



I am there
among them

MATTHEW 18:20

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AS WE ARE GATHERED BY THE CROSS

The gospel reading today is an urgent call for the Christian to seek the good of his or her brothers and sisters. The second half of the gospel reading (vv. 15-20) offers forgiveness as a starting point to be engaged toward that good. Forgiveness calls on something deeper than simply understanding a sin, offense, hurt, or pain. Forgiveness calls on truth and saying no to grudges and to carrying grievances around in a sack. Forgiveness goes beyond attempts to understand and exhorts us to remember it “red,” covered in the blood of Christ. Forgiveness in Christ affects the forgiver and the forgiven and gives new energy to relationships. Forgiveness is Jesus’ undoing of sin in the world and putting it back together again in good order. Forgiveness is a lifelong pilgrimage of spiritual formation in Christ.

P—PASTOR; **C**—CONGREGATION; **A**—CANTOR/CHOIR; **L**—LECTOR/LEADER
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✠ In the Name of Jesus ✠

GATHERING

PRELUDE (ORGAN)

Liebster Jesu, wir sind hier — arr. David Cherwien

Blessed Jesus, at your Word we are gathered all to hear You. (LSB 904)

Stand

INVOCATION

The sign of the cross ✠ may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

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

C Amen.

Matthew 28:19b; [18-20]

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.

1 John 1:8-9

Kneel/Sit

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.

GATHERING HYMN

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing – LSB 686

1 Come, Thou Fount of ev'ry blessing,
Tune my heart to sing Thy grace;
Streams of mercy, never ceasing,
Call for songs of loudest praise.
While the hope of endless glory
Fills my heart with joy and love,
Teach me ever to adore Thee;
May I still Thy goodness prove.

2 Here I raise my Ebenezer,
Hither by Thy help I've come;
And I hope, by Thy good pleasure,
Safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger,
Wand'ring from the fold of God;
He, to rescue me from danger,
Interposed His precious blood.

3 Oh, to grace how great a debtor
Daily I'm constrained to be;
Let that grace now like a fetter
Bind my wand'ring heart to Thee:
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it;
Prone to leave the God I love.
Here's my heart, O take and seal it,
Seal it for Thy courts above.

4 Oh, that day when freed from sinning,
I shall see Thy lovely face;
Clothed then in the blood-washed linen,
How I'll sing Thy wondrous grace!
Come, my Lord, no longer tarry;
Take my ransom'd soul away;
Send Thine angels soon to carry
Me to realms of endless day.

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KYRIE ~ Lord, Have Mercy

Mark 10:47

P In peace let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

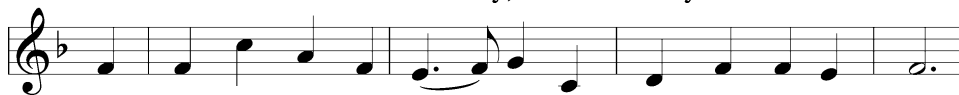
HYMN OF PRAISE

Gloria in Excelsis ~ Glory to God in the Highest

Luke 2:14; John 1:29



- C** 1 To God on high be glo - ry And peace to all the earth;
2 To You, O sole-be - got - ten, The Fa - ther's Son, we pray;
3 For You a - lone are ho - ly; You on - ly are the Lord.



Good-will from God in heav - en Pro-claimed at Je-sus' birth!
O Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, You take our sins a - way.
For - ev - er and for - ev - er, Be wor-shiped and a - dored;



We praise and bless You, Fa - ther; Your ho - ly name, we sing—
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus; Re - ceive our heart - felt cry,
You with the Ho - ly Spir - it A - lone are Lord Most High,



Our thanks for Your great glo - ry, Lord God, our heav'n-ly King.
Where You in pow'r are seat-ed At God's right hand on high—
In God the Fa - ther's glo - ry. "A - men!" our glad re - ply.

APOSTOLIC GREETING AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

- P** The grace of our Lord ✠ Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- C** And also with you.
- P** Let us pray. O God, from whom all good proceeds, grant to us, Your humble
servants, Your holy inspiration, that we may set our minds on the things that are
right and, by Your merciful guiding, accomplish them; through Jesus Christ, Your
Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now
and forever.
- C** Amen.

Sit

READINGS AND RESPONSES

FIRST LESSON – Ezekiel 33:7–9

Ezekiel Is Israel's Watchman

⁷“So you, son of man, I have made a watchman for the house of Israel. Whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. ⁸If I say to the wicked, O wicked one, you shall surely die, and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from his way, that wicked person shall die in his iniquity, but his blood I will require at your hand. ⁹But if you warn the wicked to turn from his way, and he does not turn from his way, that person shall die in his iniquity, but you will have delivered your soul.”

L This is the Word of the Lord:

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM 32:1–7

BLESSED ARE THE FORGIVEN

(*Spoken as indicated by* **L**-LECTOR; **C**-CONGREGATION)

L Let us pray responsively selected verses of Psalm 38:

ANTIPHON: Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven,
whose sin is covered. (v. 1)

L ²Blessèd is the man against whom the LORD counts no iniquity,
and in whose spirit there is no deceit.

C ³**For when I kept silent, my bones wasted away
through my groaning all day long.**

L ⁴For day and night your hand was heavy upon me;
my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer.

C ⁵**I acknowledged my sin to you,
and I did not cover my iniquity;**

L I said, “I will confess my transgressions to the LORD,”
and you forgave the iniquity of my sin.

C ⁶**Therefore let everyone who is godly
offer prayer to you at a time when you may be found;
surely in the rush of great waters,
they shall not reach him.**

L ⁷You are a hiding place for me;
you preserve me from trouble;
you surround me with shouts of deliverance.

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.

L *ANTIPHON:* Blessèd is the one whose transgression is forgiven,
whose sin is covered. (v. 1)

SECOND LESSON – Romans 13:1–10

Submission to the Authorities

¹Let every person be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and those that exist have been instituted by God. ²Therefore whoever resists the authorities resists what God has appointed, and those who resist will incur judgment. ³For rulers are not a terror to good conduct, but to bad. Would you have no fear of the one who is in authority? Then do what is good, and you will receive his approval, ⁴for he is God’s servant for your good. But if you do wrong, be afraid, for he does not bear the sword in vain. For he is the servant of God, an avenger who carries out God’s wrath on the wrongdoer. ⁵Therefore one must be in subjection, not only to avoid God’s wrath but also for the sake of conscience. ⁶For the same reason you also pay taxes, for the authorities are ministers of God, attending to this very thing. ⁷Pay to all what is owed to them: taxes to whom taxes are owed, revenue to whom revenue is owed, respect to whom respect is owed, honor to whom honor is owed.

Fulfilling the Law Through Love

⁸Owe no one anything, except to love each other, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. ⁹The commandments, “You shall not commit adultery, You shall not murder, You shall not steal, You shall not covet,” and any other commandment, are summed up in this word: “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” ¹⁰Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfilling of the law.

L This is the Word of the Lord:

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

VERSE



C Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

C These things are writ - ten that you may be - lieve that

Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.

John 20:31



HOLY GOSPEL – Matthew 18:1-20

P The Holy Gospel according to Saint Matthew, the 18th chapter:

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

Who Is the Greatest?

¹At that time the disciples came to Jesus, saying, “Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?”
²And calling to him a child, he put him in the midst of them ³and said, “Truly, I say to you, unless you turn and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. ⁴Whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven.

⁵“Whoever receives one such child in my name receives me, ⁶but whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for him to have a great millstone fastened around his neck and to be drowned in the depth of the sea.

Temptations to Sin

⁷“Woe to the world for temptations to sin! For it is necessary that temptations come, but woe to the one by whom the temptation comes! ⁸And if your hand or your foot causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away. It is better for you to enter life crippled or lame than with two hands or two feet to be thrown into the eternal fire. ⁹And if your eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away. It is better for you to enter life with one eye than with two eyes to be thrown into the hell of fire.

The Parable of the Lost Sheep

¹⁰“See that you do not despise one of these little ones. For I tell you that in heaven their angels always see the face of my Father who is in heaven. ¹¹For the Son of Man came to save the lost. ¹²What do you think? If a man has a hundred sheep and one of them has gone astray, does he not leave the ninety-nine on the mountains and go in search of the one that went astray? ¹³And if he finds it, truly, I say to you, he rejoices over it more than over the ninety-nine that never went astray. ¹⁴So it is not the will of my Father who is in heaven that one of these little ones should perish.

If Your Brother Sins Against You

¹⁵“If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault, between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have gained your brother. ¹⁶But if he does not listen, take one or two others along with you, that every charge may be established by the evidence of two or three witnesses. ¹⁷If he refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church. And if he refuses to listen even to the church, let him be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. ¹⁸Truly, I say to you, whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven. ¹⁹Again I say to you, if two of you agree on earth about anything they ask, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven. ²⁰For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord:

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Sit
SERMON

Stand

HYMN OF THE DAY

God, When Human Bonds Are Broken



1 God, when hu - man bonds are bro - ken and we lack the
2 Through that still - ness, with your Spir - it come in - to our
3 You in us are bruised and bro - ken: hear us as we
4 Send us, God of new be - gin - nings, hum - bly hope - ful
5 Give us faith to be more faith - ful, give us hope to



love or skill to re - store the hope of heal - ing,
world of stress, for the sake of Christ for - giv - ing
seek re - lease from the pain of ear - lier liv - ing;
in - to life. Use us as a means of bless - ing:
be more true, give us love to go on learn - ing:



give us grace and make us still.
all the fail - ures we con - fess.
set us free and grant us peace.
make us stron - ger, give us faith.
God, en - cour - age and re - new!

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APOSTLES' CREED

☐ God has made us His people through Baptism into Christ.
Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith:

☒ I believe in God,
the Father Almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

Romans 10:10; Deuteronomy 6:4

Matthew 6:9; Exodus 6:3

Genesis 1:1; John 1:1; Colossians 1:6

I believe in Jesus Christ,
His only Son, our Lord.

Romans 10:9

John 1:12; 3:16; Matthew 16:16

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit,
and born of the virgin Mary.

Luke 1:34; John 1:14

**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.**

John 19:1, 16-18; Mark 15:25

John 19:1; Luke 23:53

1 Peter 3:18-19

1 Corinthians 15:4; Luke 24:6

Acts 1:9

Acts 7:55

Matthew 26:64

Acts 10:42; Matthew 3:12

I believe in the Holy Spirit,

John 14:26; Genesis 1:2; Acts 2:38

the holy *catholic Church, the communion of saints,

1 Peter 2:5; Ephesians 2:19-22

the forgiveness of sins,

Ephesians 4:5; Acts 2:28

the resurrection of the body,

1 Corinthians 15:35-49; 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

and the life ✠ everlasting.

Mark 10:29-30; Matthew 10:40-42

Amen.

Psalms 106:48

*The ancient text reads "catholic," meaning the whole Church as it confesses the wholeness of Christian faith.

Sit or Kneel

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

After each petition is said:

P Lord, in Your mercy,
C hear our prayer.



GREETING OF PEACE

Matthew 5:22-24; Ephesians 4:1-3

P The peace of the Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

*We greet one another in the name of the Lord by saying, "Peace be with you,"
 as a sign of forgiveness and reconciliation and of the unity of the Spirit
 in the bond of peace and in preparation for reception of the Holy Supper.*

Sit

OFFERTORY

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

(Please STAND as the elder and usher bring the gifts forward to the altar.)

Sung twice, first to "Tallis' Canon" (Tune: LSB 883) and then to "Old Hundredth" (Tune: LSB 805)

**Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow;
 Praise Him, all creatures here below;
 Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;
 Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

LORD'S SUPPER

GREAT THANKSGIVING

PREFACE *(spoken responses)*

P The Lord be with you.

2 Timothy 4:22

C And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts.

[Colossians 3:1]

C We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

[Psalm 136]

C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

PROPER PREFACE

P It is truly good, right, and salutary... evermore praising You and singing:

SANCTUS ~ *Holy, Holy, Holy*

Isaiah 6:3, Matthew 21:9



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth a - dored;
Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.
Sing ho - san-na in the high-est, sing ho - san - na to the Lord;
Tru - ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER ~ *Prayer of Thanksgiving*

P Blessed are You, O Lord, our God, King of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life...

...We give You thanks for the redemption You have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may faithfully eat and drink of the fruits of His cross and receive the blessings of forgiveness, life, and salvation that come to us in His body and blood.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Matthew 6:9-13

P Hear us as we pray in His name and as He taught us:

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.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

LSB 209

Matthew 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24; Luke 22:19-20; 1 Corinthians 11:23-25

PAX DOMINI ~ Peace of the Lord

John 20:19

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

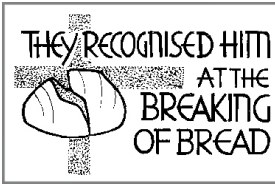
Please remain standing for the Agnus Dei.

AGNUS DEI ~ Lamb of God

John 1:29

C 1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
You take the sin of the world a - way;
You take the sin of the world a - way;
O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,
Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

Distribution Notes



The Lord's Supper is joyfully received here today. At the altar, our Lord Jesus Christ gives us a tremendous gift. His body and blood in, with, and under the bread and wine forgives our sins, strengthens our faith, binds us to the Lord, and embodies our unity with one another. Accordingly, in 1 Corinthians 11, St. Paul cautions Christians to receive the Supper together only when they are united in a common faith and love. If you are new to our congregation, please see the pastor before communing.

*Please fill in around the altar accordingly: **Fellowship Hall Side:** fill in from the back to the front; **Sunday School Side:** fill in from the front to the back.*

- * *Those not communing are invited to come forward for a blessing, indicating so by crossing your arms over your chest.*
- * *Those communing will receive the host from the pastor and may receive the consecrated wine by Common Cup OR Individual Cup.*
 - *Common Cup: Offered by the elder, by guiding the base of the cup with your hand.*
 - *Individual Cup: Available as you process down the center aisle from the individual cup dispenser. Twist and pull upward to receive an empty cup. An elder will fill your cup at the altar. Place the used individual cup in the collection basket.*

After receiving the elements you may return to your pews. Please inform an usher if you want the elements to be brought to you.

Sit

HYMNS DURING DISTRIBUTION

Children of the Heavenly Father – LSB 725

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| 1 Children of the heav'nly Father
Safely in His bosom gather;
Nestling bird nor star in heaven
Such a refuge e'er was given. | 3 Neither life nor death shall ever
From the Lord His children sever;
Unto them His grace He showeth,
And their sorrows all He knoweth. |
| 2 God His own doth tend and nourish;
In His holy courts they flourish.
From all evil things He spares them;
In His mighty arms He bears them. | 4 Though He giveth or He taketh,
God His children ne'er forsaketh;
His the loving purpose solely
To preserve them pure and holy. |

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Oh, That the Lord Would Guide My Ways – LSB 707

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| <p>1 Oh, that the Lord would guide my ways
To keep His statutes still!
Oh, that my God would grant me grace
To know and do His will!</p> <p>2 Order my footsteps by Thy Word
And make my heart sincere;
Let sin have no dominion, Lord,
But keep my conscience clear.</p> | <p>3 Assist my soul, too apt to stray,
A stricter watch to keep;
And should I e'er forget Thy way,
Restore Thy wand'ring sheep.</p> <p>4 Make me to walk in Thy commands—
'Tis a delightful road—
Nor let my head or heart or hands
Offend against my God.</p> |
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Stand

DISMISSAL AND THANKSGIVING COLLECT

- P** The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ
strengthen you and keep you in His grace.
- C** Amen.

SENDING

BENEDICTION

- P** Let us bless the Lord. *[Psalm 130:1]*
- C** Thanks be to God.
- P** The Lord bless you and keep you. *Numbers 6:24-26*
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.
- C** Amen.

Sit

MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENTS AS NECESSARY

*The CALENDAR OF EVENTS highlights this week's meetings and activities.
Announcement Forms located on the slat wall are to be placed on the Celebrant's chair.*

SENDING

- P** Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
- C** Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE (ORGAN)

Old One Hundredth — arr. Paul Manz

✠ **Glory to God Alone** ✠

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✠ DAILY LECTIONARY PRAYER CALENDAR ✠

*Daily Lectionary and Psalms for Daily Prayer
for the week of Sunday, September 6 - Saturday, September 12
are available in your Lutheran Service Book (LSB), on pages: 299-304*

NEXT SUNDAY’S READINGS: 16TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST (PR 19) – SEPT 13

Genesis 50:15-21; Psalm 103:1-12 (antiphon: v. 13); Romans 14:1-12; Matthew 18:21-35

THOSE WHO SERVE TODAY:

Celebrant:	The Rev. Dr. Adam Clark, Senior Pastor	Lector:	Andrew Deliyannides
		Elder:	Dave Gurnee
Preacher:	The Rev. Bryan Borger, Associate Pastor	Usher:	Matt Rockwell
		Altar Guild:	Paula Butts
Crucifer:	Liam Bartlett	Sound Board:	Krista Hunt
Music Director:	Emily Ruch	Video Streaming:	Dan Hertel
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		Doorkeeper:	Cindy Matthews

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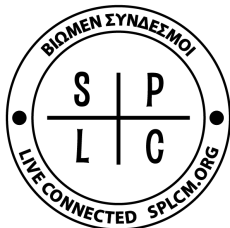
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Sunday Summer Worship: (May 24 - September 6) **9:00am**

Sunday Education Hour in Recess for Summer

Fall Schedule: (Beginning Next Sunday, September 13 with Rally Day)

Education Hour (All Ages) 9:00-9:50am

Sunday Worship 10:15am