

Time after Pentecost

Lectionary 24

Emanuel-St. John Lutheran Church

September 13, 2020

Welcome and Announcements

Confession and Forgiveness

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

Amen

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people,
turning us from our sin to live for you alone.

Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sins,
Receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ,
our Savior and Lord.

Amen

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.
But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins
and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

A brief silence is kept for reflection.

Most merciful God,

We confess that we are in bondage 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.

In the mercy of Almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us
and for his sake God forgives us all of our sins.

As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority,
I therefore declare unto you the entire forgiveness of all of your sins,
in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Hymn – I Love to Tell the Story – LBW 390

I love to tell the story Of unseen things above,
Of Jesus and his glory, Of Jesus and his love.

I love to tell the story, Because I know it's true;
It satisfies my longings As nothing else would do.

Refrain: I love to tell the story; I'll sing this theme in glory
And tell the old, old story Of Jesus and his love.

I love to tell the story; How pleasant to repeat
What seems, each time I tell it, More wonderfully sweet!

I love to tell the story, For some have never heard
The message of salvation From God's own holy Word.

Refrain: I love to tell the story; I'll sing this theme in glory
And tell the old, old story Of Jesus and his love.

I love to tell the story, For those who now it best
Seem hungering and thirsting To hear it like the rest.
And when, in scenes of glory, I sing the new, new song,
I'll sing the old, old story That I have loved so long.

Refrain: I love to tell the story; I'll sing this theme in glory
And tell the old, old story Of Jesus and his love.

The 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.

Kyrie

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

Have mercy on us Christ, and wash away our sin.
Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may begin.

Have mercy on us, Lord; make sin and shame depart.
Renew us with your saving power; create in us new hearts.

Hymn of Praise

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.

Glory be to Christ forever, Lamb of God and Lord of love.
Son of God and gracious Savior, you have come from heav'n above;
On the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God's right hand.
Hear our prayer; restore, forgive us; in your promise firm we stand.

Holy One we now acclaim you; Lord alone, to you we call.
Holy One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all.
Jesus Christ, with God the Spirit, in the Father's splendor bright.
For the peace that we inherit, glory be to God on high!

Prayer of the Day

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.**

Scripture Readings and Psalm

Genesis 50:15-21

Psalm 103:[1-7]8-13

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

Romans 14:1-12

Gospel Acclamation

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.

Gospel

Matthew 18:21-35

Sermon

Hymn of the Day – Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive – LBW 307

“Forgive our sins as we forgive,” You taught us, Lord, to pray;
But you alone can grant us grace To live the words we say

How can your pardon reach and bless The unforgiving heart
That broods on wrongs and will not let Old bitterness depart?

In blazing light your cross reveals The truth we dimly knew:
How trifling others’ debts to us; How great our debt to you!

Lord, cleanse the depths within our souls And bid resentment cease;
Then, by your mercy reconciled, Our lives will spread your peace.

The Apostle's Creed

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 was born of the virgin Mary.**

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.

**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 Intercession

Each petition ends:

Lord in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray,
trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

Amen

Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you. *Give each other a sign of peace.*

Offering

Thank you for your continued offerings. They are much appreciated.

Offering Prayer

Merciful Father,

We offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us: ourselves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed by 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, the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

Benediction

May the Lord bless you and keep you.

May the Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

May the Lord grant you his favor and give you his peace.

Amen.

Closing Hymn – Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing – LBW 559

Oh, for a thousand tongues to sing My great Redeemer's praise,
The glories of my God and King, the triumphs of his grace!

My gracious Master and my God, Assist me to proclaim,
To spread through all the earth abroad The honors of your name.

The name of Jesus charms our fears And bids our sorrows cease,
Sings music in the sinner's ears, Brings life and health and peace.

He breaks the pow'r of canceled sin; He sets the pris'ner free.
His blood can make the foulest clean; His blood avails for me.

To God all glory, praise, and love Be now and ever giv'n
By saints below and saints above, The Church in earth and heav'n.

Sending

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord!

Thanks be to God.

Bulletin Announcements

Welcome back to inside worship services!

Following CDC guidelines, an offering plate will not be passed for your offerings this morning. We encourage you to continue your faithful support as you have been doing by either mailing to the church, placing into the night depository at the bank or giving electronically via Vanco. Thank you for your faithful support.

Prayer concerns: Our prayers are with the following people with ongoing health concerns: Bette Lohff, Janet Everts Noth, Dale Scharn, and Gloria Schulte...We remember also our homebound & nursing home members: Jim Albright, John Everts, Joleen Harmon, Mildred Purdie and Gracia Willis ...We pray for the safety of Kurt and Theresa Van Hulzen as they continue their ministry in Nicaragua...We pray for all affected by Covid-19 locally and throughout the world; for firefighters, residents, wildlife and nature in harm's way of wildfires in the western states; for administrators, teachers, parents and students as they return to school...We pray for the safety and well-being of all law enforcement personnel and first responders...For our Nation and the men and women serving in the armed forces at home and abroad especially Shiloh Meyer, Hannah Hildreth and Allen Jensen...Congratulations to Nick and Krista Albright on the birth of a baby girl, Toryn Elizabeth, on Friday, September 4.

This week at Emanuel-St. John

Mon, Sept 14 7:30 a.m. Men's Group
Thurs, Sept 17 8:00 a.m. Prayer Group
Sun, Sept 20 8:45 a.m. Confirmation
9:00 a.m. Sunday School & Adult Bible Study
10:00 a.m. Worship
Newsletter Deadline for October

Members celebrating their birthday this week:

Sept 13 Dave Diesen
Sept 14 Dennis Hinrichs, Zerk Winey
Sept 15 Jody Cerra, Sarah Cerra, Randy Scharn
Sept 17 Kimberly Adams, Susan Albright, Carlyee Clark, Haley Ramsey
Sept 18 Shelly Baumhover, Ty Purdie
Sept 19 Jamie Maulsby

Wedding Anniversaries this week:

Sept 15, 1990 Timothy and Gloria Kral
Sept 27, 2005 Chad and Tonya Lankford

ELCA Prayer Ventures for Sunday, September 13th through September 19th:

13 "God's work. Our hands." *Sunday* Pray that our congregations, together with neighboring congregations, ecumenical and interreligious partners, community organizations and Lutheran agencies, will respond daily to the endless opportunities for serving our neighbor and addressing critical social needs, loving our neighbors and making our communities stronger, healthier and more hopeful.

14 Pray for our pastors, our youth and family ministers, our congregational leaders and our synod staff as they learn new things amid difficult times. Give thanks for the work of the Spirit in equipping leaders with new skills, new perspectives and renewed creativity for sharing the gospel, building up the church and doing God's work in the world.

15 *National Hispanic Heritage Month* Give thanks to God for the gifts, history, contributions and rich

cultural diversity of our Latino brothers and sisters, and pray for the growth and vitality of the 147 ELCA Latino ministries and the Latino Association (Asociación Ministerios Latinos ELCA) as they share the good news of Jesus Christ, encourage our unity in him and promote Christian values that unite Latinos of the ELCA as a “community of communities.”

16 As children of God, give thanks and bless the Lord for being “merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.”

17 Give thanks for the good we do together through ELCA World Hunger and our partners, responding to the critical needs of people everywhere. Pray that our work will bring hope and relief to communities in need and will foster sustainable solutions that get at the root causes of hunger and poverty.

18 When forgiving someone is difficult, pray for the patience and mercy toward others that Jesus describes to Peter — the same inexhaustible patience and mercy God has demonstrated toward us.

19 Reflect on members of your congregation and community and pray for specific people who are grieving, celebrating or trying to sort out their lives right now, or who simply could use our thanks and gratitude.

FIRST READING: Genesis 50:15-21 (not printed on back)

15 Realizing 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?" ¹⁶ So 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. ¹⁸ Then his brothers also wept, fell down before him, and said, "We are here as your slaves." ¹⁹ But Joseph said to them, "Do not be afraid! Am I in the place of God? ²⁰ Even 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. ²¹ So have no fear; I myself will provide for you and your little ones." In this way he reassured them, speaking kindly to them.