

WELCOME!

Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church
February 26, 2023



...how often should
I forgive?
"Not **SEVEN** times,
but, I tell you,
**SEVENTY-
SEVEN**
times."

Matthew 18:21-22, NRSV

1. Gather

2. Word

3. Meal

4. Sending

1. Gather

- * = Please stand if able
- = Please be seated



- **Prelude – Pam Sherman**
- **Office of the Acolyte**
- **Ringling of the Bell**
- **Welcome**

1. Gather

* THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

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

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, the fountain of living water, the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation.

C: Amen.



1. Gather

* THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

The presiding minister addresses the assembly.

P: Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

1. Gather

* THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Water may be poured into the font as the presiding minister gives thanks.

P: We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight. Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family

1. Gather

* **THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM**

P: Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By water and your Word you claim us as daughters and sons, making us heirs of your promise and servants of all. We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life, and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ

1. Gather

* THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

P: Shower us with your Spirit, and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love. To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

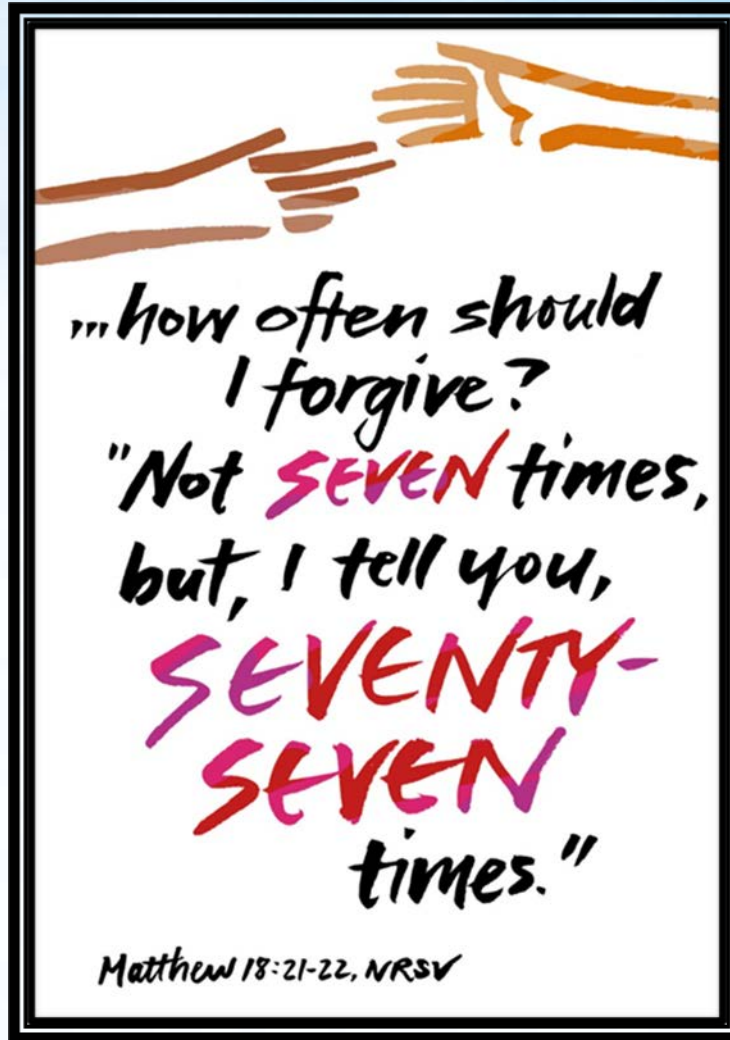
C: Amen.

The service continues with gathering song.

1. Gather

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GATHERING SONG



“Blest Be the Tie that Binds”
LBW 370

1. Gather

*** “Blest Be the Tie that Binds”
LBW 370**

- 1 Blest be the tie that binds
our hearts in Christian love;
the unity of heart and mind
is like to that above.**

1. Gather

*** “Blest Be the Tie that Binds”
LBW 370**

**2 Before our Father’s throne
we pour our ardent prayers;
our fears, our hopes,
our aims are one,
our comforts and our cares.**

1. Gather

*** “Blest Be the Tie that Binds”
LBW 370**

- 3 We share our mutual woes,
our mutual burdens bear,
and often for each other flows
the sympathizing tear.**

- 4 From sorrow, toil, and pain,
and sin we shall be free;
and perfect love and friendship**

1. Gather

* **APOSTOLIC GREETING**

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

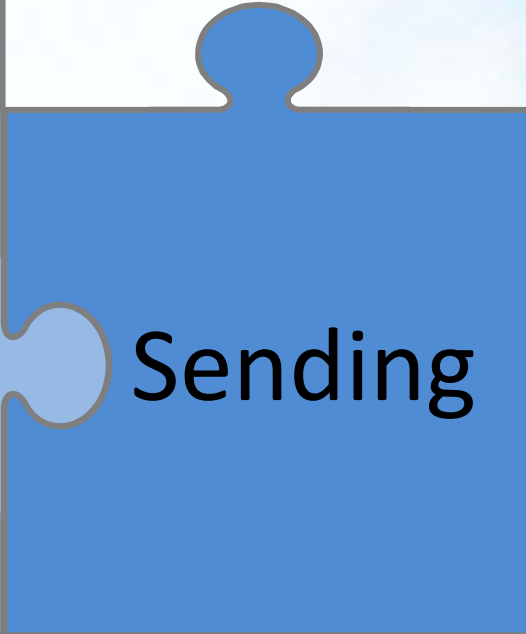
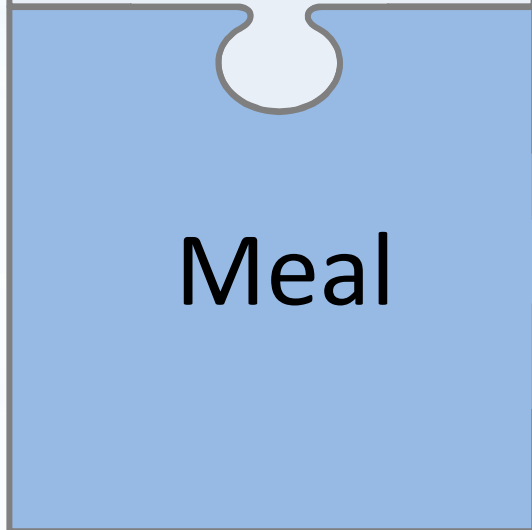
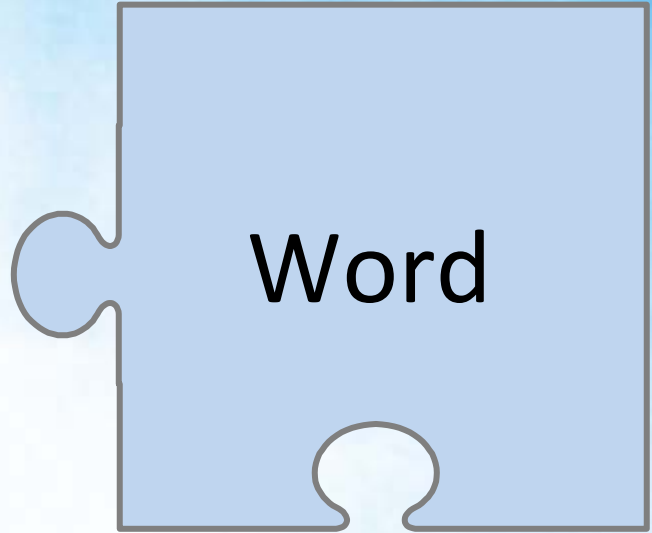
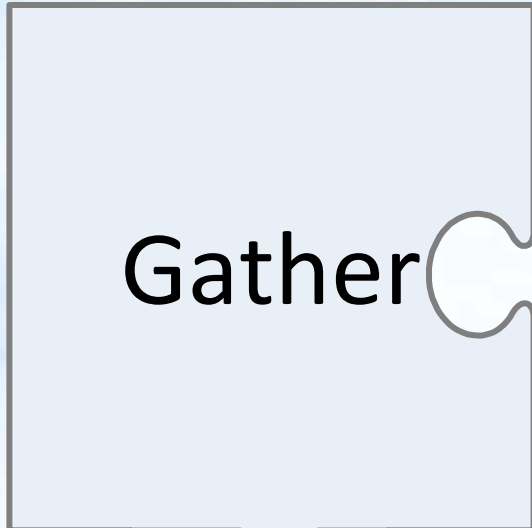
C: And also with you.

1. Gather

* **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P: Let us pray... God of grace and mercy, you have forgiven us far more and more often than we deserve. Make us equally forgiving to all those in our lives, that we may live together in harmony, in Jesus name.

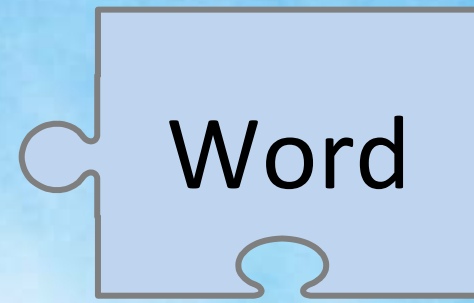
C: Amen.



Word



* Scripture Reading



R: Our scripture reading for this day is from the Gospel according to Matthew, the 18th chapter..

C: Glory to you O' Lord!
(Spoken)

* **Matthew 18:15-35**



Word

¹⁵“If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. ¹⁶But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. ¹⁷If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the

* **Matthew 18:15-35**



Word

church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. ¹⁸Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. ¹⁹Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven.

* Matthew 18:15-35



Word

²⁰For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.”

²¹Then Peter came and said to him, “Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?”

²²Jesus said to him, “Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.

²³“For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who

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Word

wished to settle accounts with his slaves. ²⁴When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; ²⁵and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. ²⁶So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.’ ²⁷And

* **Matthew 18:15-35**



Word

out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt.

²⁸But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, 'Pay what you owe.' ²⁹Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.'

³⁰But he refused; then he went and

* **Matthew 18:15-35**



Word

threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. ³¹When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place.

³²Then his lord summoned him and said to him, ‘You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me.

* Matthew 18:15-35



Word

³³Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?’ ³⁴And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. ³⁵So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart.”

* Matthew 18:15-35



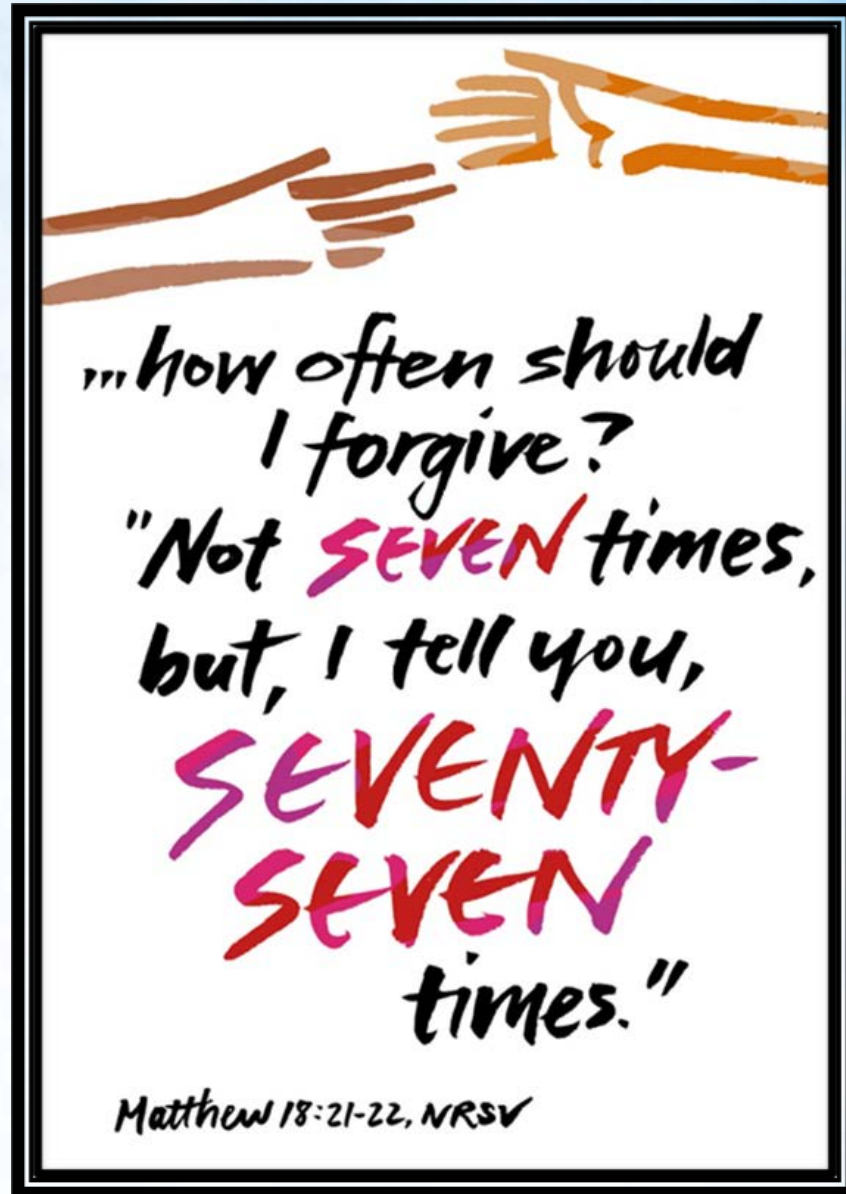
Word

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

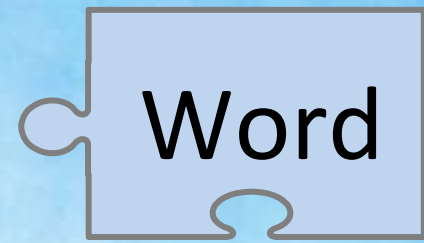
C: Praise to You, O Christ
(Spoken)

Sermon

Word

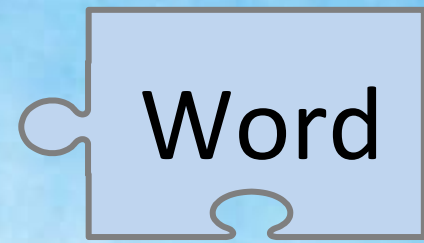


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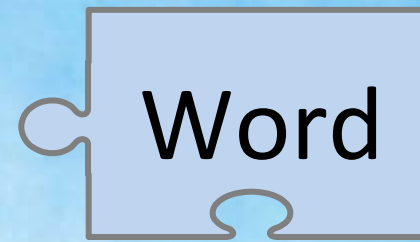
C: We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

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C: We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father.

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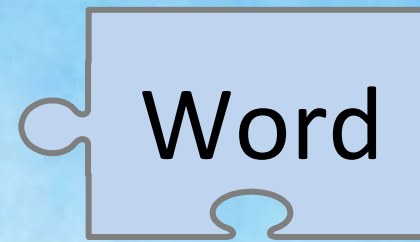
C: Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven; by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;

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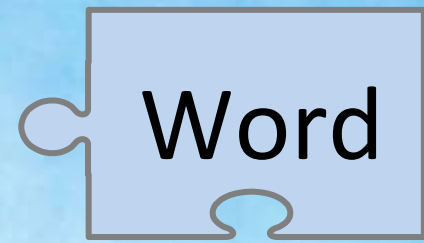
C: he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

* NICENE CREED



C: We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

* NICENE CREED



**C: We acknowledge one
Baptism for the forgiveness
of sins. We look for the
resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to
come. Amen.**

* PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION



Word

Each petition will end with the words,

A: Merciful God,

The congregation will respond with:

C: You hear our prayer.

* PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION



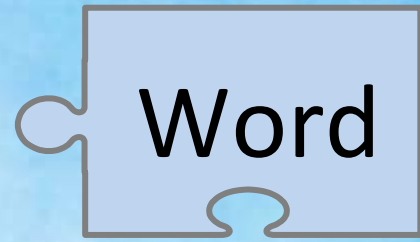
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P: We lift these prayers to you, Gracious God, in the name of your son, Jesus Christ, our savior.

C: Amen.

* SHARING OF THE PEACE

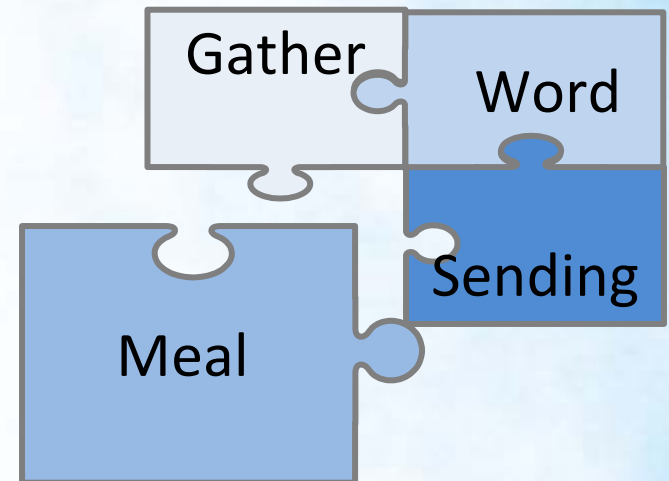
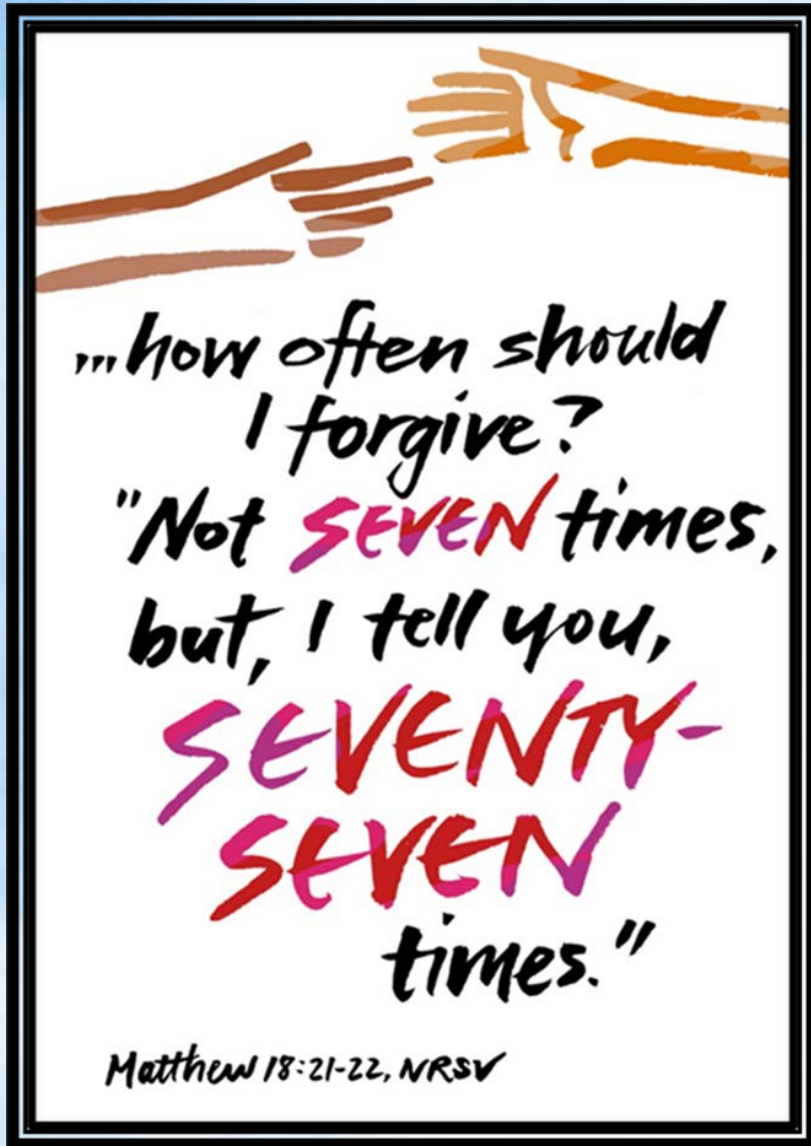


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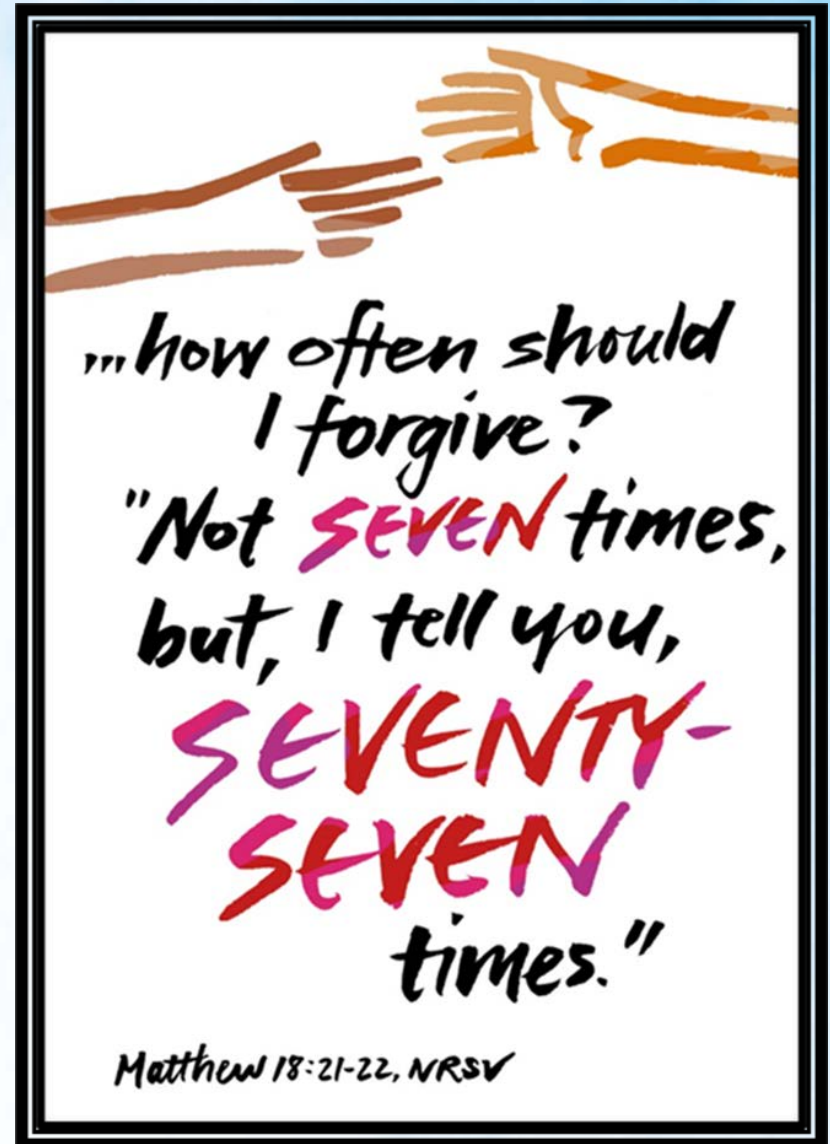
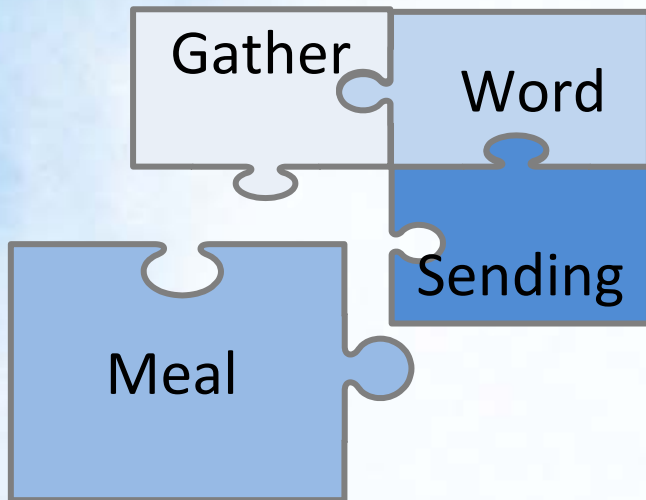
P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you.

• OFFERING



* OFFERTORY PRAYER



* THE LORD'S PRAYER

**C: Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name, thy
kingdom come, thy will be
done, on earth as it is in
heaven.**



Meal

* THE LORD'S PRAYER

C: 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.



Meal

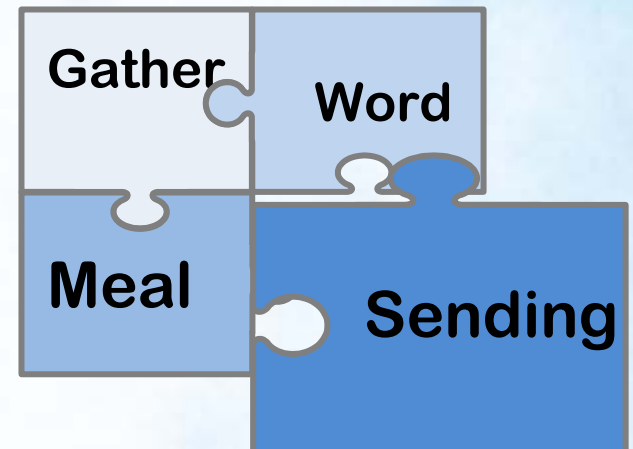
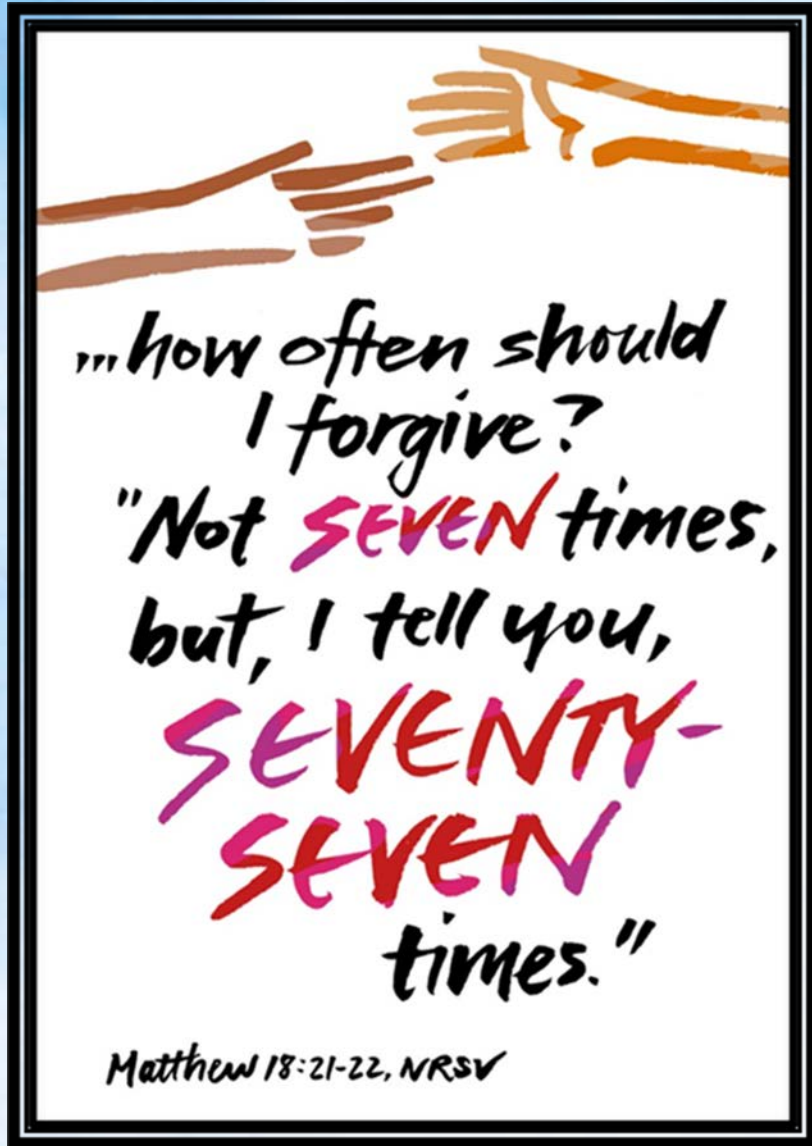
* THE LORD'S PRAYER

**C: For thine is the
kingdom, and the
power, and the glory,
forever and ever.
Amen.**




Meal

ANNOUNCEMENTS



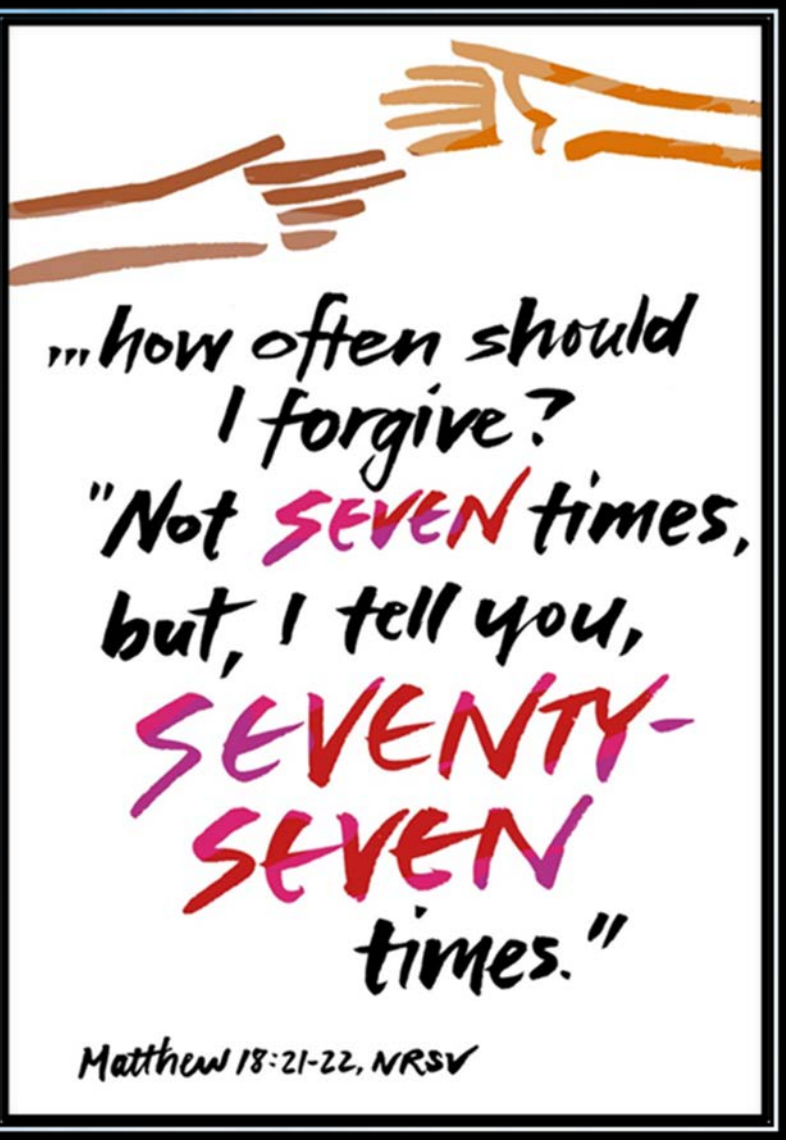
* SENDING BLESSING

P: God, the giver of love, Christ, the resurrection and the life, and the Holy Spirit of rebirth  bless you in this Lenten journey.

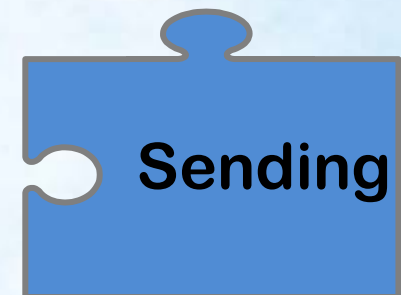
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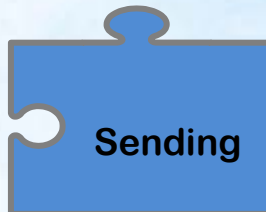
* SENDING SONG



“O Zion, Haste”
LBW 397

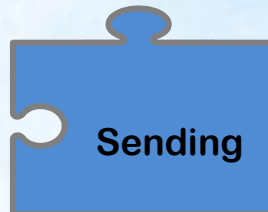


**1 O Zion, haste,
your mission high fulfilling,
to tell to all the world
that God is light;
that he who made all nations
is not willing
one soul should perish,
lost in shades of night.**

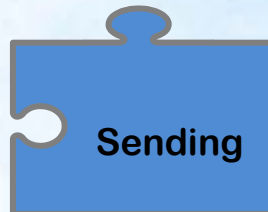


Refrain

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tidings of peace,
tidings of Jesus,
redemption, and release.**

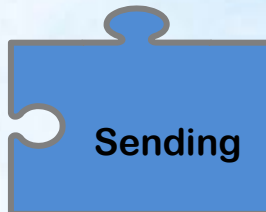


**2 Publish to ev'ry people,
tongue, and nation
that God, in whom they live
and move, is love;
tell how he stooped to
save his lost creation
and died on earth
that we might live above.**

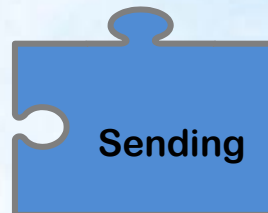


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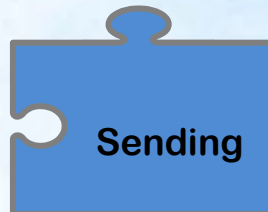


**3 Give of your own to bear
the message glorious,
give of your wealth to
speed them on their way,
pour out your soul for
them in prayer victorious,
and haste the coming
of the glorious day.**

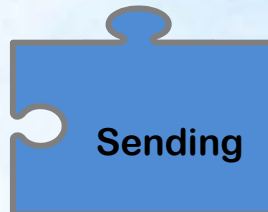


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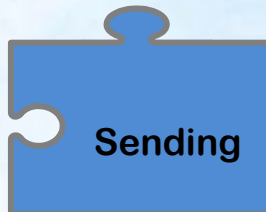


**4 He comes again! O Zion,
ere you meet him,
make known to ev'ry
heart his saving grace;
let none whom he has
ransomed fail to greet him,
through your neglect,
unfit to see his face.**



Refrain

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tidings of peace,
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* **DISMISSAL**

P: ... depart in Christ's Love.

**C: Seeking, welcoming, and serving
all. Amen!**

POSTLUDE

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