

Seventh Sunday after Epiphany
The Tomorrow River Lutheran Parish
February 23, 2025

We welcome visitors into our community! May you be blessed as you join us in Worship!

GATHERING

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

***OFFERING PRAYER**

Pastor: Eternal God, you have placed us in a world of space and time, and through the events of our lives you bless us with your love.

Grant that we may know your presence, see your love at work, and live in the light of the event that gives us joy forever—the coming of your Son. We journey with joy knowing we are your own.

All: Amen. Let it be so.

*(As a spiritual discipline, ask the Holy Spirit to nudge you in offering yourself and a portion of God's many blessings God has given you for God's use in the church and world. **We pass the plate to receive your gifts.** Use the cards provided if you give online. A collection box is also available at the back of the sanctuary. To support the ministries and as a response to God's love for you, consider using electronic giving at www.trchurch.org/electronic-giving.)*

*** OPENING PRAYER**

*** HYMN**

Day by Day

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*** CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Pastor: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
our creator,
our protector,
our wellspring of life.

All: Amen.

Pastor: Trusting that God receives our words and the meditations of our hearts, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Pastor: Merciful God,

All: you speak blessing and compassion into the world.

**Forgive us for the ways we act
with judgment, cruelty, or indifference.**

**We ignore the needs of our neighbors;
we resist your call to oppose injustice:**

**we give in to scarcity and fear;
we assume the worst about one another.
Cleanse us from our faults
and release us from their grasp.
Show us your lovingkindness.
Restore our hearts and repair your world,
that we may live in Christ's ways.
Amen.**

Pastor: God proclaims these words of assurance:

"Do not fear, for I have redeemed you.
I have called you by name. You are mine."
In † Christ, you are forgiven.
In the Spirit, you are made free.
Refreshed by the waters of mercy,
live anew as beloved children of God.

All: Amen.

BAPTISM OF Holly Ann Lea (10:15 am only)

Child of Nic & Julie Lea

Gathering Hymn: *Welcome, Child of God*

Raindrops, oceans, lakes, and rivers; welcome, child of God.

Mothers, fathers, brothers, sisters; welcome, child of God.

*When the world feels wide around you, when the dark of night surrounds
you, we are here to tend and guide you. Welcome, child of God.*

Baptismal service ELW pages 227-231

Concluding Hymn: *Welcome, Child of God*

*** PRAYER OF THE DAY**

All: *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.*

INSTALLATION OF ELECTED COUNCIL MEMBERS

Pastor: In Holy Baptism our Lord Jesus Christ liberated you from sin and death and made you members of his Church. Through Word and Sacrament you have been nurtured in faith. I ask you, together with all who are gathered, to confess the faith of the Church, the faith in which we are all baptized.

All: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, 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, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he

will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Pastor: There are different kinds of spiritual gifts, but the same Spirit gives them. There are different ways of serving, but the same Lord is served. There are different abilities to perform service, but the same God gives to everyone ability for particular service. The Spirit's presence is shown in some way in each person, for the good of all.

You have been elected to positions of leadership and trust in this congregation.

You are to see that the words and deeds of this household of faith reflect him in whose name we gather.

You are to work together with other members to see that the worship and work of Christ are done in this congregation, and that God's will is done in this community and in the whole world.

You are to be diligent in your specific area of serving, that the one Lord who empowers you is glorified.

You are to be examples of faith active in love, to help maintain the life and harmony of this congregation.

On behalf of your sisters and brothers in Christ, I ask you: Are you ready to accept and faithfully to carry out the duties of the offices to which you have been elected?

Council Members: Yes, by the help of God.

Pastor: People of God, I ask you: Will you support these, your elected leaders, and will you share in the mutual ministry that Christ has given to all who are baptized?

All: Yes, by the help of God.

Pastor: I now declare you installed as council members of this congregation. God bless you with his Holy Spirit, that you may prove faithful servants of Christ.

Council Members: Amen

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

***All: And also with you.**

WORD

*** GOSPEL**

Luke 6:27-38

[Jesus said:]²⁷ "But I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you,²⁸ bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you.²⁹ 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.³⁰

Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. ³¹ Do 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. ³³ If you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. ³⁴ 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. ³⁵ 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. ³⁶ Be 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."

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

* HYMN OF THE DAY *O Master, Let Me Walk with You* #818

* PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Pastor: ...Lord, in your mercy ...

Congregation: Hear our prayer.

* THE LORD'S PRAYER

All: 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.

BLESSING

SUNDAYS

Worship Service (AM) 8:30 am

Sunday School (AM) 9:00 am

Sunday School (NV) 9:30 am

Worship Service (NV) 10:15 am

THURSDAYS

Evening Candlelight Prayer Service (NV) 7:00 pm

ASH WEDNESDAY

March 5 (NV) 10:30 and 7:00