



*Joseph Recognized by his Brothers (1863) by Joseph-Fortunet Layraud.*

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2022**

Lectionary 7

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Dove of Peace Lutheran Church

9:30 a.m.

## **MASKS AND PRECAUTIONS FOR COVID**

Masks are required for worshipers, except when receiving communion. Worship leaders may remove their masks to speak or to chant.

**IF YOU HAVE A POSITIVE TEST FOR COVID**, please contact our pastor so that we can assess if others may have been exposed, and make appropriate notifications. Your identity and health will be treated with discretion.  
[direct line to Pastor Springer's voicemail: 520-445-8730]

## **EXTRA PRECAUTIONS AREA**

The northeast quadrant of the sanctuary is set aside for worshipers who are taking extra precautions to protect themselves and others.

1. A physical distance of at least six feet must be maintained.
2. The exchange of peace is made only with words, and only at a distance of at least six feet.

## **OFFERING**

We are currently not passing the offering plates within the worship service, to avoid possible Covid transmission. We have an offering plate on the table in the entrance foyer. Please place your offering there as you enter or leave the sanctuary.

Alternately, you can mail your check to our office. Or donate safely and securely online at **[www.doveofpeacetucson.org/donate](http://www.doveofpeacetucson.org/donate)**.  
Thank you for your generous support of our congregation and our work.

**If the spread of Covid continues to decline, the choirs and the celebration of communion will return in early March.**

# Sunday, February 20, 2022

## Lectionary 7 C

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### WELCOME

Pastor Stephen Springer

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*Mercy. Mercy. Mercy. Joseph lives it in Egypt. Jesus preaches it in the gospel. The Spirit guides us into merciful lives with the power of forgiveness to reconcile what is fractured and divided. Such merciful living is the baptismal blessing of having put on Christ. It is the gift of the life-giving Spirit. It is a reflection of God's glory revealed in Christ.*

### PROLOGUE

Pamela Decker, pipe organ

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*Andante sostenuto*  
Edgar Tinel (1854-1912)

*Edgar Tinel was a Belgian organist, pianist, music theorist, and composer who eventually ascended to the position of Director of the Brussels Conservatory, where he had completed in-depth studies in several academic disciplines and performance areas during his student years. In 1877 he won the Prix de Rome, which is arguably the most prestigious prize for composers. His works show the influence of Mendelssohn, Schumann, and Brahms. The work that is in the position of prologue today is the central movement of his Sonate in G-moll für die Orgel, Op. 29.*

## **\*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

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In the name of the Father,  
and of the ✠ Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

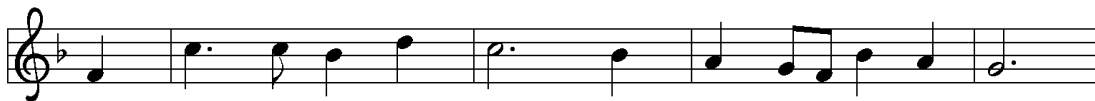
*Silence for reflection.*

Gracious God,  
**have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**

**Amen.**

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of ✠ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

**Amen.**



- 1 Oh, praise the gra - cious pow'r that tum - bles walls of fear
- 2 Oh, praise per - sis - tent truth that o - pens fist - ed minds
- 3 Oh, praise in - clu - sive love, en - cir - cling ev - 'ry race,
- 4 Oh, praise the word of faith that claims us as God's own,
- 5 Oh, praise the tide of grace that laps at ev - 'ry shore



and gath - ers in one house of faith all strang - ers far and near:  
 and eas - es from their anx - ious clutch the prej - u - dice that blinds:  
 ob - liv - i - ous to gen - der, wealth, to so - cial rank or place:  
 a liv - ing tem - ple built on Christ, our rock and cor - ner - stone:  
 with vi - sions of a world at peace, no lon - ger bled by war:

*Refrain*



We praise you, Christ! Your cross has made us one!

- 6 Oh, praise the pow'r, the truth,  
 the love, the word, the tide.  
 Yet more than these, oh, praise their source,  
 praise Christ the crucified: *Refrain*
- 7 Oh, praise the living Christ  
 with faith's bright songful voice!  
 Announce the gospel to the world  
 and with these words rejoice: *Refrain*

Text: Thomas H. Troeger, b. 1945

Music: CHRISTPRAISE RAY, Carol Doran, b. 1936

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**\*GREETING**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,  
 and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**And also with you.**

## **\*PRAYER OF THE DAY**

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Let us pray.

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.**

## **FIRST READING: Genesis 45:3-11, 15**

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*Many years after being sold into slavery by his jealous brothers, Joseph reveals himself to them. Now the second-in-command in Egypt, Joseph reassures his brothers that God has used their evil intentions for good to preserve life during a devastating famine, and Joseph forgives them.*

A reading from Genesis.

<sup>3</sup>Joseph 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.

<sup>4</sup>Then 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. <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 five more years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. <sup>7</sup>God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors.

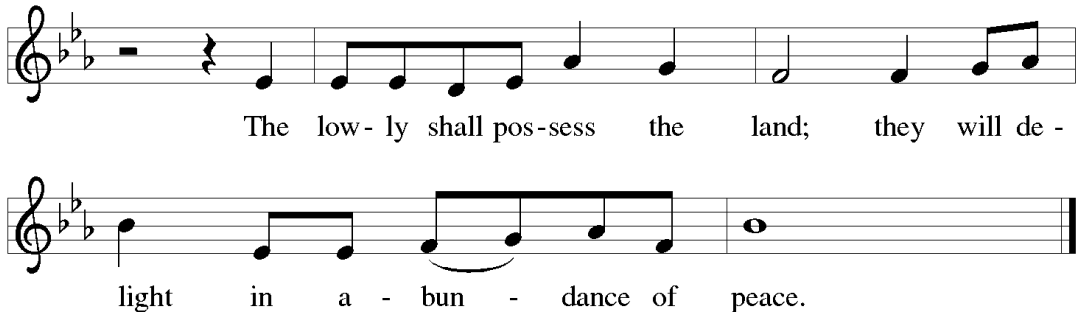
<sup>8</sup>So it was not you who sent me here, but God; he has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. <sup>9</sup>Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, ‘Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me, do not delay. <sup>10</sup>You 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. <sup>11</sup>I 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.’” <sup>15</sup>And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them; and after that his brothers talked with him.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## PSALMODY (ELW): Psalm 37:1-11, 39-40

The refrain is first introduced by the leader, then repeated by the assembly.



Psalm 37: 11

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<sup>1</sup>Do not be provoked by <sup>1</sup> evildoers;

do not be jealous of those <sup>1</sup> who do wrong.

<sup>2</sup>**For they shall soon wither <sup>1</sup> like the grass,**

**and like the green grass <sup>1</sup> fade away.**

<sup>3</sup>Put your trust in the LORD<sup>1</sup> and do good;

dwell in the land and <sup>1</sup> find safe pasture.

<sup>4</sup>**Take delight <sup>1</sup> in the LORD,**

**who shall give you your <sup>1</sup> heart's desire. REFRAIN**

<sup>5</sup>Commit your way to the LORD; put your trust <sup>1</sup> in the LORD,

and see what <sup>1</sup> God will do.

<sup>6</sup>**The LORD will make your vindication as clear <sup>1</sup> as the light**

**and the justice of your case like the <sup>1</sup> noonday sun.**

<sup>7</sup>Be still before the LORD and wait <sup>1</sup> patiently.

Do not be provoked by the one who prospers,

the one who succeeds in <sup>1</sup> evil schemes.

<sup>8</sup>**Refrain from anger, leave <sup>1</sup> rage alone;**

**do not be provoked; it leads on- <sup>1</sup> ly to evil. REFRAIN**

<sup>9</sup>For evildoers shall <sup>1</sup> be cut off,

but those who hope in the LORD shall pos- <sup>1</sup> sess the land.

<sup>10</sup>**In a little while the wicked shall <sup>1</sup> be no more;  
even if you search out their place, they will <sup>1</sup> not be there.**

<sup>11</sup>**But the lowly shall pos- <sup>1</sup> sess the land;  
they will delight in abun- <sup>1</sup> dance of peace.**

<sup>39</sup>**But the deliverance of the righteous comes from <sup>1</sup> you, O LORD;  
you are their stronghold in <sup>1</sup> time of trouble.**

<sup>40</sup>**You, O LORD, will help them and <sup>1</sup> rescue them;  
you will rescue them from the wicked and deliver them,  
because in you <sup>1</sup> they seek refuge. **REFRAIN****

## **SECOND READING: I Corinthians 15:35-38, 42-50**

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*In the Apostles' Creed, we speak of the "resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting."  
Using the metaphor of a planted seed and the story of Adam, Paul preaches passionately about  
the mystery of following Christ's perfect life into eternity.*

A reading from First Corinthians.

<sup>35</sup>But someone will ask, "How are the dead raised? With what kind of body do they come?" <sup>36</sup>Fool! What you sow does not come to life unless it dies. <sup>37</sup>And 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. <sup>38</sup>But God gives it a body as he has chosen, and to each kind of seed its own body.

<sup>42</sup>So it is with the resurrection of the dead. What is sown is perishable, what is raised is imperishable. <sup>43</sup>It is sown in dishonor, it is raised in glory. It is sown in weakness, it is raised in power. <sup>44</sup>It is sown a physical body, it is raised a spiritual body. If there is a physical body, there is also a spiritual body. <sup>45</sup>Thus it is written, "The first man, Adam, became a living being"; the last Adam became a life-giving spirit. <sup>46</sup>But it is not the spiritual that is first, but the physical, and then the spiritual. <sup>47</sup>The first man was from the earth, a man of dust; the second man is from heaven. <sup>48</sup>As 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. <sup>49</sup>Just as we have borne the image of the man of dust, we will also bear the image of the man of heaven.



<sup>50</sup>What I am saying, brothers and sisters, is this: flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

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**\*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

ELW 169

*The assembly sings the acclamation before and after the verse of the day.*



**Cantor:** Love your enemies, and you will be children of | the Most High;\*  
forgive, and you will | be forgiven. [Luke 6:35, 37]

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**\*GOSPEL: Luke 6:27-38**

*Jesus continues to address a crowd of his disciples. He invites his followers to shower radical love, blessing, forgiveness, generosity, and trust even on enemies and outsiders. Living in harmony with God's intent brings the reward of overflowing blessing.*

The Holy Gospel According to Luke.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus said:] <sup>27</sup>“But I say to you that listen, 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>If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. <sup>30</sup>Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. <sup>31</sup>Do to others as you would have them do to you.

<sup>32</sup>“If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. <sup>33</sup>If you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. <sup>34</sup>If 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. <sup>35</sup>But 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. <sup>36</sup>Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.

<sup>37</sup>“Do not judge, and you will not be judged; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven; <sup>38</sup>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.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **SERMON**

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*Pastor Stephen Springer*



- 1 “For - give our sins as we for - give,” you taught us, Lord, to pray;
- 2 How can your par - don reach and bless the un - for - giv - ing heart
- 3 In blaz - ing light your cross re - veals the truth we dim - ly knew:
- 4 Lord, cleanse the depths with - in our souls and bid re - sent - ment cease;



but you a - lone can grant us grace to live the words we say.  
that broods on wrongs and will not let old bit - ter - ness de - part?  
how tri - fling oth - ers' debts to us; how great our debt to you!  
then, by your mer - cy rec - on - ciled, our lives will spread your peace.

Text: Rosamond E. Herklots, 1905–1987, alt.

Music: DETROIT, *The Sacred Harp*, Philadelphia, 1844

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**\*PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

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*Each petition concludes, “Lord in your, mercy,”  
and the assembly responds, “**Hear our prayer.**”*

## **\*THE LORD'S PRAYER**

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Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**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.**

## **MUSIC MEDITATION**

Pamela Decker, pipe organ

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### *Meditation*

Ken Yukl (b. 1943)

*Ken Yukl is an American organ pipe maker, organist, conductor, and composer. He wrote Meditation in 2005 as a work dedicated to Pamela Decker in celebration of an important birthday. The piece has an “ABA” form in which a gentle, lyrical section leads to a middle section that builds to a high point of volume and intensity, after which the first section returns and then reaches a soft, “sweetly resolved” conclusion. The work has been performed in many parts of the country and also internationally.*

## **COMMISSION**

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*The Lord sends us forth into his world.*

## \*BLESSING

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace.

**Amen.**

## \*SENDING SONG

*Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee*

ELW #836



- 1 Joy - ful, joy - ful we a - dore thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love!
- 2 All thy works with joy sur-round thee, earth and heav'n re - flect thy rays,
- 3 Thou art giv - ing and for - giv - ing, ev - er bless-ing, ev - er blest,



Hearts un - fold like flow'rs be - fore thee, prais-ing thee, their sun a - bove.  
stars and an - gels sing a-round thee, cen - ter of un - bro - ken praise.  
well-spring of the joy of liv - ing, o - cean-depth of hap - py rest!



Melt the clouds of sin and sad - ness, drive the gloom of doubt a - way.  
Field and for - est, vale and moun-tain, flow-'ry mead-ow, flash - ing sea,  
Thou our Fa - ther, Christ our broth - er, all who live in love are thine;



Giv - er of im - mor - tal glad - ness, fill us with the light of day.  
chant-ing bird, and flow - ing foun - tain call us to re - joice in thee.  
teach us how to love each oth - er, lift us to the joy di - vine!

Text: Henry van Dyke, 1852–1922

Music: HYMN TO JOY, Ludwig van Beethoven, 1770–1827, adapt.

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*Praeludium C-moll, BWV 546*  
Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

*This monumental prelude by Bach from his years in Leipzig, where he was the director of music and the organist at the Thomaskirche. Evidence indicates that the work was written in what some musicologists term his “mature master period,” along with other works such as the large-scale Prelude and Fugue in E minor, BWV 548, which also makes use of a ritornello-concerto structure that results in equal parts of stately grandeur and passionate musical fireworks. The fugue that Bach paired with this prelude dates from his earlier years as a court musician in Weimar. The prelude is such a highly developed work of compositional genius that it can be performed with or without its fugue.*

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**DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Share the good news.

**Thanks be to God.**

Eric Holtan, assisting minister and cantor

Dianne Huston, lector

Pamela Decker, organist

## In our prayers...

Member **Craig Priest**, in rehab at Select Specialty Hospital.

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### **Mardi Gras Jazz Service: Next Sunday, February 27, at 11:00 a.m.**

The tradition continues, this time outdoors! There will not be food this year, but we will have lots of good music. Masks are *optional*.

Yes, we will ALSO have a traditional service indoors at 9:30 a.m., and online, as usual.

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