

Gospel: Luke 6:27-38

²⁷Jesus said, "I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, ²⁸bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. ²⁹If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. ³⁰Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. ³¹Do to others as you would have them do to you. ³²"If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. ³³If you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. ³⁴If you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. ³⁵But love your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return. Your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High; for he is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. ³⁶Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful. ³⁷"Do not judge, and you will not be judged; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. **Forgive, and you will be forgiven;** ³⁸**give, and it will be given to you.** A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap; for the measure you give will be the measure you get back."

Psalm 37:1-12, 41-42

¹ Do not fret yourself because of evildoers; do not be jealous of those who do wrong. ² For they shall soon wither like the grass, and like the green grass fade away. ³ Put your trust in the LORD and do good; dwell in the land and feed on its riches. ⁴ Take delight in the LORD, and he shall give you your heart's desire. ⁵ Commit your way to the LORD and put your trust in him, and he will bring it to pass. ⁶ He will make your righteousness as clear as the light and your just dealing as the noonday. ⁷ Be still before the LORD and wait patiently for him. ⁸ Do not fret yourself over the one who prospers, the one who succeeds in evil schemes. ⁹ Refrain from anger, leave rage alone; do not fret yourself; it leads only to evil. ¹⁰ For evildoers shall be cut off, but those who wait upon the LORD shall possess the land. ¹¹ In a little while the wicked shall be no more; you shall search out their place, but they will not be *there*. ¹² But the lowly shall possess the land; they will delight in abundance of peace. ⁴¹ But the deliverance of the righteous comes from the LORD; he is their stronghold in time of trouble. ⁴² The LORD will help them and rescue them; he will rescue them from the wicked and deliver them, because they seek refuge in him.

Pray for these we know to be in need of resolution, healing, support and comfort:



The Cisneros family; Ivy & John Conklin; Austin Marsh; Ewalani Odachi; Brian Kurihara; George Aspeitia; Jim Gagne; Ed Sais; Carol & Larry Sullivan; Hazel Booth; Aki Fukui; Lily Fukui; Karri Padilla; Susan and Gene Ramirez; Margarete Schwall; Millie Powell; Mai Madrigal and her family; Phil Stanton; Meher Montessori School; and all who are sick from COVID-19 in our nation and across the globe; for all businesses who are reopening to full capacity; for those who are struggling with returning to normalcy financially, emotionally, or mentally; for those who face discrimination; and for our country, our military and first responders.

Seventh Sunday After Epiphany February 20, 2022

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Sunday Worship at 9:30am.

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Welcome to St. Paul's Lutheran Church

We are happy to be open for worship on Sundays at 9:30 am.

LA County is requiring everyone to wear masks when gathering indoors again, regardless of vaccination status, due to the rapid spread of the Omicron variant. The Synod has reaffirmed this in all LA County congregations. So, we are once again asking everyone who comes to worship on Sundays to wear a mask and socially distance from persons outside immediate family.

If you have forgotten a mask, we do have extras, in both adult and kid sizes, in the Narthex.

News and Needs

- **Today, we welcome Pr. John Santoro**, who will be worshipping with us for the rest of February.
- **The Lord's Supper**, our sharing of the bread and wine as Jesus invites us to do, is open to all who accept the presence of Jesus in this simple meal. Jesus comes to us with forgiveness independently of our human understanding. We continue to use pre-filled communion chalices for a sanitary, safe, and traditional communion experience. We rejoice in our opportunity to join together in praise and thanksgiving to God. Newcomers among us are invited to participate in every aspect of our worship. Any questions? Please ask.
- **St. Paul's Annual Congregational meeting will be held Wednesday, February 23rd over Zoom at 6:30PM.** Printouts of the reports are available in the Narthex for you to take home or they can be emailed to you.
<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/6016905190?pwd=Qyt0aGZtZm4xUWV0WGJRNEU1YjU0Zz09>
Meeting ID: 601 690 5190 Passcode: 3qf8kF
- **While it is still early in the year, Council has been looking into community service projects that we can take on as a congregation for Lent.** Lutheran World Relief is having a "Care Package" drive for their "Season of Hope." A list of items to be included, as well as assembly instructions have been provided in packets on the Narthex table. If you have any other ideas on how we could help our communities and the world, please contact Elizabeth with details.
- **President's Day Holiday, Monday, Feb. 21st** - Church office will be closed.
If you have an emergency, please call Ed Sais (626) 589-4095
- **The City of Monterey Park will reopen the Bruggemeyer Library and Langley Senior Center for indoor services by appointment beginning Tuesday, March 1, 2022.** The Monterey Park **Bruggemeyer Library** will be open to the public Tuesday and Thursday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., and Wednesday, Friday and Saturday, 1 to 5 p.m. In addition to these open hours, services and programs such as contactless checkout, outdoor programming and Saturday pop-up services in Barnes Park will continue to be offered. For passport appointments call 626-307-1492. For more information, please contact the Library at 626-307-1366, or visit the Library's website at www.montereypark.ca.gov/library. **Langley Senior Center** will be open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Recreation and Community Services programming such as daycare, the senior lunch program (offered by delivery), dial-a-ride transportation, and outdoor/virtual as well as indoor classes will also be available. For more information, please contact the Recreation Department at 626-307-1388, or visit the department's website at www.montereypark.ca.gov/recreation.

First Reading: Genesis 45:3-11, 15

³Joseph said to his brothers, "I am Joseph. Is my father still alive?" But his brothers could not answer him, so dismayed were they at his presence. ⁴Then Joseph said to his brothers, "Come closer to me." And they came closer. 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 five more years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. ⁷God 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 delay. ¹⁰You shall settle in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children's children, as well as your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. ¹¹I will provide for you there--since there are five more years of famine to come--so that you and your household, and all that you have, will not come to poverty.'" ¹⁵And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them; and after that his brothers talked with him.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:35-38,42-50

³⁵Someone will ask, "How are the dead raised? With what kind of body do they come?" ³⁶Fool! What you sow does not come to life unless it dies. ³⁷And as for what you sow, you do not sow the body that is to be, but a bare seed, 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. ⁴²So it is with the resurrection of the dead. What is sown is perishable, what is raised is imperishable. ⁴³It is sown in dishonor, it is raised in glory. It is sown in weakness, it is raised in power. ⁴⁴It is sown a physical body, it is raised a spiritual body. If there is a physical body, there is also a spiritual body. ⁴⁵Thus it is written, "The first man, Adam, became a living being"; the last Adam became a life-giving spirit. ⁴⁶But it is not the spiritual that is first, but the physical, and then the spiritual. ⁴⁷The first man was from the earth, a man of dust; the second man is from heaven. ⁴⁸As was the man of dust, so are those who are of the dust; and as is the man of heaven, so are those who are of heaven. ⁴⁹Just as we have borne the image of the man of dust, we will also bear the image of the man of heaven. ⁵⁰What I am saying, brothers and sisters, is this: flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable.

Prayer of the Day

O Lord Jesus, make us instruments of your peace, that where there is hatred, we may sow love, where there is injury, pardon, and where there is despair, hope. Grant, O divine master, that we may seek to console, to understand, and to love in your name, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

- **Upcoming Birthdays in February:**
Jo Anne Mitchell (Tuesday, Feb. 22)
Mary Sais (Monday, Feb. 28).

