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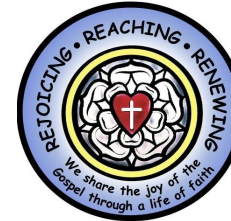
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September 17, 2023 + Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

In today's second reading Paul questions why we judge one another, since we all stand before the judgment of God. Yet we do sin against one another, and Jesus' challenge that we forgive seventy-seven times reveals God's boundless mercy. When we hear the words of forgiveness in worship and sign ourselves with the cross, we are renewed in baptism to be signs of reconciliation in the world.

+ GATHERING +

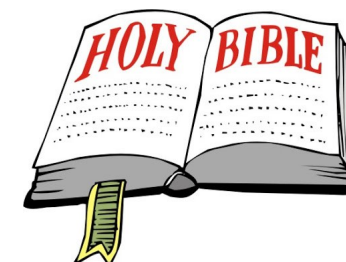
Prelude

(The prelude is a call to silent, personal preparation for worship.)

Welcome

Welcome to Zion Lutheran Church in Albion! We offer a warm welcome to all who are worshipping in person or by way of Vyve Cable Channel 21 and Facebook Live. We hope that you encounter a word of God's grace and love in this worship service.

Holy Communion will be celebrated today. At the table of our Lord Jesus Christ, God nourishes faith, forgives sin, and calls us to be witnesses to the Gospel. All who are baptized and believe in the real presence of Christ are welcome to share in the Lord's meal. Holy Communion will be distributed in person or by pre-packaged elements. If you are uncomfortable coming forward, please pick up the communion elements as you enter worship. We will partake of the sacrament as directed by the pastor within the worship service. If you have any questions or concerns, please speak with an usher. Gluten Free wafers are available on request.





The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Confession and Forgiveness

In the name of the Father, and of the ✙ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

“As I live,” says the Lord,

“I take no pleasure in the death of the wicked,
but that the wicked turn from their ways and live.”

**If we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just,
will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

Today we consider forgiveness —
how readily we have offered it ourselves,
and how much of it we expect from God.

(A moment of silence is kept for reflection and confession.)

Most merciful God,

**we confess that we have sinned against you —
in our thinking, in our speaking, and in our doing.**

We put ourselves in the place of God

and pass judgment on one another;

we do not deal in love as you have dealt with us.

For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us.

Forgive us our sins and call us by your Holy Spirit

to the new life you ordained for us,

to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

God’s will is for our good, that we might be preserved.

God gave his son to die for us

and for his sake, forgives us all our sins.

By the Holy Spirit we are restored to the family of God.

Amen.

✙ SENDING ✙

Announcements

Benediction

God all mighty, God most merciful, bless us, keep us, and grant us peace.
In the name of the Father, ✙ Son, and Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Sending Hymn

Go, My Children, with My Blessing

#543



1 “Go, my chil - dren, with my bless - ing, nev - er a - lone.
2 “Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure.
3 “Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour - ished, clos - er to me.



Wak - ing, sleep - ing, I am with you, you are my own.
Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.
Grow in love and love by serv - ing, joy - ful and free.



In my love’s bap - tis - mal riv - er I have made you mine for - ev - er.
Here you heard my dear Son’s sto - ry, here you touched him, saw his glo - ry.
Here my Spir - it’s pow - er filled you, here my ten - der com - fort stilled you.



Go, my chil - dren, with my bless - ing, you are my own.”
Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure.”
Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour - ished, joy - ful and free.”

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Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

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Distribution Hymn *When We Are Living* #639

1 When we are liv - ing, it is in Christ Je - sus,
2 'Mid times of sor - row and in times of pain,
3 A - cross this wide world, we shall al - ways find

and when we're dy - ing, it is in the Lord. . . .
when sens - ing beau - ty or in love's em - brace, . . .
those who are cry - ing with no peace of mind; . . .

Both in our liv - ing and in our dy - ing,
wheth - er we suf - fer, or sing re - joic - ing,
and when we help them, or when we feed them,

we be - long to God, we be - long to God.
we be - long to God, we be - long to God.
we be - long to God, we be - long to God.

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Table Blessing

May the body and blood of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ,
strengthen you and preserve you unto eternal life. **Amen.**

Post-Communion Prayer

Let us pray... *(A brief silence is kept.)*
Blessed be your name, O God,
for we have feasted on your Word,
Christ Jesus, the joy and delight of our hearts.
Strengthened by this food,
send us to gather the world to your banquet,
where none are left out and all are satisfied.
In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Opening Hymn *Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven* #864

1 Praise, my soul, the God of heav - en; joy - ful - ly your trib - ute bring.
2 God be praised for grace and fa - vor to our fore - bears in dis - tress.
3 Frail as sum - mer's flow'r we flour - ish, blows the wind and it is gone;
4 An - gels sing in ad - o - ra - tion, in God's pres - ence, face to face.

Ran - somed, healed, re - stored, for - giv - en, ev - er - more God's prais - es sing.
God be praised, the same for - ev - er, slow to chide and swift to bless.
but, as mor - tals rise and per - ish, God en - dures un - chang - ing on.
Sun and moon and all cre - a - tion, all who dwell in time and space.

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Prais - es ev - er - last - ing ring!
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Glo - rious is God's faith - ful - ness!
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Praise the great E - ter - nal One!
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Praise with us the God of grace!

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Opening Litany

You, O Lord, are a compassionate and gracious God,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.
Help us, O Lord, to be a forgiving people,
imitating you in our thoughts, words, and actions.

In heaven, there is rejoicing in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents.

**Restore to us, O Lord,
the joy of forgiveness and redemption in Jesus' name.**

Before his ascension, our Savior breathed on his disciples and said, "If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven."

**Remind us always, O Lord,
of the great power our words of forgiveness possess.**

God proclaimed through the prophet Isaiah, "Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow."

**Daily reveal to us, O Lord,
how complete and pure your forgiveness is.**

When the people of God bear with one another and forgive whatever grievances they may have against each other, God's love binds them together in perfect unity.

**Help us to realize, O Lord,
how your forgiveness strengthens and deepens our relationships
with one another and with you.**

Now may the God of peace, who remembers our sins no more, rule in our hearts and minds forever.

**As forgiven and forgiving people,
may we embrace the grace we have been given by our God!**

Apostolic Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
And also with you.

Hymn of Praise

Glory Be to God

Family of God

Glo - ry be to God on high! Peace on the earth to all is giv'n!
Join us as we glo - ri - fy, Send - ing our prais - es to the heav'ns!

to Verses

mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you
take a - way the sin of the world; grant us peace. Grant us peace.

Distribution

If you are joining us from home or are taking communion from your seat:
The body of Christ, given for you. Amen.
The blood of Christ, shed for you. Amen.

Distribution Hymn

In the Singing

#466

1 In the sing - ing, in the si - lence, in the hands ex - pect - ant, o - pen,
2 In the ques - tion, in the an - swer, in the mo - ment of ac - cept - ance,
in the bless - ing, in the break - ing, in your pres - ence at this ta - ble,
in the heart's cry, in the heal - ing, in the cir - cle of your peo - ple,
Refrain
Je - sus Christ, Je - sus Christ, be the wine of grace;
Je - sus Christ, Je - sus Christ, be the bread of peace.

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Great is the mystery of faith.
Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

God of mercy, shape your church
to embody the forgiveness you make possible in Christ.
Have compassion upon your sons and daughters
who suffer the isolation of shame or disgrace.
Give courage and conviction to any who find it difficult
to forgive a brother or sister from the heart, and
console your children whose pleas for clemency are unheeded.
Bring your kingdom near in every place
where financial debt weighs down nation or household.
Draw us into your eternal life
that heralding your emancipation and proclaiming your liberation
together with your people of every age,
we may be bound to you forever in one perfect freedom,
everlasting God, Father, ✝ Son, and Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

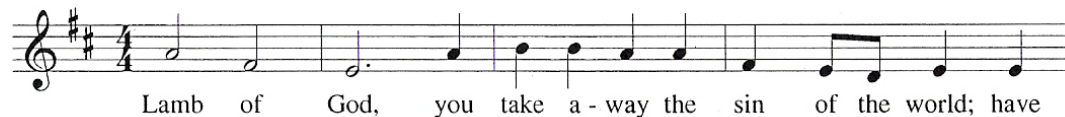
Lord's Prayer

Let us pray together as Jesus taught us...
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.

Agnus Dei

Lamb of God

Family of God



Prayer of the Day

Let us pray... *(A brief silence is kept.)*
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.

Presentation of Holy Bibles

Brothers and sisters in Christ: today we seek God's blessing
as we gather with thankfulness to bless the Holy Bibles
we present to the following young people:

(Please come forward as your name is read.)

Zion's 3rd Graders:

<i>Luke Edwards</i>	<i>Cooper Leetch</i>
<i>Blake Levander</i>	<i>Nora Levander</i>
<i>Baylor Neidhardt</i>	<i>Avery Petersen</i>
<i>Cohen Schnoor</i>	<i>Kyler Stuhr</i>
<i>Aaron Weltruski</i>	<i>Caitlin Winter</i>
<i>Chase Young</i>	

Zion's 8th Grade Confirmation Students:

<i>Ella Gompert</i>	<i>Bristol Hardwick</i>
<i>Colton Juzenas</i>	<i>Kasey Krohn</i>
<i>Cale Moser</i>	<i>Dalton Olnes</i>

*Alexis Pedro
Reed Reinhart
Chance Trollope*

*Kollin Rasmussen
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Tyson Webster*

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Malaya Hanaway Brooklynn Kelley
Tinsley Neidhardt Corbin Rasmussen
Hailey Salwei Evelyne Schaefer
Peyton Seier Brayden Slaymaker
Bentley Stuhr*

Let us pray. *(A brief silence is kept.)*

Almighty and loving God,
we ask you to bless your Holy Word,
and particularly these Holy Bibles,
as we present them to your children.
May the wonder and mystery of your Word
be revealed to each of them as they use their Bible
to study and learn about your amazing love and grace.
May your Holy Word
be a continual blessing to them throughout their lives.
Amen.

Presentation Litany

Receive the Word of God.
Learn its stories and study its words.

Its stories belong to us all,
and these words speak to us all.

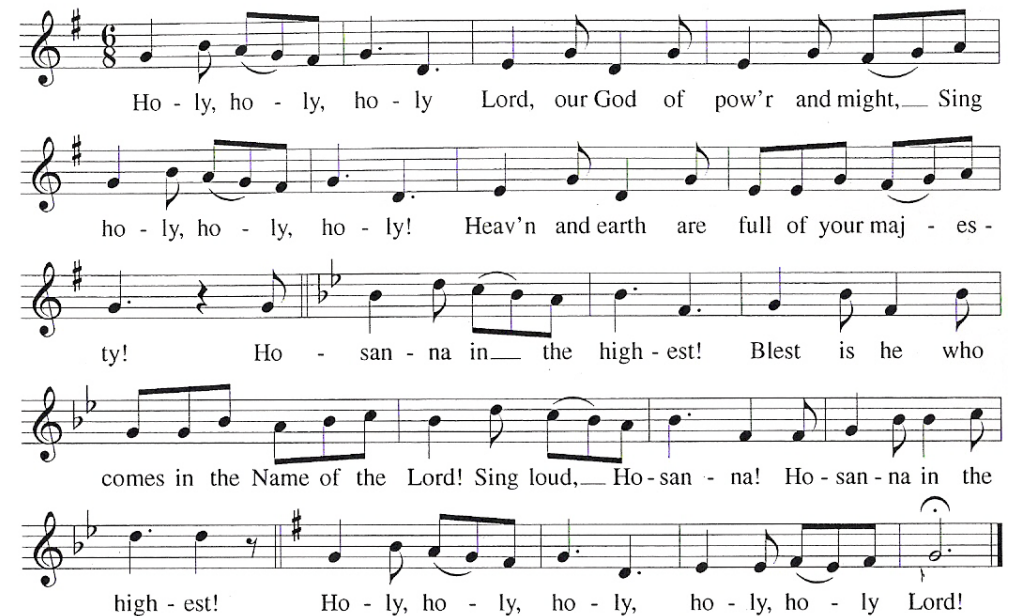
They tell us who we are.
**They tell us that we belong to one another,
for we are the people of God.**

We rejoice in this step in your journey with God.
**We pray God will guide you, your family, and all of us
as you use this Holy Bible at home, in worship,
and in your Sunday School, First Communion,
and Confirmation classes.**

Sanctus

Holy, Holy, Holy

Family of God



Eucharistic Prayer & Words of Institution

Delivering God, through your Son's dying and rising,
you have released us from the debt of sin
into the company of the forgiven.

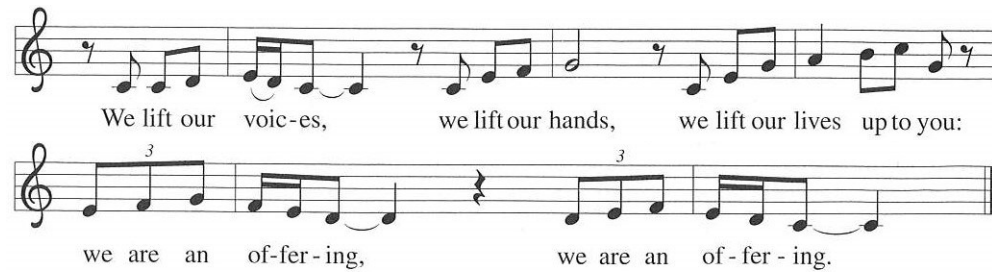
Sanctify us, who share this meal, to be a sign of jubilee hope
in your freeing, redeeming, life-giving promise.

Send your Spirit upon this bread and this cup of blessing
to be for us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ;
who at supper with his disciples, took bread, gave you thanks.
broke the bread, and gave it to them, saying

*"Take, eat: this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me."*

After supper Jesus took the cup.

Again he gave you thanks, and gave it to his disciples saying,
*"Drink this, all of you: this is my blood of the new covenant,
which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."*



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✝ MEAL ✝

Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God,
It is right to give our thanks and praise.



Proper Preface

It is good and joyful to sing your praise,
God of Moses and Miriam, for you are majestic in holiness,
awesome in splendor, and glorious in power.
You rejoice in all you have made,
and you have created all things to ring out your joy.
When your children were shackled as Pharaoh's slaves,
you heard their cries, divided the waters of the sea,
and opened a path to lead them to freedom on dry ground.
When your people were captive to the bondage of sin,
you sent you Son, full of your forgiving mercies,
to release us and to send us to share with others
the grace we have ourselves received.
And so we give you thanks and extol your holy name,
with angels and archangels and all the company of heaven,
as we join the unending hymn.

CP: On behalf of Zion Lutheran Church,
it is my honor to present you with God's Holy Word.
May it be a source of comfort, strength, and guidance
throughout your lives.

Let us pray. *(A brief silence is kept.)*

Almighty God,
grant us faith to know your gracious purpose in all things,
give us joy in doing your will,
and lead us to the building up of your kingdom.
May your Word always be a source of
inspiration, guidance, and strength to those who read it and hear it.
We ask all this through your Son, Jesus Christ,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

May we learn together and grow in our love for God's Word.
**The Word of God is a lamp unto our feet,
and a light unto our path.
Thanks be to God.**

✝ WORD ✝

First Reading

Genesis 50:15-21

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.

¹⁵Realizing that their father was dead, Joseph's brothers said, "What if Joseph still bears a grudge against us and pays us back in full for all the wrong that we did to him?" ¹⁶So they approached Joseph, saying, "Your father gave this instruction before he died, ¹⁷'Say to Joseph: I beg you, forgive the crime of your brothers and the wrong they did in harming you.' Now therefore please forgive the crime of the servants of the God of your father." Joseph wept when they spoke to him. ¹⁸Then his brothers also wept, fell down before him, and said, "We are here as your slaves." ¹⁹But Joseph said to them, "Do not be afraid! Am I in the place

of God? ²⁰Even though you intended to do harm to me, God intended it for good, in order to preserve a numerous people, as he is doing today.
²¹So have no fear; I myself will provide for you and your little ones.” In this way he reassured them, speaking kindly to them.
 The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 103:1-13

Let us read Psalm 103 responsively.

¹Bless the Lord, O my soul,
 and all that is within me, bless God’s holy name.
²**Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all God’s benefits —**
³**who forgives all your sins and heals all your diseases;**
⁴who redeems your life from the grave
 and crowns you with steadfast love and mercy;
⁵**who satisfies your desires with good things**
so that your youth is renewed like an eagle’s.
⁶O Lord, you provide vindication
 and justice for all who are oppressed.
⁷**You made known your ways to Moses**
and your works to the children of Israel.
⁸Lord, you are full of compassion and mercy,
 slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love;
⁹**you will not always accuse us,**
nor will you keep your anger forever.
¹⁰You have not dealt with us according to our sins,
 nor repaid us according to our iniquities.
¹¹**For as the heavens are high above the earth,**
so great is your steadfast love for those who fear you.
¹²As far as the east is from the west,
 so far have you removed our transgressions from us.
¹³**As a father has compassion for his children,**
so you have compassion for those who fear you, O Lord.

A We pray for this congregation.
 Open our hearts to practice intentional invitation.
 Help us to forgive each other, practice patience,
 and choose welcome over judgment.
 Move us to care for those in our community seeking refuge and safety.
 Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

P Here other intercessions may be offered either aloud or in silence....
 Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

A We give thanks for the saints who died in faith. Show us how to
 live faithfully, creatively, and lovingly in your church and world.
 Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

P Remember us according to your steadfast love
 as we offer these and the prayers of our heart,
 trusting in your compassion made known through Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Peace

The Peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

✠ OFFERING ✠

Offering Response

We Are an Offering

#692

We lift our voic-es, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you: we are an
 of-fer-ing. Lord, use our voic-es, Lord, use our hands, Lord, use our
 lives, they are yours: we are an of-fer-ing. All that we have, all that we are,
 all that we hope to be, we give to you, we give to you.

born of the virgin Mary, 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,

he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come 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.

Prayers of the People

P Remembering the caring and generous works of God,
we pray for the church, creation, and the needs of our neighbors.

A brief silence.

A We pray for the church.

Bless the missions and ministries of diverse congregations,
that they uplift the good news of salvation
in ways that can be understood.

Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

P We pray for creation. Send rain to lands experiencing drought
and healing to rivers clogged with pollution.

Enrich the soil for trees and plants.

Protect the crops needed to feed those who hunger.

Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

A We pray for all who govern.

Encourage those in positions of power to lead with empathy,
practice forgiveness, and care for those who struggle.

Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

P We pray for our neighbors who face illness of any kind.

For those strained financially; for all living with chronic pain,
mental illness, the disease of addiction,
or otherwise afraid or in harm's way.

Protect all who cry out for mercy, *especially...*

Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Second Reading

Romans 14:1-12

This Christian community has significant struggles with diversity. Here Paul helps us understand that despite different practices in worship and personal piety, we do not judge one another. All Christians belong to the Lord Jesus Christ who died for all of us and will judge each of us.

A reading from Romans.

¹Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarreling over opinions. ²Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. ³Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgment on those who eat; for God has welcomed them. ⁴Who are you to pass judgment on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand.

⁵Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. ⁶Those who observe the day, observe it in honor of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honor of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honor of the Lord and give thanks to God.

⁷We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. 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, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.

¹⁰Why do you pass judgment on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? 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 give praise to God.”

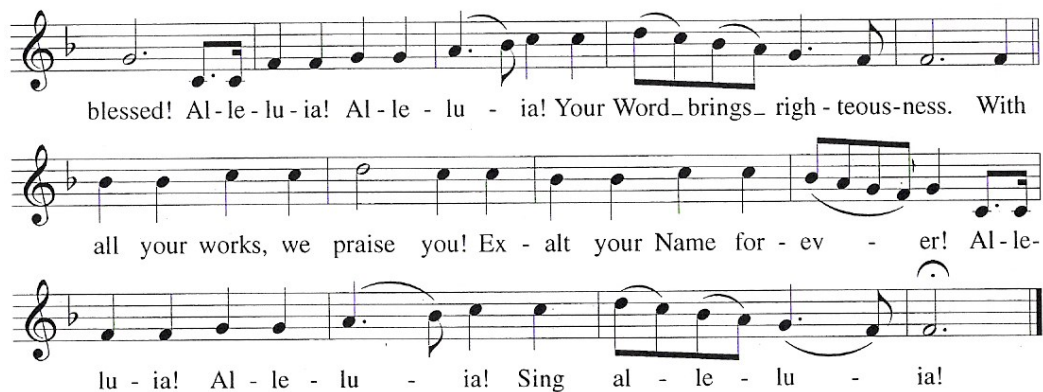
¹²So then, each of us will be accountable to God.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Alleluia Verse

Family of God





Holy Gospel

Matthew 18:21-35

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

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 18th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

²¹Peter came and said to [Jesus], “Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?”

²²Jesus said to him, “Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.

²³“For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. ²⁴When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; ²⁵and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made.

²⁶So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.’ ²⁷And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. ²⁸But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, ‘Pay what you owe.’ ²⁹Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you.’ ³⁰But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. ³¹When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. ³²Then his

lord summoned him and said to him, ‘You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. ³³Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?’ ³⁴And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. ³⁵So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart.”
The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Children’s Time Sermon

Hymn of the Day

Where Charity and Love Prevail

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- 1 Where char - i - ty and love pre - vail, there God is ev - er found;
- 2 With grate - ful joy and ho - ly fear, God’s char - i - ty we learn;
- 3 Let us re - call that in our midst dwells Christ, God’s ho - ly Son;
- 4 Let strife a - mong us be un - known; let all con - ten - tions cease.
- 5 Let us for - give each oth - er’s faults as we our own con - fess,



brought here to - geth - er by Christ’s love, by love we thus are bound.
let us with heart and mind and soul now love God in re - turn.
as mem - bers of each bod - y joined, in him we are made one.
Be God’s the glo - ry that we seek; be his our on - ly peace.
that we may love each oth - er well in Chris - tian gen - tle - ness.

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Apostles’ Creed

Living together in trust and hope, let us confess our faith...

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,**