

# Trinity Lutheran Church & School

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A family growing together, learning God's Word,  
serving our neighbor to witness Christ's love.

**Serving others through Christ, together!**



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**Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

**September 17, 2023**

**8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Services**

**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.

**PRELUDE**

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**SHARING THE PEACE**

*Please be seated.*

**OPENING HYMN**

*"From All that Dwell Below the Skies"*

**LSB, 816**



1 From all that dwell be - low the skies      Let the Cre - a - tor's  
 2 E - ter - nal are Thy mer - cies, Lord;      E - ter - nal truth at -  
 △ 3 All praise to God the Fa - ther be,      All praise, e - ter - nal



praise a - rise;                      Al - le - lu - ia,      al - le - lu - ia!  
 tends Thy Word.                      Al - le - lu - ia,      al - le - lu - ia!  
 Son, to Thee.                      Al - le - lu - ia,      al - le - lu - ia!



Let the Re - deem - er's name be sung      Through ev - 'ry land by  
 Thy praise shall sound from shore to shore      Till suns shall rise and  
 Whom with the Spir - it we a - dore      For - ev - er and for -



ev - 'ry tongue.                      Al - le - lu - ia,      al - le - lu - ia!  
 set no more.                      Al - le - lu - ia,      al - le - lu - ia!  
 ev - er - more:                      Al - le - lu - ia,      al - le - lu - ia!



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

*Please rise if able.*

### Divine Service, Setting Three

INVOCATION LSB, 184

P: In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
C: **Amen.**

CONFESION AND ABSOLUTION LSB, 184

P: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness. *Hebrews 10:22*

P: Our help is in the name of the Lord,  
C: **who made heaven and earth.** *Psalm 124:8*

P: I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,  
C: **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.** *Psalm 32:5*

*Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.*

P: O almighty God, merciful Father,  
C: **I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

P: Upon this your confession, ... and of the Holy Spirit.  
C: **Amen.**

## SERVICE OF THE WORD

*Ps. 143:1-2,9*

### INTROIT

P: Deliver me from my enemies, O LORD!

**C: I have fled to you for refuge!**

P: Hear my prayer, O LORD; give ear to my pleas for mercy!

**C: In your faithfulness answer me, in your righteousness!**

P: Enter not into judgment with your servant,

**C: for no one living is righteous before you.**

♫ **Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.  
Amen.**

### *KYRIE ~ LORD, HAVE MERCY*

**C: ♫ Lord, have mercy upon us.  
Christ, have mercy upon us.  
Lord, have mercy upon us.**

### *GLORIA IN EXCELSIS ~ GLORY TO GOD IN THE HIGHEST*

LSB, 187


P: ♫ Glory be to God on high:

**C: ♫ and on earth peace, good-will toward men. We praise Thee, we  
bless Thee, we worship Thee, we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee,  
for Thy great glory. O Lord God, heav'nly King, God the Father  
Almighty. O Lord, the only begotten Son, Jesus Christ; O Lord God,  
Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sin of the world,  
have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sin of the world,  
receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the  
Father, have mercy upon us. For Thou only are holy; Thou only art  
the Lord. Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, are most high in  
the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

P: The Lord be with you.

C:  **And with thy spirit.**

P: Let us pray. 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.**

*Please be seated.*

### FIRST READING

*Genesis 50:15–21*

<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.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

### ANTHEM

*"Psalm 103"*

*Adult Choir (8am)*

*Adult Handbells (10:30am)*

### SECOND READING

*Romans 14:1–12*

<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.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

*Please rise if able.*

**ALLELUIA**

LSB, 190

♩ **Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

**HOLY GOSPEL**

*Matthew 18:21–35*

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew the eighteenth chapter.

C: ♪ **Glory be to Thee, 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 be to Thee, O Christ.**

#### **NICENE CREED**

**C: I believe in one God,  
the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth  
and of all things visible and invisible.  
And in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the only-begotten Son of God,  
begotten of His Father before all worlds,  
God of God, Light of Light,  
very God of very God,  
begotten, not made,  
being of one substance with the Father,  
by whom all things were made;  
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven  
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary  
and was made man;  
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.  
He suffered and was buried.  
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures  
and ascended into heaven  
and sits at the right hand of the Father.  
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,**

whose kingdom will have no end.  
**And I believe in the Holy Spirit,**  
the Lord and giver of life,  
**who proceeds from the Father and the Son,**  
**who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,**  
**who spoke by the prophets.**  
**And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,**  
**I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,**  
**and I look for the resurrection of the dead**  
**and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

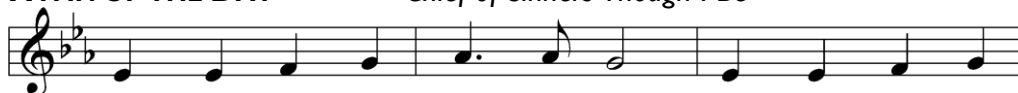
*Please be seated.*

### CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

#### HYMN OF THE DAY

*"Chief of Sinners Though I Be"*

**LSB, 611**



1 Chief of sin - ners though I be, Je - sus shed His  
2 Oh, the height of Je - sus' love, High - er than the  
3 On - ly Je - sus can im - part Balm to heal the  
4 Chief of sin - ners though I be, Christ is all in  
5 O my Sav - ior, help af - ford By Your Spir - it



blood for me, Died that I might live on high,  
heav'ns a - bove, Deep - er than the depths of sea,  
wound - ed heart, Peace that flows from sin for - giv'n,  
all to me; All my wants to Him are known,  
and Your Word! When my way - ward heart would stray,



Lives that I might nev - er die. As the branch is  
Last - ing as e - ter - ni - ty! Love that found me—  
Joy that lifts the soul to heav'n, Faith and hope to  
All my sor - rows are His own. He sus - tains the  
Keep me in the nar - row way; Grace in time of





to the vine, I am His, and He is mine.  
 won - drous thought! Found me when I sought Him not.  
 walk with God In the way that E - noch trod.  
 hid - den life Safe with Him from earth - ly strife.  
 need sup - ply While I live and when I die.

**SERMON**

*“Forgive Us... As We Forgive”*

**VOLUNTARY**

**OFFERTORY**

*“Create in Me a Clean Heart”*

**LSB, 192**



☐ Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -



new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -



way from Thy pres - ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it



from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -



tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir - it. A - men.

*Please rise if able.*

**PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**


## SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

### PREFACE

LSB 194

P:  The Lord be with you.

C:  **And with thy spirit.**

P:  Lift up your hearts.

C:  **We lift them up unto the Lord.**


P:  Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.

C:  **It is meet and right so to do.**

P: It is truly meet, right, and salutary ..., evermore praising You and saying:

### SANCTUS ~ *HOLY, HOLY, HOLY*

LSB 195

C:  **Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth;  
heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory.  
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is He, blessed is He,  
blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.**

### LORD'S PRAYER

C: **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 WORDS OF OUR LORD

LSB, 197

### PAX DOMINI ~ THE PEACE OF THE LORD

LSB, 197

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: **Amen.**

### AGNUS DEI ~ LAMB OF GOD

LSB, 198

C: ♪ **O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

## COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

*Please read and follow our statement on Holy Communion printed in the announcements.*

### DISTRIBUTION HYMN

*“Jesus, Sinners Doth Receive”*

LSB, 609



1 Je - sus sin - ners doth re - ceive; Oh, may all this  
2 We de - serve but grief and shame, Yet His words, rich  
3 Sheep that from the fold did stray No true shep - herd  
4 I, a sin - ner, come to Thee With a pen - i -



say - ing pon - der Who in sin's de - lu - sions live  
grace re - veal - ing, Par - don, peace, and life pro - claim;  
e'er for - sak - eth; Wea - ry souls that lost their way  
tent con - fes - sion. Sav - ior, mer - cy show to me;



And from God and heav - en wan - der! Here is hope for  
Here our ills have per - fect heal - ing. Firm - ly in these  
Christ, the Shep - herd, gent - ly tak - eth In His arms that  
Grant for all my sins re - mis - sion. Let these words my



all who grieve: Je - sus sin - ners doth re - ceive.  
words be - lieve: Je - sus sin - ners doth re - ceive.  
they may live: Je - sus sin - ners doth re - ceive.  
soul re - lieve: Je - sus sin - ners doth re - ceive.

- 5 Oh, how blest it is to know:  
Were as scarlet my transgression,  
It shall be as white as snow  
By Thy blood and bitter passion;  
For these words I now believe:  
Jesus sinners doth receive.
- 6 Now my conscience is at peace;  
From the Law I stand acquitted.  
Christ hath purchased my release  
And my ev'ry sin remitted.  
Naught remains my soul to grieve:  
Jesus sinners doth receive.
- 7 Jesus sinners doth receive;  
Also I have been forgiven;  
And when I this earth must leave,  
I shall find an open heaven.  
Dying, still to Him I cleave:  
Jesus sinners doth receive.

*Please rise if able.*

## DISMISSAL BLESSING

*NUNC DIMITTIS ~ SONG OF SIMEON*

**LSB, 199**

## THANKSGIVING

LSB, 200

- P:     ♪ O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,  
C:     ♪ **And His mercy endureth forever.**  
P:     Let us pray. We give thanks to You, ... now and forever.  
C:     ♪ **Amen.**

## BENEDICTION

LSB, 201

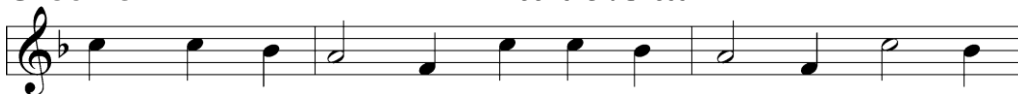
- P:     ♪ The Lord be with you.  
C:     ♪ **And with thy spirit.**  
  
P:     ♪ Bless we the Lord.  
C:     ♪ **Thanks be to God.**  
  
P:     ♪ The Lord bless you ... and † give you peace.  
C:     ♪ **Amen, amen, amen.**

*Please be seated.*

**CLOSING HYMN**

*“In Thee Is Gladness”*

**LSB, 818**



1 In Thee is glad - ness A - mid all sad - ness, Je - sus,  
2 Since He is ours, \_\_\_\_\_ We fear no pow - ers, Not of



sun - shine of my heart. By Thee are giv - en The gifts of  
earth nor sin nor death. He sees and bless - es In worst dis -



heav - en, Thou the true Re - deem - er art. Our souls Thou  
tress - es; He can change them with a breath. Where - fore the



wak - est, Our bonds Thou break - est; Who trusts Thee sure - ly Has built se -  
sto - ry Tell of His glo - ry With hearts and voic - es; All heav'n re -



cure - ly; He stands for - ev - er: Al - le - lu - ia! Our hearts are  
joic - es In Him for - ev - er: Al - le - lu - ia! We shout for



pin - ing To see Thy shin - ing, Dy - ing or liv - ing  
glad - ness, Tri - umph o'er sad - ness, Love Him and praise Him



To Thee are cleav - ing; Naught can us sev - er: Al - le - lu - ia!  
And still shall raise Him Glad hymns for - ev - er: Al - le - lu - ia!

## Forgive Us ... As We Forgive



### **Our Problem with Forgiving Others—A Warning**

*How often will ... I forgive him? Up to seven times?"*

*Matthew 18:21*

### **Forgiveness Received and Shared**

*"Have patience with me and I will pay you everything." And out of pity for him, the master of that servant released him and forgave him the debt. Matthew 18:26-27*

### **A Life of Freedom, not Debt**

*"Father, forgive them for they know not what they do."  
Forgive, as the Lord has forgiven you.*

*Luke 23:24  
Colossians 3:13*

# In Death, Hope

When my sister was born, my paternal grandmother was over the moon - again. Not only had she a second granddaughter (after having three grandsons), but this one carried her name. It was a bright spot in a very sad time - my grandmother was dying of cancer and was very near the end.

Grandma was living in California, and her son, my dad, was teaching in Nebraska. There was no way he could fly out to see her one more time, so instead, there was a final phone call. Naturally, they talked about the new baby, and the two-year-old big sister, and other things.... everything inconsequential, everything delaying the inevitable.....

What do you say when you know it'll be the last thing you ever speak to someone? The readings this week include two different sets of Paul's final charges to Timothy. What did Paul say? He encouraged Timothy to "Fight the good fight in the faith" and "Guard what has been entrusted to your care." He also said, "Continue in what you have learned and have become convinced of, because you know those from whom you learned it, and how from infancy you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus."

My dad was raised by his parents to know Jesus and the salvation that comes through Him. They shared the hope of the resurrection, and their last words reflected this hope. At the end of the last long quiet pause, there was only one thing left to say, to share, to proclaim, to profess..... the greatest Love of all. "Mom, Christ is risen." "He is risen, indeed."

God bless you as you take every opportunity this week to share this Love, our Hope.

## **Bible Reading Plan:**

**Monday:** 1 Timothy 6 **Tuesday:** 2 Timothy 1 **Wednesday:** 2 Timothy 2

**Thursday:** 2 Timothy 3 **Friday:** 2 Timothy 4