

*Be merciful,*  
**JUST AS YOUR FATHER**  
*is merciful.*  
LUKE 6:36

*Welcome to  
Worship at Bethel*

*Sunday, February 20, 2022  
Seventh Sunday after Epiphany*

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*“A Family in Christ;  
Moved by His Spirit;  
Sharing His Love.”*

\*: Please stand if you are able.  
LBW: Lutheran Book of Worship (green)  
WOV: With One Voice (blue)

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## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

## INVOCATION

\*GATHERING HYMN

LBW # 294

*"My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less"*

\*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

LBW p.77

\*HYMN OF MERCY

*"Come to the Water"* v.1,2

\*PRAYER OF THE DAY: **Lord God, we ask You to keep Your family, the church, always faithful to You, that all who lean on the hope of Your promises may gain strength from the power of Your love; through Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

FIRST LESSON

Pew Bible page 41

Genesis 45:3-11, 15

PSALM

Pew Bible page 500

Psalms 37:1-11, 39-40

Do not fret because of the wicked;  
**do not be envious of wrongdoers,**

for they will soon fade like the grass,  
**and wither like the green herb.**

Trust in the LORD, and do good;  
**so you will live in the land, and enjoy security.**

Take delight in the LORD,  
**and he will give you the desires of your heart.**

Commit your way to the LORD; **trust in him, and he will act.**

He will make your vindication shine like the light,  
**and the justice of your cause like the noonday.**

Be still before the LORD, and wait patiently for him;  
**do not fret over those who prosper in their way, over those who carry out evil devices.**

Refrain from anger, and forsake wrath.

**Do not fret--it leads only to evil.**

For the wicked shall be cut off,

**but those who wait for the LORD shall inherit the land.**

Yet a little while, and the wicked will be no more;

**though you look diligently for their place, they will not be there.**

But the meek shall inherit the land,

**and delight themselves in abundant prosperity.**

The salvation of the righteous is from the LORD;

**he is their refuge in the time of trouble.**

The LORD helps them and rescues them;

**he rescues them from the wicked, and saves them, because they take refuge in him.**

SECOND LESSON

Pew Bible page 1049

1 Corinthian 15:35-38, 42-50

\*GOSPEL VERSE

WOV # 612

*"Halle, Halle, Hallelujah"*

\*GOSPEL

Pew Bible page 939

Luke 6:27-38

SERMON HYMN

WOV # 752

*"I, the Lord of Sea and Sky"*

SERMON

Rev. Mark Kindem

\*APOSTLES' CREED

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**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at**

**the right hand of the Father. He will come again 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**

**\*PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

Lord in your mercy....**hear our prayer**

**\*SHARING OF THE PEACE**

**COMMUNION**

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*\*Word's of Institution, \*Lord's Prayer, Distribution*

**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.**

**COMMUNION HYMNS**

WOV # 713

*"Lord, Let My Heart Be Good Soil"*

**\*COMMUNION BLESSING**

Now may the body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

**\*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

**We give You thanks, gracious God, for we have feasted on the abundance of Your house. Send us to bring good news and to proclaim Your favor to all, strengthened with the richness of Your grace in Your Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

**\*BLESSING**

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine upon you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace. **Amen.**

**\*DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**\*SENDING HYMN**

LBW # 551

*"Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee"*