

17TH Sunday after Pentecost
September 24 & 27, 2020



Our Savior Ev. Lutheran Church

(Wisconsin Synod)

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VERSICLE: "Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind." - Romans 12:2a

PRAYER OF THE DAY: Lord, we pray that your mercy and grace may always go before and follow after us that, loving you with undivided hearts, we may be ready for every good and useful work; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

WORSHIP NOTES: Welcome to Worship today! We are glad that you have joined us for this time. It is our sincere hope and prayer that our gathered time is a blessing to you and that your connection with Jesus Christ is strengthened through this time. As followers of Jesus, we have been made new. The forgiveness of our inescapable debt through the work of Jesus has freed us in amazing ways. By nature, though, we cling to thoughts (and sometimes actions) which are not in keeping with the new creation we are and the forgiveness we have. How wonderful that even these mistakes are forgiven by Jesus! With eyes opened to our recurring faults we can rest in His forgiveness and share it with everyone around us.



ORDER OF WORSHIP

OPENING HYMN "If Your Beloved Son, O God" (p. 7) CW, #393:1-3

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

P: In the name of the Father, of the Son and of the Holy Spirit

C: **(Sung) Amen.**

P: Lord God, we come to worship you and to hear your Word.

C: **We confess to you all our sins and iniquities with which we have ever offended you. We have justly deserved your punishment. But we are truly sorry for them and sincerely repent of them. Be gracious and merciful to us, for the sake of the suffering and death of our Lord Jesus Christ.**

P: Almighty God, our Father in heaven, has been merciful to us. His only Son carried our sins in his body on the cross, and through his resurrection gave us power over sin and death. Because of Jesus, God forgives us all our sins.

C: **(Sung)** From Hymn #208

**O Christ, you died and yet you live,
To me account your merit,
My pardon seal, my sins forgive,
And cleanse me by your Spirit.
Beneath your cross I view the day
When heav'n and earth shall pass away,
And thus prepare to meet you.**

P: Let us, therefore, dedicate ourselves to him who loved us and gave himself for us.

C: (Sung)

From Hymn #469

**Take my life and let it be
Consecrated, Lord, to Thee;
Take my moments and my days,
Let them flow in ceaseless praise.**

**Take my will and make it Thine,
It shall be no longer mine;
Take my heart, it is Thine own,
It shall be Thy royal throne.**

**Take my love, my Lord, I pour
At Thy feet its treasure store;
Take myself, and I will be
Ever, only, all, for Thee.**

FIRST LESSON GENESIS 50:15-21

How hard it is to forgive like God! Joseph's brothers feared that they would finally have to pay for what they did to Joseph. His father was gone; he was still in charge in Egypt; and the brothers thought that they were going to face Joseph's vengeance. As repentant sinners, we often act like the brothers and wait for God to get even with us for our past sins. Through his tears, Joseph never wavered, but he calmed his brothers' fears, forgave them like God forgives, and set them free from their prison of the past.

When Joseph's brothers saw that their father was dead, they said, "What if Joseph holds a grudge against us and pays us back for all the wrongs we did to him?" So they sent word to Joseph, saying, "Your father left these instructions before he died: 'This is what you are to say to Joseph: I ask you to forgive your brothers the sins and the wrongs they committed in treating you so badly.' Now please forgive the sins of the servants of the God of your father." When their message came to him, Joseph wept.

His brothers then came and threw themselves down before him. "We are your slaves," they said. But Joseph said to them, "Don't be afraid. Am I in the place of God? You intended to harm me, but God intended it for good to accomplish what is now being done, the saving of many lives. So then, don't be afraid. I will provide for you and your children." And he reassured them and spoke kindly to them.

RESPONSE "Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive" (p. 8)

CW, #493

EPISTLE EPHESIANS 4:29—5:2

Paul commands us not to act like the unmerciful servant, but rather: “Get rid of all bitterness, rage and anger, brawling and slander, along with every form of malice.” The Church is comprised of people who have been sealed for redemption, so let’s act like it! Not only kindness and compassion, but forgiveness is the primary mark of the Christian. We forgive because God forgave us in Christ. That makes us imitators of God. Every Old Testament sacrificial victim pointed ahead to the death of Christ, the fragrant offering and the atoning sacrifice that won our forgiveness and inspires our forgiveness for others.

Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen. And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. Get rid of all bitterness, rage and anger, brawling and slander, along with every form of malice. Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you. Be imitators of God, therefore, as dearly loved children and live a life of love, just as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

VERSE OF THE DAY & RESPONSE

P: “Everything that was written in the past was written to teach us,

C: **so that through endurance and the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope.”**

WE LISTEN TO THE GOSPEL MATTHEW 18:21-35

“The human animal is not...good at forgiveness. Forgiveness is not some innate, natural human emotion. It is natural for the human animal to defend itself, to snarl and crouch into a defensive position when attacked, to howl when wronged, to bite back when bitten. Forgiveness is not natural.” (Willimon) Forgiveness must be learned, and Peter thought he had figured it out. From the elders of the Jews Peter had heard: “If a man transgresses one time, forgive him. If a man transgresses two times, forgive him. If a man transgresses three times, forgive him. If a man transgresses four times, do not forgive him.” Three times, the elders said, was the limit of forgiveness for a good Jew. Peter, however, was willing to go much further; not three times, but seven times, Peter thought with a smile. Until Jesus said, “Not seven times, Peter, seventy times seven—what the elders say doesn’t matter. I say to you that your forgiveness should have no limit, but be like God’s.” Jesus’ parable contrasts the forgiveness of God and our own unforgiving nature. The servant’s debt— by any measure of calculation—was impossibly high (perhaps 150,000 years’ wages). Who could have accrued debt such as this? Who could ever hope to repay? What an arresting picture of our debt of sin before God! The greatness of the debt magnifies the compassion of the king who wipes the debt away. Who can comprehend the forgiveness of God? Certainly not unmerciful servants like us, who refuse to forgive the small debts owed to us, and instead, inflict on our fellow servants the punishments that God should rightly have given us. Have mercy on us, Lord, and teach us to forgive like you!

Then Peter came to Jesus and asked, "Lord, how many times shall I forgive my brother when he sins against me? Up to seven times?"

Jesus answered, "I tell you, not seven times, but seventy-seven times. "Therefore, the kingdom of heaven is like a king who wanted to settle accounts with his servants. As he began the settlement, a man who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him. Since he was not able to pay, the master ordered that he and his wife and his children and all that he had be sold to repay the debt. "The servant fell on his knees before him. 'Be patient with me,' he begged, 'and I will pay back everything.' The servant's master took pity on him, canceled the debt and let him go. "But when that servant went out, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred denarii. He grabbed him and began to choke him. 'Pay back what you owe me!' he demanded. "His fellow servant fell to his knees and begged him, 'Be patient with me, and I will pay you back.' "But he refused. Instead, he went off and had the man thrown into prison until he could pay the debt. When the other servants saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed and went and told their master everything that had happened. "Then the master called the servant in. 'You wicked servant,' he said, 'I canceled all that debt of yours because you begged me to. Shouldn't you have had mercy on your fellow servant just as I had on you?' In anger his master turned him over to the jailers to be tortured, until he should pay back all he owed. "This is how my heavenly Father will treat each of you unless you forgive your brother from your heart."

THE APOSTLES' CREED (ALL:)

I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

I believe 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 is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty.

From there 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.

SERMON **Matthew 18:21-35** “Christian Mathematics”

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SPECIAL PRAYERS & 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.

THE BENEDICTION

- P: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness. The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look on you with favor and give you peace.
- C: **(Sung) Amen. Amen. Amen**

THE CLOSING HYMN “With Broken Heart and Contrite Sigh” (p. 10)

CW, #303:4-5



SILENT PRAYER

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GUESTS - Please fill out a Friendship Card, so that we can stay in touch with you.

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If Your Beloved Son, O God

1 If your be - lov - ed Son, O God, Had not to earth de -
 2 But now I find sweet peace and rest; De - spair no more reigns
 3 I trust in him with all my heart; Now all my sor - row
 4 All right - eous - ness by works is vain; The law brings con - dem -

scend - ed And in our mor - tal flesh and blood Had not sin's
 o'er me. No more am I by sin op - pressed, For Christ has
 ceas - es. His words a - bid - ing peace im - part; His blood from
 na - tion. True right - eous - ness by faith I gain; Christ's work is

pow - er end - ed, Then this poor, wretch - ed soul of mine In
 borne sin for me. Up - on the cross for me he died That,
 guilt re - leas - es. Free grace through him I now ob - tain; He
 my sal - va - tion. His death, that per - fect sac - ri - fice, Has

hell e - ter - nal - ly would pine Be - cause of my trans - gres - sion.
 rec - on - ciled, I might a - bide With you, my God, for - ev - er.
 wash - es me from ev - 'ry stain, And pure I stand be - fore him.
 paid the all - suf - fi - cient price; In him my hope is an - chored.

Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive

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The musical score is written in 4/4 time with a key signature of one flat (Bb). It consists of two systems, each with a vocal line in the treble clef and a piano accompaniment in the bass clef. The lyrics are printed below the vocal line.

1 "For - give our sins as we for - give," You taught us, Lord, to pray,
2 How can your par - don reach and bless The un - for - giv - ing heart
3 In blaz - ing light your cross re - veals The truth we dim - ly knew:
4 Lord, cleanse the depths with - in our souls And bid re - sent - ment cease;

But you a - lone can grant us grace To live the words we say.
That broods on wrongs and will not let Old bit - ter - ness de - part?
What triv - ial debts are owed to us; How great our debt to you!
Then, bound to all in bonds of love Our lives will spread your peace.

Text: Rosamond E. Herklots, 1905-87, alt.
Tune: *A Supplement to the Kentucky Harmony*, Harrisonburg, 1820

DETROIT
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Love in Christ Is Strong and Living

1 Love in Christ is strong and liv - ing, Bind - ing
 2 Love is pa - tient and for - bear - ing, Clothed in
 3 Love in Christ a - bides for - ev - er, Faint - ing

faith - ful hearts in one; Love in Christ is
 Christ's hu - mil - i - ty, Gen - tle, self - less,
 not when ills at - tend; Love, for - giv - ing

true and giv - ing — May his will in us be done!
 kind, and car - ing, Reach - ing out in char - i - ty.
 and for - giv - en, Shall en - dure un - til life's end.

303 With Broken Heart and Contrite Sigh

1 With bro - ken heart and con - trite sigh, A trem - bling
 2 I smite up - on my trou - bled breast, With deep and
 3 Far off I stand with tear - ful eyes Nor dare up -
 4 No gifts, no deeds that I have done Can for a

sin - ner, Lord, I cry. Your par - d'ning grace is
 con - scious guilt op - pressed, Christ and his cross my
 lift them to the skies, But you can all my
 sin - gle sin a - tone. To Cal - va - ry a -

rich and free — O God, be mer - ci - ful to me!
 on - ly plea — O God, be mer - ci - ful to me!
 an - guish see — O God, be mer - ci - ful to me!
 lone I flee — O God, be mer - ci - ful to me!

5 And when, redeemed from sin and hell,
 With all the ransomed souls I dwell,
 My joyous song shall ever be:
 God has been merciful to me!

OCTOBER USHERS' SCHEDULE

8:00 am, Sunday Team 4

Steve Wolf, Mark Boeckman, Andy Koffman,
Jordan Liesener, Bill Mathiak, Dave Packard

10:30 am Sunday Team 2

George Edwards. Cliff Anderson, Matt & Sam Schiller, Bill Tschanz,
Ben Polheber, Kent Russell

Thursday 7:00 pm Team 2

Dick Blank & Bill Wessel

ALTAR ASSISTANTS FOR OCTOBER 1st & 4th

Thursday 7:00 PM Stu Stein

Sunday 8:00 AM Jeremiah Backhaus, Aaron Trimmer, Keith Knuth

Sunday 10:30 AM Ken Lemke, George Edwards, Tom Hering

ALTAR ASSISTANTS FOR OCTOBER 15th & 18th

Thursday 7:00 PM Stu Stein

Sunday 8:00 AM Jeremiah Backhaus, Marty Dierker & Isaac Pappenfuss

Sunday 10:30 AM Gary Suckow, George Edwards & Tom Hering

THIS WEEK AT OUR SAVIOR

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| Sunday (9/27) | 8:00 AM | Worship Service |
| | 9:15 AM | Adult Bible Study |
| | 10:30 AM | Worship Service |
| Thursday | 7:00 PM | Worship Service w/communion |
| Saturday | 7:00 AM | Men's Bible Study |
| Sunday (10/4) | 8:00 AM | Worship Service w/communion |
| | 9:15 AM | Adult Bible Study |
| | 9:15 AM | Sunday School |
| | 10:30 AM | Worship Service w/communion |

NEXT WEEK'S BIBLE READINGS

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| 1 ST Lesson | Exodus 14:10-31 |
| 2 nd Lesson | James 1:2-8, 12 |
| Gospel | Matthew 14:22-33 |
| Psalms | Psalms 73 |

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HYMNS: 393:1-3, 493,
490, 303:4-5

FIRST READING:
Genesis 50:15-21

SECOND READING:
Ephesians 4:29-5:2

GOSPEL:
Matthew 18:21-35

SERMON:
Matthew 18:21-35

“Christian
Mathematics”

Flowers

The Flowers this
week are from Ellie
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memory of Bob.