

# CONCORDIA

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Prayers, Readings, Sermon Notes, Hymns  
To Study and Share with those You Love.

**Week of FEB. 20, 2022**

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*Deal with  
others as  
you would  
have others  
deal with  
you.*  
Luke 6

Hymn of Invocation. **My Soul, Now Praise Your Maker** LS B#820

The sign of the cross may be made "In Remembrance of Your Baptism."

## INTROIT PSALM 37

Be still before the LORD and wait patiently | for him;\* fret not yourself over the one who prospers | in his way. **Fret not yourself because of evil- | doers;\* be not envious of wrong- | doers!** For they will soon fade | like the grass\* and wither like the | green herb. **Trust in the LORD, | and do good;\* dwell in the land and befriend | faithfulness.** Delight yourself | in the LORD,\* and he will give you the desires | of your heart. Commit your way | to the LORD;\* trust in him, and | he will act. **Glory to the Father and | to the Son\* and to the Holy | Spirit; as it was in the be- | ginning,\* is now, and will be forever. | Amen.**  
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## COLLECT OF THE DAY

***O God, the strength of all who put their trust in You, mercifully grant that by Your power we may be defended against all adversity; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.***

## PSALM 103

Bless the LORD, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name! **Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits, who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases, who redeems your life from the pit, who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy, who satisfies you with good so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.** The LORD works righteousness and justice for all who are oppressed. He made known his ways to Moses, his acts to the people of Israel. **The LORD is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.** He will not always chide, nor will he keep his anger forever. **He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities.** For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him; **as far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us.** As a father shows compassion to his children, so the LORD shows compassion to those who fear him. **Glory to the Father and to the Son\* and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.** The LORD is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

## SELECTED READINGS. 7<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY.

Old Testament/Genesis 45:3–15. Epistle/1 Corinthians 15:21–26, 30–42. Gospel/Luke 6:27–38

*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."* Deal with others as you would have others deal with you. 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)

Apostles' Creed

Hymn of the Day. **Lord of All Nations, Grant Me Grace.** LSB #844

7th Sunday after the Epiphany, Feb. 20, 2022.

**Live, Bless, Give**

*But to you who are listening I say: Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you. Give, and it will be given to you, good measure—pressed down, shaken, overflowing—they will pour out into your lap. For with the measure by which you measure out, it will be measured out to you in return.*

Luke 6:27-28, 35

Moved by the Holy Spirit, followers of Jesus discover what we cannot do by ourselves – loving, blessing and giving to our enemies -- we experience in the freedom that belongs to the children of God.

1. **The freedom of loving as we have been loved**
  - a. While we were still His enemies, God loved us
  - b. Doing good reflects the heart of God
2. **The freedom of doing the unexpected**
  - a. Breaking the power of a curse with a blessing
  - b. Followers of Jesus learn the power of His prayer
3. **The freedom of living generously without thought of return**
  - a. Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above
  - b. Give away your life; you'll find life given back, but not merely given back—given back with bonus and blessing. Giving, not getting, is the way. Generosity begets generosity.

**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH 7<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY. 20 FEB. 2022**

O Lord, Your servant Joseph endured hardship and struggle, yet believed it would come to good. Give us such tested faith, and bring all things to completion according to Your purposes in Christ, the new Adam, who has brought hope to the world. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Lead all pastors, missionaries and church workers in faithful service to Your people with compassion and love. Bless every place where we hear Your Word and serve our neighbor in Christ's name. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Help all parents who have brought their children to Christ in the waters of Holy Baptism also to bring them to Him faithfully in the Divine Service, that He may continue to take them in His arms and bless them through His Word. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Let Your love have its way with us, Lord. Lead us to expect no self-interested reward, but to love our enemies and serve those in need. Put an end to all bitterness and strife. Let forgiveness reign between each of us, even as Christ's blood covers our sins before Your heavenly throne. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Uphold civil authority and those responsible to You for the welfare of our nation, state and community. Help them steadfastly to pursue the cause of justice and protect life from beginning to natural end. Guard all first responders, and protect those who defend us here or abroad. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Comfort all who suffer, deliver the sick according to Your will, and sustain by Your grace those troubled in body or soul [*especially* \_\_\_\_\_]. Be with the dying, [*especially* \_\_\_\_\_,] and grant them peace at the last. Give Your comfort to those who grieve [*especially* \_\_\_\_\_]. Grant Your children patience and courage to endure every time of trial with hope in Christ. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We give thanks for the gift of this blessed Sacrament, O Lord. Give us a right heart as we prepare to eat and drink Christ's true body and blood, that by it we would be equipped to love You above all and our neighbors as ourselves. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Lord God, heavenly Father, You will bring all things to completion according to Your order and time. When Christ comes and all the dead are raised, number us, we pray, among the saints in glory, clothing the perishable with the imperishable and bringing us into eternal life; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.