



GRACE LUTHERAN
CHURCH • SCHOOL



FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SEPTEMBER 12, 2020 - 5:00 PM
SEPTEMBER 13, 2020 - 10:45 AM

*(The * indicates when the congregation is to stand.)*

PRELUDE

WELCOME

***PROCESSIONAL HYMN** "This Is the Day the Lord Has Made"
(sts. 1-3)

Hymn 903

**This is the day the Lord has made;
He calls the hours His own.
Let heav'n rejoice, let earth be glad
And praise surround the throne.**

**Today He rose and left the dead,
And Satan's empire fell;
Today the saints His triumphs spread
And all His wonders tell.**

**Hosanna to the anointed King,
To David's holy Son!
Help us, O Lord; descend and bring
Salvation from Your throne.**

***THE INVOCATION, CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

Leader: Let us confess our sins to God, confident of His grace and forgiveness to all who are penitent.

People: 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 grievous fault; wherefore I pray God Almighty to have mercy on my, forgive me all my sins, and bring me to everlasting life. Amen.

Leader: The almighty and merciful Lord grant you pardon, forgiveness, and remission of all your sins. Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to

die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

***THE HYMN OF PRAISE** “Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee”
(sts. 1 & 3)

Hymn 803

**Joyful, joyful we adore Thee, God of glory, Lord of love!
Hearts unfold like flow’rs before Thee, Praising Thee, their sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness, Drive the gloom of doubt away.
Giver of immortal gladness, Fill us with the light of day.**

**Thou art giving and forgiving, Ever blessing, ever blest,
Wellspring of the joy of living, Ocean-depth of happy rest!
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, Fountainhead of love divine:
Joyful, we Thy heav’n inherit! Joyful, we by grace are Thine!**

THE SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Let us pray. Gracious Lord, You have rescued us from our bondage to sin and given us a new life and identity in Baptism. Grant us Your grace that we live in peace with all people and show to those around us the same forgiveness that You have shown to us; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: Amen.

THE FIRST READING

Genesis 50:15-21

¹⁵When 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?” ¹⁶So 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. ¹⁸His brothers then came and threw themselves down before him. “We are your slaves,” they said. ¹⁹But Joseph said to them, “Don’t be afraid. Am I in the place of God? ²⁰You intended to harm me, but God intended it for good to accomplish what is now being done, the saving of many lives. ²¹So then, don’t be afraid. I will provide for you and your children.” And he reassured them and spoke kindly to them.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

THE SECOND READING

Romans 14:7-12

⁷For none of us lives to himself alone and none of us dies to himself alone. ⁸If 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. ⁹For this very reason, Christ died and returned to life so that he might be the Lord of both the dead and the living. ¹⁰You, then, why do you judge your brother? Or why do you look down on your brother? For we will all stand before God's judgment seat. ¹¹It is written: "'As surely as I live,' says the Lord, 'every knee will bow before me; every tongue will confess to God.'" ¹²So then, each of us will give an account of himself to God.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God

*THE HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 18:21-35, ESV

Pastor: The Gospel according to St. Matthew, the eighteenth chapter.

People: Glory to You, O Lord.

²¹Then Peter came up and said to him, "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. ³⁶So also my heavenly Father will do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother from your heart."

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

[10:45] CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

*SERMON HYMN

"Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive"

Hymn 843

**"Forgive our sins as we forgive," You taught us, Lord, to pray;
But You alone can grant us grace To live the words we say.**

**How can Your pardon reach and bless The unforgiving heart
That broods on wrongs and will not let Old bitterness depart?**

**Lord, cleanse the depths within our souls And bid resentment cease;
Then, bound to all in bonds of love, Our lives will spread Your peace.**

THE SERMON

"491?"

Matthew 18:21-35

*CONFESSION OF FAITH - APOSTLES' CREED

**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.**

***PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

Pastor: Lord, in Your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer.

HOLY COMMUNION

***WORDS OF PREPARATION**

***WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

***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.

DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

MUSIC DURING THE DISTRIBUTION

“What Is This Bread”

Hymn 629

**What is this bread? Christ's body risen from the dead:
This bread we break, This life we take,
Was crushed to pay for our release.
O taste and see – The Lord is peace.**

**What is this wine? The blood of Jesus shed for mine;
The cup of grace Brings His embrace**

**Of life and love until I sing!
O taste and see – the Lord is King.**

**So who am I, that I should live and He should die
Under the rod? My God, my God,
Why have You not forsaken me?
O taste and see – the Lord is free.**

**Yet is God here? Oh, yes! By Word and promise clear,
In mouth and soul He makes us whole –
Christ, truly present in this meal.
O taste and see – the Lord is real.**

**Is this for me? I am forgiven and set free!
I do believe That I receive
His very body and His blood.
O taste and see – the Lord is good.**

**“Where Charity and Love Prevail”
(sts. 1-4, 6)**

Hymn 845

**Where charity and love prevail
There God is ever found;
Brought here together by Christ’s love
By love are we thus bound.**

**With grateful joy and holy fear
His charity we learn;
Let us with heart and mind and soul
Now love Him in return.**

**Forgive we now each other’s faults
As we our faults confess,
And let us love each other well
In Christian holiness.**

**Let strife among us be unknown;
Let all contention cease;
Be God’s the glory that we seek;
Be ours His holy peace.**

For love excludes no race or clan
That names the Savior's name;
His family embraces all
Whose Father is the same.

(Worshippers are self-dismissed to exit after communing.)

WORSHIP SERVICE LEADERS

SATURDAY, 5:00 PM

The Preacher	The Rev. Charles T. Reich
The Organist	Wynn Bonner
Communion Deacon	Bill Smith
The Lector	Pat Wittcop
The Usher/Greeter Team	Chuck & Carol Smith

SUNDAY, 10:45 AM

The Preacher	The Rev. Charles T. Reich
The Liturgist	Vicar Michael Duffy
The Organist	Wynn Bonner
The Sound Technician	Bruce Wales
The Elder on Duty	Martha Walker
The Communion Deacons	Fred Aceto, Ron Booth
The Lectors	Linda Brown, Larry Walker
The Welcome Team Greeter	Mark Irby
At the Welcome Center	Nicole Irby
The Welcome Team Ushers	Donna Enzor, Steve Griffith, Carl Rod, Larry Walker

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