

 **WORSHIP FOLDER**   
**FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**  
**SEPTEMBER 13, 2020**

“FORGIVE YOUR BROTHER FROM THE HEART”

**AS WE GATHER**

Forgiveness is filled with questions. How often must I forgive? Is there a limit to the grace of forgiveness? What is the connection between God’s forgiveness to me and my forgiveness to others? The answer to these questions lies in Christ. As our heavenly Father has forgiven us, so do we forgive one another in His name. This forgiveness is clearly and beautifully shown in the example of Joseph, who was sold into slavery by his brothers and then forgave them because of God’s mercy.

[If your health limits you, please don’t feel required to stand during the worship service.]

Hearing devices are available from an usher.

*In the Name of the*



*Father, Son, and  
Holy Spirit*



# ✠ SERVICE OF PREPARATION ✠

## PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

### WELCOME

### ENTRANCE HYMN

*(please stand for last stanza)*

LSB 533

*“Jesus Has Come and Brings Pleasure”*



1 Je - sus has come and brings plea - sure e - ter - nal,  
2 Je - sus has come! Now see bonds rent a - sun - der!  
3 Je - sus has come as the might - y Re - deem - er.  
4 Je - sus has come as the King of all glo - ry!



Al - pha, O - me - ga, Be - gin - ning and End;  
Fet - ters of death now dis - solve, dis - ap - pear.  
See now the threat - en - ing strong one dis - armed!  
Heav - en and earth, O de - clare His great pow'r,



God - head, hu - man - i - ty, u - nion su - per - nal,  
See Him burst through with a voice as of thun - der!  
Je - sus breaks down all the walls of death's for - tress,  
Cap - tur - ing hearts with the heav - en - ly sto - ry;



O great Re - deem - er, You come as our friend!  
He sets us free from our guilt and our fear,  
Brings forth the pris - 'ners tri - um - phant, un - harmed.  
Wel - come Him now in this fast - fleet - ing hour!



Heav - en and earth, now pro - claim this great won - der:  
Lifts us from shame to the place of His hon - or.  
Sa - tan, you wick - ed one, own now your mas - ter!  
Pon - der His love! Take the crown He has for you!



Je - sus has come and brings plea - sure e - ter - nal!  
Je - sus has come! Hear the roll of God's thun - der!  
Je - sus has come! He, the might - y Re - deem - er!  
Je - sus has come! He, the King of all glo - ry!

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## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

**P** In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

**P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**C** who made heaven and earth.

**P** If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

**C** But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.

**P** Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, and call upon Him in prayer and praise, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

**C** Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.

**P** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

# KYRIE

LSB 204



☐ Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

# HYMN OF PRAISE

LSB 204

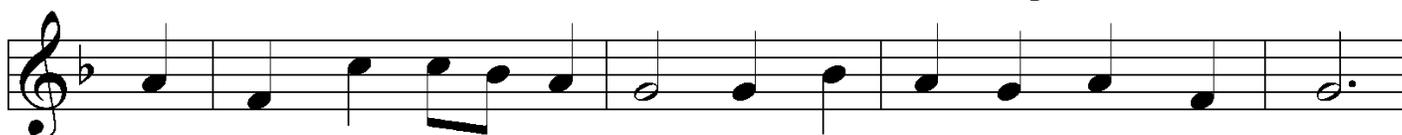
*“Gloria in Excelsis.”*



☐ 1 To God on high be glo - ry And peace to all the earth;  
2 To You, O sole - be - got - ten, The Fa - ther's Son, we pray;  
3 For You a - lone are ho - ly; You on - ly are the Lord.



Good-will from God in heav - en Pro - claimed at Je - sus' birth!  
O Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, You take our sins a - way.  
For - ev - er and for - ev - er, Be wor - shiped and a - dored;



We praise and bless You, Fa - ther; Your ho - ly name, we sing—  
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus; Re - ceive our heart - felt cry,  
You with the Ho - ly Spir - it A - lone are Lord Most High,



Our thanks for Your great glo - ry, Lord God, our heav'n - ly King.  
Where You in pow'r are seat - ed At God's right hand on high—  
In God the Fa - ther's glo - ry. “A - men!” our glad re - ply.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**P** O God, our refuge and strength, the author of all godliness, hear the devout prayers of Your Church, especially in times of persecution, and grant that what we ask in faith we may obtain; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## ✠ SERVICE OF THE WORD ✠

*(please be seated)*

SPECIAL MUSIC

JOYFUL CHORUS

*“Come Down, O Love Divine”*

## OLD TESTAMENT READING

GENESIS 50:15-21

*(At the death of their father, Jacob, Joseph reassured his brothers that he forgave them and recognized the hand of God at work in their lives.)*

<sup>15</sup>When Joseph’s brothers saw that their father was dead, they said, “It may be that Joseph will hate us and pay us back for all the evil that we did to him.” <sup>16</sup>So they sent a message to Joseph, saying, “Your father gave this command before he died, <sup>17</sup>‘Say to Joseph, Please forgive the transgression of your brothers and their sin, because they did evil to you.’ And now, please forgive the transgression of the servants of the God of your father.” Joseph wept when they spoke to him. <sup>18</sup>His brothers also came and fell down before him and said, “Behold, we are your servants.” <sup>19</sup>But Joseph said to them, “Do not fear, for am I in the place of God? <sup>20</sup>As for you, you meant evil against me, but God meant it for good, to bring it about that many people should be kept alive, as they are today. <sup>21</sup>So do not fear; I will provide for you and your little ones.” Thus he comforted them and spoke kindly to them.

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God!

## PSALM

PSALM 103:1-12; ANTIPHON: V. 13

- P** As a father shows compassion to his children, so the LORD shows compassion to those who fear him.
- P** Bless the LORD, O my soul,  
**C** **and all that is within me, bless his holy name!**
- P** Bless the LORD, O my soul,  
**C** **and forget not all his benefits,**
- P** who forgives all your iniquity,  
**C** **who heals all your diseases,**
- P** who redeems your life from the pit,  
**C** **who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy,**
- P** who satisfies you with good  
**C** **so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.**
- P** The LORD works righteousness  
**C** **and justice for all who are oppressed.**
- P** He made known his ways to Moses,  
**C** **his acts to the people of Israel.**
- P** The LORD is merciful and gracious,  
**C** **slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.**
- P** He will not always chide,  
**C** **nor will he keep his anger forever.**
- P** He does not deal with us according to our sins,  
**C** **nor repay us according to our iniquities.**
- P** For as high as the heavens are above the earth,  
**C** **so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him;**
- P** as far as the east is from the west,  
**C** **so far does he remove our transgressions from us.**
- A** **Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**
- P** As a father shows compassion to his children, so the LORD shows compassion to those who fear him.

## EPISTLE

ROMANS 14:1-12

*(If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord.)*

<sup>1</sup>As for the one who is weak in faith, welcome him, but not to quarrel over opinions. <sup>2</sup>One person believes he may eat anything, while the weak person eats only vegetables. <sup>3</sup>Let not the one who eats despise the one who abstains, and let not the one who abstains pass judgment on the one who eats, for God has welcomed him. <sup>4</sup>Who are you to pass judgment on the servant of another? It is before his own master that he stands or falls. And he will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make him stand. <sup>5</sup>One person esteems one day as better than another, while another esteems all days alike. Each one should be fully convinced in his own mind. <sup>6</sup>The one who observes the day, observes it in honor of the Lord. The one who eats, eats in honor of the Lord, since he gives thanks to God, while the one who abstains, abstains in honor of the Lord and gives thanks to God. <sup>7</sup>For none of us lives to himself, and none of us dies to himself. <sup>8</sup>If 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. <sup>9</sup>For to this end Christ died and lived again, that he might be Lord both of the dead and of the living. <sup>10</sup>Why do you pass judgment on your brother? Or you, why do you despise your brother? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God; <sup>11</sup>for it is written, "As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall confess to God." <sup>12</sup>So then each of us will give an account of himself to God.

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God!

*(please stand)*

## VERSE AND ALLELUIA

**P** Alleluia. If you forgive others their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you." Alleluia. *Matthew 6:14*



**C** Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

## THE HOLY GOSPEL

MATTHEW 18:21-35

*(How often must I forgive my brother? How often has God forgiven you?)*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 18<sup>th</sup> chapter.

**C** **Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>21</sup> Peter came up and said to [Jesus], “Lord, how often will my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? As many as seven times?” <sup>22</sup> Jesus said to him, “I do not say to you seven times, but seventy times seven.” <sup>23</sup> “Therefore the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his servants. <sup>24</sup> When he began to settle, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents. <sup>25</sup> And since he could not pay, his master ordered him to be sold, with his wife and children and all that he had, and payment to be made. <sup>26</sup> So the servant fell on his knees, imploring him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.’ <sup>27</sup> And out of pity for him, the master of that servant released him and forgave him the debt. <sup>28</sup> But when that same servant went out, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred denarii, and seizing him, he began to choke him, saying, ‘Pay what you owe.’ <sup>29</sup> So his fellow servant fell down and pleaded with him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you.’ <sup>30</sup> He refused and went and put him in prison until he should pay the debt. <sup>31</sup> When his fellow servants saw what had taken place, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their master all that had taken place. <sup>32</sup> Then his master summoned him and said to him, ‘You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. <sup>33</sup> And should not you have had mercy on your fellow servant, as I had mercy on you?’ <sup>34</sup> And in anger his master delivered him to the jailers, until he should pay all his debt. <sup>35</sup> So also my heavenly Father will do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother from your heart.”

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** **Praise to You, O Christ.**

*(please be seated)*

## CHILDREN’S SERMON

# HYMN OF THE DAY

LSB 845

*“Where Charity and Love Prevail”*



1 Where char - i - ty and love pre - vail There  
2 With grate - ful joy and ho - ly fear His  
3 For - give we now each oth - er's faults As  
4 Let strife a - mong us be un - known; Let



God is ev - er found; Brought here to - geth - er  
char - i - ty we learn; Let us with heart and  
we our faults con - fess, And let us love each  
all con - ten - tion cease; Be God's the glo - ry



by Christ's love By love are we thus bound.  
mind and soul Now love Him in re - turn.  
oth - er well In Chris - tian ho - li - ness.  
that we seek; Be ours His ho - ly peace.

**5** Let us recall that in our midst  
Dwells Christ, His only Son;  
As members of His body joined  
We are in Him made one.

**6** For love excludes no race or clan  
That names the Savior's name;  
His family embraces all  
Whose Father is the same.

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**SERMON TITLE:** *NO “YEAH BUT...”*  
**SERMON TEXT:** *MATTHEW 18:21-35*

*(please stand)*

## **APOSTLES' CREED**

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth.  
And in Jesus Christ, His 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.  
The third day He rose again from the dead.  
He ascended into heaven  
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.  
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body,  
and the life ☩ everlasting. Amen.**

*(please be seated)*

## **VOLUNTARY**

**REV. PHILLIP ALLMAN/BARITONE**

*“Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive”*

*(please stand)*

## **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

Each petition ends with,

**P** Lord in Your mercy,

**C** Hear our prayer.

## LORD'S PRAYER

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.

## CLOSING COLLECT

### BENEDICAMUS AND BENEDICTION

**P** Let us bless the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

**P** The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

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

*Numbers 6:24-26*

**C** Amen.

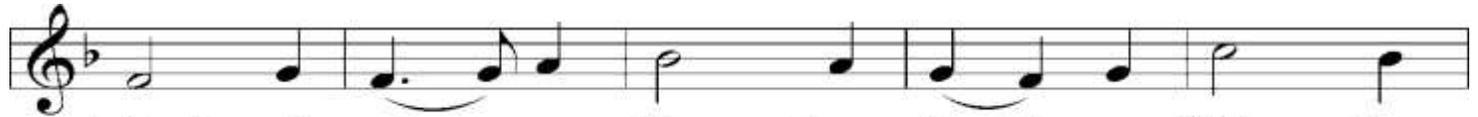
*(please be seated)*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

# HYMN TO DEPART

LSB 851

*“Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us”*



1 Lord of glo - ry, You have bought us With Your  
2 Grant us hearts, dear Lord, to give You Glad - ly,  
3 Won - drous hon - or You have giv - en To our  
4 Lord of glo - ry, You have bought us With Your



life - blood as the price, Nev - er grudg - ing for the  
free - ly of Your own. With the sun - shine of Your  
hum - blest char - i - ty In Your own mys - te - rious  
life - blood as the price, Nev - er grudg - ing for the



lost ones That tre - men - dous sac - ri - fice;  
good - ness Melt our thank - less hearts of stone  
sen - tence, “You have done it all to Me.”  
lost ones That tre - men - dous sac - ri - fice.



And with that have free - ly giv - en Bless - ings  
Till our cold and self - ish na - tures, Warmed by  
Can it be, O gra - cious Mas - ter, That You  
Give us faith to trust You bold - ly, Hope, to



count - less as the sand To the un - thank - ful  
You, at length be - lieve That more hap - py  
deign for alms to sue, Say - ing by Your  
stay our souls on You; But, oh, best of



and the e - vil With Your own un - spar - ing hand.  
and more bless - ed 'Tis to give than to re - ceive.  
poor and need - y, “Give as I have giv'n to you”?  
all Your grac - es, With Your love our love re - new.

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## POSTLUDE

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*To God Alone Be the Glory*
  
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.....	Steve DeShaw
.....	Sam Witt
.....	Gene Abel
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**GRACE PRAYS**

*We continue to pray for the following:*

- Protection for our armed forces and strength for their families and Lt. Aaron Bell and his family.
- Wisdom for our nation’s leaders.
- Continued guidance and blessing for Pastor Pase, Pastor Allman and their families.
- Strength and commitment in tending our baptismal journey.
- Our Stephen Ministers.
- Our ECP.

## **ONGOING HEALTH PROBLEMS**

- ❖ BJ Haley, Jim Hill, Mary Ann Johnston, Royce Parsley, Jane Pase, Melinda Richmond, Eleen Schulze, David Stock, and Dell Wehmeyer.

## **ILL OR RECOVERING**

- ❖ Allisen (daughter of former members Allan & Collette Rambur) Her platelets were good. She had her last chemo treatment on 9/9. She will be in the hospital for 4-5 days.
- ❖ Delores Meek was to be transferred to the continued care hospital at MCH in Odessa on 9/10 or 9/11 depending on the weather.
- ❖ Walther Marcis (Jane Pase's dad) continued prayers for healing and wisdom for further treatment.
- ❖ Molly Bynum (Ross Bynum's sister) has breast cancer and had a mastectomy on 8/25.
- ❖ Suzi Swiney (friend of Fred & Margie Norton) is out of the hospital but still in Mexico. She is having some swelling in her leg. Praying she can come home soon.
- ❖ Brayden Blair (family of Emma Ruth Stock) is in the hospital in Lubbock for 6 days of chemo for Burkett Lymphoma cancer.
- ❖ Bill (Alyson Allman's maternal grandfather) was taken back to the hospital with an infection. Doctors expect him to pass soon.
- ❖ Amber (friend of Fern DeLaGarza) is undergoing surgeries and chemo for cancer.

## **PRAYERS OF MOURNING**

- ❖ Cole Stanley (friend of Brandon & Stephanie Mitchell) was killed in a hunting accident on 8/15.
- ❖ Norman Gurgel (Alyson Allman's great-uncle) died 8/16 in Chicago.
- ❖ Leighrene Kohl (wife of Rev. Carroll Kohl, Em., Big Spring) died 8/16.
- ❖ Lena Teinert died 8/16.
- ❖ Mike Higgins (Sherry Smith's brother) died 8/31.
- ❖ Marilyn (Delores Meek's older sister) died early the week of 9/7.



The flowers this morning have been provided to the Glory of God by  
**Jim Raven**  
In remembrance of my mother, Lorna Raven's birthday this month.

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