

### Genesis 45:3-15 (ESV)

<sup>3</sup> And Joseph said to his brothers, "I am Joseph! Is my father still alive?" But his brothers could not answer him, for they were dismayed at his presence. <sup>4</sup> So Joseph said to his brothers, "Come near to me, please." And they came near. And he said, "I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. <sup>5</sup> And now do not be distressed or angry with yourselves because you sold me here, for God sent me before you to preserve life. <sup>6</sup> For the famine has been in the land these two years, and there are yet five years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. <sup>7</sup> And God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. <sup>8</sup> 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. <sup>9</sup> 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 tarry. <sup>10</sup> You shall dwell in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, and you and your children and your children's children, and your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. <sup>11</sup> There I will provide for you, for there are yet five years of famine to come, so that you and your household, and all that you have, do not come to poverty.' <sup>12</sup> And now your eyes see, and the eyes of my brother Benjamin see, that it is my mouth that speaks to you. <sup>13</sup> You must tell my father of all my honor in Egypt, and of all that you have seen. Hurry and bring my father down here." <sup>14</sup> Then he fell upon his brother Benjamin's neck and wept, and Benjamin wept upon his neck. <sup>15</sup> And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them. After that his brothers talked with him.

### 1 Corinthians 15:21-26, 30-42 (ESV)

<sup>21</sup> For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. <sup>22</sup> For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive. <sup>23</sup> But each in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. <sup>24</sup> Then comes the end, when he delivers the kingdom to God the Father after destroying every rule and every authority and power. <sup>25</sup> For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. <sup>26</sup> The last enemy to be destroyed is death. <sup>30</sup> Why are we in danger every hour? <sup>31</sup> I protest, brothers, by my pride in you, which I have in Christ Jesus our Lord, I die every day! <sup>32</sup> What do I gain if, humanly speaking, I fought with beasts at Ephesus? If the dead are not raised, "Let us eat and drink, for

tomorrow we die." <sup>33</sup> Do not be deceived: "Bad company ruins good morals." <sup>34</sup> Wake up from your drunken stupor, as is right, and do not go on sinning. For some have no knowledge of God. I say this to your shame. <sup>35</sup> But someone will ask, "How are the dead raised? With what kind of body do they come?" <sup>36</sup> You foolish person! What you sow does not come to life unless it dies. <sup>37</sup> And what you sow is not the body that is to be, but a bare kernel, perhaps of wheat or of some other grain. <sup>38</sup> But God gives it a body as he has chosen, and to each kind of seed its own body. <sup>39</sup> For not all flesh is the same, but there is one kind for humans, another for animals, another for birds, and another for fish. <sup>40</sup> There are heavenly bodies and earthly bodies, but the glory of the heavenly is of one kind, and the glory of the earthly is of another. <sup>41</sup> There is one glory of the sun, and another glory of the moon, and another glory of the stars; for star differs from star in glory. <sup>42</sup> So is it with the resurrection of the dead. What is sown is perishable; what is raised is imperishable.

### Luke 6:27-38 (ESV)

<sup>27</sup> "But I say to you who hear, Love your enemies do good to those who hate you, <sup>28</sup> bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. <sup>29</sup> To one who strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also, and from one who takes away your cloak do not withhold your tunic either. <sup>30</sup> Give to everyone who begs from you, and from one who takes away your goods do not demand them back. <sup>31</sup> And as you wish that others would do to you, do so to them. <sup>32</sup> "If you love those who love you, what benefit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. <sup>33</sup> And if you do good to those who do good to you, what benefit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. <sup>34</sup> And if you lend to those from whom you expect to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to get back the same amount. <sup>35</sup> But love your enemies, and do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return, and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High, for he is kind to the ungrateful and the evil. <sup>36</sup> Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful. <sup>37</sup> "Judge not, and you will not be judged; condemn not, and you will not be condemned; forgive, and you will be forgiven; <sup>38</sup> give, and it will be given to you. Good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap. For with the measure you use it will be measured back to you."

... YOU SHALL  
BE NEAR ME,  
YOU AND YOUR CHILDREN AND  
YOUR CHILDREN'S CHILDREN.

GENESIS 45:10



**February 24, 2019**  
**Seventh Sunday after Epiphany**

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✠ In the Name of Jesus ✠

**Theme of the Day ~** As the Son of God Is Merciful and Forgives Your Sins, You Also Be Merciful and Forgive. Your inheritance as a child of Adam is sin and death, but in Christ you are made alive through His resurrection from the dead (1 Cor. 15:21–22). As you have died with Him in Holy Baptism, so are you raised with Him to newness of life. Therefore, “do not go on sinning” (1 Cor. 15:34). Instead of serving your desires and harming your neighbors, live as “sons of the Most High,” and “be merciful, even as your Father is merciful” (Luke 6:35–36). Deal with others as you would have others deal with you (Luke 6:31, 37–38). As Christ loved you when you were at enmity with Him, as He blessed and prayed for those who abused Him, and as He did good to those who hated Him and hurt Him, so also “love your enemies, do good” (Luke 6:27–29, 35). For God sent His Son to bear the cross and suffer death, not to condemn the guilty, but “to preserve life.” So does He provide a place for you within His Church, where He is near and deals kindly with “you and your children and your children’s children” (Gen. 45:5–10).

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OPENING HYMN “Your Hand, O Lord, in Days of Old”	LSB 846
SERMON HYMN “What God Ordains is Always Good”	LSB 760
SERMON “God’s Revealed Plan for Your Life”	Genesis 45:3-15
CLOSING HYMN “Praise Be to Christ”	LSB 538

<b>Pastor</b>	Paul Hauser
<b>Organist</b>	Tami Mosher
<b>Elder/Reader</b>	Dick Bluemer
<b>A/V</b>	Sierra Yell
<b>Ushers</b>	Marc Pinet & Frank Yell
<b>Greeters</b>	Bud & Millie Parker
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Chris Farrar & Arlene Rohn

**Our Measure of Love and Gifts**

**Attendance last week** – 81    *Needed for The Lord’s Work at Zion* \$4,504 ~ *Received for the Lord’s Work* \$2,412 = Loose Plate \$64, Envelopes \$2,075, Mission \$84, Maintenance \$189; \$10 in memory of June Kreger, \$60 in memory of Nancy David.

**Please pray for your fellow Christians on their birthday ~** Mar 1- Troy Beyersdorf; Mar 2- Bruce Pretzer; Mar 3- George Leveto; Mar 4- Easton Coty; Mar 5- Allyssa Carroll, Christopher Ross, Carlton Ross, Andrew Ross, Suzanne Schultz, Isaac Wietfeldt; Mar 6- Karen Gardner; Mar 7- Garrett Hingston, Tom Neuenfeldt.

**Today’s Memory Verse ~** “This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us.” 1 John 5:14

**Resources for Rachel ~** Door offering next Sunday following the worship service supporting Rachel Meyer. Follow her on Face book “Missionary Meyer in Uganda”. Rachel’s email is [Rachel.Meyer@LCMS.org](mailto:Rachel.Meyer@LCMS.org) if you would like to email her.

**Lenten Soup Supper ~** This year we will have soup supper beginning at 5:30 pm on Ash Wednesday, March 6<sup>th</sup>. The Evangelism/Stewardship board will be serving two soups, and ground bologna sandwiches. The next supper will be on Wednesday, April 10 the last midweek Lenten service. This will be a potluck meal. Everyone is encouraged to attend.

**March Valley Lutheran Enrollment ~** If you haven’t already, now is a great time to enroll for fall 2019 at Valley Lutheran High School. Please contact the school office 989-790-1676 or visit the website to get the registration form [www.vlhs.com](http://www.vlhs.com) and apply for financial aid. Class scheduling has started! To plan a visit, a shadow experience, or for more information contact Student Recruiter, Sondra Yantz [syantzs@vlhs.com](mailto:syantzs@vlhs.com)

**Fish Fry ~** St. Peter Lutheran Men’s Club is sponsoring their Annual Fish Fry on Friday, March 8, 2019. The dinner will be held in the school gym, 2440 N. Rauchholz Road, Hemlock, serving from 4:00 – 7:00 pm; take-outs are available from 4:00 – 6:00 pm. Plenty of handicapped parking is available. Ticket prices are \$10.00 adults; \$4.00 children 5-12; preschoolers free.

**Three in One ~** Everyday objects can serve as simple lessons about biblical truth. To illustrate the profound concept of the Trinity, for example, some teachers use an apple, an egg or a three-leaf clover. During winter, you can point to a kid-friendly snowman to describe how God is Three in One.

The ball of snow on the base represents God the Father, our Creator and strong foundation. The middle ball, with stick arms reaching to the side, reminds us of Jesus, who died on the cross. And the snowman’s head stands for the Holy Spirit, our ever-present Counselor who helps us and speaks God’s truth to us.

