

you, do not demand it back. <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? Even ‘sinners’ love those who love them. <sup>33</sup> And if you do good to those who are good to you, what credit is that to you? Even ‘sinners’ do that. <sup>34</sup> And if you lend to those from whom you expect repayment, what credit is that to you? Even ‘sinners’ lend to ‘sinners,’ expecting to be repaid in full. <sup>35</sup> But love your enemies, do good to them, and lend to them without expecting to get anything back. Then your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High, because he is kind to the ungrateful and wicked. <sup>36</sup> Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.

#### *Judging Others*

<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 and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you.”

**Sermon Hymn:** 492 – Son of God, Eternal Savior

**Sermon:** Like Your Heavenly Father

**Offering:** *(Please remember to sign the Friendship Register.)*

**Distribution Hymn:** 498 – Though I May Speak With Bravest Fire  
742 – What Is This Bread?

#### **Benediction**

**Closing Hymn:** 490 – Love in Christ Is Strong and Living

Ushers: This Week – Zack Vogel & Alex Vogel  
Next Week – Hunter Boettcher & Jeremy Foltz

Greeters: This Week – Dave & Andrea Stewart  
Next Week – Paul & Vicki Milbrath

*Rooted and Growing in Christ*



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# We Welcome You!

**Order of Worship:** Divine 1

**Opening Hymn:** 760 – When Peace Like A River

Ensamble – Kelly Reese, Haylie Reese, Janet Swanson,  
Todd Reschke, and Daniel Domer

**Prayer of the Day:**

M: Gracious Father, keep your family, the Church, always faithful to you, that we may lean on the hope of your promises and be strong in the power of your love; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

**First Lesson - Genesis 45:3-8a, 15**

*How quick we are to withhold love when we have been wronged, clinging to anger in a pathetic attempt to make the offender suffer from our displeasure. Praise be to God such treatment is not ours in Christ. Consider Joseph: sold by his brothers, imprisoned, forgotten. Yet he reflected the love of the Lord - revealing himself to his brothers, bringing them to repentance, and providing for their needs.*

<sup>3</sup> Joseph said to his brothers, “I am Joseph! Is my father still living?” But his brothers were not able to answer him, because they were terrified at his presence.

<sup>4</sup> Then Joseph said to his brothers, “Come close to me.” When they had done so, he said, “I am your brother Joseph, the one you sold into Egypt! <sup>5</sup> And now, do not be distressed and do not be angry with yourselves for selling me here, because it was to save lives that God sent me ahead of you. <sup>6</sup> For two years now there has been famine in the land, and for the next five years there will not be plowing and reaping. <sup>7</sup> But God sent me ahead of you to preserve for you a remnant on earth and to save your lives by a great deliverance.

<sup>8</sup> “So then, it was not you who sent me here, but God.” <sup>15</sup> And he kissed all his brothers and wept over them. Afterward his brothers talked with him.

**Psalm of the Day - Psalm 103 p. 105**

**Second Lesson - 1 Corinthians 15:35-38a, 42-49**

*Paul continues his discussion of the resurrection by explaining the connection between the mortal body and the raised, glorified body. Buried with the corruptible body of the first Adam, we will be raised with the glorified body of the second Adam, fit for eternity with him who is the Christ.*

<sup>35</sup> But someone may ask, “How are the dead raised? With what kind of body will they come?” <sup>36</sup> How foolish! What you sow does not come to life unless it dies. <sup>37</sup> When you sow, you do not plant the body that will be, but just a seed, perhaps of wheat or of something else. <sup>38</sup> But God gives it a body as he has determined.

<sup>42</sup> So will it be with the resurrection of the dead. The body that is sown is perishable, it is raised 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 natural body, it is raised a spiritual body.

If there is a natural body, there is also a spiritual body. <sup>45</sup> So it is written: “The first man Adam became a living being”; the last Adam, a life-giving spirit. <sup>46</sup> The spiritual did not come first, but the natural, and after that the spiritual. <sup>47</sup> The first man was of the dust of the earth, the second man from heaven. <sup>48</sup> As was the earthly man, so are those who are of the earth; and as is the man from heaven, so also are those who are of heaven. <sup>49</sup> And just as we have borne the likeness of the earthly man, so shall we bear the likeness of the man from heaven.

**Verse of the Day:** *Alleluia. Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful. Alleluia. (Luke 6:36)*

**Gospel - Luke 6:27-38**

*After preaching of blessings and woes to the human heart, Jesus continues by contrasting human love and action with his own selfless love. The Christ-imitating Golden Rule finds no greater, no more challenging application than this: Love your enemies; do good to those who hate you.*

<sup>27</sup> “But I tell you who hear me: Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, <sup>28</sup> bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you. <sup>29</sup> If someone strikes you on one cheek, turn to him the other also. If someone takes your cloak, do not stop him from taking your tunic. <sup>30</sup> Give to everyone who asks you, and if anyone takes what belongs to