

**Praise & Worship Service - 10:30 AM**  
**No Communion – Sunday, September 17, 2023**  
**The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

**CHIMES**

**PRELUDE**

**LIGHTING of CANDLES**

**GREETINGS & PRAYERS**

**OPENING HYMN: YOU ARE MY KING (Amazing Love)**

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I'm forgiven because You were forsaken.  
I'm accepted; You were condemned.  
I'm alive and well; Your Spirit is within me  
Because You died and rose again.

I'm forgiven because You were forsaken.  
I'm accepted; You were condemned.  
I'm alive and well; Your Spirit is within me  
Because You died and rose again.

Amazing love, how can it be  
That Thou my God, would die for me?  
Amazing love, I know it's true;  
It's my joy to honor You.

Amazing love, how can it be  
That Thou my God, would die for me?  
Amazing love, I know it's true;  
It's my joy to honor You.  
In all I do, I honor You.  
You are my King.  
You are my King.  
Jesus, You are my King.  
Jesus, You are my King.

Amazing love, how can it be  
That Thou my God, would die for me?  
Amazing love, I know it's true;  
It's my joy to honor You.

Amazing love, how can it be  
That Thou my God, would die for me?  
Amazing love, I know it's true;  
It's my joy to honor You.  
In all I do, in all I do, I honor You.

Amazing love, Amazing love,  
Amazing love, Amazing love,  
Amazing love!

## **INVOCATION**

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

People: **Amen.**

## **CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

Pastor: The Bible declares, "If you, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand? But with you there is forgiveness therefore you are feared." And so, we humbly confess our sins before God our Father.

People: **O Lord, against you I have sinned and done what is evil in your sight. I have broken your laws. I have dishonored your name. I have not loved you with all of my heart, soul, and strength. I have not loved my neighbor as myself or even myself as my neighbor. I am sinful and unclean, and I rightfully deserve your wrath and punishment. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, Have mercy on me, a sinner. Forgive me, renew me, and lead me so that I may delight in your will and walk in your ways to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

Pastor: Almighty God in his mercy has given his only Son to die for you and for his sake forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained servant of the Word, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.**

(Please be seated)

## **THE SALUTATION & COLLECT of the DAY**

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Pastor: Let us pray:

**ALL: 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. Amen.**

## **The FIRST READING: GENESIS 50:15-21**

<sup>15</sup>When Joseph's brothers saw that their father was dead, they said, "What if Joseph holds a grudge against us and pays us back for all the wrongs we did to him?" <sup>16</sup>So they sent word to Joseph, saying, "Your father left these instructions before he died: <sup>17</sup>'This is what you are to say to Joseph: I ask you to forgive your brothers the sins and the wrongs they committed in treating you so badly.' Now please forgive the sins of the servants of the God of your father." When their message came to him, Joseph wept. <sup>18</sup>His brothers then came and threw themselves down before him. "We are your slaves," they said. <sup>19</sup>But Joseph said to them, "Don't be afraid. Am I in the place of God? <sup>20</sup>You intended to harm me, but God intended it for good to accomplish what is now being done, the saving of many lives. <sup>21</sup>So then, don't be afraid. I will provide for you and your children." And he reassured them and spoke kindly to them.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

## **The SECOND READING: ROMANS 14:1-12**

<sup>1</sup>Accept the one whose faith is weak, without quarreling over disputable matters. <sup>2</sup>One person's faith allows them to eat anything, but another, whose faith is weak, eats only vegetables. <sup>3</sup>The one who eats everything must not treat with contempt the one who does not, and the one who does not eat everything must not judge the one who does, for God

has accepted them. <sup>4</sup>Who are you to judge someone else's servant? To their own master, servants stand or fall. And they will stand, for the Lord is able to make them stand. <sup>5</sup>One person considers one day more sacred than another; another considers every day alike. Each of them should be fully convinced in their own mind. <sup>6</sup>Whoever regards one day as special does so to the Lord. Whoever eats meat does so to the Lord, for they give thanks to God; and whoever abstains does so to the Lord and gives thanks to God. <sup>7</sup>For none of us lives for ourselves alone, and none of us dies for ourselves alone. <sup>8</sup>If we live, we live for the Lord; and if we die, we die for the Lord. So, whether we live or die, we belong to the Lord. <sup>9</sup>For this very reason, Christ died and returned to life so that he might be the Lord of both the dead and the living. <sup>10</sup>You, then, why do you judge your brother or sister? Or why do you treat them with contempt? For we will all stand before God's judgment seat. <sup>11</sup>It is written: "'As surely as I live,' says the Lord, 'every knee will bow before me; every tongue will acknowledge God.'" <sup>12</sup>So then, each of us will give an account of ourselves to God.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

(Please stand)

### **GOSPEL HYMN: Forever Reign (My Heart Will Sing)**

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You are good, You are good  
When there's nothing good in me  
You are love, You are love  
On display for all to see  
You are light, You are light  
When the darkness closes in  
You are hope, You are hope  
You have covered all my sin  
You are peace, You are peace  
When my fear is crippling  
You are true, You are true  
Even in my wandering  
You are joy, You are joy  
You're the reason that I sing  
You are life, You are life  
In You death has lost its sting

Oh, I'm running to Your arms  
I'm running to Your arms  
The riches of Your love  
Will always be enough  
Nothing compares to Your embrace  
Light of the World forever reign  
You are more, You are more  
Than my words will ever say  
You are Lord, You are Lord  
All creation will proclaim  
You are here, You are here  
In Your presence I'm made whole  
You are God, You are God  
Of all else I'm letting go

I'm running to Your arms  
I'm running to Your arms  
The riches of Your love  
Will always be enough  
Nothing compares to Your embrace  
Light of the world forever reign

My heart will sing  
No other name,  
Jesus, Jesus

My heart will sing  
No other name,  
Jesus, Jesus

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No other name,  
Jesus, Jesus

My heart will sing  
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### **The GOSPEL READING: MATTHEW 18:21-35**

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 18<sup>th</sup> chapter.

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

(Please be seated)

<sup>21</sup> Then Peter came to Jesus and asked, "Lord, how many times shall I forgive my brother or sister who sins against me? Up to seven times?" <sup>22</sup> Jesus answered, "I tell you, not seven times, but seventy-seven times. <sup>23</sup> "Therefore, the kingdom of heaven is like a king who wanted to settle accounts with his servants. <sup>24</sup> As he began the settlement, a man who owed him ten thousand bags of gold was brought to him. <sup>25</sup> Since he was not able to pay, the master ordered that he and his wife and his children and all that he had be sold to repay the debt. <sup>26</sup> "At this the servant fell on his knees before him. 'Be patient with me,' he begged, 'and I will pay back everything.' <sup>27</sup> The servant's master took pity on him, canceled the debt and let him go. <sup>28</sup> "But when that servant went out, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred silver coins. He grabbed him and began to choke him. 'Pay back what you owe me!' he demanded. <sup>29</sup> "His fellow servant fell to his knees and begged him, 'Be patient with me, and I will pay it back.' <sup>30</sup> "But he refused. Instead, he went off and had the man thrown into prison until he could pay the debt. <sup>31</sup> When the other servants saw what had happened, they were outraged and went and told their master everything that had happened. <sup>32</sup> "Then the master called the servant in. 'You wicked servant,' he said, 'I canceled all that debt of yours because you begged me to. <sup>33</sup> Shouldn't you have had mercy on your fellow servant just as I had on you?' <sup>34</sup> In anger his master handed him over to the jailers to be tortured, until he should pay back all he owed. <sup>35</sup> "This is how my heavenly Father will treat each of you unless you forgive your brother or sister from your heart."

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**People: Praise to You, O Christ.**

## **MESSAGE: Pastor Bruce Kischnick "Forgiven Much ... Forgiving Little"**

### **THE APOSTLES' CREED, LSB P. 175**

#### **OFFERTORY: Humble Thyself**

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Humble thyself in the sight of the Lord;  
Humble thyself in the sight of the Lord.  
And He will lift you up  
Higher and higher  
And He will lift you up.

Give yourself to the service of the Lord;  
Give yourself to the service of the Lord.  
And He will lift you up.  
Higher and higher  
And He will lift you up.  
Humble thyself in the sight of the Lord;  
Humble thyself in the sight of the Lord.  
And He will lift you up  
Higher and higher  
And He will lift you up.

## **THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

### **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

#### **BENEDICTION**

Pastor: Go forth now in peace, a redeemed, restored, and renewed child of the King.

And the Almighty God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, go with each of you and bless you.

**People: Amen.**

## **CLOSING HYMN: May the Peace of God (Benediction)**

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### Choir only:

May the peace of God our heav'nly Father  
And the grace of Christ the risen Son  
And the fellowship of God the Spirit  
Keep our hearts and minds within His love

And to Him be praise for His glorious reign  
From the depths of earth to the heights of heav'n  
We declare the name of the Lamb once slain  
Christ eternal the King of kings

### Congregation:

May this peace which passes understanding  
And this grace which makes us what we are  
And this fellowship of His communion  
Make us one in spirit and in heart  
And to Him be praise for His glorious reign  
From the depths of earth to the heights of heav'n  
We declare the name of the Lamb once slain  
Christ eternal the King of kings

And to Him be praise for His glorious reign  
From the depths of earth to the heights of heav'n  
We declare the name of the Lamb once slain  
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## **SILENT PRAYER**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**