

# THE SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY - FEBRUARY 20, 2022



The psalmist reminded Israel that the Lord does not deal with us according to the sin we commit, rather He deals with us through lovingkindness. Joseph met his jealous brothers with forgiveness and their family was restored to its former wholeness. Likewise, Jesus taught his followers to act with mercy and love toward all those who persecuted them; on Calvary he put those words into action for all to see.

## A WARM WELCOME TO OUR GUESTS

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- ◆ You are here by God's calling and we extend Christ's hospitality to you this day.
- ◆ In worship, we hear God's Word, partake in the Lord's Supper, and give thanks to God in prayer and praise.
- ◆ If you receive the Lord's Supper in your home congregation, you are welcome to receive it here.
- ◆ Restrooms and a nursery are located in the backside hallway. Look for the horseshoe cross.
- ◆ Please fill out a visitor card so we can keep in touch. The Lord give you strength for daily living.
- ◆ A personal hearing aid is available if needed. Please ask a Greeter or any member for assistance.

ANNOUNCEMENTS, MUSICAL PRELUDE - KAREN HALL

LBW: Divine Service One

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS *(Stand, Spoken)*

P: In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **C: Amen.**

P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **C: Amen.**

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. *(1 John 1:8-9)*

*(Silence for reflection and self-examination)*

P: Most merciful God,

**C: we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

P: Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **C: Amen.**

BAPTISMAL HYMN — "SEE THIS WONDER IN THE MAKING" *(Sung)*

*From Lutheran Service Book, Concordia Publishing Text: Jaroslav J. Vajda / Tune: "Children of the Heavenly Father"*

**See this wonder in the making: God himself this child is taking  
As a lamb safe in His keeping, His to be, awake or sleeping.**

**Miracle each time it happens as the door to heaven opens  
And the Father beams, "Beloved, Heir of gifts a king would covet!"**

**Far more tender than a mother, far more caring than a father,  
God, into your arms we place him, with your love and peace embrace him.**

**Here we bring a child of nature; Home we take a newborn creature,  
Now God's precious holy daughter, born again by Word and water.**

THE RITE OF HOLY BAPTISM *(Remain seated; Go To Last Page)*

PRAYER OF THE DAY *(Sung)*

P: The Lord be with you. **C: And also with you.**

P: Lord God, we ask you to keep your family, the Church, always faithful to you, that all who lean on the hope of your promises may gain strength from the power of your love; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **C: Amen**

FIRST READING - Genesis 45:3-15 *(Sit; Pew Bible, p. 46)*

SECOND READING - 1 Corinthians 15:21-26,30-42 *(Pew Bible, p. 1142)*

CHILDREN'S CHOIR "I LOVE TO SING ABOUT JESUS"

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Gospel Verse *(Stand, Sung)*

**Alleluia, Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia. Alleluia.** *(John 6:68)*

GOSPEL READING & RESPONSES - Luke 6:27-38 *(Sung; Pew Bible, p. 1025)*

P: The Holy Gospel from St. Luke, chapter 6. **C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

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

MESSAGE *(Sit)*

HYMN — "JESUS, THE VERY THOUGHT OF YOU" *(Stand, Sung: LBW #316)*

**Jesus, the very thought of you Fills us with sweet delight;  
But sweeter far your face to view And rest within your light.**

**No voice can sing, no heart can frame, Nor can the mind recall  
A sweeter sound than your blest name, O Savior of us all!**

**O Hope of ev'ry contrite soul, O Joy of all the meek,  
How kind you are to those who fall! How good to those who seek!**

**O Jesus, be our joy today; Help us to prize your love;  
Grant us at last to hear you say: "Come, share my home above."**

ADULT CHOIR "I STAND AMAZED (HOW MARVELOUS)"

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH *(Spoken)*

OFFERTORY *(Sung)*

**Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of blessing. Gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life. Gather the hopes and dreams of all; unite them with the prayers we offer now. Grace our table with your presence, and give us a foretaste of the feast to come.**

OFFERING PRAYER *(Spoken)*

P: Merciful Father,

**C: we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us — our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

GREAT THANKSGIVING *(Spoken)*

P: The Lord be with you. **C: And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts. **C: We lift them to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **C: It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

P: It is indeed right and salutary... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

THE SANCTUS *(Sung)*

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might: Heav'n and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION & THE LORD'S PRAYER *(Spoken)*

AGNUS DEI *(Sung)*

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.**

POST-COMMUNION HYMN *(Stand, Sung)*

**Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell ev-'ry-one what he has done. Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and proudly bear his name. He recalls his promises and leads his people forth in joy with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER *(Spoken)*

P: We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life; **and we pray that in your mercy you would strengthen us, through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

BENEDICTION *(Spoken)*

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor, and give you peace. **C: Amen**

HYMN "GO MY CHILDREN WITH MY BLESSING" *(Sung)*

**"Go, my children, with my blessing, never alone.**

**Waking, sleeping, I am with you, you are my own.**

**In my love's baptismal river, I have made you mine forever.**

**Go, my children with my blessing, you are my own."**

**"Go, my children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure.**

**Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.**

**Here you heard my dear Son's story, here you touched him, saw his glory.**

**Go, my children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure."**

**"Go, my children, fed and nourished, closer to me.**

**Grow in love and love by service, joyful and free.**

**Here my Spirit's power filled you, here my tender comfort stilled you.**

**Go, my children, fed and nourished, joyful and free."**

DISMISSAL *(Spoken)*

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God!**

MUSICAL POSTLUDE - KAREN HALL

*(A cake and punch reception will be served on the front porch in honor of Emmett Wipper.)*

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### The Baptism of Emmett James Wipper

P = Pastor R = Candidate/Sponsor C = Congregation

#### PRESENTATION

P: In Holy Baptism our gracious heavenly Father liberates us from sin and death by joining us to the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. We are born children of a fallen humanity; in the waters of Baptism we are reborn children of God and inheritors of eternal life. By water and the Holy Spirit we are made members of the Church which is the Body of Christ. As we live with him and with his people, we grow in faith, love, and obedience to the will of God. Who is to be baptized this day?

**R: We present EMMETT JAMES WIPPER to receive the Sacrament of Holy Baptism.**

P: In Christian love you have presented this child for Holy Baptism. You should, therefore, faithfully bring him to the services of God's house, and teach him the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments. As he grows in years, you should place in his hands the Holy Scriptures and provide for his instruction in the Christian faith, that, living in the covenant of his Baptism and in communion with the Church, he may lead a godly life until the day of Jesus Christ. Do you promise to fulfill these obligations? **R: We do.**

P: Grant to us, Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ, your Son, may also live with him in the power of his resurrection; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **C: Amen.**

#### THANKSGIVING

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C: It is right to give him thanks and praise**

P: Holy God, mighty Lord, gracious Father: We give you thanks, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and you created the heaven and the earth. By the gift of water you nourish and sustain us and all living things.

By the waters of the flood you condemned the wicked and saved those whom you had chosen, Noah and his family. You led Israel by the pillar of cloud and fire through the sea, out of slavery into the freedom of the promised land. In the waters of the Jordan your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By the baptism of his own death and resurrection your beloved Son has set us free from the bondage to sin and death and has opened the way to everlasting life. He made water a sign of the kingdom and of cleansing and rebirth. In obedience to his command, we make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Pour out your Holy Spirit, so that he who is here baptized may be given new life. Wash away his sin by this cleansing water and bring him forth as an heir of your glorious kingdom. To you be given praise, honor and worship through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **C: Amen**

#### RENUNCIATION OF EVIL & PROFESSION OF FAITH

P: EMMETT, I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the Church, the faith in which we baptize.

P: Do you renounce all the forces of evil, the devil, and all his empty promises? **C: I do.**

P: Do you believe in God the Father?

**C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

P: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**C: I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

P: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**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**

BAPTISM WITH WATER

P: EMMETT, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **C: Amen**

LAYING ON OF HANDS AND SIGNS OF NEW BIRTH

P: The Lord be with you. **C: And also with you.**

P: God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, we give you thanks for freeing your people from the power of sin and for raising them up to a new life through this holy Sacrament. Pour out your Holy Spirit upon EMMETT: the Spirit of wisdom and understanding, the Spirit of counsel and might, the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the Spirit of joy in your presence.

**C: Amen**

P: EMMETT, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

**C: Amen**

P: Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

P: O God, the giver of all life, look with kindness upon the father and mother of this child. Let Rachel and Aaron ever rejoice in the gift you have given them. Make them teachers and examples of righteousness for their children. Strengthen them in their own Baptism so they may share eternally with their children the salvation you have given them, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen**

WELCOME INTO CONGREGATION

Congregational Representative: Through Baptism God has made this new brother a member of the priesthood we all share in Christ Jesus, so that we may proclaim the praise of God and bear his creative and redeeming Word to all the world.

**C: We welcome you into the Lord's family. We receive you as a fellow member of the Body of Christ, a child of the same heavenly Father, and a worker with us in the Kingdom of God.**

EMMETT JAMES WIPPER was born on January 6, 2022 at St. Joseph-Candler Hospital.

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**Scriptures about Baptism**

Jesus' Baptism: John 1:19-34

Baptism part of the Great Commission: Matthew 28:18-20

Blessings associated with Baptism:

Forgiveness of sins - Acts 2:38, Acts 22:16

Christ's Death and Resurrection - Romans 6:1-5

Salvation in Christ - 1 Corinthians 6:11, Ephesians 5:25-26,

1 Peter 3:21, Titus 3:5-8



**Ephesians 5:25-27**

<sup>25</sup>Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her, <sup>26</sup>that he might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word, <sup>27</sup>so that he might present the church to himself in splendor, without spot or wrinkle or any such thing, that she might be holy and without blemish.