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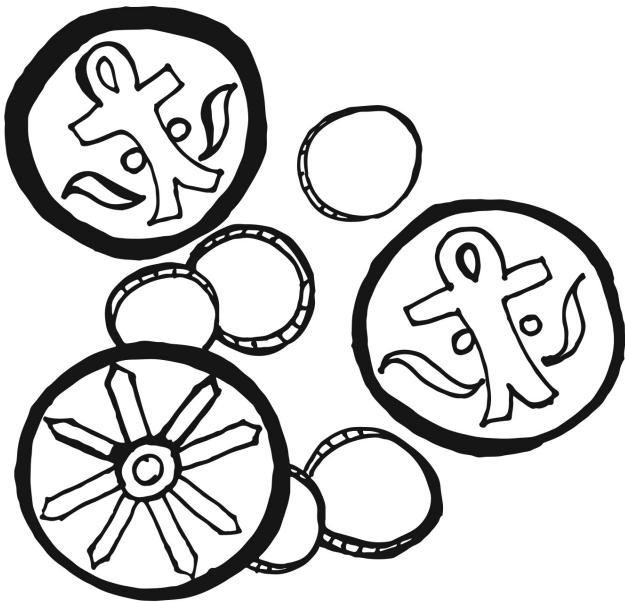
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16th Sunday after Pentecost

September 17, 2023

9:30am



† Celebrating God's grace through acts of love and service †

To Our Guests,

- The type in **bold** is for the congregation to say.
- The * Indicates "Stand if you are able".
- Visitor sheets are located in the red folders in front of you.

Introduction

In today's second reading Paul questions why we judge one another, since we all stand before the judgment of God. Yet we do sin against one another, and Jesus' challenge that we forgive seventy-seven times reveals God's boundless mercy. When we hear the words of forgiveness in worship and sign ourselves with the cross, we are renewed in baptism to be signs of reconciliation in the world.

Welcome

Prelude

Meditation

Psalm 103 [1-7]8-13

LORD, you are full of compassion and mercy. (Ps. 103:8)

- ¹Bless the LORD, O my soul,
and all that is within me, bless God's holy name.
- ²Bless the LORD, O my soul,
and forget not all God's benefits—
- ³who forgives all your sins
and heals all your diseases;
- ⁴who redeems your life from the grave
and crowns you with steadfast love and mercy;
- ⁵who satisfies your desires with good things
so that your youth is renewed like an eagle's.
- ⁶O LORD, you provide vindication
and justice for all who are oppressed.
- ⁷You made known your ways to Moses
and your works to the children of Israel.]

⁸ LORD, you are full of compassion and mercy,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love;
⁹ you will not always accuse us,
nor will you keep your anger forever.
¹⁰ You have not dealt with us according to our sins,
nor repaid us according to our iniquities.
¹¹ For as the heavens are high above the earth,
so great is your steadfast love for those who fear you.
¹² As far as the east is from the west,
so far have you removed our transgressions from us.
¹³ As a father has compassion for his children,
so you have compassion for those who fear you, O LORD.

***Confession and Forgiveness**

Blessed be God,
the one who forms us,
† Jesus who bears the cross,
the Spirit who makes our joy complete.
Amen.

Let us bow before God in humility, confessing our sin

Silence is kept for reflection.

Steadfast and faithful God,
you have revealed the ways of justice, yet we fail to follow you. We are overwhelmed by the world's violence and suffering. We are afraid to risk what we have for the sake of others. For the harm we have caused, known and unknown, forgive us. For the unjust demands we place on other and your creation, forgive us. For the ways we turn away from you and our neighbor, forgive us. Lead us back to you and set us on the right path; in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior.

Amen.

Beloved in Christ, God’s justice stretches beyond all understanding. God’s compassion is beyond compare. In Jesus, God is always making a new way for us. In † Christ, you are already and always forgiven.
Amen.

***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

***Hymn of Praise:** *O Savior, Precious Savior* **ELW 820**

***Prayer of the Day** (AM)

O Lord God, merciful judge, **you are the inexhaustible fountain of forgiveness. Replace our hearts of stone with hearts that love and adore you, that we may delight in doing your will, through Jesus Christ, our savior and Lord.**

Amen

First Reading: (AM)

Genesis 50:15-21

After Jacob’s death the brothers of Joseph begged for forgiveness for the crime they had done against him. You intended to do me harm, Joseph said, but God used this as an opportunity to do good and save many lives.

¹⁵Realizing that their father was dead, Joseph’s brothers said, “What if Joseph still bears a grudge against us and pays us back in full for all the wrong that we did to him?” ¹⁶So they approached Joseph, saying, “Your father gave this instruction before he died, ¹⁷“Say to Joseph: I beg you, forgive the crime

of your brothers and the wrong they did in harming you.’ Now therefore please forgive the crime of the servants of the God of your father.” Joseph wept when they spoke to him. ¹⁸Then his brothers also wept, fell down before him, and said, “We are here as your slaves.” ¹⁹But Joseph said to them, “Do not be afraid! Am I in the place of God? ²⁰Even though you intended to do harm to me, God intended it for good, in order to preserve a numerous people, as he is doing today. ²¹So have no fear; I myself will provide for you and your little ones.” In this way he reassured them, speaking kindly to them

Word of God, Word of Life

Thanks be to God

Second Reading: (AM)

Romans 14:1-12

This Christian community has significant struggles with diversity. Here Paul helps us understand that despite different practices in worship and personal piety, we do not judge one another. All Christians belong to the Lord Jesus Christ who died for all of us and will judge each of us.

¹Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarreling over opinions. ²Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. ³Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgment on those who eat; for God has welcomed them. ⁴Who are you to pass judgment on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand.

⁵Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. ⁶Those who observe the day, observe it in honor of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honor of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honor of the Lord and give thanks to God.

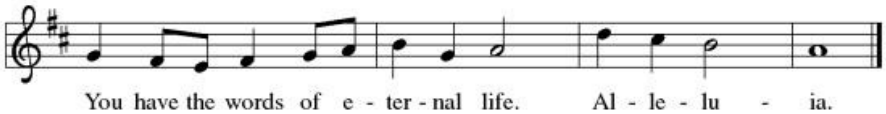
⁷We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. ⁸If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. ⁹For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.

¹⁰Why do you pass judgment on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God. ¹¹For it is written, "As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall give praise to God." ¹²So then, each of us will be accountable to God.

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Thanks be to God

***Gospel Acclamation**



***Gospel** The gospel according to Matthew 18:21-35



When Peter asks about the limits of forgiveness, Jesus responds with a parable that suggests human forgiveness should mirror the unlimited mercy of God.

²¹Peter came and said to [Jesus], “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 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 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 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. 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.”

The Good news of the Lord



Children's Song

Lord I Want to Be a Christian

Lord, I want to be a Christian In my heart, in my heart;
Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart.
In my heart, (echo) in my heart,
In my heart, (echo) in my heart,
Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart.

Lord, I want to be more loving In my heart, in my heart;
Lord, I want to be more loving in my heart.
In my heart, (echo) in my heart,
In my heart, (echo) in my heart,
Lord, I want to be more loving in my heart.

Children's Message

Laura

Sermon Pr. Karen Matuska

Apostles Creed (AM)

With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

**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 to the dead.**

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

Prayers of Intercession (AM)

Remembering the caring and generous works of God, we pray for the church, creation, and the needs of our neighbors.

A Brief Silence

Merciful God, **receive our prayer**

Remember us according to your steadfast love as we offer these and the prayers of our heart, trusting in your compassion made known through Jesus Christ.

Amen

Peace (AM)

The Peace of Christ be with you always

And also with you

Hymn of the Day *Awake, O Sleeper, Rise from Death*

ELW 452

***Offering Prayer** (AM)

God of power, God of plenty,

all things belong to you.

We bring your gifts to the table,

that all might be fed.

Form us into the body of your Beloved,

Jesus Christ, our Savior.

Amen.

***Thanksgiving for the Word**

Praise and thanks to you, holy God, for by your Word you made all things: you spoke light into darkness, called forth beauty from chaos and brought life into being. For your Word of life, O God.

We give you thanks and praise.

By your Word you called your people Israel to tell of your wonderful gifts: freedom from captivity, water on the desert journey, a pathway home from exile, wisdom for life with you. For your Word of life, O God,

We give you thanks and praise.

Through Jesus, your Word made flesh, you speak to us and call us to witness: forgiveness through the cross, life to those entombed by death, the way of your self-giving love. For your word of life, O God,

We give you thanks and praise.

Send your spirit of truth, O God; rekindle your gifts within us; renew our faith, increase our hope, and deepen our love, for the sake of a world in need. Faithful to your Word, O God, draw near to all who call on you: through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory forever.

Amen

***Lord's Prayer**

Gathered 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**

Announcements

***Blessing**

The God of glory,
† Jesus Christ, name above all names,
and the Spirit who lives in you,
bless you now and forever.
Amen.

***Sending Hymn**

In Thee Is Gladness

ELW 867

***Dismissal** *(AM)*

Go in peace. Share the harvest.

We go, celebrating God's grace through acts of love and service.

Thanks be to God!



OUR PRAYER LIST



Joe D. for strength and healing as he continues dealing with health issues.

Bobbie D. (sister of Pat C) for strength and healing as she recovers from surgery.

Michelle F. for strength and healing as she heals from surgery.

Tom L. for strength and healing with his health issues.

Heather H. (granddaughter of Bill & Donna) for strength and healing while dealing with her health issues.

Ken F. (relative of Donna & Bill) for strength and comfort as he enters hospice care.

David S. (uncle of Nadine D) for strength and comfort while recovering from a fall.

Jennifer (friend of Pat C.) for strength and comfort while dealing with her medical issues.

Don H. (brother of Joan M) for strength and healing while dealing with health issues.

Suzanne Geislinger and family for strength and comfort as her father enters hospice care.

The family of Mary B. (friend of Kathy B) for strength and comfort as they mourn her death.

The family of John O. (Joan's husband, Lori J.'s father) for comfort and peace as they mourn his passing.

Grace Lutheran Church our prayer partner.

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SUNDAY COFFEE TIME

Sept 17 Salad Bar Sept 24 OPEN

You will find the sign-up sheet on the kitchen door.

UPCOMING EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Monday, Sept 18, 9-11am - Food donation drop-off at WSC

Wednesday, Sept 20, 12:30 pm -Westside Cares Pantry

Wednesday, Sept 20, 6:30pm Confirmation at Ascension

Wednesday, Sept 20, 7pm Bible Study on Proverbs

Thursday, Sept 21, 10am Gift Policy Committee meeting

Saturday, Sept 23, 2pm funeral for Mary Burcham

Sunday, Sept 24, 9:45am Sunday Worship with communion

Clean-up Day Today, **Sunday, September 17th**, we will have our fall cleanup day at the church after service. We will be doing our regular spruce up of the grounds, cleaning the drainage lines around the church, cleaning the parking lot, weeding and trimming the bushes. We also need to clean the sidewalks and trim the low branches of the trees. Anyone with a power washer or a gas powered chainsaw please bring them. It will make our jobs that much easier. Thanks in advance for your help.

Confirmation Classes will be held on September 20 from 6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. at Ascension Lutheran Church. Pastor Davis and Ashley Allinger will be helping to lead these classes. Parental involvement will also be needed on those Wednesdays. If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Davis or Ashley.

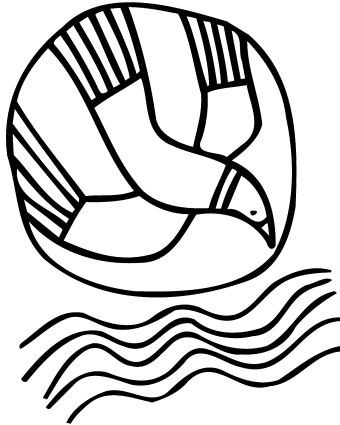
Bible Study Bible study on the Book of Proverbs is on Wednesday **September 20** at 7pm in the fellowship hall.

A Memorial Service for Mary Burcham will be held Saturday, **September 23** at 2pm at CTK.. Let us continue to keep Mary's husband Rob, along with the rest of Mary's family and friends in our prayers.

Stewardship for 2024 Commitment cards to fill out to help us estimate next year's budget are on the table with the offering plate. Please consider what your financial contribution to CTK's ministries will be for 2024, and place the card in the plate. Thank you.

Intergenerational Bible Study Pastor Davis will be leading an intergenerational bible study for all ages (K-90+ years old) beginning on **Sunday, September 24th**. We will be studying many of our favorite bible stories. This class will meet for 4-6 weeks depending on attendance and participation. Small groups of varying ages will be formed, depending on how many are in attendance, to read and study the story under consideration for that day. This class will only last between 45-60 minutes per session. For more information, please contact Pastor Davis.

Book Club We are now reading *Beneath a Marble Sky* by John Shors. The book are in the book bag in the narthex. Please sign one out and meet with us **on Oct 2** at 6:30pm at Barb Firestine's home.



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Christ the King is located on the original and ancestral homelands of the Cheyenne and Ute tribal nations. We give thanks for their presence here since time immemorial. We recognize and honor all our Indigenous siblings who have and continue to call this land their home.



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