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The 15th Sunday after Pentecost

September 13, 2020

Divine Service, Setting One – LSB 151

9 am – 91.7 FM



...how often should
I forgive?
"Not SEVEN times,
but, I tell you,
SEVENTY-
SEVEN
times."

Matthew 18:21-22, NRSV

AS WE GATHER

Forgiving as the Lord Forgives Us

In settling His accounts with us, our Lord acts not with anger, but with compassion. He does not imprison us as we deserve, but He forgives all our debts and releases us (Matt. 18:23–27). Therefore, our Lord bids each of us to have “*mercy on your fellow servant*” and “*forgive your brother from your heart*” (Matt. 18:33, 35). By the Lord’s forgiveness of our sins, we are free to forgive those who sin against us, because He has been handed over to the jailers in our stead and He has paid our entire debt with His lifeblood. Whether we live or die, we “*are the Lord’s*” (Rom. 14:8). Since we all will “*stand before the judgment seat of God,*” we are not to despise our brother (Rom. 14:10), but gladly forgive him. By the grace of God, our brother also “*will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make him stand*” (Rom. 14:4). Though we daily sin against each other, the Lord intends “*to bring it about that many people should be kept alive*” (Gen. 50:20). Jesus speaks kindly by His Gospel and promises: “*I will provide for you and your little ones*” (Gen. 50:21).

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✠ ✠ ✠ GATHERING ✠ ✠ ✠

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC – Sacred Music from Lutheran Public Radio

OPENING HYMN – LSB 606 – I Lay My Sins on Jesus



1 I lay my sins on Je - sus, The spot - less Lamb of God;
2 I lay my wants on Je - sus; All full - ness dwells in Him;
3 I rest my soul on Je - sus, This wea - ry soul of mine;



He bears them all and frees us From the ac - curs - ed load.
He heals all my dis - eas - es; My soul He does re - deem.
His right hand me em - brac - es; I on His breast re - cline.



I bring my guilt to Je - sus To wash my crim - son stains
I lay my griefs on Je - sus, My bur - dens and my cares;
I love the name of Je - sus, Im - man - uel, Christ, the Lord;



Clean in His blood most pre - cious Till not a spot re - mains.
He from them all re - leas - es; He all my sor - rows shares.
Like fra - grance on the breez - es His name a - broad is poured.

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INVOCATION

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

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

(silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination)

P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. 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. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. 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 you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained 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.

C Amen.

✠ ✠ ✠ **WORD** ✠ ✠ ✠

INTROIT – Psalm 143:1-2; antiphon: Psalm 143:9

P Deliver me from my enemies O LORD!
I have fled to you for refuge!

C Hear my prayer O LORD; give ear to my pleas for mercy!
In your faithfulness answer me, in your righteousness!

P Enter not into judgment with your servant,
for no one living is righteous before you.

C 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.
Deliver me from my enemies O LORD!
I have fled to you for refuge!

KYRIE – Lord, Have Mercy – Mark 10:47

P In peace let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

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

C Lord, have mercy.

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

C Lord, have mercy.

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

C Lord, have mercy.

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

C Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE – This is the Feast – *Revelation 5:12-13; 19:5-9*

Choir: This is the feast of victory for our God! Alleluia!

Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,
whose blood set us free to be peo-ple of God.
Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and strength and
hon - or and bless-ing and glo - ry are His.
This is the feast of vic - to-ry for our God. Al - le -
lu - ia. Sing with all the peo - ple of
God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion:
Bless - ing and hon - or and glo - ry and might be to
God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.
This is the feast of vic - to-ry for our God,



COLLECT OF THE DAY

- P** The Lord be with you.
- C** **And also with you.**
- P** 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.**

FIRST LESSON – Genesis 50:15-21 – At the death of their father, Jacob, Joseph reassured his brothers that he forgave them and recognized the hand of God at work in their lives.

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.

- A** This is the Word of the Lord.
- C** **Thanks be to God.**

GRADUAL – Psalm 34:9, 19

- A** Fear the LORD, you his saints, for those who fear him lack nothing!
- C** **Many are the afflictions of the righteous, but the LORD delivers him out of them all.**

SECOND LESSON – Romans 14:1-12 – If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord.

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.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA and COMMON VERSE – John 6:68

C Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

HOLY GOSPEL – Matthew 18:21-35 – How often must I forgive my brother? How often has God forgiven you?

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.’³⁰ *He refused and went and put him in prison until he should pay the debt.* ³¹*When 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.* ³²*Then his master summoned him and said to him, ‘You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me.* ³³*And should not you have had mercy on your fellow servant, as I had mercy on you?’* ³⁴*And in anger his master delivered him to the jailers, until he should pay all his debt.* ³⁵*So 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 OF THE DAY – LSB 501 – Come Down, O Love Divine



1 Come down, O Love di - vine; Seek Thou this soul of mine,
 2 O let it free - ly burn, Till world - ly pas - sions turn
 3 Let ho - ly char - i - ty Mine out - ward ves - ture be
 4 And so the yearn - ing strong, With which the soul will long,



And vis - it it with Thine own ar - dor glow - ing;
 To dust and ash - es in its heat con - sum - ing;
 And low - li - ness be - come mine in - ner cloth - ing—
 Shall far out - pass the pow'r of hu - man tell - ing;



O Com - fort - er, draw near; With - in my heart ap - pear,
 And let Thy glo - rious light Shine ev - er on my sight,
 True low - li - ness of heart, Which takes the hum - bler part,
 No soul can guess His grace Till it be - come the place



And kin - dle it, Thy ho - ly flame be - stow - ing.
 And clothe me round, the while my path il - lum - ing.
 And o'er its own short - com - ings weeps with loath - ing.
 Where - in the Ho - ly Spir - it makes His dwell - ing.

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SERMON – “...as Christ forgives us” – Matthew 18:21-35

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C I believe in one God,
the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth
and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried.
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures
and ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of the Father.
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,
whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
and I look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life \dagger of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

A Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A ...through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen.

✠ ✠ ✠ SACRAMENT ✠ ✠ ✠

PREFACE

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts

C **We lift them to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who on this day overcame death and the grave and by His glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

SANCTUS

C **Holy, holy, holy Lord God of power and might:
heav'n and earth are full of Your glory.**

Hosanna. Hosanna.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

P Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

WORDS OF OUR LORD

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 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 it, in remembrance of Me.”

PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST

P As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

C **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

P O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

LORD'S PRAYER

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.**

PAX DOMINI – The Peace of the Lord – *John 20:19*

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **Amen.**

BENEDICTION – *Numbers 6:24-26*

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

C **Amen.**

DISTRIBUTION



For reception of the Supper, please pull under the vestibule and lower the driver's side window. If you have hand sanitizer, we invite you to use it prior to and after reception of the Body and Blood.

Pastors will alternate cars for distribution. This will provide time to sanitize hands prior to and after serving each car. Pastors will be wearing masks starting with the consecration of the elements and all throughout distribution.

If you choose simply to depart in peace as you serve the Lord, please exit as you have done so on previous Sundays.

Distribution music for the drive-in service from Lutheran Public Radio.

There are occasional commercial breaks.



We are thankful that you are with us today!

Please take a moment this week to [let us know that you were here](#).

Please allow those who backed into their parking spots to leave first.

You may leave your offering at the mailbox as you enter the mission field.

[Download this form](#) if you would like to set up automatic withdrawals.

Pastors [Edwards](#) and [Beck](#) are available throughout the week for personal prayer, counsel, private individual confession and absolution.

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✠ ANNOUNCEMENTS ✠



Sunday School is now on [YouTube](#) – tune in each week for a lesson presented by one of our Sunday School teachers! [Today's lesson – A Laughable Promise \(Isaac is Born\) – can be viewed here](#) with [activity and coloring pages here](#). An additional [video from CPH is here](#).

Kids - watch your mail for materials we are sending you. Parents, if your child does not receive a devotional booklet and/or Bible lesson materials, please [contact us](#)!



Music activities have resumed! Contact our Cantor, Dr. Priscilla Gabriel, for more details or to get involved.

- **Preparatory Choir for K-2nd graders** meets outdoors on Tuesday evenings.
- All others – **older children, youth, and adults** – are invited to join the Virtual Senior Choir and/or virtual music literacy and singing training.
- **Outdoor Hymn Sing** | 6:00-6:30 pm | NEXT Sunday, September 20 (alternating weeks)
 - Wear your mask
 - Hymnals provided, or bring your own. Request any hymn!
 - Park in designated areas (back rows)
 - Choose a chalked square to put down a blanket or set up lawn chairs



FLY - online game night | 7- 8:30pm TONIGHT

We welcome Junior High, Senior High, and FLY alumni to attend; the more the merrier! Check [Facebook](#) or your email for details and the friend code. If you have any questions [email John Poage](#).

Be sure to set up a Discord account prior to meeting if you don't already have one, if you want to chat and interact.

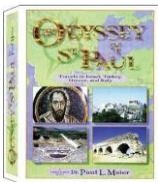


Many thanks to all who helped at our Fall Work Day yesterday, those who did landscaping and other outdoor cleanup leading up to the event, and also our ongoing lawn mowing crews. We appreciate your hard work and willingness to share your time and talents in stewardship of our church grounds.

[Bible Studies](#)

Wednesdays through September 30

Click the class title for the Zoom link. Class handouts are available on our [website](#).



NOON

[The Odyssey of Saint Paul](#)

Explore the mission journeys and epistles of the Apostle ([Pastor Beck](#))



7 PM

[Revelation](#)

Explore the final book in the Bible ([Pastor Edwards](#))

Devotionals Available

Portals of Prayer (October-December), *Lutheran Women's Quarterly*, and other devotionals are available under the lower canopy, in a small red plastic box. Help yourself anytime, 24/7.



Hoosiers Outrun Cancer (HOC)

Team *Faith Lutheran Church* will meet in the parking lot **at Faith at 9am on Saturday morning, September 26** for a brief devotion and prayer and will then head out our own 3-mile route. Starting from church we will cross the roundabout, follow the path through Sherwood Oaks Park, up the hill, around the Olcott Park loop, and back to church.

If you missed the early deadline to [register for this year's HOC](#), it's not too late! - you can still designate Team *Faith Lutheran Church* and walk or run in support of local cancer care; your shirt will simply be mailed to you *after* the date of the race. We hope you will join us!

PARENTING TIPS FOR CHALLENGING TIMES
Three Live Zoom Events followed by Q&A with Dr. Scott Turansky

September 28, 8:00 pm ET October 12, 8:00 pm ET October 26, 8:00 pm ET

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Monday, September 28, 8:00 pm ET

Managing Emotions

Monday, October 12, 8:00 pm ET

Navigating Electronics

Monday, October 26, 8:00 pm ET



Pantry 279 donations

Food and supplies for Pantry 279 are collected at Faith each Sunday. **Cash or checks** (*payable to Pantry 279*) are also welcome and may be placed in the offering basket, clearly marked for Pantry 279.

Flocknote



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Are you receiving our Friday@Faith emails? Click [HERE](#) to *submit your preferred email address (and optional cell phone number)*. If you have joined this list and are not seeing the emails, please **add mail@flocknote.com to your email contact list**, and also check your spam folder. You may unsubscribe at any time.

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5 pm

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- Sign up to attend.
- Bring and wear a mask, and maintain social distancing.

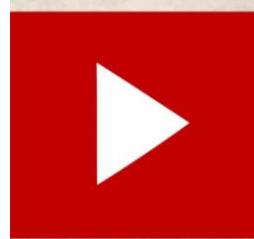
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DRIVE-IN
9 am

- Stay in your car.
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- Follow along with the order of service found on our website.



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ONLINE
any time

Each week's service is posted on Sunday morning, and remains archived on our YouTube channel.