

ORFORDVILLE LUTHERAN CHURCH

Do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with God.

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

9:00 a.m.

Parking Lot/Lawn Chair Service



GATHERING

Prelude

Welcome

Confession and Forgiveness

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God,
who creates, redeems, and sustains us and all of creation.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Faithful God,

have mercy on us. We confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves.

We turn from your loving embrace and go our own ways. We pass judgment on one another before examining ourselves. We place our own needs before those of our neighbors. We keep your gift of salvation to ourselves. Make us humble, cast away our transgressions, and turn us again to life in you through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

God hears the cries of all who call out in need, and through his death and resurrection, Christ has made us his own. Hear the truth that God proclaims: Your sins are forgiven in the name of ✝ Jesus Christ.

Led by the Holy Spirit, live in freedom and newness to do God's work in the world.

Amen.

Apostolic Greeting

The grace of God the Creator, the Love of Christ the Redeemer, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit the Comforter be with your all.

And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray: O Lord God, 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.

WORD

First Reading Genesis 50:15-21 (Contemporary English Version)

After Jacob's death the brothers of Joseph begged for forgiveness for the crime they had done against him. You intended to do me harm, Joseph said, but God used this as an opportunity to do good and save many lives.

A reading from Genesis:

¹⁵ After Jacob died, Joseph's brothers said to each other, "What if Joseph still hates us and wants to get even with us for all the cruel things we did to him?"

¹⁶ So they sent this message to Joseph:

Before our father died, ¹⁷ he told us, "You did some cruel and terrible things to Joseph, but you must ask him to forgive you."

Now we ask you to please forgive the terrible things we did. After all, we serve the same God that your father worshiped.

When Joseph heard this, he started crying.

¹⁸ Right then, Joseph's brothers came and bowed down to the ground in front of him and said, "We are your slaves."

¹⁹ But Joseph told them, "Don't be afraid! I have no right to change what God has decided. ²⁰ You tried to harm me, but God made it turn out for the best, so that he could save all these people, as he is now doing. ²¹ Don't be afraid! I will take care of you and your children." After Joseph said this, his brothers felt much better.

Word of God. Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

Gradual (from Psalm 103)

Bless the LORD, O my soul,
and forget not all God's benefits—

**LORD, you are full of compassion and mercy,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love;**

Gospel Reading: Matthew 18:21-35 (Contemporary English Version)

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the eighteenth chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

When Peter asks about the limits of forgiveness, Jesus responds with a parable that suggests human forgiveness should mirror the unlimited mercy of God.

²¹ Peter came up to the Lord and asked, "How many times should I forgive someone^[a] who does something wrong to me? Is seven times enough?"

²² Jesus answered:

Not just seven times, but seventy-seven times!^[b] ²³ This story will show you what the kingdom of heaven is like:

One day a king decided to call in his officials and ask them to give an account of what they owed him. ²⁴ As he was doing this, one official was brought in who owed him fifty million silver coins. ²⁵ But he didn't have any money to pay what he owed. The king ordered him to be sold, along with his wife and children and all he owned, in order to pay the debt.

²⁶ The official got down on his knees and began begging, "Have pity on me, and I will pay you every cent I owe!" ²⁷ The king felt sorry for him and let him go free. He even told the official that he did not have to pay back the money.

²⁸ As the official was leaving, he happened to meet another official, who owed him a hundred silver coins. So, he grabbed the man by the throat. He started choking him and said, "Pay me what you owe!"

²⁹ The man got down on his knees and began begging, "Have pity on me, and I will pay you back." ³⁰ But the first official refused to have pity. Instead, he went and had the other official put in jail until he could pay what he owed.

³¹ When some other officials found out what had happened, they felt sorry for the man who had been put in jail. Then they told the king what had happened. ³² The king called the first official back in and said, "You're an evil man! When you begged for mercy, I said you did not have to pay back a cent. ³³ Don't you think you should show pity to someone else, as I did to you?" ³⁴ The king was so angry that he ordered the official to be tortured until he could pay back everything he owed. ³⁵ That is how my Father in heaven will treat you, if you don't forgive each of my followers with all your heart.

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon

Rev. Kenneth L. Schaub
Interim Pastor

“Humm” of the Day

O Christ, Our Hope
ELW #604

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| 1 | O Christ, our hope, our hearts' desire,
creation's mighty Lord,
redeemer of the fallen world,
by holy love outpoured,
by holy love outpoured: | 3 | But now the bonds of death are burst,
the ransom has been paid;
you reign above at God's right hand,
in robes of light arrayed,
in robes of light arrayed. |
| 2 | How vast your mercy to accept
the burden of our sin,
and bow your head in cruel death
to make us clean within,
to make us clean within. | 4 | Oh, let your mighty love prevail
to purge us of our pride,
that we may stand before your throne
by mercy purified,
by mercy purified. |
| | | 5 | All praise to you, ascended Lord;
all glory ever be
to Father, Son, and Spirit blest
through all eternity,
through all eternity! |

Text: Latin hymn, c. 8th cent.; tr. John Chandler, 1806-1876, adapt.

Prayers of Intercession

Drawn together in the compassion of God, we pray for the church, the world, and all those in need, responding to each petition with the words “receive our prayer.”

God of open arms, make Christians into signs of your gracious welcome, to both members and newcomers, whether meeting physically or digitally. Strengthen faith through Bible studies and Sunday schools, confirmation classes and youth ministries, and nurture new ventures for education and growth. Bless bishops, pastors, and deacons for their work in this unprecedented time. O God, you are full of compassion;
receive our prayer.

God of lands and seas, continue your care for your creation. Where human selfishness has brought ruin and destruction, we ask you to heal and renew your earth. Preserve the lands from fire and storm. Protect the sources of food that your creatures need for life. O God, you are full of compassion;
receive our prayer.

God of justice, lead the nations away from the ways of violence. Guide the United Nations and other organizations that seek reconciliation across national borders. Show families, neighborhoods, and nations how to welcome diversity while sharing common ground. Preserve our election season from abuse and rancor. O God, you are full of compassion;
receive our prayer.

God of our homeland, visit the American cities that are addressing local racism. Stand with both protesters and police, that civil society may be preserved and improved. Bring both healing and justice to our land. O God, you are full of compassion;
receive our prayer.

God of the sufferers, visit prisons and care homes with health and hope. Free victims of human trafficking and forced labor. Deliver all who are bound by debt. Feed all who hunger and provide safety to migrants. Protect firefighters and first responders. Heal the sick, especially those we name here before you: O God, you are full of compassion;
receive our prayer.

God of goodness, once more we beg for a way through the pandemic. Comfort the afflicted. Support medical workers. Prepare a vaccine. O God, you are full of compassion;
receive our prayer.

God of tender power, we live to you. Hear now, we pray, the desires of our hearts. O God, you are full of compassion;
receive our prayer.

Whether we live or whether we die, we are yours. We thank you for those who have led us in the faith, especially those we commemorate this week: John Chrysostom, bishop Cyprian, Hildegard of Bingen, and Dag Hammarskjöld. Hold us with them in your everlasting love. O God, you are full of compassion;
receive our prayer.

All these things and whatever else you see that we need, we entrust to your mercy; through Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

MEAL

Offering Message

Offering Prayer

Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things.
You have set before us these gifts of your good creation.
Prepare us for your heavenly banquet,
nourish us with this rich food and drink,
and send us forth to set tables in the midst of a suffering world,
through the bread of life, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Eucharistic Prayer

P: Holy God, our Bread of life, our Table and our Food, you created a world in which all might be satisfied by your abundance.

You dined with Abraham and Sarah, promising them life, and fed your people Israel with manna from heaven.

You sent your Son to eat with sinners and to become food for the world.

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 a people
for the forgiveness of sin.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore, his life given for us and his rising from the grave, we await his coming again to share with us the everlasting feast.

By your Spirit nurture and sustain us with this meal: strengthen us to serve all in hunger and want, and by this bread and cup make of us the body of your Son.

Through him all glory and honor is yours,
Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit,
in your holy Church, both now and forever. **Amen.**

Lord's Prayer

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as our Lord has taught us . . .

Invitation to Communion

Come to the banquet table
where Christ gives himself as food and drink.

The people open the portion of their Fellowship Cup with the morsel of bread and take it when the words are said, "The Body of Christ given for you."

Then, the people tip the Fellowship Cup over and open the taste of grape juice and drink it when the words are said, "The Blood of Christ shed for you."

Post-Communion Blessing and Prayer

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and keep you unto eternal life.

Amen.

We give you thanks, gracious God, that you have once again fed us with food beyond compare, the body and blood of Christ. Lead us from this place, nourished and forgiven, into your beloved vineyard to wipe away the tears of all who hunger and thirst, guided by the example of the same Jesus Christ and led by the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

Amen.

SENDING

Announcements

Blessing

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. **Amen.**

Dismissal

Go in peace. Remember the poor.
Thanks be to God.

Offering – September 6, 2020

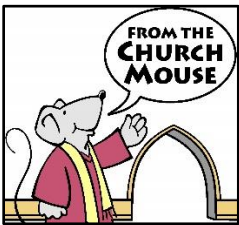
Current:	\$2,295.000
Building Fund:	\$40.00
Missions:	\$5.00
WiFi Fund	\$60.00



Please remember in prayer:

- All our friends who cannot be with us today due to health, employment, or other circumstances.

Announcements



- ***TODAY – Collecting a Special Offering for LWR***
- ***Sunday, Sept 20th – Personal Care Kits & Quilts are Blessed During Service***

Update on Lutheran World Relief Fall Drive

During Lent, we were collecting items for our Personal Care Kits. Unfortunately, COVID-19 shut down our church services and we fell short on finishing the collection of needed items.

- ***TODAY*** (September 13) - We will be taking a special offering so that we may purchase towels to finish our LWR Personal Care Kits.
- ***Sunday, September 20*** – Blessing of the Personal Care Kits and Quilts

Unfortunately, we will not be donating Baby Kits and School Kits to LWR this year. It is our hope that we can start collecting items for these kits once the Covid-19 pandemic has passed.

Cemetery Notice

Please remember that all decorations are to be removed from the cemetery by September 25. No new decorations are allowed until November 1. Please make a note of these dates so that you are not disappointed by having your decorations removed during this clean-up time. Please remind others who have decorations in the cemetery.

Update on Norwegian Dinner

The Norwegian Dinner has been postponed. The Parkview School District is not currently allowing Visitors/Non-Essential individuals into the buildings. We use the Parkview facilities for much of the Norwegian Dinner preparation. There is also a concern regarding the safety of the workers during the COVID-19 pandemic. The Church Council will revisit the subject in January 2021 to see if we are able to hold the Norwegian Dinner in the Spring of 2021.