

# ST. JOHN LUTHERAN CHURCH

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## Fifteenth Sunday After Pentecost

**Sunday, September 13, 2020 ~ 8:15 am and 10:30 am Worship**

### SPECIAL NOTE

***If you borrow a mask, please deposit it in the receptacle outside the sanctuary as you leave today.***

### Order of Service

**Prelude**

**Announcements**

*(Congregation may stand as able)*

**Invocation**

**Order for Confession and Forgiveness**

**L:** In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

**L:** 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.**

**L:** Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another. Most merciful God,

**C: we confess that we are captive 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.**

L: 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 of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

**Hymn** (10:30 am only) ..... “Come, Thou Almighty King”

*Come, thou almighty King, help us thy name to sing;  
Help us to praise; Father all glorious, o'er all victorious,  
Come and reign over us, Ancient of Days.*

*To thee, great One in Three, eternal praises be  
Hence evermore! Thy sov'reign majesty may we in glory see,  
And to eternity love and adore.*

## Greeting

**Kyrie & Hymn of Praise** (10:30 am only)

*Have mercy on us, Lord, and hear our solemn prayer.  
We come to hear your living word; it saves us from despair.*

*Glory be to God in heaven; peace, goodwill to all the earth.  
Mighty God of all creation, Father of surpassing worth:  
We exalt you, we adore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.  
Saints and angels bow before you; here on earth our songs we raise.*

## Prayer of the Day

**ALL:** 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.

*(Congregation may be seated)*

## The Reading of the 1st Lesson: **Genesis 50:15-21**

<sup>15</sup> When Joseph's brothers saw that their father was dead, they said, "What if Joseph holds a grudge against us and pays us back for all the wrongs we did to him?" <sup>16</sup> So they sent word to Joseph, saying, "Your father left these instructions before he died: <sup>17</sup> 'This is what you are to say to Joseph: I ask you to forgive your brothers the sins and the wrongs they committed in treating you so badly.' Now please forgive the sins of the servants of the God of your father." When their message came to him, Joseph wept. <sup>18</sup> His brothers then came and threw themselves down before him. "We are your slaves," they said. <sup>19</sup> But Joseph said to them, "Don't be afraid. Am I in the place of God? <sup>20</sup> You intended to harm me, but

God intended it for good to accomplish what is now being done, the saving of many lives. <sup>21</sup> So then, don't be afraid. I will provide for you and your children." And he reassured them and spoke kindly to them.

L: Holy wisdom, holy word.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

### **The Reading of *Psalm 103:8-13***

L: Gilead is mine, Manasseh is mine; Ephraim is my helmet, Judah is my scepter.

**C: Moab is my washbasin, on Edom I toss my sandal; over Philistia I shout in triumph."**

L: Who will bring me to the fortified city? Who will lead me to Edom?

**C: Is it not you, God, you who have rejected us and no longer go out with our armies?**

L: Give us aid against the enemy, for human help is worthless.

**C: With God we will gain the victory, and he will trample down our enemies.**

### **The Reading of the 2nd Lesson: *Romans 14:1-12***

<sup>1</sup> Accept the one whose faith is weak, without quarreling over disputable matters.

<sup>2</sup> One person's faith allows them to eat anything, but another, whose faith is weak, eats only vegetables. <sup>3</sup> The one who eats everything must not treat with contempt

the one who does not, and the one who does not eat everything must not judge the one who does, for God has accepted them. <sup>4</sup> Who are you to judge someone else's servant? To their own master, servants stand or fall. And they will stand, for the Lord

is able to make them stand. <sup>5</sup> One person considers one day more sacred than another; another considers every day alike. Each of them should be fully convinced in their own mind. <sup>6</sup> Whoever regards one day as special does so to the Lord.

Whoever eats meat does so to the Lord, for they give thanks to God; and whoever abstains does so to the Lord and gives thanks to God. <sup>7</sup> For none of us lives for ourselves alone, and none of us dies for ourselves alone. <sup>8</sup> If we live, we live for the

Lord; and if we die, we die for the Lord. So, whether we live or die, we belong to the Lord. <sup>9</sup> For this very reason, Christ died and returned to life so that he might be the Lord of both the dead and the living. <sup>10</sup> You, then, why do you judge your brother or

sister? Or why do you treat them with contempt? For we will all stand before God's judgment seat. <sup>11</sup> It is written: "'As surely as I live,' says the Lord, 'every knee will bow before me; every tongue will acknowledge God.'" <sup>12</sup> So then, each of us will give

an account of ourselves to God.

L: Holy wisdom, holy word.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

*(Congregation may stand as able)*

### **Alleluia Verse (10:30 am only)**

*Alleluia! Lord and Savior: open now your saving word.*

*Let it burn like fire within us; speak until our hearts are stirred.*

*Alleluia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.*

**The Reading of the Holy Gospel: *Matthew 18:21-35***

<sup>21</sup> Then Peter came to Jesus and asked, "Lord, how many times shall I forgive my brother or sister who sins against me? Up to seven times?" <sup>22</sup> Jesus answered, "I tell you, not seven times, but seventy-seven times. <sup>23</sup> "Therefore, the kingdom of heaven is like a king who wanted to settle accounts with his servants. <sup>24</sup> As he began the settlement, a man who owed him ten thousand bags of gold was brought to him. <sup>25</sup> Since he was not able to pay, the master ordered that he and his wife and his children and all that he had be sold to repay the debt. <sup>26</sup> "At this the servant fell on his knees before him. 'Be patient with me,' he begged, 'and I will pay back everything.' <sup>27</sup> The servant's master took pity on him, canceled the debt and let him go. <sup>28</sup> "But when that servant went out, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred silver coins. He grabbed him and began to choke him. 'Pay back what you owe me!' he demanded. <sup>29</sup> "His fellow servant fell to his knees and begged him, 'Be patient with me, and I will pay it back.' <sup>30</sup> But he refused. Instead, he went off and had the man thrown into prison until he could pay the debt. <sup>31</sup> When the other servants saw what had happened, they were outraged and went and told their master everything that had happened. <sup>32</sup> "Then the master called the servant in. 'You wicked servant,' he said, 'I canceled all that debt of yours because you begged me to. <sup>33</sup> Shouldn't you have had mercy on your fellow servant just as I had on you?' <sup>34</sup> In anger his master handed him over to the jailers to be tortured, until he should pay back all he owed. <sup>35</sup> "This is how my heavenly Father will treat each of you unless you forgive your brother or sister from your heart."

L: The Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

*(Congregation may be seated)*

**Hymn (10:30 am only)** ..... "Children of the Heavenly Father"

*Children of the heav'nly Father safely in his bosom gather;  
Nestling bird or star in heaven such a refuge ne'er was given.*

*Though he giveth or he taketh, God his children ne'er forsaketh;  
His the loving purpose solely to preserve them pure and holy.*

**The Sermon** ..... Pastor Roger Dennis

*(Congregation may stand as able)*

**The Apostles' Creed**

**C:** 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 to the dead. 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.

### **The Prayers of the Church and Blessing of the Prayer Shawls**

P: Lord, in your mercy.

**C: Hear our prayer.**

**C: Amen.**

### **The 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.

### **Offertory (10:30 am only)**

*Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell ev'ryone what he has done.  
Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and proudly bear his name.  
He recalls his promises and leads his people forth in joy  
With shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia. Alleluia.*

P: Let us pray.

**C:** Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: our selves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

### **Benediction**

### **Hymn (10:30 am only) ..... "Faith of Our Fathers"**

*Faith of our fathers, living still in spite of dungeon, fire, and sword.  
Oh, how our hearts beat high with joy whene'er we hear that glorious word.  
Faith of our fathers, holy faith, we will be true to thee till death.*

*Faith of our fathers! We will love both friend and foe in all our strife;  
Proclaim thee, too, as love knows how, by saving Word and faithful life.  
Faith of our fathers, holy faith, we will be true to thee till death.*

### **Postlude**

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## ATTENDANCE AND GIVING

Attendance 9/6 & 9/7: 69 (includes Curbside Communion)

Giving 9/6 & 9/7: \$5,202.00 (lockbox and services)

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Our **10:30 service will be broadcast on KRSL** 990 AM and KRSL 98.1 FM and on Nex-Tech Cable Channel 130 in memory of Clarence Wagner by his loving family.

## OUR SYMPATHY AND GOD'S COMFORT TO THE FAMILY AND FRIENDS OF

Dean Brown

## KNOWN TO BE HOSPITALIZED

Wichita: Gloria Waymaster

## PRAYERS FOR GOD'S PRESENCE:

### Care Center Residents

Don Boxberger

DeAnna Carter

Janet Funk

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DJ Kuhn

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Sarah Odum

Vernon Radke

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Fern Steinle

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Russ Reynolds

LoAnn Sechtem

Darlene Woelk

**Kathleen Albrecht** (wife of Rick Albrecht, daughter-in-law of Bob & Judy Albrecht);

**Marsha Bacon** (mother of Courtney Krug); **Madison Buehler** (granddaughter of

Bonnie Buehler); **Paul David** (husband of Pat David); **Donnie Gideon** (brother of Glenn

Gideon, Darold Gideon, and Tammy Witte); **Kevin Gregg** (nephew of Kayla Meyer);

**Connie Kilian** (sister of Bonnie Schatz); **Cathy McClain** (friend of Ruth & Dean

Keil and Juanita Flegler); **Tracy McCune** (friend of Juanita Flegler); **Martha Mink**

(sister of Margaret Finkbeiner); **Ava Schwien** (granddaughter of Lu Ann

Hammersmith); **Virginia Sieker** (mother of Rich Sieker); **Brennan Soukup** (grandson of

Tina Schaad-Claussen)

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