

2025

“Lift Up Your Eyes”



Joseph Sold Into Slavery

WELCOME TO WORSHIP SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

Outdoor worshipers, tune your car radio to 106.1 FM to hear and join in today’s Worship service

Looking to Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

Hebrews 12:2

*I lift up my eyes to the hills. From where does my help come?
My help comes from the Lord, Who made heaven and earth.*

Psalm 121:1,2

Call Statement:

“My call is to share my Faith in Christ”

Mission Statement:

“To live my Faith in Christ I will build loving relationships so others will become disciples with Jesus as Lord and Savior.”

THE WELCOME AND PRAYER

THE BRIEF ORDER: CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

Leader: In the name of the Father, and the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

Leader: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of Your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love You and worthily magnify Your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

Leader: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness....Most merciful God,

All: we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against You in thought, word and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways, to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

Pastor: Almighty God, in His mercy, has given His Son to die for you and, for His sake, forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

Leader: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

All: **And also with you** (*Greet each other sharing Christ's peace.*)

HYMN

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Eternal God, before Your Throne

Verse 1

Eternal God, before Your throne we bend,
Your grace to seek, Your holy Name to bless;
Our grateful hearts in humble praise ascend
To You whose ways are truth and righteousness.
With all the host of heaven we adore
Your matchless holy love forevermore!

Verse 2

Lord Jesus Christ, our Savior and our friend,
Whom angels praise before the throne on high;
How vast Your love, to love us to the end
And on the cruel cross to bleed and die!
O blest Redeemer, hear Your children pray;
O Lamb of God, take all our sins away!

Verse 3

O Holy Spirit, truth and peace divine,
Descend to us in all Your saving pow'r,
And kindle flames of love and faith to shine
With-in our yearning hearts this sacred hour!
Make plain the Father's will, the Savior's love,
And fit us all to dwell with You above.

THE APOSTOLIC GREETING

Pastor: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All: **And also with you.**

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray: Almighty and Eternal God,

All: **We are poor sinners and stand under Your righteous judgment. With all our hearts we thank You for taking**

all our guilt from us and laying it on Your dear Son Christ Jesus. Graciously sustain us in faith and govern us by Your Holy Spirit, that we may live according to Your will, in neighborly love, service and helpfulness, and not give way to wrath or revenge, that we may not incur Your wrath but always find in You a gracious Father; through Jesus Christ our Lord, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one true God, now and forever. Amen. *Veit Dietrich, Friend Luther & theologian*

THE LESSONS

Genesis 45:1-15

Psalm 103

THE GOSPEL

Luke 6:27-38

THE MESSAGE

Pastor Jeffrey J. Lee

I Am Joseph, the One You Sold

SONG

At the Cross (Love Ran Red)

Verse 1

There's a place Where mercy reigns and never dies,
There's a place Where streams of grace flow deep and wide;
Where all the love I've ever found
Comes like a flood, comes flowing down.

Chorus

At the cross, at the cross, I surrender my life.
I'm in awe of You, I'm in awe of You.
Where Your love ran red, and my sin washed white.
I owe all to You, I owe all to You, Jesus.

Verse 2

There's a place Where sin and shame are powerless,
Where my heart Has peace with God and forgiveness;
Where all the love I've ever found
Comes like a flood, comes flowing down.

Chorus 2

At the cross, at the cross, I surrender my life.
I'm in awe of You, I'm in awe of You.
Where Your love ran red, and my sin washed white.
I owe all to You, I owe all to You.

Bridge

Here my hope is found, Here on holy ground;
Here I bow down, here I bow down.
Here, arms open wide, Here You saved my life;
Here I bow down, here I bow.

Chorus 3

At the cross, at the cross, I surrender my life.
I'm in awe of You, I'm in awe of You.
Where Your love ran red, and my sin washed white.
I owe all to You, I owe all to You. I owe all to You,
I owe all to You. Jesus.

THE APOSTLES' CREED (in unison)

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 catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

THE PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Pastor: Brothers and sisters in Christ, let us be united as the Church in heart and mind as we go to our heavenly Father in prayer...

Pastor: (*After each petition. . .*) Lord, in your mercy,

All: hear our prayer.

Pastor: . . . Accept, O Lord, the prayers of Your faithful people for the well being of Your holy Church throughout the world. Govern and sanctify it, with all its pastors and ministers, by Your Holy Spirit, that we may be kept by Your Word in true Faith and fervent love toward You and one another.

All: Amen.

THE SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

All: and also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE LORD'S PRAYER (in unison)

All: 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 DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

THE POST COMMUNION BLESSING

Pastor: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you by His grace unto life everlasting.

All: Amen.

THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Pastor: Let us pray. Eternal God,

All: We give You thanks, that You have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life; and we pray that in Your mercy You would strengthen us, through this gift, in faith toward You and in fervent love

toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE SENDING PRAYER

Leader: Let us pray. Heavenly Father,

All: **Open my eyes, open my heart, so I see and have compassion on broken and lost people around me. Move me to bring Hope into their lives with the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Give me courage. Give me patience. Guide my words. Through me I pray they experience Jesus' redeeming Love. I ask in Jesus' Name. Amen**

THE BENEDICTION

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you, the Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

All: **Amen.**

SONG

They'll Know We Are Christian by Our Love

Verse 1

**We are one in the Spirit, We are one in the Lord.
(repeat) And we pray that all unity May one day be restored.**

Chorus

**And they'll know we are Christians By our love, by our love.
Yes they'll know we are Christians By our love.**

Verse 2

**We will walk with each other, We will walk hand in hand.
(repeat)**

And together we'll spread the news That God is in our land.

Verse 3

**We will work with each other, We will work side by side.
(repeat)**

**And we'll guard each man's dignity
And save each man's pride.**

Verse 4

**All praise to the Father, From whom all things come;
And all praise to Christ Jesus, His only Son.
And all praise to The Spirit, who makes us one.**

THE DISMISSAL

Pastor: Go and be a witness for the Lord!

All: **Thanks be to God!**

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NEXT SUNDAY March 2, 2025

Transfiguration Sunday

Readings for Next Sunday

Deuteronomy 34:1-12 Psalm 99 Hebrews 3:1-6

Luke 9:28-36

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February 16, 2025 Attendance: ~ morning snow storm Offering \$~

Join us for Fellowship Hour following
worship today



Come and share fellowship time with coffee, cookies
and conversation with your Faith in Christ family.



Ash Wednesday Worship March 5th @ 7:00 P.M.

*“Remember that you are dust
and to dust you shall return”*

Tuesday Morning Bible Study

Tuesday Mornings for Bible Study meets at 10:30 am. The coffee is always ready for you to enjoy while we learn more in depth the context of the events from Greek, Hebrew, Geography, and more. Newcomers are always welcome to join in!

