

September 27, 2020
The Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost



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***Our Mission: Boldly and Joyfully Sharing
The Good News of **Jesus' Love** and Forgiveness.***

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Pastor's Greeting:



Hymn: *Now I Have Found the Firm Foundation*..... CW # 386 Stz 1-4

1 Now I have found the firm foun - da - tion Which holds my
2 It is that mer - cy nev - er end - ing, Which hu - man
3 Our ru - in God has not in - tend - ed; For our sal -
4 O depth of love, to me re - veal - ing The sea where

life for - ev - er sure; 'Twas laid be - fore the world's cre -
wis - dom far tran - scends, Of him who, lov - ing arms ex -
va - tion he has yearned. For this his Son to earth de -
my sins dis - ap - pear! In Christ my wounds find per - fect

a - tion In Christ my Sav - ior's wounds se - cure, Foun - da - tion
tend - ing, To wretch - ed sin - ners con - de - scends. His heart with
scend - ed And then a - gain to heav'n re - turned; For this so
heal - ing; There is no con - dem - na - tion here! For Je - sus'

which un - moved shall stay When heav'n and earth will pass a - way,
pit - y still will break Wheth - er we seek him or for - sake.
pa - tient ev - er - more He's knock - ing at our heart's closed door.
blood through earth and skies For - ev - er "Mer - cy! Mer - cy!" cries.

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Confession and Absolution

L: *(rise)* The Grace of our Lord † Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

C: And also, with you.

L: We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.

C: Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray; Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.

L: God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, He has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will.

C: AMEN

Prayer and Praise

L: For all that we need in life and for the wisdom to use all your gifts with gratitude and joy, hear our prayers, O Lord.

C: Lord have mercy

L: For the steadfast assurance that nothing can separate us from your love and for the courage to stand firm against the assaults of Satan and every evil, hear our pray, O Christ.

C: Christ have mercy

L: For the well-being of your holy Church in all the world and for those who offer here their worship and praise, hear our prayer, O Lord.

C: Lord have mercy

L: Merciful God, maker and preserver of life, uphold us by your power and keep us in your tender care:

C: Amen.

Prayer of the Day

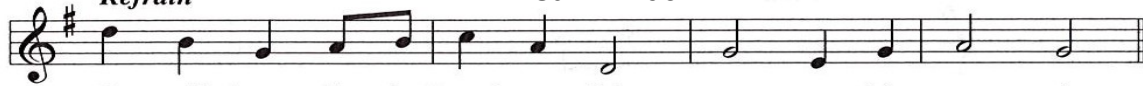
L: Good and gracious God, you have compassion for the sinner, as a father has compassion for his children. Forgive the sins of your people, heal our weaknesses, and crown our lives with your love, that with all the saints and angels we may glory you; through Jesus Christ your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen. (seated)

First Lesson:**Genesis 50:15-21**

¹⁵ 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?" ¹⁶ So they sent word to Joseph, saying, "Your father left these instructions before he died: ¹⁷ '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. ¹⁸ His brothers then came and threw themselves down before him. "We are your slaves," they said. ¹⁹ But Joseph said to them, "Don't be afraid. Am I in the place of God? ²⁰ You intended to harm me, but God intended it for good to accomplish what is now being done, the saving of many lives. ²¹ 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 our God)

Refrain **Psalm: 103**



I will hear what the Lord pro-claims: peace to his peo - ple.

Psalm tone



Praise the LORD, Ó my soul;*
 all my inmost being, praise his hóly name.
 He forgives áll your sins*
 and heals all your diséases;
 he redeems your life f́rom the grave*
 and crowns you with love and compásson.

Refrain

The LORD is compassionáte and grácious,*
 slow to anger, abounding in love.
 He does not treat us as our síns desérve*
 or repay us according to our iniquities.
 For as high as the heavens are ábove the earth,*
 so great is his love for those who fear him;
 as far as the east is f́rom the west,*
 so far has he removed our transgressions f́rom us.

Refrain

As a father has compassion on his children,*
 so the LORD has compassion on those who fear him;
 for he knows how wé are formed,*
 he remembers that wé are dust.
 Our days are like grass, like a flower óf the field;*
 the wind blows over it and it is gone.
 But the LORD'S love is with those who fear him*
 from everlasting to everlasting.

**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. Ámen.**

Refrain

2nd Lesson:

Romans 14:1-9

¹ Accept him whose faith is weak, without passing judgment on disputable matters. ² One man's faith allows him to eat everything, but another man, whose faith is weak, eats only vegetables. ³ The man who eats everything must not look down on him who does not, and the man who does not eat everything must not condemn the man who does, for God has accepted him. ⁴ Who are you to judge someone else's servant? To his own master he stands or falls. And he will stand, for the Lord is able to make him stand.

⁵ One man considers one day more sacred than another; another man considers every day alike. Each one should be fully convinced in his own mind.

⁶ He who regards one day as special, does so to the Lord. He who eats meat, eats to the Lord, for he gives thanks to God; and he who abstains, does so to the Lord and gives thanks to God. ⁷ For none of us lives to himself alone and none of us dies to himself alone. ⁸ If we live, we live to the Lord; and if we die, we die to the Lord. So, whether we live or die, we belong to the Lord. ⁹ For this very reason, Christ died and returned to life so that he might be the Lord of both the dead and the living. (Word of the Lord)

Hymn: Lord, Open Now My Heart to Hear CW # 282

1 Lord, o - pen now my heart to hear, And through your
2 Your Word in - spires my heart with - in; Your Word grants
3 To God the Fa - ther, God the Son, And God the

Word to me draw near. Let me your Word e'er pure re -
heal - ing from my sin. Your Word has pow'r to guide and
Spir - it, Three in One, Shall glo - ry, praise, and hon - or

tain; Let me your child and heir re - main.
bless; Your Word brings peace and hap - pi - ness.
be Now and through - out e - ter - ni - ty.

Gospel: *(rise)*

Matthew 18:21-35

L: ²¹ Then Peter came to Jesus and asked,

C: **“Lord, how many times shall I forgive my brother when he sins against me? Up to seven times?”**

L: ²² Jesus answered, “I tell you, not seven times, but seventy-seven times.

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

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

²⁸ “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. ²⁹ “His fellow servant fell to his knees and begged him, saying,

C: **‘Be patient with me, and I will pay you back.’**

L: ³⁰“But that servant refused. Instead, he went off and had the man thrown into prison until he could pay the debt. ³¹ When the other servants saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed and went and told their master everything that had happened.

³² “Then the master called that servant in. ‘You wicked servant,’ he said, ‘I canceled all that debt of yours because you begged me to. ³³ Shouldn’t you have had mercy on your fellow servant just as I had on you?’

³⁴ In anger, his master turned him over to the jailers to be tortured, until he should pay back all he owed. ³⁵ “This is how my heavenly Father will treat each of you unless you forgive your brother from your heart.”

L: This is the Gospel of our Lord.

C: ***Praise be to you, O Christ!*** *(seated)*

Hymn: *Forgive Us, Lord* **CW # 482**

1 For - give us, Lord, for shal - low thank - ful - ness,
 2 Teach us to thank you, Lord, for love and grace,
 3 For - give us, Lord, for self - ish thanks and praise,
 4 O - pen our eyes to see your love's in - tent,

For dull con - tent with warmth and shel - tered care,
 For life and vi - sion, for a pur - pose clear,
 For words that speak at var - i - ance with deeds.
 To know with minds and hearts its depth and height.

For songs of praise for world - ly wealth - i - ness,
 For Christ, your Son, and for each hu - man face
 For - give our thanks for walk - ing pleas - ant ways,
 Let thank - ful days in lov - ing la - bor spent

While of your rich - er gifts we're un - a - ware.
 That shows your mes - sage ev - er new and near.
 Un - mind - ful of a bro - ken broth - er's needs.
 Re - flect the tru - ly Christ - like life and light.

Sermon:

Matthew 18:21–35 (pg 6)

We Forgive, As God Have Forgives You



Apostles' Creed: *(Rise) (together we confess)*

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***

Prayer: 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. This we ask in Jesus' name, who taught us to pray...

Lord's Prayer: *(traditional)*

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed by 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!

L: 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.

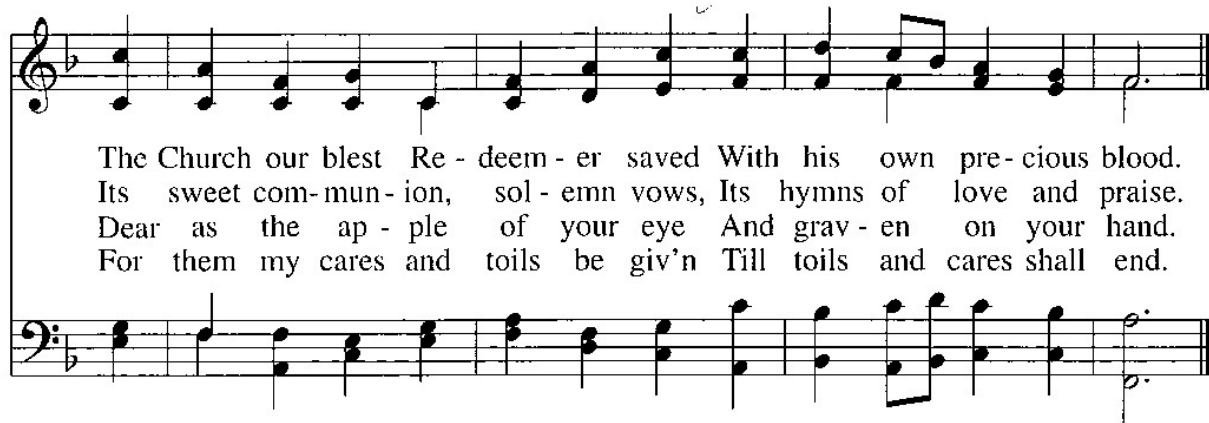
C: Amen

Hymn: *I Love Your Kingdom, Lord* **CW # 533 Stz 1–4**

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1 I love your king - dom, Lord, The place of your a - bode,
 2 Be - yond my high - est joy I prize its heav'n - ly ways,
 3 I love your Church, O God, Your saints in ev - 'ry land,
 4 For them my tears shall fall; For them my prayers as - cend;



The Church our blest Re - deem - er saved With his own pre - cious blood.
 Its sweet com - mun - ion, sol - emn vows, Its hymns of love and praise.
 Dear as the ap - ple of your eye And grav - en on your hand.
 For them my cares and toils be giv'n Till toils and cares shall end.

September and October Birthdays and Anniversaries

September

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| 26 | Larry & JoHannah Galbreath | A | 22 nd |
| 26 | Karen Ashley (Trimmer) | B | |

Karen Ashley (Trimmer) has placed flowers in worship today as she gives thanks to the Lord and celebrates the day of her birth.

October

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| 1 | Daniel & Cynthia Freeman | A | 21 st |
| 3 | Emily Meister | B | |
| 4 | Dan & Karen Meister | A | 34 th |
| 5 | Nathaniel & Amanda Krause | A | 1 st |
| 10 | Karen & Pastor Trimmer | A | 40 th |
| 10 | Tim & Angie Carne | A | 17 th |
| 13 | Scott Schweitzer | B | |
| 15 | Quinn Norman | B | |
| 18 | John & Courtney Wittmershaus | A | 6 th |
| 22 | August Ryan | B | |
| 22 | Dennis & Natasha Sullivan | A | 31 st |
| 26 | Kathy Potter | B | |
| 26 | Rowan Norman | B | |
| 31 | Matthew Wolf | B | |

Lutheran Women's Missionary Society

SATURDAY, OCT. 3 - 9:00 AM

LWMS RALLY

A virtual event for ALL!!!!

Me? A missionary?

Have you ever felt less than confident that you are equipped to be a missionary? If you have, you're not alone! Even home mission pastors may feel that way. Hear a reminder how the Gospel that every missionary carries to the world is not only Good News to those we share it with, but it is the Good News that gives missionaries confidence and competence as well!

Please make plans with your fellow members to gather and enjoy some fellowship and learn about the WELS missions around the world!

Pastor Matt Rothe

2 Corinthians 3:4-6

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