

**Epiphany 7 (February 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2025)  
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## Opening Hymn: 483 With High Delight Let Us Unite

*Stand*

- L** O Lord, open my lips,  
**C** and my mouth will declare Your praise.  
**L** Make haste, O God, to deliver me;  
**C** make haste to help me, O Lord.  
**C** Glory be 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.  
Praise to You, O Christ. Alleluia.  
**L** Blessed be God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.  
**C** O come, let us worship Him.

Venite

*LSB 220*

- C** O come, let us sing to the Lord,  
let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation.  
Let us come into His presence with thanksgiving,  
let us make a joyful noise to Him with songs of praise.

For the Lord is a great God  
and a great king above all gods.  
The deep places of the earth are in His hand;  
the strength of the hills is His also.

The sea is His, for He made it,  
and His hand formed the dry land.  
O come, let us worship and bow down,  
let us kneel before the Lord, our maker.

For He is our God,  
and we are the people of His pasture and the sheep of His hand.

Glory be 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.

- L** Blessed be God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.  
**C** O come, let us worship Him.

Psalm

- <sup>1</sup>Bless the LORD, O my soul,  
and all that is within me,  
bless his holy name!  
<sup>2</sup>Bless the LORD, O my soul,  
and forget not all his benefits,

- <sup>3</sup>who forgives all your iniquity,  
who heals all your diseases,  
**<sup>4</sup>who redeems your life from the pit,  
who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy,**  
<sup>5</sup>who satisfies you with good  
so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.  
**<sup>6</sup>The LORD works righteousness  
and justice for all who are oppressed.**  
<sup>7</sup>He made known his ways to Moses,  
his acts to the people of Israel.  
**<sup>8</sup>The LORD is merciful and gracious,  
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.**  
<sup>9</sup>He will not always chide,  
nor will he keep his anger forever.  
**<sup>10</sup>He does not deal with us according to our sins,  
nor repay us according to our iniquities.**  
<sup>11</sup>For as high as the heavens are above the earth,  
so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him;  
**<sup>12</sup>as far as the east is from the west,  
so far does he remove our transgressions from us.**  
<sup>13</sup>As a father shows compassion to his children,  
so the LORD shows compassion to those who fear him.

*Sit*

## Office Hymn: 820 My Soul, Now Praise Your Maker

### Old Testament Reading

*Genesis 45:3–15*

<sup>3</sup> 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, 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.

**L** O Lord, have mercy on us.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Epistle Reading

*1 Corinthians 15:21–26, 30–42*

<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 am I 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.

**L** O Lord, have mercy on us.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Gospel Reading

*Luke 6:27–38*

<sup>27</sup>[Jesus said:] "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.”

**L** O Lord, have mercy on us.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Responsory

*LSB 221*

**L** Forever, O Lord, Your Word is firmly set in the heavens.

**C** Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.

**L** Blessed are those who hear the Word of God and keep it.

**C** Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.

**L** Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

**C** Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.

## Hymn of the Day: 834 O God, O Lord of Heaven and Earth

*SPI Students Sing v. 2*

## Sermon

*Stand*

Creedal Hymn: 941 We Praise You and Acknowledge You, O God

*Sit*

Offering: SPI Choir-“My Hope is Built on Nothing Less”

*Kneel/Stand*

## Kyrie

*LSB 227*

**C** Lord, have mercy;  
Christ, have mercy;  
Lord, have mercy.

## Lord's Prayer

**C** 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  
forever and ever. Amen.**

### Collects

- L** O Lord, hear my prayer.
- C** **And let my cry come to You.**

### 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.

- C** **Amen.**

### Prayer of the Church

- L** In peace let us pray to the Lord:
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- L** For the gift of divine peace and of pardon, with all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- L** For the holy Christian Church, here and scattered throughout the world, and for the proclamation of the Gospel and the calling of all to faith, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- L** For this nation, for our cities and communities, and for the common welfare of us all, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- L** For seasonable weather and for the fruitfulness of the earth, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- L** For those who labor, for those whose work is difficult or dangerous, and for all who travel, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- L** For all those in need, for the hungry and homeless, for the widowed and orphaned, and for all those in prison, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- L** For the sick and dying and for all those who care for them, including:
  - Kay Brown (Sister of Dave and Lynn Matthews)
  - Lynn and Lori Matthews
  - Troy Stults (Son of Andy and Brenda Wolf)
  - Eldora Fuelling
  - Cheryl Caffee
  - Shelly Gerke (Wife of Troy Gerke)
  - Jim Thieme

Glen Deatruck for healing from a fall  
Keith and Suzy Scherer  
Susan Gerke (Sister of Steve and Jim Fuelling)  
Harriet DeLong (Wife of Dan DeLong)  
Braden Morris (Future Step-Son of Louie Fuelling)  
The family of Janell Harper as they mourn her death this past week

let us pray to the Lord:

- C** Lord, have mercy.
- L** Finally, for these and for all our needs of body and soul, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

### Collect for Grace

- L** O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, You have safely brought us to the beginning of this day. Defend us in the same with Your mighty power and grant that this day we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger, but that all our doings, being ordered by Your governance, may be righteous in Your sight; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** Amen.

### Benedicamus

*LSB 228*

- L** Let us bless the Lord.
- C** Thanks be to God.

### Benediction

*LSB 228*

- P** The grace of our Lord ✠ Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- C** Amen.

### Hymn to Depart: 561 The Tree of Life

#### In His Service Today:

**Preacher:** The Rev. Leonard Tanksley

**Liturgist:** The Sem. Joshua Camp

**Organist:** Mrs. Vickie Hammond

**Deacons:** Joe Werling (Head), Dan DeLong, Mitch Billington, Nathan Scherer

**Elders:** Fred D. Fuelling (Head), Steve Fuelling, Matt Braun, Rodney Busick

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

Offerings: February 16<sup>th</sup>- Home Purpose: \$5,167.00, Memorials: \$230.00, Vanco: \$223.73  
**\*NOTE: Needed each week to meet the ministry needs of St. Peter: \$5,700.00.\***



You may also donate your offerings online by scanning the QR code with your phone.

**SEMINARY FOOD CO-OP THEME for FEBRUARY & MARCH - “DINNER”:** During the months of February & March we will be collecting items for “Dinner” items. Items will be delivered to the Seminary the first of April. Some suggestions are but not limited to: Spaghetti & Alfredo sauce, pasta, noodles, canned meat & fruits, sloppy joe sauce, canned tomatoes, boxed meals, rice, macaroni & cheese, taco meals, chili mixes & beans. Other items that are always in demand are breakfast cereal (excluding Chex) & tomato products. All your donations are greatly appreciated by the Seminary & are a great benefit to the students and their families. Items can be placed in the gray and white bag at Church.

**Thank you for all your donations.**

**Lenten Soup Suppers:** Wednesday March 5<sup>th</sup> (Ash Wednesday) is the beginning of Lent. There is a sign-up sheet on the table in the narthex to volunteer to provide supper before one of the evening midweek Lenten services. Volunteers in the past have provided either one or two kinds of soup, crackers and or bread, and a light dessert such as cookies, brownies, etc. Church will provide tableware (bowls, plates, cutlery, napkins) and bottled water.

The Spring LWML Prayer Service will be held at Zion - Decatur, on Saturday, March 1. Registration begins at 8:45 and the Prayer Service, “Blessed Are They” Matthew 5: 1-12, begins at 9:00 AM. Following the service there will be a short business meeting, fellowship, and lunch served by the ladies of Zion. An Ingathering for The Hope Clinic, a nonprofit medical pregnancy resource center in Adams County, will be collected. Needed items: Diapers size 3,4,5; Pull -Ups Boys 3T,4T; Pull-Ups Girls 2T, 3T,4T,5T; New clothing for girls and boys sizes 2T thru 7T. They also have a wish list on Amazon.

**Let the games begin!** The Wyneken Association is excited to host a Euchre Tournament at Friedheim's Family Life Center, March 8th. Doors open at 6 pm, tournament play begins at 6:30 pm. \$25 per player. Spectators welcome and free, adults only please. Wanting to advertise your business? We are looking for event (\$500) and table (\$150) sponsors, player spots included with both options! All proceeds go toward the parking lot project. Please reach out to Joe Gormann to register (260)706-0999.

**CHURCH CALENDAR WEEK OF February 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2025**

TODAY	9:00 am	Divine Service
WEDNESDAY	10:00 am	Bible Study
THURSDAY	9:00 am	Ladies Aid Quilting
SUNDAY	9:00 am	Divine Service w/Holy Communion



## Looking Ahead to Next Week

### Transfiguration

#### Collect of the Day

O God, in the glorious transfiguration of Your beloved Son You confirmed the mysteries of the faith by the testimony of Moses and Elijah. In the voice that came from the bright cloud You wonderfully foreshowed our adoption by grace. Mercifully make us co-heirs with the King in His glory and bring us to the fullness of our inheritance in heaven; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

#### Old Testament Reading

*Deuteronomy 34:1–12*

<sup>1</sup>Then Moses went up from the plains of Moab to Mount Nebo, to the top of Pisgah, which is opposite Jericho. And the Lord showed him all the land, Gilead as far as Dan, <sup>2</sup>all Naphtali, the land of Ephraim and Manasseh, all the land of Judah as far as the western sea, <sup>3</sup>the Negeb, and the Plain, that is, the Valley of Jericho the city of palm trees, as far as Zoar. <sup>4</sup>And the Lord said to him, “This is the land of which I swore to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, ‘I will give it to your offspring.’ I have let you see it with your eyes, but you shall not go over there.” <sup>5</sup>So Moses the servant of the Lord died there in the land of Moab, according to the word of the Lord, <sup>6</sup>and he buried him in the valley in the land of Moab opposite Beth-peor; but no one knows the place of his burial to this day. <sup>7</sup>Moses was 120 years old when he died. His eye was undimmed, and his vigor unabated. <sup>8</sup>And the people of Israel wept for Moses in the plains of Moab thirty days. Then the days of weeping and mourning for Moses were ended.

<sup>9</sup>And Joshua the son of Nun was full of the spirit of wisdom, for Moses had laid his hands on him. So the people of Israel obeyed him and did as the Lord had commanded Moses. <sup>10</sup>And there has not arisen a prophet since in Israel like Moses, whom the Lord knew face to face, <sup>11</sup>none like him for all the signs and the wonders that the Lord sent him to do in the land of Egypt, to Pharaoh and to all his servants and to all his land, <sup>12</sup>and for all the mighty power and all the great deeds of terror that Moses did in the sight of all Israel.

#### Epistle

*Hebrews 3:1–6*

<sup>1</sup>Therefore, holy brothers, you who share in a heavenly calling, consider Jesus, the apostle and high priest of our confession, <sup>2</sup>who was faithful to him who appointed him, just as Moses also was faithful in all God’s house. <sup>3</sup>For Jesus has been counted worthy of more glory than Moses—as much more glory as the builder of a house has more honor than the house itself. <sup>4</sup>(For every house is built by someone, but the builder of all things is God.) <sup>5</sup>Now Moses was faithful in all God’s house as a servant, to testify to the things that were to be spoken later, <sup>6</sup>but Christ is faithful over God’s house as a son. And we are his house if indeed we hold fast our confidence and our boasting in our hope.

#### Holy Gospel

*Luke 9:28–36*

<sup>28</sup>Now about eight days after these sayings [Jesus] took with him Peter and John and James and went up on the mountain to pray. <sup>29</sup>And as he was praying, the appearance of his face was altered, and his clothing became dazzling white. <sup>30</sup>And behold, two men were talking with him, Moses and Elijah, <sup>31</sup>who appeared in glory and spoke of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. <sup>32</sup>Now Peter and those who were with him were heavy with sleep, but when they became fully awake they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. <sup>33</sup>And as the men were parting from him, Peter said to Jesus, “Master, it is good that we are here. Let us make three tents, one for you and one for Moses and one for Elijah”—not knowing what he said. <sup>34</sup>As he was saying these things, a cloud came and overshadowed

them, and they were afraid as they entered the cloud. <sup>35</sup>And a voice came out of the cloud, saying, “This is my Son, my Chosen One; listen to him!” <sup>36</sup>And when the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and told no one in those days anything of what they had seen.

## Introit

Blessèd are those who dwell | in your house,\*  
ever sing- | ing your praise!

**How lovely is your | dwelling place,\***

**O | Lord of hosts!**

My soul longs, yes, faints for the courts | of the Lord;\*  
my heart and flesh sing for joy to the | living God.

**Behold our shield, | O God;\***

**look on the face of your a- | nointed!**

For the Lord God is a sun and shield; the Lord bestows favor and | honor.\*  
No good thing does he withhold from those who walk up- | rightly.

**Glory be 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.**

Blessèd are those who dwell | in your house,\*  
ever sing- | ing your praise!

## Psalm

<sup>1</sup>The Lord reigns; let the peoples  
tremble!

He sits enthroned upon the cherubim;  
let the earth quake!

<sup>2</sup>**The Lord is great in Zion;  
he is exalted over all the peoples.**

<sup>3</sup>Let them praise your great and  
awesome name!

Holy is he!

<sup>4</sup>**The King in his might loves justice.**

**You have established equity;  
you have executed justice  
and righteousness in Jacob.**

<sup>5</sup>Exalt the Lord our God;  
worship at his footstool!

Holy is he!

<sup>6</sup>**Moses and Aaron were among his  
priests,**

**Samuel also was among those who  
called upon his name.**

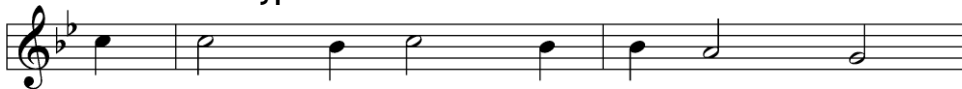
**They called to the Lord, and he  
answered them.**

<sup>7</sup>In the pillar of the cloud he spoke to  
them; they kept his testimonies  
and the statute that he gave them.

<sup>8</sup>**O Lord our God, you answered  
them; you were a forgiving God to  
them, but an avenger of their  
wrongdoings.**

<sup>9</sup>Exalt the Lord our God,  
and worship at his holy mountain;  
for the Lord our God is holy!

# 413 O Wondrous Type! O Vision Fair



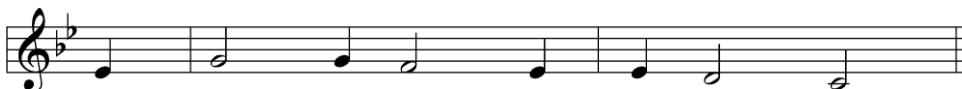
1 O won - drous type! O vi - sion fair  
 2 With Mo - ses and E - li - jah nigh  
 3 With shin - ing face and bright ar - ray  
 4 And faith - ful hearts are raised on high  
 △ 5 O Fa - ther, with the e - ter - nal Son



Of glo - ry that the Church may share,  
 The in - car - nate Lord holds con - verse high;  
 Christ deigns to man - i - fest to - day  
 By this great vi - sion's mys - ter - y,  
 And Ho - ly Spir - it ev - er one,



Which Christ up - on the moun - tain shows,  
 And from the cloud the Ho - ly One  
 What glo - ry shall be theirs a - bove  
 For which in joy - ful strains we raise  
 We pray Thee, bring us by Thy grace



Where bright - er than the sun He glows!  
 Bears rec - ord to the on - ly Son.  
 Who joy in God with per - fect love.  
 The voice of prayer, the hymn of praise.  
 To see Thy glo - ry face to face.

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