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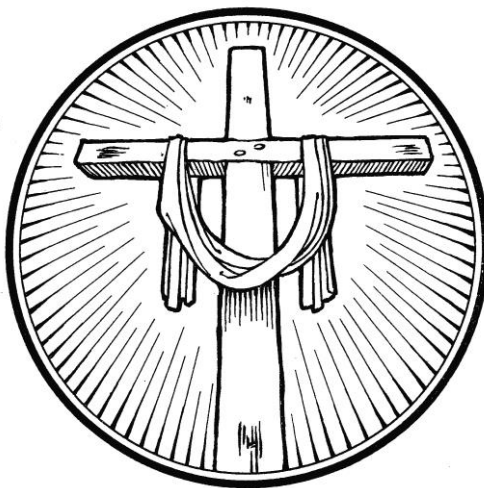
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The Church forgives as God forgives

Anytime we try to imitate God, we quickly realize our inadequacy. Yet today God tells us to model our forgiveness on his: a boundless, free, and loving forgiveness based on the sacrifice of Christ.

How could our sinful hearts ever forgive like that? Through Christ alone. God has unconditionally forgiven our sins through the substitutionary life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. When we realize the great gift of forgiveness that our God has given us, we are also inspired to forgive one another.

The Prayer of the Day asks that the mercy and grace of God precede us and follow after us, that we might love God with undivided hearts—hearts always ready to forgive as God does: sins are forgiven, forgotten, forever.

✚ COMMON SERVICE ✚

THE PREPARATION

(Job 11:13-15; Psalm 25; Isaiah 40:3-5; Hebrews 4:16)

OPENING HYMN

739 "Baptismal Waters Cover Me"



1 Bap - tis - mal wa - ters cov - er me As
2 I look to Christ up - on the tree, His
3 Lord, may your wound - ed hand im - part Your
4 From your own mouth comes forth a word; Your
5 Bap - tis - mal wa - ters cov - er me; Christ's



I ap - proach on bend - ed knee; My
bod - y bro - ken there for me; I
heal - ing to my bro - ken heart; Your
Shep - herd speaks, but you are heard; Through
wound - ed hand has set me free. Held



Fa - ther's mer - cy here I plead, For
lay be - fore him all my sin, My
love a - lone can form in me A
him your hand now stretch - es out, For -
in my Fa - ther's strong em - brace, With



griev - ous sins of thought and deed.
dark - est se - crets from with - in.
heart that serves you joy - ful - ly.
giv - ing sin, de - stroy - ing doubt.
joy I praise him for his grace.

INVOCATION (Matthew 28:19; 2 Corinthians 13:14)

** Please stand.*

M: In the name of the Father and of the Son † and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

CONFESSION OF SINS (1 John 1:8-9)

M: Beloved in the Lord: let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

** Please remain silent for reflection on God's Word and for repentant self-examination.*

C: Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.

KYRIE – LORD, HAVE MERCY (Mark 10:47; Luke 17:12-13)



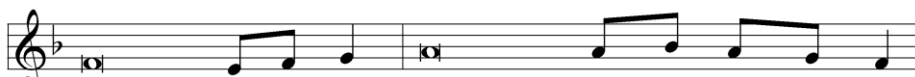
HOLY ABSOLUTION (John 20:19-23)

M: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son † and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS – GLORY TO GOD (Luke 2:14; John 1:29)

M: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.



C: Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will toward men.



We praise you, we bless you, we wor-ship you, we glorify you,



we give thanks to you, for your great glory, O Lord God, heav'n-ly King,



God the Fa-ther al - mighty. O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je-sus Christ;



O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the



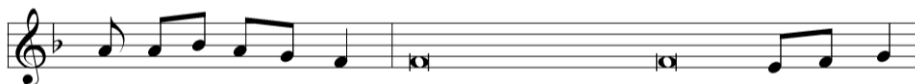
sin of the world; have mercy on us. You take away the



sin of the world; re - ceive our prayer. You sit at the right hand of



God the Father; have mercy on us. For you on-ly are holy;



you on - ly are the Lord. You only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Spirit,



are most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

SALUTATION (Ruth 2:4; 2 Timothy 4:22)

M: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY (Philippians 4:6; Matthew 18:19-20)

M: Let us pray.

Lord, we pray that your mercy and grace may always go before and follow after us that, loving you with undivided hearts, we may be ready for every good and useful work; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

** Please be seated.*

THE WORD

(Romans 10:17; Acts 2:42; 2 Timothy 3:16,17)

FIRST LESSON Genesis 50:15-21

** After the reading of the Lesson:*

M: The Word of Our Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

PSALM OF THE DAY Psalm 103

** Pastor will speak the initial refrain, and then the first half of each Psalm verse.*

The congregation will respond with the second half of each verse, and join Pastor in the other refrains.

M: I will hear what the Lord proclaims: peace to his people.

M: Praise the LORD, O my soul;

C: all my inmost being, praise his holy name.

M: He forgives all your sins

C: and heals all your diseases;

M: he redeems your life from the grave
C: **and crowns you with love and compassion.**

All: I will hear what the Lord proclaims: peace to his people.

M: The LORD is compassionate and gracious,
C: **slow to anger, abounding in love.**

M: He does not treat us as our sins deserve
C: **or repay us according to our iniquities.**

M: For as high as the heavens are above the earth,
C: **so great is his love for those who fear him;**

M: as far as the east is from the west,
C: **so far has he removed our transgressions from us.**

All: I will hear what the Lord proclaims: peace to his people.

M: As a father has compassion on his children,
C: **so the LORD has compassion on those who fear him;**

M: for he knows how we are formed,
C: **he remembers that we are dust.**

M: Our days are like grass, like a flower of the field;
C: **the wind blows over it and it is gone.**

M: But the LORD'S love is with those who fear him
C: **from everlasting to everlasting.**

**All: 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.**

All: I will hear what the Lord proclaims: peace to his people.

SECOND LESSON

Romans 14:5-9

** After the reading of the Lesson:*

M: The Word of Our Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

VERSE OF THE DAY

Romans 15:4

(Psalm 150; Revelation 19)

M: Alleluia. "Everything that was written in the past was written to teach us, so that through endurance and the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope."
Alleluia.



C: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

** The pastor processes to the nave floor for the reading of the Gospel, symbolizing Christ's presence among us in his Word.*

GOSPEL OF THE DAY

Matthew 18:21-35

** Please stand.*

M: The Holy Gospel for Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost, according to St. Matthew, chapter eighteen.

C: Glory be to you, O Lord!

** After the reading of the Gospel:*

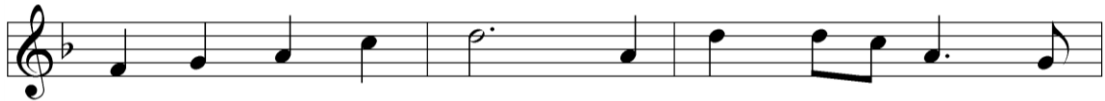
M: This is the Gospel of our Lord!

C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

** Please be seated.*



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



taught us, Lord, to pray, But you a - lone can
 un - for - giv - ing heart That broods on wrongs and
 truth we dim - ly knew: What triv - ial debts are
 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.

SERMON

Genesis 50:15-21

"Do not be afraid!"

* *Serving as guest preacher today is Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary student, Erik Alair.*

NICENE CREED (Romans 10:9-10; Philipians 2:10-11)

* *Please stand.*

C: We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and became fully human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate. He suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven,

and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life † of the world to come. Amen.

** Please be seated.*

OFFERTORY MUSIC 398 *“Lord, We Confess Our Numerous Faults”*

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH – *SUNDAYS AFTER PENTECOST* (1 Timothy 2:1-6; Ephesians 6:18)

** Please remain seated.*

LORD'S PRAYER (Matthew 6:9-13; Luke 11:2-4)

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 SACRAMENT

(Matthew 26; Mark 14; Luke 22; 1 Corinthians 11)

PREFACES

** Please stand.*

M: The Lord be with you. (2 Timothy 4:22; 2 Thessalonians 3:16)

C: And also with you.

M: Lift up your hearts. (Colossians 3:1; Lamentations 3:41)

C: We lift them up to the Lord.

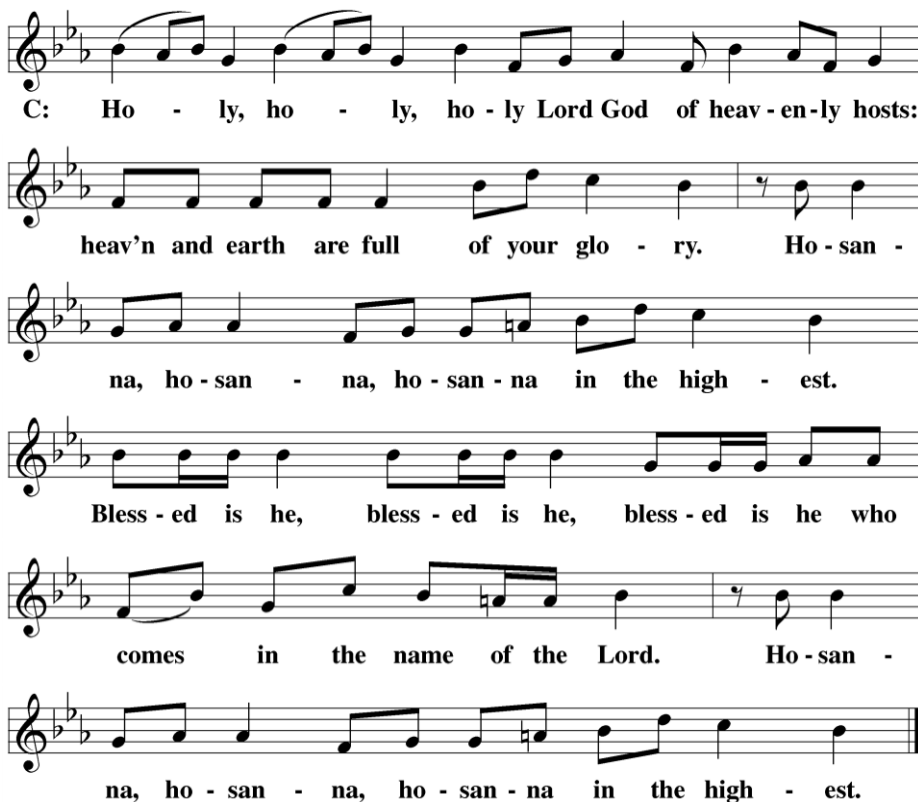
M: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God. (Psalm 107:1; Psalm 136)

C: **It is good and right so to do.**

M: It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, Holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who promised that wherever two or three come together in his name, there he is with them to shepherd his flock till he comes again in glory.

Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

SANCTUS – HOLY, HOLY, HOLY (Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9)



C: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of heav - en - ly hosts:
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san -
na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is he, bless - ed is he, bless - ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san -
na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION (Matthew 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24; Luke 22:19-20; 1 Corinthians 11:23-24)

M: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my † body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, “Drink from it, all of you; this is my † blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me.”

PAX DOMINI – THE PEACE OF THE LORD (John 20:19)

M: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: Amen.

AGNUS DEI – O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD (John 1:29; Isaiah 53:7)

C: O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;
have mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God,
you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.
O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;
grant us your peace. A - men.

* Please be seated.

DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION (1 Corinthians 11:26)

Personal Prayer before Holy Communion

Lord, I am not worthy to be a guest at your holy table. But you are the friend of sinners, and you will not cast me out. This bread is your body, which bore my sins upon the tree. This wine is your blood, which purifies me from all guilt. At your invitation, I come rejoicing. Receive me, my Savior. Amen.

DISTRIBUTION MUSIC 313 *“Jesus Christ, Our Blessed Savior”*318 *“Sent Forth by God’s Blessing”*

Personal Prayer after Holy Communion

Thank you, Lord Jesus Christ, for nourishing me in this sacrament with your body and blood. You have given me forgiveness, life, and salvation. Let me always remain in you as a branch remains in the vine. Send me out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory. Amen.

NUNC DIMITTIS – SONG OF SIMEON (Luke 2:29-32)

** Please stand.*



C: Lord, now you let your servant de - part in peace ac-cord-ing
to your word. For my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have pre-
pared be - fore the face of all people, a light to light - en the
Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of your peo-ple Is - ra - el.

THANKSGIVING (Psalm 118:1)

M: O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.

C: And his mercy endures forever.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

M: O God the Father, source of all goodness, in your loving kindness you sent your Son to share our humanity. We thank you that through him you have given us pardon and peace in this sacrament. We also pray that you will not forsake us but will rule our hearts and minds by your Holy Spirit so that we willingly serve you day after day, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

AARONIC BENEDICTION (Numbers 6:24-26)

M: The Lord bless you and keep you.

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

The Lord look on you with favor and † give you peace.

C: Amen.

* Please be seated.

CLOSING HYMN

393 v 5 "If Your Beloved Son, O God"



5 My guilt, O Fa - ther, you have laid On
Christ, your Son, my Sav - ior. Lord Je - sus,
you my debt have paid And gained for me God's
fav - or. O Ho - ly Spir - it, Fount of
grace, The good in me to you I trace;
In faith and hope pre - serve me.

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Personal Prayer for after Worship

Good Shepherd, I was glad to be here, gathered with your flock to worship you. Cause the Word I have heard to take root in my heart and bear fruit in my life. Guide me in paths of righteousness, that my words and actions might lead others to glorify you. In your Name, I pray. Amen.

Special thanks to: Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary student Erik Alair for serving as guest preacher; Amy Hermanson for serving as cantora; Oliva Hermanson for recording the video of the service; and Ben Leyrer for playing the music.

Offering: If you have an offering, you can place it in the box in the narthex, mail it to the church, or give online via the link on our church website. Thank you for your financial support of our congregation.

"About the Propers," a document explaining the changeable parts of the service, and ***"The Congregation at Prayer,"*** a document offering suggestions for daily devotions and Scripture readings are posted on our website.

Thank you for joining us as we together worshiped our Triune God. The Lord be with you this week!

Please contact Pastor Berg if you are need of any pastoral care during the week.

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