

The Fifteenth Sunday After Pentecost

Saturday – September 12, 2020 – 5:30 pm. Worship
Sunday – September 13, 2020 – 8:15 am. & Live-Streamed
10:45 am. Worship



"Lord, how many times shall I forgive my brother when he sins against me?"

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† Call to Worship †

Hymn # 816 “From All That Dwell Below the Skies”



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!
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The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their baptism.

Invocation

LSB 203 Matthew 28:19b; [18:20]

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

Reciting the Catechism: The Fifth Petition & Explanation

- P** We recite from the Catechism.
C **And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us.**
P *What does this mean?*
C **We pray in this petition that our Father in heaven would not count our sins against us, or deny our prayers because of them. We are neither worthy of those things for which we pray, nor have we deserved them, for we daily sin much and indeed deserve nothing but punishment. But we ask that He would give them all to us by grace. So we too will forgive from the heart, and gladly do good to those who sin against us.**

Confession & Absolution

- L** I confess to God Almighty, before the whole company of heaven and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have sinned in thought, word, and deed by my fault, by my own fault, by my own most grievous fault; wherefore I pray God Almighty to have mercy on me, forgive me all my sins, and bring me to everlasting life. Amen.
C **The almighty and merciful Lord grant you pardon, forgiveness, and remission of all your sins. Amen.**

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- C** Amen.

† Service of the Word †

Psalm 119:121-128 (AYIN)

- P** ¹²¹ Performed have I what is just and right;
C do not leave me to my oppressors.
- P** ¹²² Pledge Yourself, for the good of Your servant;
C that the godless may not oppress me.
- P** ¹²³ Pining away for Your salvation are my eyes,
C and for the fulfillment of Your righteous promise.
- P** ¹²⁴ Provide for Your servant according to Your covenant mercies,
C and teach me Your statutes.
- P** ¹²⁵ Perceptiveness give me – I am Your servant;
C that I may know Your testimonies.
- P** ¹²⁶ Pent-up is the time for the LORD to act;
C they have broken Your law. ([†] Torah)
- P** ¹²⁷ Passionately therefore I treasure Your commandments,
C above gold, above fine gold.
- P** ¹²⁸ Pondering then Your precepts, I direct my steps in all of them;
C every false way I hate.
- ALL** 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. Amen.

Hymn # 942 “Kyrie! God, Father”



Ky-ri - e! God, Fa-ther in heav'n a-bove, You a-bound in gra-cious love,



Of all things the mak-er and pre-serv - er. E - le - i-son! E - le - i - son!



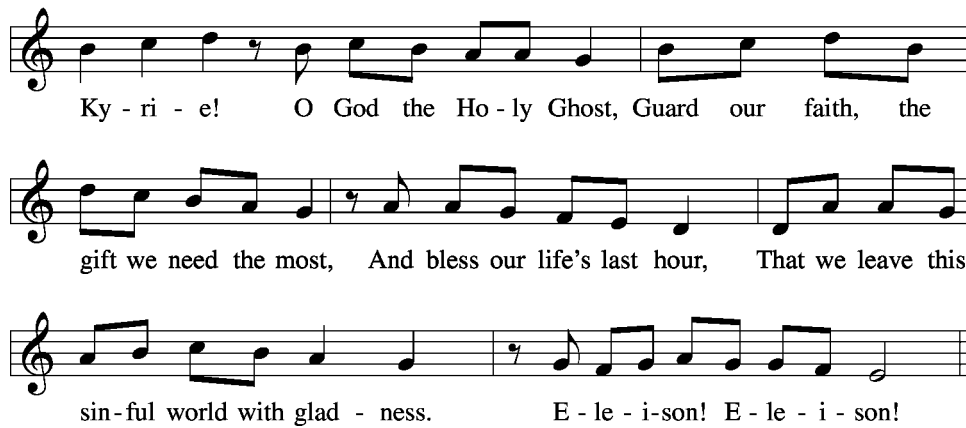
Ky-ri - e! O Christ, our king, Sal-va - tion for all You came to bring.



O Lord Je-sus, God's own Son, Our me-di - a-tor at the heav'n-ly throne:



Hear our cry and grant our sup-pli-ca - tion. E - le - i-son! E - le - i - son!



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Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

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.

Old Testament Reading: Genesis 50:15-21

¹⁵When 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.*" ¹⁶So they sent a message to Joseph, saying, "*Your father gave this command before he died,*" ¹⁷"*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. ¹⁸His brothers also came and fell down before him and said, "*Behold, we are your servants.*" ¹⁹But Joseph said to them, "*Do not fear, for am I in the place of God?*" ²⁰*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.* ²¹*So do not fear; I will provide for you and your little ones.*" Thus he comforted them and spoke kindly to them.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle: Romans 14:1-12 {Alt.}

¹As for the one who is weak in faith, welcome him, but not to quarrel over opinions. ²One person believes he may eat anything, while the weak person eats only vegetables. ³Let 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. ⁴Who are you to pass judgment on the servant of another? {To his own master} he stands or falls. And he will {stand}, for the Lord is able to make him stand.

⁵One person esteems one day as better than another, while another esteems all days alike. Each one should be fully convinced in his own mind. ⁶The 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. ⁷For none of us lives to himself, and none of us dies to himself. ⁸If 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. ⁹For to this end Christ died and lived again, that he might be Lord both of the dead and of the living.

¹⁰Why 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; ¹¹for it is written,

*“As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me,
and every tongue shall confess to God.”*

¹²So then each of us will give an account of himself to God.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Alleluia and Verse

LSB 205 John 20:31



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



C These things are writ - ten that you may be - lieve that



Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.



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

Holy Gospel: Matthew 18:21-35

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

C Glory to You, O Lord.

²¹Peter came up and said to [Jesus], “*Lord, how often will my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? As many as seven times?*”

²²Jesus said to him, “*I do not say to you seven times, but seventy times seven.*”

²³“*Therefore the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his servants. ²⁴When he began to settle, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents. ²⁵And 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. ²⁶So the servant fell on his knees, imploring him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.’ ²⁷And out of pity for him, the master of that servant released him and forgave him the debt. ²⁸But 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.’ ²⁹So his fellow servant fell down and pleaded with him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you.’ ³⁰He refused and went and put him in prison until he should pay the debt. ³¹When 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. ³²Then his master summoned him and said to him, ‘You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. ³³And should not you have had mercy on your fellow servant, as I had mercy on you?’ ³⁴And in anger his master delivered him to the jailers, until he should pay all his debt. ³⁵So 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 to You, O Christ.

Hymn # 783 Take My Life and Let It Be



1 Take my life and let it be Con-se - crat - ed, Lord, to Thee;
 2 Take my hands and let them move At the im - pulse of Thy love;



Take my mo - ments and my days, Let them flow in cease - less praise.
 Take my feet and let them be Swift and beau - ti - ful for Thee.

5 Take my will and make it Thine, 6. Take my love, my Lord, I pour
 It shall be no longer mine; At Thy feet its treasure store;
 Take my heart, it is Thine own, Take myself, and I will be
 It shall be Thy royal throne. Ever, only, all for Thee.

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Sermon “Forgiven and Forgiving” Matthew 18:21-35

Apostles' Creed

LSB 207

**☩ I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
 maker of heaven and earth.**

**And 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 sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
 From thence 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.**

Hymn # 789 “Praise and Thanksgiving”



1 Praise and thanks - giv - ing, Fa - ther, we of - fer For all things
 2 Bless, Lord, the la - bor We bring to serve You That with our
 3 Fa - ther, pro - vid - ing Food for Your chil - dren, By Your wise



liv - ing, Cre - at - ed good: Har - vest of sown fields, Fruits of the
 neigh - bor We may be fed. Sow - ing or till - ing, We would work
 guid - ing Teach us to share One with an - oth - er, So that, re -



or - chard, Hay from the mown fields, Blos - som and wood.
 with You, Har - vest - ing, mill - ing For dai - ly bread.
 joic - ing With us, all oth - ers May know Your care.

Prayer of the Church

Responses:

- P** Lord, in Your mercy,
C hear our prayer.

Final Petition:

- P** Hear us Father for we pray in the name of Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, and our Lamb of God who has taken away our sin and taught us to pray.

Lord's Prayer

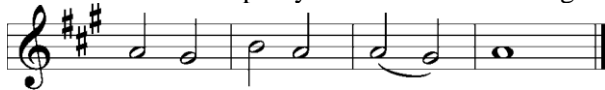
LSB 209 Matthew 6:9–13

- 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.

Benediction

LSB 212

- P** The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.



- C** A-men, a-men, a - men.

Hymn "Amazing Grace"

Tune LSB # 744



- 1 A - maz - ing grace— how sweet the sound— That
2 When chains of sin had taught me fear The
3 Though all my works are fil - thy rags, Be -
4. Through ma - ny dan - gers, toils, and snares I
5. When we've been there ten thou - sand years, Bright



- saved a wretch like me! I once was lost but
cross brought per - fect peace! How sweet the grace of
fore the Lord I'll stand; In fin - est right - ous -
have al - read - y come; His grace has brought me
shin - ing as the sun, We've no less days to



- now am found, Was blind but now I see!
Christ the Lamb, Whose blood bought my re - lease!
ness re - ceived From His own nail - pierced hand.
safe thus far, His grace will see me home.
sing God's praise Than when we'd first be - gun.

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