



FORGIVE  
*as you've been*  
FORGIVEN

*Matthew 18:21-35*

OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

Larimore, ND

September 17, 2023

*16<sup>th</sup> Sunday after  
Pentecost*

PRELUDE

**GREETING**

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: This is the day that the Lord has made!

**Assembly: Let us rejoice and be glad in it!**

Leader: We praise and thank you for your amazing grace & life-giving power!

**ALL: Let us worship and give praise to God!**

**\*CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✚ one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever. **Amen.**

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.*

Gracious God, **have mercy on me. I confess that I have turned from you and given myself into the power of sin. I am truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive me of my sins, known and unknown, things I have done and things I have failed to do. Turn me again to you, and uphold me by your Spirit, so that I may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, my Savior and Lord. Amen.**

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace we have been saved. In the name of ✚ Jesus Christ, our sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen us with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in our hearts through faith. **Amen.**

**\*GATHERING HYMN**

*“Praise to the Lord”* ELW 858 vs.1,3,4

## \*PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. O Lord God, merciful judge, you are the inexhaustible fountain of forgiveness. Replace our hearts of stone with hearts that love and adore you, that we may delight in doing your will, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

## CHILDREN'S SERMON

### WORD

#### FIRST READING *Genesis 50:15-21* PB 42

<sup>15</sup> Realizing that their father was dead, Joseph's brothers said, "What if Joseph still bears a grudge against us and pays us back in full for all the wrong that we did to him?" <sup>16</sup> So they approached<sup>[b]</sup> Joseph, saying, "Your father gave this instruction before he died, <sup>17</sup> 'Say to Joseph: I beg you, forgive the crime of your brothers and the wrong they did in harming you.' Now therefore please forgive the crime of the servants of the God of your father." Joseph wept when they spoke to him. <sup>18</sup> Then his brothers also wept,<sup>[c]</sup> fell down before him, and said, "We are here as your slaves." <sup>19</sup> But Joseph said to them, "Do not be afraid! Am I in the place of God? <sup>20</sup> Even though you intended to do harm to me, God intended it for good, in order to preserve a numerous people, as he is doing today. <sup>21</sup> So have no fear; I myself will provide for you and your little ones." In this way he reassured them, speaking kindly to them.

*WORD OF GOD, WORD OF LIFE. THANKS BE TO GOD.*

#### PSALM: *Psalms 103:1-14* PB 482-483 (read responsively, verse by verse)

Bless the LORD, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name. <sup>2</sup> **Bless the LORD, O my soul, and do not forget all his benefits—**<sup>3</sup> who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases, <sup>4</sup> **who redeems your life from the Pit, who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy,** <sup>5</sup> who satisfies you with good as long as you live<sup>[a]</sup> so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's. <sup>6</sup> **The LORD works vindication and justice for all who are oppressed.** <sup>7</sup> He made known his ways to Moses, his acts to the people of Israel. <sup>8</sup> **The LORD is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.** <sup>9</sup> He will not always accuse, nor will he keep his anger forever. <sup>10</sup> **He does not deal with us according to our sins nor repay us according to our iniquities.** <sup>11</sup> For as the heavens are high above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him; <sup>12</sup> **as far as the east is from the west, so far he removes our transgressions from us.** <sup>13</sup> As a father has compassion for his children, so the LORD has compassion for those who fear him. <sup>14</sup> **For he knows how we were made; he remembers that we are dust.**

**SECOND READING: *Romans 14:1-12* PB 923-924**

Welcome those who are weak in faith<sup>[a]</sup> but not for the purpose of quarreling over opinions. <sup>2</sup> Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. <sup>3</sup> Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgment on those who eat, for God has welcomed them. <sup>4</sup> Who are you to pass judgment on slaves of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord<sup>[b]</sup> is able to make them stand. <sup>5</sup> Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. <sup>6</sup> Those who observe the day, observe it for the Lord. Also those who eat, eat for the Lord, since they give thanks to God, while those who abstain, abstain for the Lord and give thanks to God. <sup>7</sup> For we do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. <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, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living. <sup>10</sup> Why do you pass judgment on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God.<sup>[c]</sup> <sup>11</sup> For it is written, "As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall give praise to<sup>[d]</sup> God." <sup>12</sup> So then, each one of us will be held accountable.<sup>[e]</sup>

***WORD OF GOD, WORD OF LIFE. THANKS BE TO GOD.***

**\*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *"Be Thou My Vision"* ELW 793 vs.2**

**Be thou my vision, and thou my true word; I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord. Thou my soul's shelter, and thou my high tow'r, raise thou me heav'n-ward, O pow'r of my pow'r.**

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

**A: Glory to you, O Lord.**

**\*GOSPEL *Matthew 18:21-35* PB 800**

Then Peter came and said to him, "Lord, if my brother or sister sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?" <sup>22</sup> Jesus said to him, "Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven<sup>[i]</sup> times. <sup>23</sup> "For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. <sup>24</sup> When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him, <sup>25</sup> and, as he could not pay, the lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions and payment to be made. <sup>26</sup> So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' <sup>27</sup> And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave

released him and forgave him the debt. <sup>28</sup> But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii, and seizing him by the throat he said, ‘Pay what you owe.’ <sup>29</sup> Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you.’ <sup>30</sup> But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. <sup>31</sup> When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. <sup>32</sup> Then his lord summoned him and said to him, ‘You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. <sup>33</sup> Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?’ <sup>34</sup> And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. <sup>35</sup> So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart.”

**L:** The Gospel of our Lord.

**A:** Praise to you, O Christ.

## **SERMON**

**HYMN OF THE DAY** “*Softly & Tenderly*” ELW 608 vs.1-3

**\*APOSTLE’S CREED** pg. 105

**I BELIEVE in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I BELIEVE in Jesus Christ, God’s 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. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I BELIEVE in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. AMEN.**

**\*OFFERING** “*We Give Thee But Thine Own*” ELW 686 vs.1

**We give thee but thine own, what-e’r the gift may be; all that we have is thine alone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.**

**\*OFFERING PRAYER**

**Let us pray. You are an abundant God, and out of Your great mercy you have given us so much. We give you this offering today. With it, we worship You and give our whole selves to You. May it be used for Your kingdom and Your glory. Extend and multiply its reach, and may it be a great blessing to many. In Jesus’ name we pray, Amen.**

**\*PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

**SING: Lord, listen to your children praying, Lord, send your spirit in this place; Lord, listen to your children praying, send us love, send us pow’r, send us grace.**

**\*THE LORD’S PRAYER** pg.112

## **SENDING**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**\*BLESSING**

**\*SENDING HYMN** “*Great Is Thy Faithfulness*” ELW 733 vs.1-3

**\*DISMISSAL**

**Marked with the cross of Christ, be a warrior of prayer and a light of hope to all the world! **We will! Thanks be to God!****

**POSTLUDE**

**Welcome! We are glad you are with us today!** If you are interested in joining our church, please contact Lori at 218-791-2671 or Julie at 701-741-5683. If you have an emergency, call Wayne Knudson (church president) at 218-779-3594 -or- Camilla Stover at 218-791-2678.

### Serving this Sunday

*Ushers:* Jeff & Andrew Trosen  
*Reader:* Julie Mutch  
*Prayer:* Cindy Melby  
*Communion:* N/A  
*Fellowship:* Rankins & Langs

### Serving Next Sunday (9/17/23)

*Ushers:??—sign up on the clipboard*  
*Reader:* Stacie Williams  
*Prayer:??—sign up on the clipboard*  
*Communion:* N/A  
*Fellowship:* T. & N. Smith (coffee only)

### Our Savior's Mission Statement:

**"Excited by faith**, we are called to **serve all**; gathered to **WORSHIP**, **inspired** to teach, **we are our Savior's!"**

## CALENDAR

Today, 9/17/2023—16<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost

9:00am—Sunday School

10:00am—Worship

**11:00am—Special Church Meeting**

Next Sunday, 9/24/2023—17<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Pentecost

9:00am—Sunday School

10:00am—Worship

11:00am—Fellowship

Every day:

An opportunity to show we are Christians by our love.

## OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- **Mission of the Month for: Sept-Oct:** Kids Closet
- **Noisy offering:** Collected on the 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays of the month for the mission of the month(s).
- **Missing:** Our church is missing all of the Home Communion Kits. If you have one, please bring it to church at your earliest convenience. Thank you!
- **Sunday, September 17<sup>th</sup>:** Special Church Meeting following church service.

## **PRAYER LISTS**

To add or remove someone from the prayer lists, please email the church email:  
[oslclarimoreoffice@gmail.com](mailto:oslclarimoreoffice@gmail.com) or call/text Roberta Stover: 218-779-0359

### **We pray for those in need:**

Lois Jemtrud                      Mark Sletten                      Ron Petsinger  
Betty Olson                      Pr. Rena Peterson                      Cindy Olson  
Bonnie Olson                      David Barnett (relative of Robert Stover)  
Donna Willoughby (daughter of Gordon Peterson)  
David Sletten (cousin to Camilla Stover)  
Robbie Leake                      Island of Maui                      Earthquake victims of Morocco  
All those affected by the Hatton-Northwood VB Team Bus Accident  
OSLC Call Committee: *Paul Mutch, Dee Muir, Jenn Aamodt, Nancy Smith, Wayne Knudson*  
(*non-voting members: Luke Reinhold, Sadie Aamodt*)

### **Prayers for Homebound/Nursing Home Members:**

Viola Lee                      Gloria Temple                      LaVonne Jacobson  
Vicki Sweeney                      Dolores Mutch                      Marv Jemtrud  
Arlene Lilja

### **Prayers for Armed Service Members:**

Robert Norman                      Dillon Norman