

SEPTEMBER 24, 2023 | *Seventeenth Sunday After Pentecost*

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

Welcome to our worship service today! We are glad to have you with us as we gather before our almighty and saving God to hear His holy and powerful Word and celebrate His life-giving Sacraments, offering our prayers and praises as He strengthens our faith and brings us ever closer to our eternal home with Him.

SERVICE NOTES

The Church forgives as God forgives. This is not as easy as it looks, especially when someone wrongs us greatly or repeatedly. As we strive to imitate our Lord, we realize that we fall far short. Yet we know with certainty that we model our own forgiveness on God's forgiveness for us: a total, boundless, free, and loving forgiveness based on Christ's sacrifice. And with His mercy going before us and following after us, our hearts are ready to forgive as God forgives.

If you need any assistance, please ask any of our ushers for help. In inclement weather, or if walking from your car is difficult, please make use of the carport. The ushers will gladly park and/or retrieve your car for you if needed.

If you are a visitor with us today, please sign the Guest Book before you leave today (the black binder in the front of church). If you would like to learn more about our church or are interested in church membership, please speak with the Pastor or one of the Elders.

If you have small children, please note there is a Parents' Room at the rear of the sanctuary if you need to temporarily calm a child, but we are caring, loving and happy to hear your child/children. From the Parents' Room you can still see, hear, and participate in the worship service.

For your convenience today's order of service is printed on the following pages. It is based on the Order of Morning Service, found on p. 5ff. in *The Lutheran Hymnal*.

SERVING IN WORSHIP

Minister

Rev. Roger Holtz

Organist

Deb Meyer

Elder on Duty

Sunday: Dan Lindquist

Ushers on Duty

Dennis Barlament, Daniel Meves, Charles Hartwig

Altar Guild

Donna Carter & Linda Koch

The Order of Morning Service

Please stand.

OPENING HYMN

Chief of Sinners Though I Be | 342

INVOCATION AND CONFESSION OF SINS

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



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

Our help is in the name of the Lord.



M: I said, I will confess my transgressions to the Lord.



M: Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto You that we are by nature sinful and unclean, and that we have sinned against You by thought, word, and deed. Therefore we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

C: O most merciful God, You have given Your only-begotten Son to die for us; have mercy upon us and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Your Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of You, and of Your will, and true obedience to Your Word, to the end that by Your grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

M: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and has given His only-begotten Son to die for us, and for His sake forgives us all our sins. To all who believe on His Name He gives power to become the children of God, and has promised them His Holy Spirit. He who believes and is baptized shall be saved. Grant this, Lord, unto us all!



You may be seated.

THE INTROIT & GLORIA PATRI

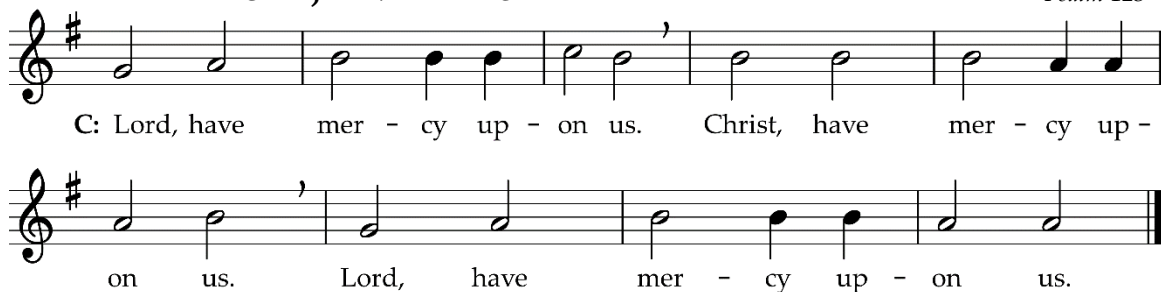
PSALM 86: (SELECTED VERSES)

M: Be merciful to me, O Lord, For I cry to You all day long. For You Lord, are good, and ready to forgive. You are abundant in mercy to all those who call upon You. Bow down Your ear, O Lord, hear me; for I am poor and needy.



THE KYRIE—LORD, HAVE MERCY

Psalms 123



GLORIA IN EXCELSIS—"GLORY TO GOD IN THE HIGHEST"

Luke 2:14

C: Glory be to God on high: And on earth peace, good will toward
men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor - ship Thee,
we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy 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, That takest away the sin of the
world, have mercy up - on us. Thou that takest away the sin of the
world, re - ceive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the

Father, have mercy up - on us. For Thou only art holy; Thou
on - ly art the Lord. Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly
Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

THE SERVICE OF THE WORD

THE SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

M: The Lord be with you.

C: And with thy spir - it.

Please stand.

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: A - men.

You may be seated.

FIRST LESSON: GENESIS 50:15-21

Joseph forgives his brothers after their father Jacob's death.

When Joseph's brothers saw that their father was dead, they said, "Perhaps Joseph will hate us, and may actually repay us for all the evil which we did to him." ¹⁶So they sent *messengers* to Joseph, saying, "Before your father died he commanded, saying, ¹⁷"Thus you shall say to Joseph: "I beg you, please forgive the trespass of your brothers and their sin; for they did evil to you." 'Now, please, forgive the trespass of the servants of the God of your father." And Joseph wept when they spoke to him.

¹⁸Then his brothers also went and fell down before his face, and they said, "Behold, we *are* your servants."

¹⁹Joseph said to them, "Do not be afraid, for *am* I in the place of God? ²⁰"But as for you, you meant evil against me; *but* God meant it for good, in order to bring it about as *it is* this day, to save many people alive. ²¹"Now therefore, do not be afraid; I will provide for you and your little ones." And he comforted them and spoke kindly to them.

SECOND LESSON: ROMANS 14:5-9

We are free to live for the Lord in love to our neighbor.

One person esteems *one* day above another; another esteems every day *alike*. Let each be fully convinced in his own mind. ⁶He who observes the day, observes *it* to the Lord; and he who does not observe the day, to the Lord he does not observe *it*. He who eats, eats to the Lord, for he gives God thanks; and he who does not eat, to the Lord he does not eat, and gives God thanks.

⁷For none of us lives to himself, and no one dies to himself. ⁸For if we live, we live to the Lord; and if we die, we die to the Lord. Therefore, whether we live or die, we are the Lord's. ⁹For to this end Christ died and rose and lived again, that He might be Lord of both the dead and the living.

GRADUAL

ROMANS 15:4

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.



Please stand.

GOSPEL LESSON: MATTHEW 18:21-35

Forgive as freely as God has forgiven us.



C: Glo-ry be to Thee, O Lord!

Then Peter came to Him and said, "Lord, how often shall my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? Up to seven times?"

²²Jesus said to him, "I do not say to you, up to seven times, but up to seventy times seven.

²³"Therefore the kingdom of heaven is like a certain king who wanted to settle accounts with his servants. ²⁴"And when he had begun to settle accounts, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents. ²⁵"But as he was not able to pay, his master commanded that he be sold, with his wife and children and all that he had, and that payment be made. ²⁶"The servant therefore fell down before him, saying, 'Master, have patience with me, and I will pay you all.' ²⁷"Then the master of that servant was moved with compassion, released him, and forgave him the debt.

²⁸"But that servant went out and found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred denarii; and he laid hands on him and took *him* by the throat, saying, 'Pay me what you owe!'

²⁹"So his fellow servant fell down at his feet and begged him, saying, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you all.' ³⁰"And he would not, but went and threw him into prison till he should pay the debt.

³¹"So when his fellow servants saw what had been done, they were very grieved, and came and told their master all that had been done. ³²"Then his master, after he had called him, said to him, 'You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you begged me. ³³'Should you not also have had compassion on your fellow servant, just as I had pity on you?' ³⁴"And his master was angry, and delivered him to the torturers until he should pay all that was due to him.

³⁵"So My heavenly Father also will do to you if each of you, from his heart, does not forgive his brother his trespasses."

M: This is the Gospel of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.



C: Praise be to Thee, O Christ!

THE APOSTLES' CREED

C: I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord; Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, Born of the Virgin Mary; Suffered under Pontius Pilate, Was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; The third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven And sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; From thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; The holy Christian Church, the communion of saints; The forgiveness of sins; The resurrection of the body; And the life everlasting. Amen.

You may be seated.

CHOIR

I Will Sing of the Mercies

HYMN

Upon the Cross Extended | 171, 8-12

Please stand for the singing of the final stanza.

SERMON – MATTHEW 16:21-26

Forgive as I Have Forgiven You.

The 3 For's

1. Forgiven
2. Forgotten
3. Forever

Please stand.

THE OFFERTORY

Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re-new a right.

spir - it with-in me. Cast me not a - way from Thy pres - ence;

and take not Thy Ho - ly Spi - Rit from me.

Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va - tion;

and up-hold me with Thy free spir - it. A - men.

You may be seated.

THE OFFERING

Please stand.

THE PRAYER OF THE CHURCH & THE LORD'S PRAYER

ALL: 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.

You may be seated.

HYMN

If Thy Beloved Son, O God | 375

Please stand.

COLLECT OF THE WORD

M: Blessed Lord, since You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning, grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn, and take them to heart, that by the patience and comfort of Your holy Word we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one true God, now and forever.



THE BENEDICTION

M: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.

The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.



CLOSING HYMN

Savior, Again to Thy Dear Name We Raise | 47

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ALTAR FLOWERS - If you'd like to donate altar flowers for one of our worship services, please sign up and find details on the bulletin board in the fellowship hall. Thank you!

FELLOWSHIP SNACKS – Thanks to the Snack Angels for serving snacks today. If you’d like to serve snacks on Sunday mornings, please sign up in the fellowship hall. Thank you!

RETURNED CALL – This week President Paul Koch received a letter from ELS Pastor Greg Schmidt of Our Savior Lutheran Church in Naples, Florida, returning our call. A Congregational Call Meeting is scheduled for Sunday, October 8, 2023, at 3:30 p.m. Pastor Otto and Pastor Kluge will monitor the meeting. All members are encouraged to attend to participate in calling a pastor.

QUARTERLY REPORTS – Quarterly Reports are due in the office by **Wednesday, October 4**, so that we may have them for our quarterly meetings (Church Council, 10/08; Congregational & Voters, 10/15).

THIS WEEK AT CHRIST THE KING	
SUNDAY (9/24)	Divine Service, 9:00 a.m. Fellowship, 10:05 a.m. Choir Practice, 10:05 a.m. Education Hour, 10:30 a.m. Bible Study: Genesis 3 Fall Into Sin
WEDNESDAY (9/27)	Emerald Bay Service, 4:00 p.m.
SUNDAY (10/01)	Divine Service w/Comm., 9:00 a.m. Fellowship, 10:05 a.m. Education Hour, 10:30 a.m.

OUR MISSION

Christ the King Ev. Lutheran Church gives all praise and thanks to the Triune God for His grace received through Word and Sacrament by sharing the saving Gospel of Christ with the people of this community and the world.