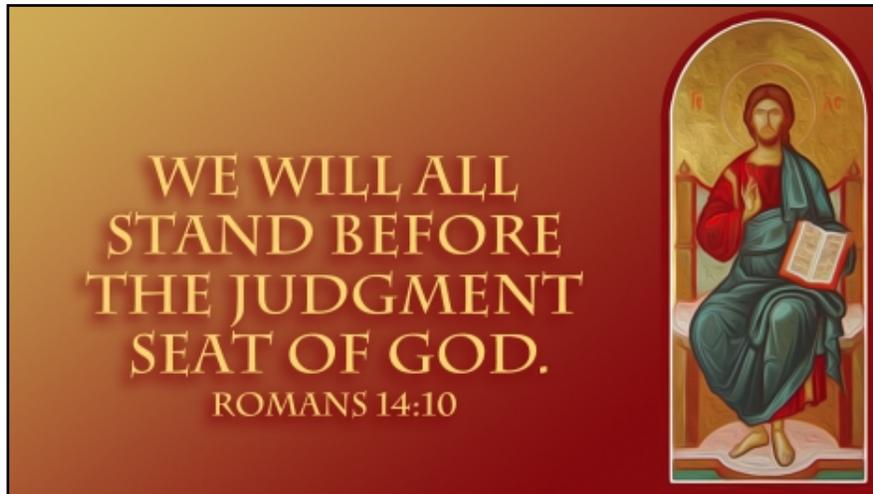


Trinity Lutheran Church

Monroeville, Ohio

September 13, 2020

15th Sunday after Pentecost



Forgiveness is often a very difficult subject, even for those who know that we are called to forgive if we want to be forgiven. In our human sinfulness we seek to justify ourselves, coming up with reasons why our brother or sister does not deserve to be forgiven. Joseph speaks a word of forgiveness to his scheming brothers, pointing to the reality that God can work through great pain to bring healing of relationships.

Announcements & Prelude

Please observe silence during the prelude

Confession and Forgiveness

P: In joy and thanksgiving we begin our worship in the name of the Father, and of the Son +, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered. Let us take time to reflect on our deep need for God's forgiveness and mercy in our lives. (Psalm 32:1)

(Silence for self-reflection and examination)

P: Eternal Father,

C: We come before you recognizing that we have sinned against you and our neighbors. We have failed to follow your commandments and have done what we know is contrary to your holy will. Forgive us, and grant us the joy of your saving presence again. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

P: In the name of God the Father, the Son, + and the Holy Spirit your sins are forgiven. Rejoice and be glad! For the Lord is slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

C: Amen.

Opening Hymn *God of Grace and God of Glory* **ELW 705**

1 God of grace and God of glory, on your people pour your power;
crown your ancient church's story, bring its bud to glorious flower.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage for the facing of this hour,
for the facing of this hour.

2 Lo! the hosts of evil round us scorn the Christ, assail his ways!
From the fears that long have bound us free our hearts to faith
and praise. Grant us wisdom, grant us courage for the living of
these days, for the living of these days.

Greeting

P: May the grace of God our heavenly Father who laid the foundations of the world, the love of the Son who is seated at the right hand of God in majesty, and the peace of the promised Holy Spirit, be with you all. (Hebrews 1:3 & 10 ESV)

C: And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray. . .

C: Steadfast God, your mercy is everlasting and your forgiveness boundless. As we gather together and receive your word of forgiveness in the gospel proclaimed and the meal shared, renew us in the gift of baptism that we may be signs of reconciliation for the world; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Scripture Lessons

First Lesson: Genesis 50:15-21

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Lector: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 103:1-12

(Please read responsively by half-verse.)

- 1 Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and all that is within me, bless his holy name.
- 2 Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and do not forget all his benefits—
- 3 who forgives all your iniquity,
who heals all your diseases,
- 4 who redeems your life from the Pit,
who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy,
- 5 who satisfies you with good as long as you live
so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.
- 6 The Lord works vindication
and justice for all who are oppressed.

- 7 He made known his ways to Moses,
his acts to the people of Israel.
- 8 The Lord is merciful and gracious,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.
- 9 He will not always accuse,
nor will he keep his anger forever.
- 10 He does not deal with us according to our sins,
nor repay us according to our iniquities.
- 11 For as the heavens are high above the earth,
**so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear
him;**
- 12 as far as the east is from the west,
so far he removes our transgressions from us.

Gospel Acclamation *Open Our Eyes Lord* (CCLI#1572)

*Open our eyes, Lord, we want to see Jesus,
to reach out and touch him,
and say that we love him.*

Open our ears, Lord, and help us to listen.

Open our eyes, Lord, we want to see Jesus.

Gospel Lesson: Matthew 18:21-35

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

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

P: The Gospel of our Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Hymn of the Day *Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling* **ELW608**

1 Softly and tenderly Jesus is calling, calling for you and for me
See, on the portals he's waiting and watching, watching for you
and for me

Refrain: Come home, come home! You who are weary, come home."

Earnestly, tenderly, Jesus is calling, calling, "O sinner come home"

2 O for the wonderful love he has promised, promised for you and
for me! Though we have sinned, he has mercy and pardon,
pardon for you and for me.

Refrain: Come home, come home! You who are weary, come home."

Earnestly, tenderly, Jesus is calling, calling, "O sinner come home"

Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven
and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was
conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the
virgin Mary. He 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,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come
again 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 (*Please respond, "hear our prayer."*)

Offering & Offering Prayer

P: Lord God, we give you thanks for the wondrous gifts you have so freely given us. You are the source of our lives, our work, and our possessions. In an act of worship we offer back to you what you have first given to us, that our sacrifices in some small way, might express our devotion to you and be used to spread the Gospel message in the world. In the name of Jesus, our Master and Lord.

C: Amen.

The Meal

The Great Thanksgiving

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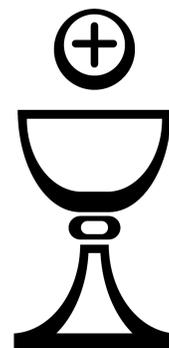
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The Lord's Prayer

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Lamb of God

(All who are baptized and believe that Jesus is the Lord of their life are invited to come to the Lord's Supper. He is the host of this meal and he desires that all who believe would come and eat and drink for the forgiveness of sins. We believe in the real presence of Christ's body and blood, in/with and under the bread and wine.)



Post-Communion Blessing & Prayer

P: Gracious God, you have gifted us with the bread and wine of this holy meal; fed us with the body and blood of your Son our Lord; forgiven us and granted us new life in Christ. Make us bold to go out in the world, serving in your name as you lead us unto paths unknown.

C: Amen.

Blessing & Dismissal

P: As you go from worship in the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit, hear the counsel of the Apostle Paul: “If there is any encouragement in Christ, any comfort from love, any participation in the Spirit, any affection and sympathy, complete my joy by being of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. Let each of you look not only to your own interests, but also to the interests of others.” (Philippians 2:1-4)

C: Amen.

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

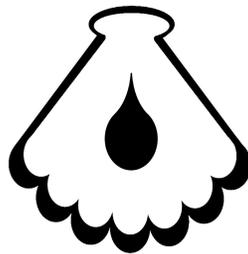
Sending Hymn *Stand Up, Stand Up For Jesus* Public Domain

1 Stand up, stand up for Jesus, Ye soldiers of the cross;
Lift high his royal banner, It must not suffer loss.

From victory unto victory his army shall he lead,
Till every foe is vanquished, and Christ is Lord indeed.

3. Stand up, stand up for Jesus, stand in his strength alone;
the arm of flesh will fail you, Ye dare not trust your own.
Put on the gospel armor, each piece put on with prayer;
where duty calls or danger, be never wanting there.

Postlude



Prayer List: Tom Wingate, Jane David, Jeff Doss, Bonnie (Annie Hopkins' mother), Tom Sutter, Barb, Gary (Velda Haley's son in law), Christine Hunt, Kailey Fowler, Joanne Martin (Tonia's aunt), the family of Caleb Stockmaster, for peace in our country and in the world, and all who have suffered at the hands of violence or prejudice.

Prepare for Next Week's Worship:

Isaiah 55:6-9, Psalm 27:1-9, Matthew 20:1-16

God gives to each according to their need, and it is given out of love and mercy. His ways are so different from our human ways. We often want to cry out "Unfair!" keeping track of what we've given and what we think we are owed. How do you give?

Worship Leaders:

Musicians: Julie Roeder, Andrew Morfier

Lectors: Paula Underwood (8am), Rob Ludwig (9:30am)

Ushers: Jim & Ramona Thill (8am), Tonia Smith (9:30am)

Altar Worker for September: Charlene Henney, Darlene White

Please remember your gifts. The ministry of TLC continues through the pandemic and our work depends upon our gifts.

Offering last week: \$3015. Needed for budget each week: \$2267.

Amount ahead for 2020: \$6429! Thank you!

Happy Birthday:

Erin Wolfe - Sept 14

Amy Little - Sept 16

Richard Boehler - Sept 16

Lynette Crum - Sept 17

Isaac Krueger - Sept 18

Happy Baptismal

Anniversary:

Nathan Anderson - Sept 16

Stacie Gessling - Sept 17

Happy Wedding Anniversary:

Tom & Juanita Wingate - Sept 13

Dan & Erica Clinker - Sept 14

Adam & Hannah Gerber - Sept 17