus calls "\_\_\_\_."
<sup>43</sup> "You have heard that it was said, You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy."<sup>44</sup> But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, <sup>45</sup> so that you may be sons of your Father who is in heaven.

-MATTHEW 5:43-45

<sup>20</sup> For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.

-MATTHEW 5: 20

<sup>48</sup> You therefore must be perfect, as your heavenly Father is perfect.

-MATTHEW 5:43-45

#### 3) Jesus \_\_\_\_\_

<sup>33</sup> And when they came to the place that is called The Skull, there they crucified him, and the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. <sup>34</sup> And Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do." b And they cast lots to divide his garments.

-LUKE 23:33-34

# Q: Is there any situation in my life where I could live out one of these commandments this week?

Listen to past sermons or share them with a friend at <u>clcs.org/sermons</u>.

#### Apostles Creed (Please stand)

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.

Confession of Sins and the Announcement of God's Forgiveness

- P: Holy and gracious God,
- C: I confess that I have sinned against You. Some of my sin I know—the thoughts and words and deeds of which I am ashamed—but some is known only to You. In the name of Jesus Christ I ask for Your forgiveness. Deliver and restore me that I may rest in Your care.
- P: By the mercy of God we are redeemed by Jesus Christ, and in Him we are forgiven. We rest now in His peace and rise in the morning to serve Him. 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 +H Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C: Amen.

#### Pastoral Greeting & Rite of Fellowship (Please be seated)

(Welcome! Please add your name to the fellowship pad.)

#### Ministry Moment

"El Salvador Mission Team"

#### **Gathering of Offerings**

(As an act of worship and thanksgiving, we offer to God what He has first given to us: the first and best of our lives, time, talents and financial gifts. We trust Him to supply all our needs. If you would like to give your offering electronically, you can use www.clcs.org/donate or the QR code here.)



Special Music (8:00 a.m.)	"Be Thou My Vision"	Calvary Chorale
(10:45 a.m.)	"Holy is the Lord"	Calvary 3-5 Choir

<u>Note</u>: To provide an atmosphere of worship, we kindly ask that you refrain from taking photographs or video during the service. Photographs are welcome after the service.



Prayer of the Church (Please stand)

- P: In peace let us pray to the Lord:
- C: Lord, have mercy.
- L: For the gift of divine peace and of pardon, with all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord:
- C: Lord, have mercy.
- L: For the holy Christian Church, here and scattered throughout the world, and for the proclamation of the Gospel and the calling of all to faith, let us pray to the Lord:
- C: Lord, have mercy.
- L: For the El Salvador Mission Team and all missionaries, that their work might bear fruit in service to the world and to the glory of God, let us pray to the Lord:
- C: Lord, have mercy.
- L: For this nation, for our cities and communities, and for the common welfare of us all, let us pray to the Lord:
- C: Lord, have mercy.
- L: For seasonable weather and for the fruitfulness of the earth, let us pray to the Lord:
- C: Lord, have mercy.
- L: For those who labor, for those whose work is difficult or dangerous, and for all who travel, let us pray to the Lord:
- C: Lord, have mercy.
- L: For all those in need, for the hungry and homeless, for the widowed and orphaned, and for all those in prison, let us pray to the Lord:
- C: Lord, have mercy.
- L: For the sick and dying and for all those who care for them, let us pray to the Lord:
- C: Lord, have mercy.
- P: For (...special petitions), let us pray to the Lord:
- C: Lord, have mercy.
- L: Finally, for these and for all our needs of body and soul, let us pray to the Lord:
- C: Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

#### Lord's Prayer

- P: Lord remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:
- 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.

#### The 8:00 a.m. service continues on page 11.

Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.

-- Philippians 4:6

*Holy Communion* - Jesus Christ is the Bread of Life. He says: "Come, for those who eat this bread and drink this cup will never hunger or thirst, but be raised up on the Last Day" (John 6). Whoever receives the Lord's Supper must be a believer in Christ (Hebrews 11:6); be sorry for their sins (Proverbs 28:13); believe that Christ offers His body and blood with the bread and wine (1 Corinthians 10:16); and be willing to forgive those who have sinned against you (Matthew 6:14-15). Come with faith in His promises to you and His presence in this holy meal.

The Lord's Supper is received in **continuous** lines today.

Ushers will guide you forward from the back of the sanctuary in two lines using the Center Aisle. Consecrated gluten-free wafers are available on the stand at the front of the center aisle.

# ✤ Service of Holy Communion 6:30 p.m. & 10:45 a.m.

#### The Words of Institution & the Peace of the Lord

- P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- C: Amen.



Distribution Hymn (Please be seated) "Lord, Whose Love through Humble Service" LSB 848



Post-Communion Hymn (Please stand) "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" LSB 805



#### **Communion Blessing**

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#### 8:00 a.m. service continues here

#### Evening Prayer (6:30 p.m.)

C: I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have graciously kept me this day; and I pray that You would forgive me all my sins where I have done wrong, and graciously keep me this night. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.

#### Morning Prayer (8:00 a.m. & 10:45 a.m.)

C: I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.

#### Blessing

- P: Let us bless the Lord.
- C: Thanks be to God.
- P: The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the + Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve you.
- C: Amen.

#### Sending Hymn

#### "Forth in Thy Name, O Lord, We Go"

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- 1 Forth in Thy name, O Lord, I go, My daily labor to pursue, Thee, only Thee, resolved to know In all I think or speak or do.
- 4 Give me to bear Thine easy yoke, And ev'ry moment watch and pray, And still to things eternal look, And hasten to Thy glorious day.
- For Thee delightfully employ
   Whate'er Thy bounteous grace has giv'n,
   And run my course with even joy,
   And closely walk with Thee to heav'n.

#### Postlude