



“Forgiveness from the Heart”

Saturday, September 12, 2020 at 5:00 pm
Sunday, September 13, 2020 at 8:00 am & 11:00 am

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST (Sunday School Rally Day)

AS WE GATHER

Forgiveness is filled with questions. How often must I forgive? Is there a limit to the grace of forgiveness? What is the connection between God’s forgiveness to me and my forgiveness to others? The answer to these questions lies in Christ. As our heavenly Father has forgiven us, so do we forgive one another in His name. This forgiveness is clearly and beautifully shown in the example of Joseph, who was sold into slavery by his brothers and then forgave them because of God’s mercy.

Please stand for portions of service marked with asterisk ().*

THE PRELUDE

Alexander Tran, Accompanist

RINGING OF THE BELL

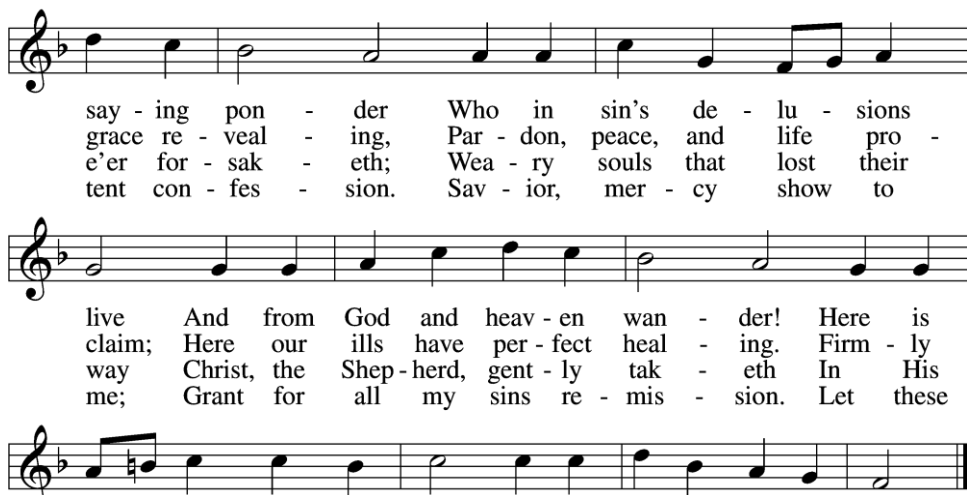
THE WELCOME

Pastor Chris Matthis

***OPENING HYMN**

“Jesus Sinners Doth Receive”
LSB 974 vs. 1-4

1 Je - sus sin - ners doth re - ceive; Oh, may all this
2 We de - serve but grief and shame, Yet His words, rich
3 Sheep that from the fold did stray No true shep - herd
4 I, a sin - ner, come to Thee With a pen - i -



say - ing pon - der Who in sin's de - lu - sions
 grace re - veal - ing, Par - don, peace, and life pro -
 e'er for - sak - eth; Wea - ry souls that lost their
 tent con - fes - sion. Sav - ior, mer - cy show to

live And from God and heav - en wan - der! Here is
 claim; Here our ills have per - fect heal - ing. Firm - ly
 way Christ, the Shep - herd, gent - ly tak - eth In His
 me; Grant for all my sins re - mis - sion. Let these

hope for all who grieve: Je - sus sin - ners doth re - ceive.
 in these words be - lieve: Je - sus sin - ners doth re - ceive.
 arms that they may live: Je - sus sin - ners doth re - ceive.
 words my soul re - lieve: Je - sus sin - ners doth re - ceive.

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+ PREPARATION +

*INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of ✠ the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

*CONFESSION and ABSOLUTION

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

Silence for self-examination.

Pastor: Let us confess our sins to God, confident of His grace and forgiveness to all who are penitent.

People: **I confess to God Almighty, before the whole company of heaven and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have sinned in thought, word, and deed by my fault, by my own fault, by my own most grievous fault; wherefore I pray God Almighty to have mercy on me, forgive me all my sins, and bring me to everlasting life. Amen.**

Pastor: The almighty and merciful Lord grant you pardon, forgiveness, and remission of all your sins. 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.

People: **Amen.**

*KYRIE

Cantor: Denice Rose (5:00pm)

Pastor Chris Matthis (8:00am)

Mary Wenkheimer (11:00am)

Refrain

Assistant: *Congregation:*

In peace, in peace, let us pray to the Lord, have mer-cy,
Christ, have mer - cy, Lord, have mer - cy. *to Verses*

Assistant: For the Reign of God, and for peace throughout the world, for the unity of all . . . (to Refrain)

Assistant: For your people here, who have come to give you praise, for the strength to live your Word . . . (to Refrain)

Assistant: *Congregation:*

Help, save and de - fend us, O
God. A - men.

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*NOW THE FEAST

Refrain

Congregation:

Now the feast and cel - e - bra - tion,
all of cre - a - tion sings for joy
to the God of life and love and
free-dom: praise and glo - ry for ev -
er - more!

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Verse 1

Congregation or Congregation 1:

1. Now is the feast of the Lamb once
slain, whose blood has freed and u -
nit - ed us to be one great peo - ple of
God. *to Refrain*

Verse 2

Congregation or Congregation 2:

2. Pow - er and rich - es, wis-dom and
might, all hon - or and glo - ry to Christ
for ev - er. *to Refrain*

Verse 3

Congregation:

3. For God has come to dwell with us, to

make us peo - ple of God; to make

all things new. *to Refrain*

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*SALUTATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray. 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.

People: **Amen.**

+ WORD +

OLD TESTAMENT

Genesis 50:15-21

(Joseph forgives his brothers.)

When 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." So they sent a message to Joseph, saying, "Your father gave this command before he died, '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. His brothers also came and fell down before him and said, “Behold, we are your servants.” But Joseph said to them, “Do not fear, for am I in the place of God? As 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. So do not fear; I will provide for you and your little ones.” Thus he comforted them and spoke kindly to them.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE

Romans 14:1-12

(Do not quarrel over opinions.)

As for the one who is weak in faith, welcome him, but not to quarrel over opinions. One person believes he may eat anything, while the weak person eats only vegetables. Let 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. Who 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.

One person esteems one day as better than another, while another esteems all days alike. Each one should be fully convinced in his own mind. The 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. For none of us lives to himself, and none of us dies to himself. 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. For to this end Christ died and lived again, that he might be Lord both of the dead and of the living.

Why 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; for it is written,

“As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me,
and every tongue shall confess to God.”

So then each of us will give an account of himself to God.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

*ALLELUIA

Congregation:

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

*HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 18:21-25

(The Parable of the Unforgiving Servant)

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

People: **Glory to You, O Lord.**

Peter came up and said to [Jesus], "Lord, how often will my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? As many as seven times?" Jesus said to him, "I do not say to you seven times, but seventy times seven.

"Therefore the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his servants. When he began to settle, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents. And 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. So the servant fell on his knees, imploring him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' And out of pity for him, the master of that servant released him and forgave him the debt. But 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.' So his fellow servant fell down and pleaded with him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' He refused and went and put him in prison until he should pay the debt. 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. Then his master summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. And should not you have had mercy on your fellow servant, as I had mercy on you?' And in anger his master

delivered him to the jailers, until he should pay all his debt. So also my heavenly Father will do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother from your heart.”

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

SPECIAL SONG (11:00 only) “Go, Go, Go”

Sunday School Kids

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

Pastor Chris Matthis

SERMON HYMN

“Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive”

LSB 843

1 “For - give our sins as we for - give,”
2 How can Your par - don reach and bless
3 In blaz - ing light Your cross re - veals
4 Lord, cleanse the depths with - in our souls

You taught us, Lord, to pray; But You a - lone can
The un - for - giv - ing heart That broods on wrongs and
The truth we dim - ly knew: What triv - ial debts are
And bid re - sent - ment cease; Then, bound to all in

grant us grace To live the words we say.
will not let Old bit - ter - ness de - part?
owed to us, How great our debt to You!
bonds of love, Our lives will spread Your peace.

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SERMON

Pastor Chris Matthis

*CONFESSION OF FAITH

The Nicene Creed

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 shall come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom shall 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 worshipped 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 of the world to come, Amen.

OFFERING

“Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.” (2 Corinthians 9:7). We give our tithes and offerings to God as an act of worship in gratitude for the gifts He has first given us. If you wish to give electronically using a credit card or automated bank withdrawal, please scan the QR code with your smartphone or visit www.epiphanylc.org and click on GIVE. As good stewards, please use credit wisely.



If you wish to mail your gift, send your check to Epiphany Lutheran Church, 550 E. Wolfensberger Rd., Castle Rock, CO 80109.

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✠ INSTALLATION OF SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS ✠

*PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

*After each petition is read Pastor says, “Lord, in Your mercy,” and Congregation responds with, “**Hear our prayer.**”*

***THE LORD'S PRAYER**

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.

+ SACRAMENT+

***PREFACE**

Pastor: The Lord be with you. *2 Timothy 4:22*

People: **And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts. *[Colossians 3:1]*

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. *[Psalm 136]*

People: **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

***WORDS OF OUR LORD** *Matt. 26:26–28; Mark 14:22–24; Luke 22:19–20; 1 Cor. 11:23–25*

Pastor: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it, gave it to the disciples, and said: “Take, eat; this is My body 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**

Pastor: As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes. *1 Corinthians 11:26*

People: **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.** *Revelation 22:20*

***PAX DOMINI**

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always. *John 20:19*

People: **Amen.**

*THE AGNUS DEI

Congregation:

Congregation or Assistant:



Lamb of God,

you	take	a - way	the	sin	of	the
you	break	the chains	of	ha - tred		and
you	are	the way	of	jus - tice		and
you	are	the way	of	mer - cy		and

Congregation:



world: have mer - cy on us, mer - cy on us,
fear:
peace:
love.

Final Stanza

Final Stanza

Congregation or Assistant:



mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you

Congregation:



take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace,



grant us peace, grant us peace.

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RECEIVING HOLY COMMUNION

The Lord's Supper, also known as Holy Communion or the Eucharist, is celebrated at Epiphany Lutheran Church in the confession and glad confidence that our Lord Jesus Christ gives us His very body and blood "in, with, and under" the bread and wine for the forgiveness of our sins, and to strengthen our unity with Christ and our Christian brothers and sisters. Our Lord invites to His table those baptized Christians who trust His Word, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive others as He loves and forgives us. Scripture urges us to examine our conscience and belief about Holy Communion before we partake of the Supper (1 Cor. 11:28). Because those who partake of the Lord's Supper unworthily do so to their great harm, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod (LCMS), and yet desire to receive the Sacrament, are asked first to speak with the Pastor or an Elder. For further study, see Matthew 26:26-29; 5:23-26; 18:15-35; 1 Corinthians 10:16-17; 11:17-34.

Children and uninstructed youth and adults may receive a blessing by crossing their arms over their chest, which is known as the sign of St. Andrew's cross.

White grape juice and gluten free Communion wafers are available for those with alcohol sensitivity or gluten intolerance.

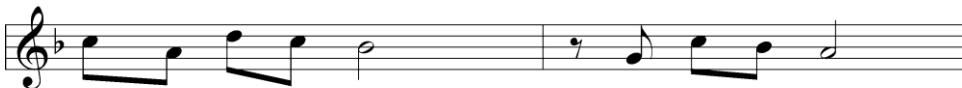
COMMUNION HYMNS

"What Is This Bread"

LSB 629



1	What	is	this	bread?	Christ's	bod - y
2	What	is	this	wine?	The	blood of
3	So	who	am	I,	That	I should
4	Yet	is	God	here?	Oh,	yes! By
5	Is	this	for	me?	I	am for -



ris - en	from the	dead:	This	bread	we	break,
Je - sus	shed for	mine;	The	cup	of	grace
live	and He	should	Un -	der	the	rod?
Word	and prom -	ise	In	mouth	and	soul
giv -	en and	set	I	do	be -	lieve
		free!				



This life we take, Was crushed to pay for our re -
 Brings His em - brace Of life and love un - til I
 My God, my God, Why have You not for - sak - en
 He makes us whole— Christ, tru - ly pres - ent in this
 That I re - ceive His ver - y bod - y and His



lease. O taste and see— the Lord is peace.
 sing! O taste and see— the Lord is King.
 me? O taste and see— the Lord is free.
 meal. O taste and see— the Lord is real.
 blood. O taste and see— the Lord is good.

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*POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Pastor: Let us pray. Gracious Lord, for the sake of Your holy name, forgive us, Your children, whom You have redeemed through the precious blood of Your dear Son. Deal graciously with us, Your servants, not according to our weakness and guilt but according to Your love and goodness. Grant to us forgiveness, peace, and the gift of a clear conscience; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

*THE THANKSGIVING



Congregation:

1. Praise to you, O God of mer - cy:
 2. From of old you loved and sought us:



Thanks be to you for ev - er! Rais - ing high the
 Thanks be to you for ev - er! Truth and jus - tice

weak and low - ly: Thanks be to you for ev - er!
 you have taught us: Thanks be to you for ev - er!

Strong is your faith - ful - ness, strong is your
 love, re - mem - b'ring your cov - e - nant of
 life with us. 3. Praise to you, O
 God of mer - cy: Thanks be to you for ev - er!

Rais - ing high the weak and low - ly: Thanks be to you for
 ev - er! Thanks be to you for ev - er!

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*BENEDICTION

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and ✕ give you peace. *Numbers 6:24-26*

People: Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CLOSING HYMN*"Jesus Sinners Doth Receive"**

LSB 974 vs. 5-7

5 Oh, how blest it is to know: Were as scar - let
6 Now my con-science is at peace; From the Law I
7 Je - sus sin - ners doth re - ceive; Al - so I have

my trans - gres - sion, It shall be as white as
stand ac - quit - ted. Christ hath pur - chased my re -
been for - giv - en; And when I this earth must

snow By Thy blood and bit - ter pas - sion; For these
lease And my ev - 'ry sin re - mit - ted. Naught re -
leave, I shall find an o - pen heav - en. Dy - ing,

words I now be - lieve: Je - sus sin - ners doth re - ceive.
mains my soul to grieve: Je - sus sin - ners doth re - ceive.
still to Him I cleave: Je - sus sin - ners doth re - ceive.

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"Earth and All Stars"

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SERVING THE LORD THIS WEEKEND

(September 12-13, 2020)

Readings: Genesis 50:15-21 (*Old Testament*)
Romans 14:1-12 (*Epistle*) Matthew 18:21-35 (*Holy Gospel*)

	5:00 pm	8:00 am	11:00 am
Preacher	<i>Pastor Chris Matthis</i>	<i>Pastor Chris Matthis</i>	<i>Pastor Chris Matthis</i>
Accompanist	<i>Alexander Tran</i>	<i>Alexander Tran</i>	<i>Alexander Tran</i>
Elders	<i>Mitch Arndt</i>	<i>Joel Crosswhite</i>	<i>Larry Drees</i>
Acolyte	<i>Shawn Clark</i>	<i>Ava Sprankle</i>	
Altar Guild	<i>Audrey Olson</i>		<i>Audrey Olson</i>
Sound System	<i>Tim Schneider</i>	<i>Mike Kozimko</i>	<i>Rich Rath</i>
Children's Message	<i>Pastor Chris Matthis</i>	<i>Pastor Chris Matthis</i>	<i>Pastor Chris Matthis</i>
Nursery		NO ATTENDANT	NO ATTENDANT
Lectors		<i>Noye Balmer</i>	<i>Denice Rose</i>
Snacks	NOT SERVING	DUE TO COVID-19	RESTRICTIONS
Ushers			



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