

**17<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost  
September 21<sup>st</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup> 2023**



Our Savior Ev. Lutheran Church

## 621 Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven

CW 621



1 Praise, my soul, the King of heav - en; to his feet your  
2 Praise him for his grace and fa - vor to his peo - ple  
3 Fa - ther - like he tends and spares us; well our fee - ble  
4 An - gels, help us to a - dore him; you be - hold him



trib - ute bring. Ran - somed, healed, re - stored, for - giv - en,  
in dis - tress. Praise him, still the same as ev - er,  
frame he knows. In his hand he gent - ly bears us,  
face to face. Sun and moon, bow down be - fore him;



ev - er - more his prais - es sing; Al - le - lu - ia,  
slow to chide, and swift to bless, Al - le - lu - ia,  
res - cues us from all our foes; Al - le - lu - ia,  
all who dwell in time and space, Al - le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia! praise the ev - er - last - ing King!  
al - le - lu - ia! glo - rious in his faith - ful - ness!  
al - le - lu - ia! wide - ly yet his mer - cy flows!  
al - le - lu - ia! praise with us the God of grace!

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*Stand*

In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**Amen.**

## **Confession**

CW 172

If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.  
**If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just  
and will forgive us our sins  
and purify us from all unrighteousness.**

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

**Holy God, gracious Father,**

**I am sinful by nature**

**and have sinned against you in my thoughts, words, and actions.**

**I have not loved you with my whole heart;**

**I have not loved others as I should.**

**I deserve your punishment both now and forever.**

**But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my sins**

**with his innocent suffering and death.**

**Trusting in him, I pray: God, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

*Silence for meditation and reflection*

Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, who gave his life as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world.

Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

## Lord, Have Mercy

CW 174

In peace let us pray to the Lord.  
**Lord, have mercy.**

For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.  
**Lord, have mercy.**

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.  
**Lord, have mercy.**

For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.  
**Lord, have mercy.**

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.  
**Amen.**

## Glory to God in the Highest

CW 176

*The Cantors will sing the verses, the congregation is invited to sing the refrain.*

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first staff is labeled 'Refrain' and contains the melody for the first line of the hymn: 'Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace'. The second staff contains the melody for the second line: 'to his peo - ple on earth.' The final note of the second staff is marked 'Last time only'.

Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. *Refrain*

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. You are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive our prayer. *Refrain*

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in the glory of God the Father. Amen. Amen. *Refrain*

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## The Word

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

### Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

Lord God, heavenly Father, you graciously forgive us all our sins and abundantly provide for all our needs of body and soul. Give us confidence in your mercy, and teach us also to be merciful to our neighbor, that we willingly forgive all people, and judging only ourselves, lead blessed lives to your glory; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

*Be seated*

## First Reading

Genesis 50:15–21

<sup>15</sup>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?” <sup>16</sup>So they sent word to Joseph, saying, “Your father left these instructions before he died: <sup>17</sup>‘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.

<sup>18</sup>His brothers then came and threw themselves down before him. “We are your slaves,” they said.

<sup>19</sup>But Joseph said to them, “Don’t be afraid. Am I in the place of God? <sup>20</sup>You intended to harm me, but God intended it for good to accomplish what is now being done, the saving of many lives. <sup>21</sup>So then, don’t be afraid. I will provide for you and your children.” And he reassured them and spoke kindly to them.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## 103A The LORD Is Kind and Merciful

Psalm 103A

*The Cantors will sing the psalm verses. The congregation is invited to sing the refrain and the glory be.*

*Refrain*

The LORD is kind and mer - ci - ful,  
slow to an - ger, and rich in com - pas - sion.

Tone



Praise the LORD, / my soul;  
all my inmost being, praise his / holy name—  
who forgives / all your sins  
and heals all your dis- / eases,  
who redeems your life / from the pit  
and crowns you with love and com- / passion,  
who satisfies your desires / with good things  
so that your youth is renewed like the / eagle's. *Refrain*

The LORD is compassionate and / gracious,  
slow to anger, abound- / ing in love.  
He does not treat us as our / sins deserve  
or repay us according to our in- / iquities.  
For as high as the heavens are a- / bove the earth,  
so great is his love for those who / fear him;  
as far as the east is / from the west,  
so far has he removed our transgressions / from us.  
**Glory be to the Father and / to the Son  
and to the Holy / Spirit,  
as it was in the be- / ginning,  
is now, and will be forever. / Amen. *Refrain***

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## Second Reading

Ephesians 4:29—5:2

<sup>29</sup>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.

<sup>30</sup>And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. <sup>31</sup>Get rid of all bitterness, rage and anger, brawling and slander, along with every form of malice. <sup>32</sup>Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.

<sup>1</sup>Follow God's example, therefore, as dearly loved children <sup>2</sup>and walk in the way of love, just as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

The Word of the Lord.  
Thanks be to God.

Stand

## Gospel Acclamation

Colossians 3:13

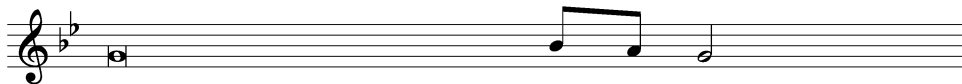


Refrain



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

Tone



Bear with each other and forgive one an - oth - er.



Forgive as the Lord for - gave you.

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<sup>21</sup>Then Peter came to Jesus and asked, “Lord, how many times shall I forgive my brother or sister who sins against me? Up to seven times?”

<sup>22</sup>Jesus answered, “I tell you, not seven times, but seventy-seven times.

<sup>23</sup>“Therefore, the kingdom of heaven is like a king who wanted to settle accounts with his servants. <sup>24</sup>As he began the settlement, a man who owed him ten thousand bags of gold was brought to him. <sup>25</sup>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.

<sup>26</sup>“At this the servant fell on his knees before him. ‘Be patient with me,’ he begged, ‘and I will pay back everything.’ <sup>27</sup>The servant’s master took pity on him, canceled the debt and let him go.

<sup>28</sup>“But when that servant went out, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred silver coins. He grabbed him and began to choke him. ‘Pay back what you owe me!’ he demanded.

<sup>29</sup>“His fellow servant fell to his knees and begged him, ‘Be patient with me, and I will pay it back.’

<sup>30</sup>“But he refused. Instead, he went off and had the man thrown into prison until he could pay the debt. <sup>31</sup>When the other servants saw what had happened, they were outraged and went and told their master everything that had happened.

<sup>32</sup>“Then the master called the servant in. ‘You wicked servant,’ he said, ‘I canceled all that debt of yours because you begged me to. <sup>33</sup>Shouldn’t you have had mercy on your fellow servant just as I had on you?’ <sup>34</sup>In anger his master handed him over to the jailers to be tortured, until he should pay back all he owed.

<sup>35</sup>“This is how my heavenly Father will treat each of you unless you forgive your brother or sister from your heart.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise be to you, O Christ!**

*Be seated*

# 587 Come Down, O Love Divine

CW 587



1 Come down, O Love di - vine, seek thou this soul of mine,  
 2 O let it free - ly burn, till earth - ly pas - sions turn  
 3 Let ho - ly char - i - ty mine out - ward ves - ture be,  
 4 And so the yearn - ing strong, with which the soul will long,



and vis - it it with thine own ar - dor glow - ing.  
 to dust and ash - es in its heat con - sum - ing;  
 and low - li - ness be - come mine in - ner cloth - ing—  
 shall far out - pass the pow'r of hu - man tell - ing;



O Com - fort - er, draw near; with - in my heart ap - pear,  
 and let thy glo - rious light shine ev - er on my sight,  
 true low - li - ness of heart, which takes the hum - bler part,  
 no soul can guess his grace till it be - come the place



and kin - dle it, thy ho - ly flame be - stow - ing.  
 and clothe me round, the while my path il - lum - ing.  
 and o'er its own short - com - ings weeps with loath - ing.  
 where - in the Ho - ly Spir - it makes his dwell - ing.

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## **Sermon Matthew 18:21-35**

*Space is included for you to take notes during the sermon.*

*Stand*

### **Apostles' Creed**

**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.**

*Be seated*

## Prayer of the Church

### Offering

*Our Savior's ministries are supported by the joyful gifts of her members. If you are not a member of Our Savior, please do not feel obligated to give an offering. It is our privilege and pleasure to serve you with God's Word today.*

*Please sign the friendship register and pass it down the pew.*

### 673 O Lord, We Praise You

CW 673



1 O Lord, we praise you, bless you, and a - dore you,  
2 Your ho - ly bod - y in - to death was giv - en,  
3 May God be - stow on us his grace and fa - vor



in thanks - giv - ing bow be - fore you. Here with your  
life to win for us in heav - en. No great - er  
that we fol - low Christ our Sav - ior and live to -



bod - y and your blood you nour - ish our weak souls that  
love than this to you could bind us; may this feast of  
geth - er here in love and un - ion, nor de - spise this



they may flour - ish. O Lord, have mer - cy!  
that re - mind us! O Lord, have mer - cy!  
blest com - mun - ion. O Lord, have mer - cy!



May your bod - y, Lord, born of Mar - y, that our  
Lord, your love and kind - ness did move you; let your  
Let not your good Spir - it for - sake us; grant that



sins and sor - rows did car - ry, and your blood for us plead  
sup - per move us to love you. All our debt you have paid;  
heav'n - ly - mind - ed he make us. Give your Church, Lord, to see



in all tri - al, fear, and need. O Lord, have mer - cy!  
peace with God once more is made. O Lord, have mer - cy!  
days of peace and u - ni - ty. O Lord, have mer - cy!

Text: tr. The Lutheran Hymnal, 1941, alt.; (st. 1): German, 14th cent.; (sts. 2-3): Martin Luther, 1483-1546  
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*Stand*

Blessed Lord, you have given us your Holy Scriptures for our learning. May we so hear them, read, learn, and take them to heart that, being strengthened and comforted by your holy Word, we may cling to the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

## 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.

## Blessing

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.  
**Amen.**

*Be seated*

# 733 Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive

CW 733



1 "For - give our sins as we for - give,"  
2 How can your par - don reach and bless  
3 In blaz - ing light your cross re - veals  
4 Lord, cleanse the depths with - in our souls



you taught us, Lord, to pray, but you a - lone can  
the un - for - giv - ing heart that broods on wrongs and  
the truth we dim - ly knew: how small are oth - ers'  
and bid re - sent - ment cease; then, bound to all in



grant us grace to live the words we say.  
will not let old bit - ter - ness de - part?  
debts to us, how great our debt to you!  
bonds of love, our lives will spread your peace.

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Tune: A Supplement to Kentucky Harmony, Harrisonburg, 1820, ed. Ananias Davison

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## THIS WEEK AT OUR SAVIOR

Sunday (9/24)	<b>8:00 AM</b>	<b>Worship Service</b>
	9:15 AM	Sunday School
	9:15 AM	Teen Bible Study
	9:15 AM	Adult Bible Study
	<b>10:30 AM</b>	<b>Worship Service</b>
Tuesday	10:30 AM	Bible Study
Wednesday	4:00 PM	Confirmation Class
	7:00 PM	Life with Our Savior Bible Study
	7:00 PM	Ephesians Bible Study
Thursday	2:00 PM	J.A.M – Jesus and Me
	7:00 PM	<b>Worship Service w/communion</b>
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*LiveStream on Youtube Channel at 10:30am every Sunday  
This service is also recorded for review after livestream.  
Link on our website (see below).*

## THIS WEEK'S WORSHIP SERVICE

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**FIRST LESSON:**  
Genesis 50:15-21

**SECOND LESSON:**  
Ephesians 4:29-5:2

**GOSPEL LESSON:**  
Matthew 18:21-35

**THE SERMON:**  
Matthew 18:21-35

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