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**WHAT IS
SOWN
IS PERISHABLE;
WHAT IS
RAISED
IS IMPERISHABLE.**

1 Corinthians 15:42

10:45 a.m. Sunday, February 20, 2022
Sermon: "The Reading of the Will" 1 Corinthians 15:21-50



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- A Family to Whom You Belong -
Our Mission is to: **Make More & Better Disciples**

The Seventh Sunday After the Epiphany

10:45 a.m. Sunday, February 20, 2022

Servants of God's House Today:

Pastor: Rev. Kenny Hsu **DCE:** Grace Wolfgram

Elder: Don Lantis **Praise Team Leader:** Doris Hill

Usher: Dallas Schulz

Missionaries: Rev. Tim & Lisa Beckendorf, Rev. Shauen & Krista Trump,
Rev. Paul Flo, Charles Cortwright

Reader: Coleen Reich

WELCOME! We are glad that you are here worshipping God with us. We pray for God's blessings to you and invite you to come back again soon.

AS WE GATHER The season of Epiphany is one of the "accordion" seasons of the Church Year. The later Easter falls in March or April, the more Sundays after the Epiphany there are. This year's "Epiphany accordion" is stretched long enough to include eight Sundays. In an extended Epiphany season, the light of Christ burns brightest, as Jesus is revealed in action and in teaching through the Gospel writers. There is power when and where Jesus is among His people, as the hymn "Jesus Comes Today with Healing" teaches (LSB 620). May we welcome His presence among us!

HOLY COMMUNION The Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod believes the Biblical teaching that in communion we receive not the symbolic but the true body and blood of Jesus Christ with the bread and wine for the forgiveness of sins. If you are a baptized Christian who has been instructed in the same Biblical teaching, and if you agree with the announcement on our communion card and the confession of our faith, please join us to receive the gifts that Jesus Christ has prepared for us in communion. If you have any questions or uncertainties, please feel free to make an appointment to talk with the pastor during the week before communing with us.

PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP O Lord, You taught us to love our enemies and to be merciful as You are merciful. By Your Holy Spirit, grant us the gifts of love and peace without which we cannot live before You; for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Worship Service

(The congregation is invited to respond in the words written in **bold**.)

The Ringing of the Bells

The Wave of Fellowship

The Invocation

P: In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Opening Sentences *Psalm 30:10; 43:3; Proverbs 4:18; Isaiah 2:5b*

P: Hear, O LORD, and be merciful to me!

C: O LORD, be my helper.

P: Send out Your light and Your truth; let them lead me;

C: let them bring me to Your holy hill and to Your dwelling!

P: The path of the righteous is like the light of dawn,

C: which shines brighter and brighter until full day.

Come, let us walk in the light of the LORD.

Opening Song "The Heart of Worship"

Verse 1 When the music fades, all is stripped away, and I simply come;
Longing just to bring something that's of worth that will bless Your heart.

Chorus: I'll bring You more than a song, for a song in itself is not what You have
required.

You search much deeper within through the way things appear;
You're looking into my heart. I'm coming back to the heart of worship,
And it's all about You, all about You, Jesus. I'm sorry, Lord, for the thing I've
made it,
When it's all about You, all about You, Jesus.

Verse 2 King of endless worth, no one could express how much You deserve.
Though I'm weak and poor, all I have is Yours, ev'ry single breath. (Chorus)
(Words/music by Matt Redman, EMI Christian Music, 1999 Thankyou Music,
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CATECHISM *The Third Article*

P: The Third Article of the Creed is focused on the Holy Spirit and the ways in which
the work of the Spirit intersects with our lives. In very few words, the Creed
encompasses what really is important in our spiritual lives now and forever. We
confess:

**C: I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of
saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life
everlasting. Amen.**

P: What does this mean?

**C: I believe that I cannot by my own reason or strength believe in Jesus Christ,
my Lord, or come to Him; but the Holy Spirit has called me by the Gospel,
enlightened me with His gifts, sanctified and kept me in the true faith.**

**In the same way He calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole
Christian Church on earth, and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith.**

In this Christian Church He daily and richly forgives all my sins and the sins of all believers.

On the Last Day He will raise me and all the dead, and give eternal life to me and all believers in Christ.

This is most certainly true.

First Lesson Genesis 45:3–15 (Joseph forgives his brothers.)

³ 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.

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

⁸So 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. ⁹Hurry 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.

¹⁰You shall dwell in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children’s children, and your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. ¹¹There 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.’

¹²And now your eyes see, and the eyes of my brother Benjamin see, that it is my mouth that speaks to you. ¹³You must tell my father of all my honor in Egypt, and of all that you have seen. Hurry and bring my father down here.” ¹⁴Then he fell upon his brother Benjamin’s neck and wept, and Benjamin wept upon his neck. ¹⁵And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them. After that his brothers talked with him.

The Epistle 1 Corinthians 15:21–26, 30–42

(Paul teaches regarding the resurrection of the dead.)

²¹For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. ²²For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive. ²³But each in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. ²⁴Then comes the end, when he delivers the kingdom to God the Father after destroying every rule and every authority and power. ²⁵For he must reign until he

has put all his enemies under his feet. ²⁶The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

³⁰Why am I in danger every hour? ³¹I protest, brothers, by my pride in you, which I have in Christ Jesus our Lord, I die every day! ³²What 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.”

³³Do not be deceived: “Bad company ruins good morals.” ³⁴Wake 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.

³⁵But someone will ask, “How are the dead raised? With what kind of body do they come?” ³⁶You foolish person! What you sow does not come to life unless it dies. ³⁷And what you sow is not the body that is to be, but a bare kernel, perhaps of wheat or of some other grain. ³⁸But God gives it a body as he has chosen, and to each kind of seed its own body.

³⁹For not all flesh is the same, but there is one kind for humans, another for animals, another for birds, and another for fish. ⁴⁰There 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.

⁴¹There 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.

⁴²So is it with the resurrection of the dead. What is sown is perishable; what is raised is imperishable.

(Please stand, as you are able, for the Gospel)

Holy Gospel Luke 6:27–38

(Jesus teaches about loving enemies.)

²⁷[Jesus said:] “But I say to you who hear, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you,

²⁸bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. ²⁹To 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.

³⁰Give to everyone who begs from you, and from one who takes away your goods do not demand them back. ³¹And as you wish that others would do to you, do so to them.

³²“If you love those who love you, what benefit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. ³³And if you do good to those who do good to you, what benefit is that to you? For even sinners

do the same. ³⁴And 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.

³⁵But 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. ³⁶Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful.

³⁷“Judge not, and you will not be judged; condemn not, and you will not be condemned; forgive, and you will be forgiven; ³⁸give, 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.”

Children’s Message

The Song of Instruction “King of My Heart”

Let the King of my heart be the mountain where I run, the fountain I drink from.

Oh, He is my song.

Let the King of my heart be the shadow where I hide, the ransom for my life.

Oh, He is my song.

And You are good, good, oh. You are good, good, oh. You are good, good, oh.

You are good, good, oh.

Let the King of my heart be the wind inside my sails, the anchor in the waves.

Oh, He is my song.

Let the King of my heart be the fire inside my veins, the echo of my days.

Oh, He is my song.

And You are good, good, oh. You are good, good, oh. You are good, good, oh.

You are good, good, oh.

-- You're never gonna let, never gonna let me down.

-- You're never gonna let, never gonna let me down.

-- You're never gonna let, never gonna let me down.

-- You're never gonna let, never gonna let me down. (Repeat)

You are good, good, oh. You are good, good, oh.

You are good, good, oh. You are good, good, oh.

-- You're never gonna let, never gonna let me down.

-- You're never gonna let, never gonna let me down.

-- You're never gonna let, never gonna let me down.

-- You're never gonna let, never gonna let me down.

(interlude)

When the night is holding on to me, God is holding on.

Yeah, when the night is holding on to me, God is holding on.

Words and Music by John Mark McMillan and Sarah McMillan CCLI #11440148 and

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The Word “The Reading of the Will” 1 Corinthians 15:35-38a, 42-50

Mission Moment: Missionaries: Rev. Tim and Lisa Beckendorf

WE WORSHIP GOD THROUGH OUR GIVING

We honor God with the gifts He has given to us.

St. Paul's members have pledged to support our ministry in their tithes and offerings.

Please place your offerings in the box upfront.

To our guest: Thank you for joining us today and please do not feel that you are obligated to participate. We invite you to come back again.

Please put your **Welcome Card** in the box at the back of the church.

Matthew 25:40—And the King will answer them, “Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these My brothers, you did it to Me.”

Offertory "Great Are You, Lord"

You give life, You are love You bring light to the darkness
You give hope, You restore Ev'ry heart that is broken
And great are You, Lord

It's Your breath in our lungs So we pour out our praise
We pour out our praise
It's Your breath in our lungs
So we pour out our praise to You only

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And great are You, Lord

It's Your breath in our lungs So we pour out our praise
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So we pour out our praise to You only

All the earth will shout Your praise
Our hearts will cry these bones will say Great are You, Lord

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The Prayer of the Church

Invitation with Confession and Absolution

P: Let us now make confession of our sins to God, our gracious heavenly Father.

C: Eternal God, we confess that by nature we are sinful people. We are given to sinful thoughts, sinful words, and sinful deeds. We have transgressed Your law in many ways, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We deserve Your punishment, now and for eternity. Merciful God, in Your mercy, forgive our sin and restore us to a full and joyful relationship with You through the merits of Jesus, our Lord.

Direct our days by Your Holy Spirit that we may joyfully follow Your will and gladly obey Your commandments as Your redeemed people, bringing the brightness of Your light to the darkened world.

P: In the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He who calls you is faithful; He will surely do it.

C: Thanks be to God. Amen.

INVITATIONAL SONG (“Praise Team):

He said come to the table

Come join the sinners who have been redeemed

Take your place beside the Savior now

Sit down and be set free

Come to the table

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

READING OF THE ANNOUNCEMENT CARD FOR HOLY COMMUNION

(Praise Team will be served communion at this time.)

DISTRIBUTION “As the Deer”

1. As the deer panteth for the water, So my soul longeth after Thee.
You alone are my heart's desire, And I long to worship Thee. (Chorus)
Chorus: You alone are my strength, my shield; To You, alone, may my spirit yield.
You alone are my heart's desire, and I long to worship Thee.
2. You're my friend and You are my brother, Even tho' You are a King.
I love You more than any other, So much more than anything. (Chorus)
3. I want You more than gold or silver, Only You can satisfy.
You alone are the real joy giver, And the apple of my eye. (Chorus)

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“You are My All in All”

1. You are my strength when I am weak, You are the Treasure that I seek,
You are my All in All.
2. Seeking You as a precious jewel, Lord, to give up I'd be a fool
You are my All in All!
Jesus, Lamb of God, Worthy is Your name.
Jesus, Lamb of God, Worthy is Your name.
3. Taking my sin, my cross, my shame, rising again I bless Your name.
You are my All in All.
4. When I fall down, You pick me up; When I am dry, You fill my cup.
You are my All in All!
Jesus, Lamb of God, Worthy is Your name.
Jesus, Lamb of God, Worthy is Your name. Worthy is Your name.

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The Lord's Prayer

The Benediction

The Going Out Song “Our God”

Water you turned into wine, opened the eyes of the blind.
There's no one like You, none like You.
Into darkness You shine, out of the ashes we rise.
There's no one like You, none like You.

Chorus: Our God is greater, our God is stronger. God, You are higher than any other.

Our God is Healer, awesome in power. Our God, our God.
And if our God is for us, then who could ever stop us?
And if our God is with us, then what could stand against?
And if our God is for us, then who could ever stop us?
And if our God is with us, then what could stand against? (repeat chorus)

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