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**Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost – September 13, 2020**

**WELCOME**

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

**P** Almighty God,

**C** you are above all things, yet so very near to me. Because you already know me better than I know myself, I confess that I have not honored our relationship—I have sinned against you today. There are things that cause me shame and embarrassment—things I have thought, things I have said, things I have done—in your presence and in the presence of others. And there are things I have already forgotten or don't even realize how hurtful they are. Remember that Jesus is faithful when I am not, and restore me in your Spirit to continue in our life together.

**P** God knows what we do, yet sees who we are through the eyes of Jesus, who has joined God's life with ours and in whom + we are made new. Mercifully broken and wholly mended, we are set upright to live again.

**C** Amen.

**OPENING HYMN: *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise* - ELW 834**

- 1 Immortal, invisible, God only wise,  
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,  
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,  
almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise!
- 2 Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,  
nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might;  
thy justice like mountains high soaring above  
thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.

3 To all, life thou givest, to both great and small;  
in all life thou livest, the true life of all;  
we blossom and flourish like leaves on the tree,  
and wither and perish, but naught changeth thee.

4 Thou reignest in glory; thou dwellest in light;  
thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;  
all laud we would render; oh, help us to see  
'tis only the splendor of light hideth thee!

Text: Walter Chalmers Smith, 1824-1908, alt.

## **GREETING**

**P** Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, our Prince of Peace, our Mighty God, our Wonderful Counselor, who is and was and is to come.

**C Amen.**

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**P** Let us pray. O Lord God,

**C 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.**

## **SONG OF PRAISE: *Forever***

### *Verse 1*

Give thanks to the Lord  
Our God and King  
His love endures forever  
For He is good He is above all things  
His love endures forever  
Sing praise sing praise

### *Verse 2*

With a mighty hand  
And an outstretched arm  
His love endures forever  
For the life that's been reborn  
His love endures forever  
Sing praise sing praise

### *Pre-Chorus*

Sing praise sing praise

### *Chorus*

Forever God is faithful  
Forever God is strong  
Forever God is with us  
Forever forever

### *Verse 3*

From the rising to the setting sun  
His love endures forever  
And by the grace of God  
We will carry on  
His love endures forever  
Sing praise sing praise

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

<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 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, 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.

L Word of God, word of life.

**C Thanks be to God.**

## **PSALM: Psalm 103:[1-7] 8-13**

- [ <sup>1</sup>Bless the LORD, O my soul,  
and all that is within me, bless God's holy name.
- <sup>2</sup>**Bless the LORD, O my soul,  
and forget not all God's benefits—**
- <sup>3</sup>who forgives all your sins  
and heals all your diseases;
- <sup>4</sup>**who redeems your life from the grave  
and crowns you with steadfast love and mercy;**
- <sup>5</sup>who satisfies your desires with good things  
so that your youth is renewed like an eagle's.
- <sup>6</sup>**O LORD, you provide vindication  
and justice for all who are oppressed.**
- <sup>7</sup>You made known your ways to Moses  
and your works to the children of Israel.
- ] <sup>8</sup>**LORD, you are full of compassion and mercy,  
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love;**
- <sup>9</sup>you will not always accuse us,  
nor will you keep your anger forever.
- <sup>10</sup>**You have not dealt with us according to our sins,  
nor repaid us according to our iniquities.**
- <sup>11</sup>For as the heavens are high above the earth,  
so great is your steadfast love for those who fear you.
- <sup>12</sup>**As far as the east is from the west,  
so far have you removed our transgressions from us.**
- <sup>13</sup>As a father has compassion for his children,  
so you have compassion for those who fear you, O LORD.

## **SECOND READING: Romans 14:1-12**

<sup>1</sup>Welcome those who are weak in faith, 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 servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord 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 in honor of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honor of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honor of the Lord and give thanks to God.

<sup>7</sup>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>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 God.”

<sup>12</sup>So then, each of us will be accountable to God.

### **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: *Halle, Halle, Hallelujah* – ELW 172**

Halle, halle, hallelujah.

Halle, halle, hallelujah.

Halle, halle, hallelujah.

Hallelujah. Hallelujah.

P The holy gospel according to Matthew.

**C Glory to you, O Lord.**

### **GOSPEL: Matthew 18:21-35**

<sup>21</sup>Peter came and said to [Jesus], “Lord, if another member of the church 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 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, his 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."

P The gospel of the Lord.

**C Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **CHILDREN'S SERMON**

### **SERMON**

#### **SONG AFTER THE SERMON: *Forgive Our Sins As We Forgive* – ELW 605**

- 1 "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.
- 2 How can your pardon reach and bless  
the unforgiving heart  
that broods on wrongs and will not let  
old bitterness depart?
- 3 In blazing light your cross reveals  
the truth we dimly knew:  
how trifling others' debts to us;  
how great our debt to you!
- 4 Lord, cleanse the depths within our souls  
and bid resentment cease;  
then, by your mercy reconciled,  
our lives will spread your peace.

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## **CREED**

**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 to the dead. 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.**

## **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

Petitions end: "Lord, in your mercy." Please respond: "**Hear our prayer.**"

## **GREAT THANKSGIVING**

**P** Blessed are you, O God, for you made the earth and all this is, and declared it good. Blessed are you, for in Christ you entered into creation, into our humanity, into our vulnerability, into our mortality. You stayed with us through conflict, through suffering, through death. Blessed are you for raising Jesus from the dead, in him promising new life to us all. Come, Lord Jesus, in this meal, and make us alive again. By your Spirit, bind us to that holy communion of saints in every time and place, and make us your body in the world, bringing light and healing to all.

## **WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

**P** In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

## **LORD'S PRAYER**

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.**

**Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

### **INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

**P** Here is bread to strengthen you; here is wine to sustain you. Come, taste the promise of Jesus for you.

### **COMMUNION**

### **POST-COMMUNION PRAYER**

### **BLESSING**

**P** The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

**C** Amen.

### **SENDING SONG: *Your Grace Is Enough***

#### *Verse 1*

Great is Your faithfulness O God  
You wrestle with the sinner's restless heart  
You lead us by still waters into mercy  
And nothing can keep us apart

#### *Pre-Chorus*

(So) remember Your people  
Remember Your children  
Remember Your promise O God

#### *Chorus 1*

Your grace is enough  
Your grace is enough  
Your grace is enough for me

#### *Verse 2*

Great is Your love and justice God of Jacob  
You use the weak to lead the strong  
You lead us in the song of Your salvation  
And all Your people sing along

## *Chorus 2*

Yeah Your grace is enough  
Heaven reaches out to us  
Your grace is enough for me  
God I sing Your grace is enough  
I'm covered in Your love  
Your grace is enough for me for me

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## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **DISMISSAL**

P Love

**C Jesus.**

P Grow

**C Together.**

P Serve

**C Others.**

P Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God!**

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**CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS** Week of September 13, 2020  
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**THIS TUESDAY (SEPTEMBER 15) IS THE DEADLINE** to have school supplies for LWR kits at church! The ship date for LWR quilts and kits has been affected by the pandemic, so all donations for kits are needed by this Tuesday to allow time for assembly and packing. There is a PINK tote located in the office wing hallway for placing the items being donated. PLEASE NOTE: Only unsharpened pencils are acceptable for LWR school kits! Thank you!

**OUTDOOR WORSHIP SERVICE** will be held next Sunday, September 20, in the CLC parking lot at 9 a.m. (If it rains, the service will be live-streamed only.) The next tentative outdoor service is planned for Sunday, October 11.

**NEXT SUNDAY IS BIBLE SUNDAY!** Third graders and seventh graders will be presented with Bibles at the outdoor worship service September 20! (Please contact the church office at 715-235-5573 or email Josie at cosmo.clc@gmail.com to let us know if you will be present to receive your Bible at the service.)

**WEDNESDAY’S TABLE** menu for September 16: BBQ Pulled Pork Sandwich, Extra Cheesy Mac & Cheese, Brussel Sprouts/Corn (cook’s choice), Blueberry Crisp. The menu is also posted on Facebook. [*Menu items subject to change.*] To sign up to help at Wednesday’s Table, go to <https://volunteersignup.org/Q8JBE>.

**WEDNESDAY'S TABLE NEEDS** a dessert planner; a volunteer coordinator; curbside servers; and—as always--prayers for our mission and all the guests who we serve, and monetary donations. Thank you!

**CLC FOODSHELF NEWS!** Each week we are serving up bags filled with several meals of healthy, non-perishable food to several families in need. Once a month, we order approximately **\$1,000** (!) worth of food from Feed My People Food Bank. You can help in two ways: Donate money to the FoodShelf Fund or donate food items. We need: canned peaches, pears, oranges, and applesauce; canned green beans, corn, peas, and carrots; spaghetti pasta and noodles; canned soup; canned chicken or tuna; minute rice and mashed potatoes; and peanut butter and jelly. Please place all food donations in one of the collection carts--outside the church office or in the narthex.

**BOOK STUDY TO BEGIN OCTOBER 7 AND 8:** Pastor Randy will be offering a study of the book *Grateful* by Diana Butler Bass. Here is a brief description--*If gratitude is good, why is it so hard to do? In Grateful, Diana Butler Bass untangles our conflicting understandings of gratitude and sets the table for a renewed practice of giving thanks. We know that gratitude is good, but many of us find it hard to sustain a meaningful life of gratefulness. Four out of five Americans report feeling gratitude on a regular basis, but those private feelings seem disconnected from larger concerns of our public lives. In Grateful, cultural observer and theologian Diana Butler Bass takes on this "gratitude gap" and offers up surprising, relevant, and powerful insights to practice gratitude. Bass, author of the award-winning Grounded and ten other books on spirituality and culture, explores the transformative, subversive power of gratitude for our personal lives and in communities. Using her trademark blend of historical research, spiritual insights, and timely cultural observation, she shows how we can overcome this gap and make change in our own lives and in the world. With honest stories and heartrending examples from history and her own life, Bass reclaims gratitude as a path to greater connection with God, with others, with the world, and even with our own souls. It's time to embrace a more radical practice of gratitude—the virtue that heals us and helps us thrive.* The book study will meet via Zoom on Wednesdays at noon and on Thursday evenings at 7 p.m. beginning October 7 and 8. If you are interested but don't have the technology for Zoom, please contact Pastor Randy. To sign up for the book study, please contact the church office.

**ALL FLOWERS AND DECORATIONS** need to be removed from CLC – Halvorson Cemetery by Friday, October 23. Thank you!

**LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF (LWR) QUILTS:** If anyone would like to put LWR quilts together at home, there are material and fillers at the church to be used for the quilts. If interested, please come to the Fireside Room on a Mission Work Day (the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month) between 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. to pick up the material and fillers. Thanks!

**MONDAY NIGHT MEALS** for Lutheran Campus Ministry will look a little different this fall. To keep both the students and cooks safe, given the rising numbers with COVID-19, suggestions have been established by staff and the Board of Directors. This is new territory for all of us, so we will do the best we can with the circumstances. The following dates are available: October 12; November 2, 30; December 7. Thank you for your willingness to volunteer in the past. The students are so appreciative of the meals on Mondays, and I know they will continue to appreciate it given all the changes they are facing at school and in the community. To find out the important changes needed to keep everyone safe and to reserve a date/s for providing a meal this year, please contact me at 715.308.3393 or [lcmstout@wwt.net](mailto:lcmstout@wwt.net). Thank you!

*Katie Wagner, Director of Lutheran Campus Ministry - UW-Stout*

**NEW FUNDRAISER FOR LUTHERAN CAMPUS MINISTRY:** We have some exciting events coming up that we want you to be aware of! Since we had to cancel “Pack the Park” this year due to COVID-19, we decided we didn’t want you all to feel like you missed out on a raffle. So, we are excited to announce that we will have a MONTHLY RAFFLE starting on October 1, 2020! Every month we will offer a prize of around \$250 in value that you can buy tickets and enter for your chance to win! Tickets will be available on our NEW(!) Simply Giving website that will be live starting on September 1! On the 15th of each month, we will be announcing the prize for the following month, and all tickets you buy at any time during the year will be eligible to win. That means, if you buy tickets in September, they will be entered for the entire year’s worth of raffles! More information will be available on our website and Facebook page coming very soon! Mark your calendars for the first couple of dates: September 1--Simply Giving website goes live! Raffle tickets available for purchase; September 15--October Raffle Reveal; October 1, 7 p.m.-- Raffle drawing. Blessings, *Katie Wagner*, LCM Director, 715.308.3393/[lcmstout@wwt.net](mailto:lcmstout@wwt.net)

**BLOOD DRIVE AT CLC – OCTOBER 30:** Volunteers are needed during the blood drive at the church on Friday, October 30. Please see the sign-up sheets in the office wing hallway or call the church office at 715-235-5573. (Please note that no food donations are being requested at this time due to the virus.)

## **LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF KITS:**

**Please bring all donations of items for LWR kits to the church by this Tuesday, September 15!**

**Only donations of unsharpened pencils are acceptable for LWR school kits!**

The items being collected for **School Kits** this year include the following:

- 70-sheet notebooks of wide- or college-ruled paper, approximately 8" x 10-1/2"; no loose-leaf paper.
- 30-centimeter rulers, or rulers with centimeters on one side and inches on the other.
- Black or blue ballpoint pens (no gel ink).
- Blunt pairs of scissors.
- Boxes of 16 or 24 crayons.
- 2-1/2" erasers.

We are collecting only the following items for **Baby Care Kits** and for **Personal Care Kits** this year:

- Hand towels, dark color recommended (towels must be new).
- Bath-size bars of gentle soap equaling 8 to 9 oz., any brand, in original wrapping (soap must be new).

Donations of items for kits may be placed in the bin located in the office wing hallway.

Thrivent encourages all of us to "live generously." With your help and your donations and with the help of Thrivent Financial, we will once again be packing and sending quilts and kits to Lutheran World Relief this fall. Thank you!

# MEMORIALS

Undesignated in memory of: 9/6—Betty Johnson Schlough from Dona Shoemaker; from George & Sandra Burleigh; Janet Wisner from Pastor Duane & Constance Wisner; from Pamela Sue Edwards.



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