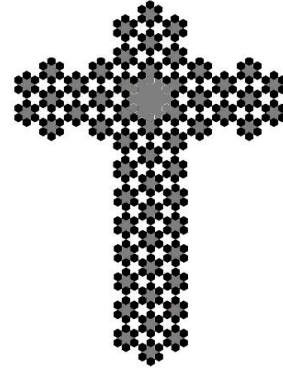


# THE SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

February 23, 2025

10:00 AM Service

Holy Communion: Rite II



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## WELCOME TO GOOD SHEPHERD

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# GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

## VOLUNTARY

We Gather Together  
Here's One

Neil Harmon  
Mark Hayes

*[During the Voluntary, please prepare for worship by observing attentive silence.]*

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### ENTRANCE HYMN H-657

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

HYFRYDOL

Love divine, all loves excelling, joy of heaven, to earth come down,  
fix in us thy humble dwelling, all thy faithful mercies crown.  
Jesus, thou art all compassion, pure, unbounded love thou art;  
visit us with thy salvation, enter every trembling heart.

Come, almighty to deliver, let us all thy life receive;  
suddenly return, and never, nevermore thy temples leave.  
Thee we would be alway blessing, serve thee as thy hosts above,  
pray, and praise thee without ceasing, glory in thy perfect love.

Finish then thy new creation; pure and spotless let us be;  
let us see thy great salvation perfectly restored in thee:  
changed from glory into glory, till in heaven we take our place,  
till we cast our crowns before thee, lost in wonder, love, and praise.

## THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

*Celebrant* Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

*People* And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

## COLLECT FOR PURITY

*All* Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you  
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 Christ our Lord. Amen.

## A SONG OF PRAISE S-236

John Rutter

1. Glory to you, Lord God of our fathers;  
you are worthy of praise; glory to you.
2. Glory to you for the radiance of your holy Name;  
we will praise you and highly exalt you forever.
3. Glory to you in the splendor of your temple;  
on the throne of your majesty, glory to you.
4. Glory to you, seated between the Cherubim;  
we will praise you and highly exalt you forever.

**5. Glory to you, beholding the depths;  
in the high vault of heaven, glory to you.**

**6. Glory to you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit;  
we will praise you and highly exalt you forever.**

### **THE COLLECT OF THE DAY**

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Let us pray... O Lord, you have taught us that without love whatever we do is worth nothing: Send your Holy Spirit and pour into our hearts your greatest gift, which is love, the true bond of peace and of all virtue, without which whoever lives is accounted dead before you. Grant this for the sake of your only Son Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

*All* **Amen.**

### **THE WORD OF GOD**

*The people sit.*

#### **THE FIRST READING**

Genesis 45:3-11, 15

*Lector* *The First Reading is taken from Genesis chapter 45...*

Joseph said to his brothers, "I am Joseph. Is my father still alive?" But his brothers could not answer him, so dismayed were they at his presence.

Then Joseph said to his brothers, "Come closer to me." And they came closer. He said, "I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. And now do not be distressed, or angry with yourselves, because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life. For the famine has been in the land these two years; and there are five more years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. So it was not you who sent me here, but God; he has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, "Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me, do not delay. You shall settle in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children's children, as well as your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. I will provide for you there--since there are five more years of famine to come--so that you and your household, and all that you have, will not come to poverty."

And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them; and after that his brothers talked with him.

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

*(all singing)*

**Commit your way to God the Lord—your cause will shine as bright as fire;  
delight to do God’s holy word and you shall find what you desire.**

**Be still before the Lord and wait, and do not fret when wrong succeeds;  
refrain from anger, turn from hate, for God will punish evil deeds.**

**Salvation comes from God alone: the faithful know their help is sure;  
to heaven all our needs are known, and in God’s strength we are secure.**

**THE SECOND READING**

I Corinthians 15:35-38,42-50

*Lector*        *The Second Reading is taken from First Corinthians chapter 15...*

Someone will ask, "How are the dead raised? With what kind of body do they come?" Fool! What you sow does not come to life unless it dies. And as for what you sow, you do not sow the body that is to be, but a bare seed, perhaps of wheat or of some other grain. But God gives it a body as he has chosen, and to each kind of seed its own body.

So it is with the resurrection of the dead. What is sown is perishable, what is raised is imperishable. It is sown in dishonor, it is raised in glory. It is sown in weakness, it is raised in power. It is sown a physical body, it is raised a spiritual body. If there is a physical body, there is also a spiritual body. Thus it is written, "The first man, Adam, became a living being"; the last Adam became a life-giving spirit. But it is not the spiritual that is first, but the physical, and then the spiritual. The first man was from the earth, a man of dust; the second man is from heaven. As was the man of dust, so are those who are of the dust; and as is the man of heaven, so are those who are of heaven. Just as we have borne the image of the man of dust, we will also bear the image of the man of heaven.

What I am saying, brothers and sisters, is this: flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable.

*Lector*        *The Word of the Lord.*

*People*        **Thanks be to God.**

*All stand as able.*

**THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

John Schiavone

*(all sing this refrain)*

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*Cantor: I give you a new commandment, says the Lord:  
Love one another as I have loved you. Alleluia. (Refrain)*

## THE GOSPEL

Luke 6:27-38

*Celebrant* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

*People* **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

*Celebrant* Jesus said, "I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. Do to others as you would have them do to you.

"If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. If you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. If you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. But love your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return. Your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High; for he is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.

"Do not judge, and you will not be judged; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven; give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap; for the measure you give will be the measure you get back."

*Celebrant* The Gospel of the Lord.

*People* **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

*The people sit.*

**SERMON**

The Rev. Kathleen Walter

**NICENE CREED** *All stand as able.*

*People* **We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.  
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,  
begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father.  
Through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven:  
by the power of the Holy Spirit  
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man.  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.**

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.  
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.  
He has spoken through the Prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come.  
AMEN.

## THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*Please sit, stand, or kneel, as you prefer.*

*Celebrant* Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

*Lector* Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;

*People* **That we all may be one.**

*Lector* Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

*People* **That your Name may be glorified by all people.**

*Lector* We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

*People* **That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.**

*Lector* We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

*People* **That there may be justice and peace on the earth.**

*Lector* Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

*People* **That our works may find favor in your sight.**

*Lector* Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

*People* **That they may be delivered from their distress.**

*Lector* Give to the departed eternal rest. Especially...*[add names from the notebook]* and those we now name aloud or in our hearts. *[leave time]*. Give us grace to follow their good example.

*People* **Let light perpetual shine upon them.**

*Lector* We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

*People* **May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.**

*Lector* We give thanks for the flowers given to the Glory of God, and for all the blessings of this life, especially the birthdays this coming week of Dave Megel and for the anniversary of Melinda and Dave Dube. For you are a gracious God.

*People* **May we always be grateful.**

*Lector* Let us pray for our own needs and those of others; especially...*[add names from notebook]* and those we now name aloud or in our hearts *[leave time]*, give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.

*The Celebrant adds a concluding collect.*

## **CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION:**

*Please kneel or stand as able.*

*Celebrant* Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor. *(Silence is kept.)*

*People* **Most merciful God,**  
**we confess that 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.**  
**We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.**  
**For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,**  
**have mercy on us and forgive us;**  
**that we may delight in your will,**  
**and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. AMEN.**

*Celebrant* Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

*All* **Amen.**

## **THE GREETING OF PEACE**

*Celebrant* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*All may greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

## **THE HOLY COMMUNION**

### **OFFERTORY SENTENCE**

*Please be seated.*

### **OFFERTORY**

Day by Day

Mark Schweizer  
Choir

### **THE PRESENTATION**

### **PRESENTATION HYMN**

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;**  
**Praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!**  
**Praise God, the source of all our gifts!**  
**Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!**  
**Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!**  
**Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

## **THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: Eucharistic Prayer A**

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.

*People* **We lift them up to the Lord.**

*Celebrant* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People* **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

*Celebrant* It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

*Celebrant adds a proper preface.*

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your name:

**SANCTUS S-129** *All*

Robert Powell

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

*The Celebrant continues*

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." After supper Jesus took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: this is My Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*All* **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

*The Celebrant continues*

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity



of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.

*People*        **Amen.**

### **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

*Celebrant*     And now as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

*People*        **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, for ever and ever.**

**Amen.**

### **THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD**

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated bread. A period of silence is kept.*

### **THE FRACTION ANTHEM S-154**

David Hurd

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;  
therefore let us keep the feast.**

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

*Celebrant*     The Gifts of God for the People of God.

*All are invited to receive the Sacrament. If you would like to receive wine you may do so by sipping from the Chalice or allowing the Eucharistic Minister to intinct (dip) the wafer for you.*

*If you desire a blessing instead of Communion, cross your arms over your chest.*

**COMMUNION**        A Meditation on "Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether"

Gerre Hancock  
(1934-2012)

### **COMMUNION HYMN H-304**

I Come with Joy

LAND OF REST

**I come with joy to meet my Lord, forgiven, loved, and free,  
in awe and wonder to recall his life laid down for me.**

**I come with Christians far and near to find, as all are fed,  
the new community of love in Christ's communion bread.**

**As Christ breaks bread and bids us share, each proud division ends.  
The love that made us makes us one, and strangers now are friends.**

**And thus with joy we meet our Lord. His presence, always near,  
is in such friendship better known: we see and praise him here.**

**Together met, together bound, we'll go our different ways  
and as his people in the world we'll live and speak his praise.**

## THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

*Celebrant* Let us pray...

*All* Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

## THE BLESSING

**THE SENDING HYMN H-609**      Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life      GARDINER

Where cross the crowded ways of life, where sound the cries of race and clan,  
above the noise of selfish strife, we hear thy voice, O Son of Man.

In haunts of wretchedness and need, on shadowed thresholds dark with fears,  
from paths where hide the lures of greed, we catch the vision of thy tears.

The cup of water given for thee still holds the freshness of thy grace;  
yet long these multitudes to see the true compassion of thy face.

O Master, from the mountain side, make haste to heal these hearts of pain;  
among these restless throngs abide, O tread the city's streets again;

till all the world shall learn thy love, and follow where thy feet have trod;  
till glorious from thy heaven above, shall come the city of our God.

## THE DISMISSAL

*Celebrant* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

**VOLUNTARY**      They'll Know That We Are Christians      arr. Wilbur Held  
(1914-2015)

## SERVING US TODAY

Celebrant	The Rev. Kathleen Walter
Organist/Choirmaster	Tom Huffman
Crucifer/Server	Ayden Watson
Torch/Chalichists	Carey Cherivtch, Gerry Boone
Lectors	Sheila Scott, Alan Mackay
Prayers of the People	Nancy Fisher
Ushers	Steve and Caroline Maisel Nancy Fisher, Alan Mackay
Building & Grounds	Hank Nalewajek
Welcome Table	Dave Dube, Sherry Boothe

### **Prayers are requested for:**

**The Week of Feb 16** – Judith & Nels A, Helen Marie, Priscilla & Tony B, Maureen B, Ryan S and Family, Gerry B, Billy G, Michelle and Family, Rhiannon S, Mandeville P, Mavis S, Dorothy E, Milly I, Anne C, Bob S, Olena and Family, Heather S, Bonnie I, Colette S, Lisa W, Billy V, Dolores C, Dustin B and Family, Phil M, Jessica, Elise and Erik K, Charlotte, Caitlin, Sara & David M, Jody, Glen and Family, Skye, Joyce, Debbie S, Davey C, Melanie S, Cami B, Nancy T, Tracy H, Don C, Chris N, Debbie W, Jim B, Carol C, Luanne, Randy H, Patsy M, Jim C, Winston, Jason S, Jay & Deana, Bruna C and Family, Becky G, Glenn R

**Celebrations this week: Birthdays** – Dave Megel

**Anniversary** – Melinda and Dave Dube

## Announcements

**Spring Formation** – Explore Spring Formation opportunities as the weather warms and we come together to deepen our faith. See posters, weekly news and announcements details.

**Wednesday Bible Study** – Wednesday Bible Study continues with a study of the Book of Isaiah from 2 PM to 3:30 PM, note the new time. If you're interested in purchasing a study book, please contact Cindy Huffman or call the church office. The books are priced at \$8. While not mandatory for the study, they can be beneficial for personal study and enhancing our weekly discussions.

**Ash Wednesday** – Services will be held on March 5<sup>th</sup> at 12pm and 6pm. Both services will include the imposition of ashes. The 6pm service will be livestreamed.

**Praying in Color** – On Saturday, March 8, 10AM to 12PM, Cheryl Sharpe will lead a Praying in Color Workshop. Explore using art and color to connect with God. You may sign up online or by calling the church office.

**Undie Sunday** – Our donation drive for Clothes to Kids begins this week and ends on Undie Sunday, March 9. Please bring packaged new undies in Young Women's youthful styles in sizes M & L and Boys & Men's knit boxers in sizes S – XL as well as Boys and Girls socks. Donation bins are in Kirk Hall and the Narthex.

**Lenten Study** – Join Rev. Kathy for a journey through Adam Hamilton's *24 Hours That Changed the World*. Meet on Mondays, 5:30-7PM in the Patio Room beginning March 10<sup>th</sup>. Books are available in the office for \$10 while they last. You may sign up online or by calling the church office.

**Support the Girls** – "Support the Girls" donations are being accepted through February. A special bin is in Kirk Hall. Thank you for your "support"!!!

**Cursillo** – Bishop Scharf is reviving our diocesan Cursillo ministry and will be leading the next weekend on May 8-11. We need to identify members of Good Shepherd who have already attended Cursillo to see if there is interest in forming a Fourth Day Community. Please contact the church office if you would like to participate.