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Sunday 9:00 a.m.

February 23rd, 2025

Seventh Sunday after the Epiphany

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Readings from Holy Scripture

Old Testament *Genesis 45:3–15*

R: O Lord, have mercy on us.

C: *Thanks be to God.*

Bell Choir *Come, Follow Me* – Daniel L. Gibby

Epistle *1 Corinthians 15:21–26, 30–42*

R: O Lord, have mercy on us.

C: *Thanks be to God.*

Holy Gospel *Luke 6:27–38*

P: O Lord, have mercy on us.

C: *Thanks be to God.*

Hymn of the Day *O Christ, Who Shared Our Mortal Life* *LSB 552 Sts. 1,6,4,10*

Sermon Theme & Text *“The Reading of the Will”* *1 Corinthians 14:21-26, 30-42*

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Prayer of the Church

P: Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs. O Lord, Your servant Joseph endured hardship and struggle, yet he believed it would come to good. Give us such tested faith, and bring all things to completion according to Your purposes in Christ, the new Adam, who has brought hope to the world. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: **hear our prayer.**

P: Preserve and unite Your Church, O Lord. Bring an end to her earthly divisions, which grieve You. Give her the true unity of doctrine and faith in Your Word. Bless and sustain our leaders in our Synod, district, circuit and this congregation. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: **hear our prayer.**

P: Almighty God, Your Son, our Lord, commanded us to love our enemies, do good to those who hate us and pray for those who persecute us. We implore You, by Your gracious visitation, lead our enemies to true repentance and to have the same love, be of one accord, and share one mind and heart with us and with Your whole Church. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Merciful God, give us guidance amid the changes and chances of this mortal life. Deliver us from the pangs of doubt and the paralysis of fear. Let us know our Lord, Jesus Christ, and the power of His resurrection with joy, that we may not surrender to anxiety or despair. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Righteous Lord, uphold civil authority and those responsible for the welfare of our nation, state and community. Help them steadfastly to pursue the cause of justice and protect life from beginning to natural end. Guard all first responders, and protect those who defend us here or abroad. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Heavenly Father, according to Your will grant healing to the sick and infirm. Grant them patience to endure their time of suffering, and crown their days with Your mercy. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Lord God, heavenly Father, we confess that we are poor, miserable sinners with no good in us. Our hearts and our flesh and blood are so corrupted by sin that we are never without sinful desires in this life. Therefore, we implore You, forgive us our sins. Let Your Holy Spirit so cleanse our hearts that we would love Your Word, abide by it and, by Your grace, be saved forever; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the same Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

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Collect of the Day

ALL: 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. Amen.

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