

**A Prayer Upon
Entering
Church:**

Lord, rise up
and come to
our aid. You
are the King
who knows the
secrets of our
hearts; fill us
with the light
of truth and
with your
strong arm
lead us to free-
dom, as you
mightily deliv-
ered our ances-
tors; for the
sake of your
Son, Jesus
Christ our
Lord. Amen



The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 17, 2017 + 9:00 and 11:00 A.M.

Welcome to the Lord's Day. Just how many times should one forgive another for sinning against them? The rabbis of the time taught that one needed to forgive the same sin only three times, so seven times seems rather lenient. But Jesus doesn't act with simple leniency. He's not just a nice guy: He is the Son of God, the Savior of the World, who came to see that the mercy and forgiveness of God be given and received. We dare not stand as an impediment to His divine grace. Rather, may we be conformed to it, molded by it, that Christ and His glory might shine through all that we are.



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A Welcome for Those With Young Children

This house is your children's home, too. Relax and enjoy your time here:

- Jesus knows that children tend to wiggle and squawk, so please don't feel embarrassed by it. Your children are welcome at Zion.
- To make it a bit easier on your family, please consider sitting towards the front where your children can easily see the worship leaders, hear the words, note the colors, wonder about some of the images up there, and embrace the action at the altar.
- As we go along, softly explain the liturgy to your children, encouraging them to chime in with their parts: *Amen! Lord have mercy! And also with you! I believe! Our Father!* All of that belongs to them, too.
- Be sure to sing and pray your parts as you stand and kneel and sit. Your children learn by following your lead.
- If you and your child must leave, please hurry back. There is a nursery downstairs for those who would like to use it, but like Jesus, we want your children in the liturgy, not out. *Let the little children come unto me.* (Luke 18:16).
- If you need help, just ask. There are lots of folks here who will lend a hand.

Announcements

Parish announcements may be found in the weekly newsletter, *For You*, provided by the ushers.



PRELUDE

Partita on "Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven"

... Robert A. Hobby

RINGING OF THE BELLS

Please stand.

INVOCATION

P: In the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P: 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.

C: **Amen**

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Please kneel. Silence for reflection.

*You said,
"Young man,
don't rely on
a sword.
Cause your
words will
outlive even
time." I've
counted my
blessings. The
rest are for
you. Please
listen close
for a while...*

*~ lyrics from
"James," by
O.A.R*

P: Most merciful God,

C: we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen

P: Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church, and by the authority of Christ, I therefore forgive you all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen

Please stand.

ENTRANCE HYMN

"Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven" green hymnal #549

THE APOSTOLIC GREETING

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

KYRIE

P: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



☩ Lord, have mer - cy.

P: For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



☐ Lord, have mer - cy.

P: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the holy Church, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



☐ Lord, have mer - cy.

P: For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.



☐ Lord, have mer - cy.

P: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.



☐ A - men

HYMN OF PRAISE

P: Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.



☐ Lord God, heav-en - ly king, al-might-y God and Fa - ther:



We wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your

glo - ry. Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther,
 Lord God, Lamb of God: You take a - way the sin of the world;
 have mer - cy on us. You are seat - ed at the right hand of the
 Fa - ther; re - ceive our prayer. For you a -
 lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,
 you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,
 in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.

☐ And al - so 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**

Please be seated.

OLD TESTAMENT 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? ²⁰As 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. ²¹So do not fear; I will provide for you and your little ones." Thus he comforted them and spoke kindly to them.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 103:1-12

L: Bless the LORD, 'O my soul,*
and all that is within me, bless his 'holy name.

C: **Bless the LORD, 'O my soul,*
and forget not 'all his benefits.**

For it is not without great difficulty that the heart longs for the kindness and pardon of God, from whom it flees and turns away by nature when it feels that He has been offended by many great and enormous sins. Then is hard to grant admittance to consolation, and it is difficult for remission to cling to the heart, no matter how many promises and with how many signs of God's goodwill it has been confirmed.

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...but [God's] goodness is so great even in our wickedness that He cannot do otherwise than forgive sin if the sinner sobs and implores His mercy. If this happens the sin shall be forgiven.

~ Martin Luther (Luther's Works, Vol. 8; 324-330).

- L: He forgives 'all your sins*
and heals all 'your infirmities;
- C: he redeems your life 'from the grave*
and crowns you with mercy and 'lovingkindness;**
- L: he satisfies you 'with good things,*
and your youth is renewed 'like an eagle's.
- C: The LORD executes 'righteousness*
and judgment for all who 'are oppressed.**
- L: He made his ways 'known to Moses*
and his works to the chil'dren of Israel.
- C: The LORD is full of compas'sion and mercy,*
slow to anger and 'of great kindness.**
- L: He will not al'ways accuse us,*
nor will he keep his an'ger forever.
- C: He has not dealt with us according 'to our sins,*
nor rewarded us according 'to our wickedness.**
- L: For as the heavens are high a'bove the earth,*
so is his mercy great upon 'those who fear him.
- C: As far as the east is 'from the west,*
so far has he removed our 'sins from us.**
- All: Glory 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**

EPISTLE Romans 14:1-12

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? 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. 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.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand.

VERSE

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the

[Paul] teaches that consciences weak in faith are to be led gently, spared, so that we do not use our Christian freedom for doing harm, but for the assistance of the weak. For where that is done, the result is discord and contempt for the gospel; and the gospel is the all-important thing.

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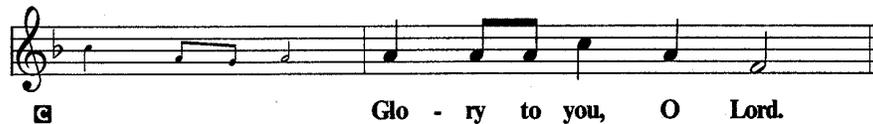
...Thus it is better to yield a little to the weak in faith, until they grow stronger, than to have the teaching of the gospel come to nothing. And this work is a peculiar work of love, for which there is great need even now...

~ Martin Luther
(Luther's Works, Vol. 35; 379.)



GOSPEL

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 18th chapter.



²¹Then 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?" 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."

SERMON

Please kneel.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.

P: . . . Lord in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen

Please be seated.

OFFERING

*While the offerings are received, please pass in your row the **Friendship Register**, and add your name(s). If you are a guest or visitor, please include your address.*

VOLUNTARY

“Come Down, O Love Divine”

... Michael Burkhardt

Please stand.

OFFERTORY



Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our

cup of bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were
sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life. Gath - er the
hopes and the dreams of all; u - nite them with the prayers we
of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your pres - ence, and
give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

P: Let us pray . . . Merciful Father,

C: we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us—our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

P: The Lord be with you.

☐ And al - so with you.

But this spiritual nourishment is not to be thought apart from the sacrifice of Christ. It is only a participation in this sacrifice, that is in the death and resurrection of Christ. Indeed the mystery of the passion and Resurrection is rendered present only in order to apply its effects to us. And communion is precisely that manner in which these effects are applied to the soul.

~ Jean
Danielou,
S.J., "The
Bible and
the Lit-
urgy," pg.
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P: Lift up your hearts.



☐ We lift them to the Lord.

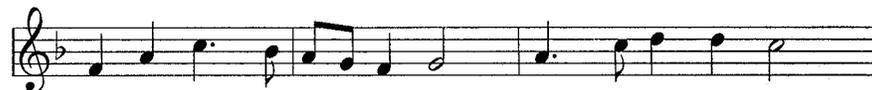
P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



☐ It is right to give him thanks and praise.

P: It is indeed right and salutary . . . we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS ("Holy")



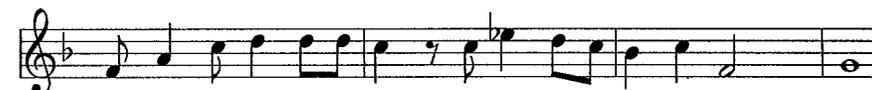
☐ Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:



Heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -



san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who



comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is my body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of me."

In the same way also he took the cup after the supper, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in my blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink of it, in remembrance of me.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

P: Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

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**

ACCLAMATION

P: As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup,

C: we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

AGNUS DEI (*"Lamb of God"*)

☞ Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us peace.

Sunday morning choir calling, church doors open wide. That hallelujah shoot right through ya, make you feel alive. That key under the mat, you know right were its at; It's waiting with the porch light on. Don't bother calling, no need for knocking, just come on home. Come on home.

~ lyrics from "God, Your Mama and Me," by Florida Georgia Line

Please be seated.

The congregation is ushered forward for Communion. If you cannot use the steps to the altar, you may either ask an usher to have Communion brought to you, or you may go to the altar in the side (west) chapel. Those not communing may cross their arms over their chest for a blessing.

Holy Communion is the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ which He joyfully gives to His Church to eat and to drink. This gift bestows tremendous benefits. His body and blood forgives our sins, strengthens our faith, binds us to the Lord, and unites us with each other. In this is life and salvation.

The Lord therefore invites to His altar baptized Christians who trust that they will receive in Holy Communion all that He promises there: His body and blood, the forgiveness of sins, union with Christ and His Church, life, and salvation. Know that He gives it to you with great joy.

COMMUNION HYMNS

"Awake, O Sleeper" blue hymnal #745

"Alleluia, Sing to Jesus" green hymnal #158

Please stand after all have received the sacrament.

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE



☐ Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell ev-'ry-one what he has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - jice and proud - ly bear his name.

He re-calls his prom-is - es and leads his peo-ple forth in joy with
shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le-lu - ia.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

P: We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life; and we pray that in your mercy you would strengthen us, through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen

BENEDICTION

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

A - men

SILENT PRAYER

POSTLUDE

“Prelude and Fugue in G Minor” (BWV 558) ... J.S. Bach

+ Soli Deo Gloria +
To God alone be glory

**A Prayer
As You Go**
O Lord Jesus Christ, draw thou our hearts unto thee; join them together in inseparable love, that we may abide in thee, and thou in us, and that the everlasting covenant between us may stand sure forever. O wound our hearts with the fiery darts of thy piercing love. Let them pierce through all our inward powers, that we, being happily wounded, may so become whole and sound. Let us have no lover but thyself alone; let us seek no joy or comfort except in thee. Amen.

~ Miles
Coverdale
(1488-1568
A.D.)

Serving at Worship

Presiding: The Rev. Dr. Steven K. Gjerde

Preaching: Vicar Joseph Pinzl

Organist: Kantor Irene Beethe

Lector: (9:00) Bill Metter

(11:00) Gary Gisselman

Radio Announcer: (9:00) Ryan Fernstaedt

Acolyte: (9:00) Lilith Christoffersen

(11:00) Nathan Contreras

Elder: (9:00) Marlene Kroening

(11:00) Donna Nuernberg

Ushers: (9:00) Mark Gehrke; Jane Janz; Grace Mueller;

Frank and Tammie Rodemeier

(11:00) Al Lippert; Herbert Zahrt

Communion Assistants:

(9:00) Sally Christoffersen; Sheryl Morris; Joe Pinzl

(11:00) Marge Gausewitz; Gary Gisselman; Joe Pinzl

Altar Guild: Kay Krall; Bonnie Waack

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which cannot be moved, but abides forever. (Psalm 125:1)

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