

## Seventh Sunday after Epiphany



*Joseph reuniting with his brothers*

*Do you think of me as enemy, and could you call me friend,  
or will we let our differences destroy us in the end?*

*The wall that stands between us could be a window, too:*

*When I look into the mirror, I see you.*

*walls and windows by Judy Small and Pat Humphries*

**February 20, 2022 + 10:00 am**

**Followers of Jesus, sharing God's love with all...**

*an adventure for life!*

# THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

## In Preparation for Worship

- Within the sanctuary please remember that some people use this time of silence to prepare for worship.
- Whenever the cross is carried in procession through the congregation, we turn to face the cross to signify our way of life as followers of Jesus.
- Large-print bulletins and copies of the worship order are available; ask an usher for assistance.
- Assistive hearing devices are available from the ushers.

## Love Your Neighbor

- In keeping with the current mask update for Columbus, masks are required at worship services and other group activities inside the Redeemer Lutheran Church building.
- The sanctuary is set up for social distancing.
- Those who wish may stand during the opening and closing hymns and the reading of the Gospel.
- During the passing of the peace, we suggest you place your palms together under your chin in the "namaste" posture as a way to share the peace in a distanced way.
- Individual communion elements are available to pick up inside the sanctuary door.
- If you wish to use one of the first-floor bathrooms, please follow instructions in the bathroom about disinfecting it after your use. Only one person at a time in the restrooms.
- Please silence your cell phone.

# WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

**Prelude**      ***We are Climbing Jacob's Ladder***, Spiritual, arr. Gilbert Martin

**Welcome**

*Please stand in body or spirit*

**Hymn**

**Oh, I Woke Up This Morning**

The image shows the musical score for the hymn "Oh, I Woke Up This Morning". It consists of two systems of music. The first system has a treble and bass staff. The treble staff contains the melody, and the bass staff contains a simple accompaniment. The lyrics are written below the treble staff. The second system also has a treble and bass staff. The treble staff continues the melody, and the bass staff continues the accompaniment. The lyrics continue below the treble staff. The music is in a key with one flat (B-flat) and a 4/4 time signature.

1 Oh, I woke up this morn - ing with my mind, and it was  
2 Can't hate your neigh - bor in your mind, when you keep it  
3 Makes you love ev - 'ry - bod - y with your mind, when you keep it

stayed, stayed on Je - sus, woke up this morn - ing with my  
stayed, stayed on Je - sus, can't hate your neigh - bor in your  
stayed, stayed on Je - sus, love ev - 'ry - bod - y with your

mind, and it was stayed, stayed on Je - sus,  
 mind, when you keep it stayed, stayed on Je - sus,  
 mind, when you keep it stayed, stayed on Je - sus,

woke up this morn - ing with my mind, and it was  
 can't hate your neigh - bor in your mind, when you keep it  
 love ev - 'ry - bod - y with your mind, when you keep it

stayed, stayed on Je - sus, hal - le - lu, hal - le - lu, hal - le -

lu, hal - le - lu, hal - le - lu - jah.

Text: African American spiritual  
 Music: WOKE UP THIS MORNING, African American spiritual

## Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the friendship of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

## Hymn of Praise

*Refrain*



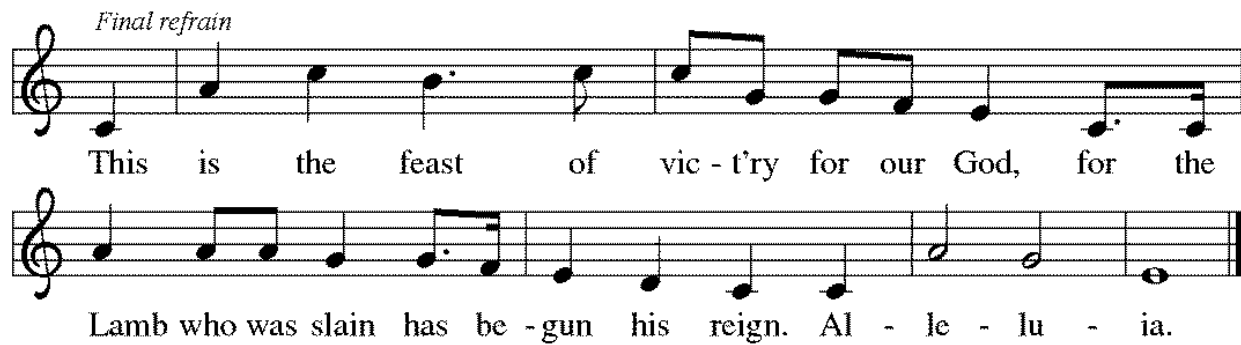
This is the feast of vic-t'ry for our God, for the  
Lamb who was slain has be-gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

1 Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be  
peo-ple of God. Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and

*Refrain*

hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his. This is the feast of  
vic-t'ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain has be-gun his reign. Al -  
le - lu - ia.

2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and  
join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or,  
glo - ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.



*Please be seated*

## **WE PROCLAIM THE WORD**

### **Reading**

**Genesis 45:3-11, 15** (The Message, inclusivized)

A reading from the book of Genesis

Joseph spoke to his brothers [who thought he was dead]: “I am Joseph. Is my father really still alive?” But his brothers couldn’t say a word. They were speechless—they couldn’t believe what they were hearing and seeing.

“Come closer to me,” Joseph said to his brothers. They came closer. “I am Joseph your brother whom you sold into Egypt. But don’t feel badly, don’t blame yourselves for selling me. God was behind it. God sent me here ahead of you to save lives. There has been a famine in the land now for two years; the famine will continue for five more years—neither plowing nor harvesting. God sent me on ahead to pave the way and make sure there was a remnant in the land, to save your lives in an amazing act of deliverance. So you see, it wasn’t you who sent me here but God. God set me in place as a father to Pharaoh, put me in charge of his personal affairs, and made me ruler of all Egypt.

“Hurry back to my father. Tell him, ‘Your son Joseph says: I’m master of all of Egypt. Come as fast as you can and join me here. I’ll give you a place to live in Goshen where you’ll be close to me—you, your children, your grandchildren, your flocks, your herds, and anything else you can think of. I’ll take care of you there completely. There are still five more years of famine ahead; I’ll make sure all your needs are taken care of, you and everyone connected with you—you won’t want for a thing.’ He then kissed all his brothers and wept over them. Only then were his brothers able to talk with him.

Word of God, Word of Life

**Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm 37:1-6, 39-40



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Do not be provoked by | evildoers;  
do not be jealous of those | who do wrong.

**For they shall soon wither | like the grass,  
and like the green grass | fade away.**

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

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

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

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

Be still before the LORD and wait | patiently.

Do not be provoked by the one who prospers, the one who succeeds  
in | evil schemes.

**Refrain from anger, leave | rage alone;  
do not be provoked; it leads on- | ly to evil.**

For evildoers shall | be cut off,  
but those who hope in the LORD shall pos- | sess the land.

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

But the lowly shall pos- | sess the land;  
they will delight in abun- | dance of peace.

**But the deliverance of the righteous comes from | you, O LORD;  
you are their stronghold in | time of trouble.**

You, O LORD, will help them and | rescue them;  
you will rescue them from the wicked and deliver them, because in  
you | they seek refuge.

*Please stand in body or spirit*

## Gospel Acclamation



Al-le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the  
words of e - ter - nal life. Al-le - lu - ia.  
Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.  
Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

**Gospel**      **Luke 6.27-38** (Contemporary English Version, inclusivized)  
The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke      **Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus said to the crowd on the plain,] “This is what I say to all who will listen to me:

“Love your enemies, and be good to everyone who hates you. Ask God to bless anyone who curses you, and pray for everyone who is cruel to you. If someone slaps you on one cheek, don’t stop that person from slapping you on the other cheek. If someone wants to take your coat, don’t try to keep back your shirt. Give to everyone who asks and don’t ask people to return what they have taken from you. Treat others just as you want to be treated.

“If you love only someone who loves you, will God praise you for that? Even sinners love people who love them. If you are kind only to someone who is kind to you, will God be pleased with you for that? Even sinners are kind to people who are kind to them. If you lend money only to someone you think will pay you back, will God be pleased with you for that? Even sinners lend to sinners because they think they will get it all back.

“But love your enemies and be good to them. Lend without expecting to be paid back. Then you will get a great reward, and you will be the true children of God in heaven. God is good even to people who are unthankful and cruel. Have pity on others, just as your Abba God has pity on you.”

Jesus said:

“Don’t judge others, and God won’t judge you. Don’t be hard on others, and God won’t be hard on you. Forgive others, and God will forgive you. If you give to others, you will be given a full amount in return. It will be packed down, shaken together, and spilling over into your lap. The way you treat others is the way you will be treated.”

The Gospel of the Lord

*Please be seated*

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Message**

**WALLS AND WINDOWS**

**Ministry of Music**

***Go Down, Moses***

Spiritual, arr. David Cherwien  
Senior Choir

When Israel was in Egypt’s land, Let my people go;  
Oppressed so hard they could not stand, Let my people go.  
Go down, Moses, way down in Egypt’s land;  
Tell old Pharaoh to let my people go.

The Lord told Moses what to do, Let my people go;  
To lead the children of Israel through, Let my people go.  
Go down, Moses, way down in Egypt’s land;  
Tell old Pharaoh to let my people go.

They journeyed on at God’s command, Let my people go.  
And came at length to Canaan’s land, Let my people go.  
Go down, Moses, way down in Egypt’s land;  
Tell old Pharaoh to let my people go.

Oh, let us all from bondage flee, Let my people go.  
And let us all in Christ be free, Let my people go.  
Go down, Moses, way down in Egypt’s land;  
Tell old Pharaoh to let my people go.



## **Apostles Creed**

Let us confess our faith in the Triune God as expressed in these historic words:

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.  
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 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.**

## **Community Prayers**

Let us pray....

**Amen.**

Included in our daily prayers are those with special needs or concerns:

Bebe McCoy, Robin Stokes, Lea Spang, Bonnie Hegreness, Heidi Carman, Cora Marquez, Mary Kennedy, Diane Louangrath, Kevin Bailey's sister Kleta Childs, Kathie and Nancy Ehrich, Stan Heacock, Jeremy Davis, Bebe McCoy's brother-in-law Walt and sister Jan, Brittany Parsons, Shirley and Jack Miller, Jon Denniss, Mary Bowling's sister Val, Grace and Ken Jones, John Kennedy's niece Michele Wolfe, Kris Kauffman, Kathie Ehrich's sister Betty Weaver, Chad Eberle's mother, Pastor Al Debelak, Shirley Miller and family on the death of her sister Juanita, Greg Williams  
The people of The Church on Oakland Park, Columbus; Redeemer community members Laura and Terry Warren

## **Children's Time**

### **Sharing the peace**

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

*Show gestures of peace.*

## **WE SHARE HOLY COMMUNION**

*Jesus invited all who were hungry for food, healing, justice, and joy to share this communion meal.*

*Since this is his meal, and he is present to us in it, all are welcome.*

### **Great Thanksgiving**

The Lord be with you.

Lift up your hearts.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**And also with you.**

**We lift them to the Lord.**

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

In a refugee child playing under a star, in an anonymous young man requesting baptism, in a wandering preacher refreshed by water from a woman's hand, God was waiting to be recognized and known, to transform seeing and change the world.

In the routine smallness of everyday life, in the jagged discomfort of struggle and transition, in the timeless grace of hospitality, and the gifts of bread and wine, God is waiting to be recognized and known, to transform our seeing and change our world.

Here, at this table, under the welcoming light of a morning star, the God of epiphanies waits to be encountered. So – though you may be weary and worn by your journey or stained and sore with travel – look up and see the star, lay aside your packs, and enter with joy for God waits here – to refresh and renew, to comfort and restore, to challenge and transform, to know, and be known.

Now, gathered around this table, we recall and recount how the Epiphany God appeared in the actions and words of Jesus as he shared a last supper with his friends in which Jesus took bread, blessed it, broke it, and gave it to his friends, saying, "Take this and eat. This is my body, broken for you. Do this to remember me." And after supper, Jesus took the cup and gave it to them, saying, "This cup is the new covenant sealed in my blood. It is shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. As often as you drink this, do so to remember me."

Recalling and treasuring these things, we join our voices with those of all creation to recognize and celebrate the grace and goodness of God present and at work in the world.

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

Epiphany God, send down your Holy Spirit now on us, and on these gifts of bread and wine – that we might recognize and know you present with us here, and in receiving the gifts of your love find ourselves renewed. By this meal, renew our commitment to make real the prayer Jesus teaches:

### Lord's Prayer

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name.**  
**Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.**  
**Give us today our daily bread.**  
**Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.**  
**Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.**  
**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,**  
**now and forever. Amen.**

## Sharing the Meal

The gifts of God, for the people of God. Jesus welcomed all to this meal.  
So do we.

The body of Christ, given for you. (*We eat the bread together.*)

The blood of Christ, shed for you. (*We drink the cup together.*)

## Prayer of Thanksgiving

Emmanuel – bright Morning Star: Gift us with the grace and generosity to respond freely and fully, whatever you might ask of us. So may our loving and living become places of epiphany where you can be recognized and known, and the transforming life of your Kingdom unleashed.

**Amen.**

## WE ARE SENT

*Please stand in body or spirit*

### Hymn

### This Is My Song

1 This is my song, O God of all the na - tions,  
2 My coun - try's skies are blu - er than the o - cean,  
3 This is my prayer, O God of all earth's king - doms,

a song of peace for lands a - far and mine.  
and sun - light beams on clo - ver - leaf and pine.  
your king - dom come; on earth your will be done.

This is my home, the coun - try where my heart is;  
 But oth - er lands have sun - light too, and clo - ver,  
 O God, be lift - ed up till all shall serve you,

here are my hopes, my dreams, my ho - ly shrine;  
 and skies are ev - 'ry - where as blue as mine.  
 and hearts u - nit - ed learn to live as one.

but oth - er hearts in oth - er lands are beat - ing  
 So hear my song, O God of all the na - tions,  
 So hear my prayer, O God of all the na - tions;

with hopes and dreams as true and high as mine.  
 a song of peace for their land and for mine.  
 my - self I give you; let your will be done.

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Music: FINLANDIA, Jean Sibelius, 1865–1957

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Blessing

Amen.

Announcements

Postlude

*In Christ There is No East or West*, arr. Gilbert Martin

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Communion liturgy adapted from one written by the Rev. Bill Loader of the Uniting Church in Australia.

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### Adult Education

11:15 am – 12:15 pm

Beginning February 27

*The Seven Deadly Sins*

In-Person and Zoom

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82256539706?pwd=Yjd4Q2VPWk93RVczSng4NE5GOUlRmQT09>

Meeting ID: 822 5653 9706 - Passcode: 804399

Phone only: 312-626-6799

Surprise! The classic “seven deadly sins” (Pride, Anger, Envy, Sloth, Greed, Gluttony, Lust) are not really sinful actions! Rather, they are deadly attitudes or dispositions that can *lead* to sinful actions. For seven weeks beginning on February 27, we will explore these “deadly seven” and when in the cycle of our lives each disposition is most likely to take hold of us. Along the way we will also consider the life-giving potential inherent in each of the seven and those virtues that serve to thwart their influence. As we enter Lent, what better time to take a hard, and sometimes humorous, look at who we are and who God is calling us to be.

Dr. Brad Binau, a Redeemer member, is Professor of Pastoral Theology at Trinity Lutheran Seminary at Capital University.

He is currently teaching a course at Trinity on the Seven Deadly Sins.



## *The Letters of Paul*

Tuesdays - 1:00 pm

In Person - Zoom

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86358699434?pwd=cTlaaUM5MWl6U29mNGtsQXhuTnlUT09>

Meeting ID: 863 5869 9434

Passcode: 943506- Phone only: 312 626 6799



**February 23 – 7:00pm**

**IN-PERSON and ZOOM**

See **Reflections** for details



## *Coffee and Conversation*

Wednesday February 23

11:00 AM-12:30 PM – Narthex

Honest exploration of questions about faith and life

## OUR WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY

<b>Presiding Minister</b>	David Shull, Pastor
<b>Assisting Minister</b>	Connie Criswell
<b>Reader</b>	Connie Criswell
<b>Cantor</b>	Jennifer Young
<b>Crucifer</b>	Skye Andree
<b>ASL Interpreter</b>	Bryan Neal
<b>Organist &amp; Senior Choir Director</b>	Kathy Rapp
<b>Pianist &amp; Chimes Choir Director</b>	Karen Kent
<b>Usher</b>	Sue Watson
<b>Verger</b>	Wendy Stoica
<b>Producers</b>	Sue Yehling, Scott Steiner

*Noisy Offering will go to ReconcilingWorks.*

## THIS WEEK AT REDEEMER FEBRUARY 20 - 27

<b>Today</b>	8:45 am	Chime Choir Rehearsal
	10:00 am	IN-PERSON and LIVESTREAM Worship with Holy Communion
	11:15 am	Council conversation with Capital University Chaplain Drew Tucker
	11:15 am	Senior Choir Rehearsal
<b>Tuesday</b>	1:00 pm	IN-PERSON and ZOOM Bible Study
	7:00 pm	Congregation Council
<b>Wednesday</b>	11:00 am	Coffee and Conversation
	7:00 pm	BREAD meeting
<b>Next Sunday</b>	8:45 am	Chime Choir Rehearsal
	10:00 am	IN-PERSON and LIVESTREAM Worship with Holy Communion
	11:15 am	IN-PERSON and ZOOM Adult Education
	11:15 am	Senior Choir Rehearsal



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