

³ 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.

⁴ 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. ⁵ And now do not be distressed, or angry with yourselves, because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life. ⁶ 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. ⁷ God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. ⁸ 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. ⁹ 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. ¹⁰ 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. ¹¹ 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.'

¹⁵ And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them; and after that his brothers talked with him.

The Word of the Lord, C: Thanks be to God

Psalm 37 will be led by the cantor. The congregation joins in on the refrain.

Refrain: Trust in the Lord, and do good;

Dwell in the land and feed on his faithfulness.

1. Do not fret because of evil doers,
nor be jealous of the workers of sin.
For they shall soon be cut down like grass
And wither as the green herb. **R:**
2. Delight your self also in the Lord;
And he shall give you the desires of your heart.
Commit your way to the Lord;
trust him and he shall bring it to pass. **R:**
3. He shall bring forth your righteousness as the light,
And your justice as the noon day. **R:**
4. Rest in the Lord and wait patiently for him;
Do not fret over those who prosper,
Because of the man who brings wicked schemes to pass. **R:**
5. Cease from anger, and forsake all wrath.
Do not fret; it only causes harm.
For evil doers shall be cut off,
But those who wait on the Lord shall inherit the earth. **R:**

The Second Reading

1 Corinthians 15:35-38, 42-50

³⁵ But someone will ask, "How are the dead raised? With what kind of body do they come?" ³⁶ Fool! What you sow does not come to life unless it dies. ³⁷ 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. ³⁸ But God gives it a body as he has chosen, and to each kind of seed its own body.

⁴² So it is with the resurrection of the dead. What is sown is perishable, what is raised is imperishable. ⁴³ It is sown in dishonor, it is raised in glory. It is sown in weakness, it is raised in power. ⁴⁴ It is sown a physical body, it is raised a spiritual body. If there is a physical body, there is also a spiritual body. ⁴⁵ Thus it is written, "The first man, Adam, became a living being"; the last Adam became a life-giving spirit. ⁴⁶ But it is not the spiritual that is first, but the physical, and then the spiritual. ⁴⁷ The first man was from the earth, a man of dust; the second man is from heaven. ⁴⁸ 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. ⁴⁹ Just as we have borne the image of the man of dust, we will also bear the image of the man of heaven.

⁵⁰ 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.

The Word of the Lord, **C: Thanks be God**

The Holy Gospel

Luke 6:27-38

Gospel Response **C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

²⁷ "But I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, ²⁸ bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. ²⁹ 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. ³⁰ Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. ³¹ Do to others as you would have them do to you.

³² "If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. ³³ If you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. ³⁴ 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. ³⁵ 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. ³⁶ Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.

³⁷ "Do not judge, and you will not be judged; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven; ³⁸ 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."

Gospel of the Lord. **C: Praise to you, O Christ!**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ASSISTING MINISTER: Linda Flora

LECTOR: Bev Brosenitsch

GREETER: Phyllis Metz

USHERS: Tim and Bev Brosenitsch

CRY ROOM: Located downstairs in the youth room. Also available are coloring books and crayons on the last pew in a green basket.

CALENDAR

TODAY 10:00 Sunday School
11:00 Confirmation
WEDNESDAY 6:30 Worship Meeting
THURSDAY 4:00-7:00 Willing Worker's Soup and Sandwich Dinner



CONTINUED PRAYER: Shonna Ash, Tom Brosenitsch, Cynthia sister of Bev Brosenitsch diagnosed with breast cancer, Karen Campell, Jenny, Judy Hart, Adrienne Haegg, Tina Lawson, William Loveridge, Tom Wilson.

[The complete prayer list is in the March newsletter.]

ATTENDANCE and OFFERING LAST SUNDAY: 37 - \$1365.00

FOOD CUPBOARD – FEBRUARY

Jars or cans of Spaghetti sauce or any tomato product.

WELCOME

Please welcome Pastor Sarah Lee-Faulkner, assistant to the Bishop, to our worship today. Pastor Bev will be the presiding minister with Pastor Sarah Lee-Faulkner delivering the sermon.

WILLING WORKERS SOUP AND SANDWICH DINNER – FEBRUARY 28

The dinner will be from 4:00 PM to 7:00 PM and take out will also be available. A sign up sheet will be passed around in church for anyone who would like to make a crockpot of soup, cookies or brownies. Soup being served will be stuffed pepper, chicken noodle, vegetable, wedding, potato, and broccoli cheese. They will also need volunteers to help on the night of the dinner. You may drop off your soup, cookies or brownies any time after 12:00 PM the day of the dinner.

ASH WEDNESDAY

Join us on Wednesday, March 6, 7:00 PM for our Ash Wednesday service of Holy Communion and imposition of ashes.

SAVE THE DATE

Luke Wilson will be having his Eagle Scout Court of Honor on Sunday, July 7th, at English Lutheran Church from 2 to 4 pm. This includes a short ceremony followed by a light dinner and the Congregation is invited. An invitation will be sent at a later date.

SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT

We are still in need for someone to volunteer as our Sunday School Superintendent. If you have any questions or would like to volunteer, please see Linda Flora.

2019 FLOWER CHART

Is now up in the narthex. Please consider providing flowers for the Altar in the coming year.

MIDWEEK LENTEN TAIZE SERVICE

We will be joining with Zion Lutheran for a midweek Lenten service beginning on Wednesday, March 13. We will have dinner at 6:15 followed by a 30 minute Taizé service from the *Seeds of Trust, Reflecting on the Bible in Silence and Song* and will be focusing on Hope. We will need volunteers to provide a crockpot of soup on the Wednesdays that we are hosting the service [March 20 and April 3]. A sign up sheet is in the narthex.

MARCH NEWSLETTER

Please remember to pick up your March newsletter in the narthex.

LOST AND FOUND

Necklace was found between Strobel Hall and the Church on Sunday, February 10. Please see Colleen Cipro if you think it may belong to you or if you know of someone who has lost a necklace recently.

VISITORS

If you are a visitor, please fill out one of the welcome cards in the pew racks. Also, please feel free to take home a monthly newsletter. We welcome all visitors and invite you to make our church your church.