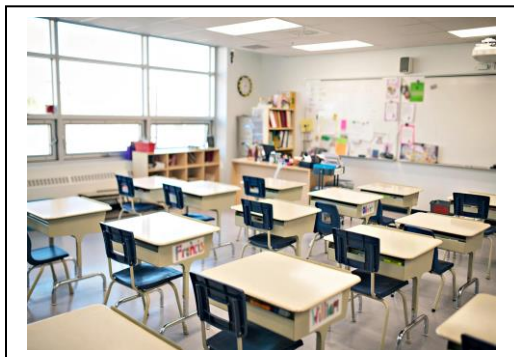


*Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost*  
*September 13, 2020*  
*7:30 am Service*



+ PREPARATION +

**PRESERVICE MUSIC** “Christ Be My Leader” (arr. Manz) & “God Loves Me Dearly” (arr. Behnke)

**861 CHRIST BE MY LEADER**

- 1 Christ be my Leader by night as by day;  
Safe through the darkness, for He is the way.  
Gladly I follow, my future His care,  
Darkness is daylight when Jesus is there.
- 2 Christ be my Teacher in age as in youth,  
Drifting or doubting, for He is the truth.  
Grant me to trust Him; though shifting as sand,  
Doubt cannot daunt me; in Jesus I stand.
- 3 Christ be my Savior in calm as in strife;  
Death cannot hold me, for He is the life.  
Nor darkness nor doubting nor sin and its stain  
Can touch my salvation: with Jesus I reign.

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**MEMORY VERSE OF THE MONTH**

Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.  
*John 14:6*

**INVOCATION**

- P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**C** Amen.

**CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

- P** Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.  
*Silence for self-examination.*

- P** Let us confess our sins to God, confident of His grace and forgiveness to all who are penitent.  
**C** **I confess to God Almighty, before the whole company of heaven and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have sinned in thought, word, and deed by my fault, by my own fault, by my own most grievous fault; wherefore I pray God Almighty to have mercy on me, forgive me all my sins, and bring me to everlasting life. Amen.**  
**P** The almighty and merciful Lord grant you pardon, forgiveness, and remission of all your sins. Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**C** Amen.

+ WORD +

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

**P** Let us pray. 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.

**G** Amen.

## OLD TESTAMENT READING

*Genesis 50:15–21*

<sup>15</sup>When Joseph's brothers saw that their father was dead, they said, "It may be that Joseph will hate us and pay us back for all the evil that we did to him." <sup>16</sup>So they sent a message to Joseph, saying, "Your father gave this command before he died, <sup>17</sup>'Say to Joseph, Please forgive the transgression of your brothers and their sin, because they did evil to you.' And now, please forgive the transgression of the servants of the God of your father." Joseph wept when they spoke to him. <sup>18</sup>His brothers also came and fell down before him and said, "Behold, we are your servants." <sup>19</sup>But Joseph said to them, "Do not fear, for am I in the place of God? <sup>20</sup>As for you, you meant evil against me, but God meant it for good, to bring it about that many people should be kept alive, as they are today. <sup>21</sup>So do not fear; I will provide for you and your little ones." Thus he comforted them and spoke kindly to them.

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**G** Thanks be to God.

## EPISTLE

*Romans 14:1–12*

<sup>1</sup>As for the one who is weak in faith, welcome him, but not to quarrel over opinions. <sup>2</sup>One person believes he may eat anything, while the weak person eats only vegetables. <sup>3</sup>Let not the one who eats despise the one who abstains, and let not the one who abstains pass judgment on the one who eats, for God has welcomed him. <sup>4</sup>Who are you to pass judgment on the servant of another? It is before his own master that he stands or falls. And he will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make him stand. <sup>5</sup>One person esteems one day as better than another, while another esteems all days alike. Each one should be fully convinced in his own mind. <sup>6</sup>The one who observes the day, observes it in honor of the Lord. The one who eats, eats in honor of the Lord, since he gives thanks to God, while the one who abstains, abstains in honor of the Lord and gives thanks to God. <sup>7</sup>For none of us lives to himself, and none of us dies to himself. <sup>8</sup>If 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. <sup>9</sup>For to this end Christ died and lived again, that he might be Lord both of the dead and of the living. <sup>10</sup>Why do you pass judgment on your brother? Or you, why do you despise your brother? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God; <sup>11</sup>for it is written, "As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall confess to God." <sup>12</sup>So then each of us will give an account of himself to God.

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**G** Thanks be to God.

## HOLY GOSPEL

*Matthew 18:21–35*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the eighteenth chapter.

**G** Glory to You, O Lord.

<sup>21</sup>Peter came up and said to [Jesus], "Lord, how often will my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? As many as seven times?" <sup>22</sup>Jesus said to him, "I do not say to you seven times, but seventy times seven. <sup>23</sup>"Therefore the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his servants. <sup>24</sup>When he began to settle, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents. <sup>25</sup>And since he could not pay, his master ordered him to be sold, with his wife and children and all that he had, and payment to be made. <sup>26</sup>So the servant fell on his knees, imploring him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' <sup>27</sup>And out of pity for him, the master of that servant released him and forgave him the debt. <sup>28</sup>But when that same servant went out, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred

denarii, and seizing him, he began to choke him, saying, 'Pay what you owe.' <sup>29</sup>So his fellow servant fell down and pleaded with him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' <sup>30</sup>He refused and went and put him in prison until he should pay the debt. <sup>31</sup>When his fellow servants saw what had taken place, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their master all that had taken place. <sup>32</sup>Then his master summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. <sup>33</sup>And should not you have had mercy on your fellow servant, as I had mercy on you?' <sup>34</sup>And in anger his master delivered him to the jailers, until he should pay all his debt. <sup>35</sup>So also my heavenly Father will do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother from your heart."

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**G** Praise to You, O Christ.

## **BACKPACK BLESSING**

### **606 I LAY MY SINS ON JESUS**

- 1 I lay my sins on Jesus,  
The spotless Lamb of God;  
He bears them all and frees us  
From the accursèd load.  
I bring my guilt to Jesus  
To wash my crimson stains  
Clean in His blood most precious  
Till not a spot remains.
- 2 I lay my wants on Jesus;  
All fullness dwells in Him;  
He heals all my diseases;  
My soul He does redeem.  
I lay my griefs on Jesus,  
My burdens and my cares;  
He from them all releases;  
He all my sorrows shares.
- 3 I rest my soul on Jesus,  
This weary soul of mine;  
His right hand me embraces;  
I on His breast recline.  
I love the name of Jesus,  
Immanuel, Christ, the Lord;  
Like fragrance on the breezes  
His name abroad is poured.

**SERMON** "The Final Say" Romans 14:1-12

**NICENE CREED** *(Creed can be found on the screens.)*

**COMMISSIONING OF SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS/BIBLE STUDY LEADERS**

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

*After each petition, please respond with the following:*

**P** Lord in your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

*At the end of the prayer:*

**C** **Amen.**

## + SACRAMENT +

### PREFACE

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** **And also with you.**

**P** Lift up your hearts.

**C** **We lift them to the Lord.**

**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C** **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

### PROPER PREFACE

**P** It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who, out of love for His fallen creation, humbled Himself by taking on the form of a servant, becoming obedient unto death, even death upon a cross. Risen from the dead, He has freed us from eternal death and given us life everlasting. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

### SANCTUS

*LSB 195*

**C** **Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth;  
heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory.**

**Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is He, blessed is He, blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.**

### THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

### LORD'S PRAYER

### PAX DOMINI

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C** **Amen.**

### AGNUS DEI

*LSB 198*

**C** **O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.**

**O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.**

**O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. Amen.**

### DISTRIBUTION

## 609 JESUS SINNERS DOTHT RECEIVE

sts. 1–4, 7

- 1 Jesus sinners doth receive;  
    Oh, may all this saying ponder  
Who in sin's delusions live  
    And from God and heaven wander!  
Here is hope for all who grieve:  
Jesus sinners doth receive.
- 2 We deserve but grief and shame,  
    Yet His words, rich grace revealing,  
Pardon, peace, and life proclaim;  
    Here our ills have perfect healing.  
Firmly in these words believe:  
Jesus sinners doth receive.
- 3 Sheep that from the fold did stray  
    No true shepherd e'er forsaketh;  
Weary souls that lost their way  
    Christ, the Shepherd, gently taketh  
In His arms that they may live:  
Jesus sinners doth receive.
- 4 I, a sinner, come to Thee  
    With a penitent confession.  
Savior, mercy show to me;  
    Grant for all my sins remission.  
Let these words my soul relieve:  
Jesus sinners doth receive.
- 7 Jesus sinners doth receive;  
    Also I have been forgiven;  
And when I this earth must leave,  
    I shall find an open heaven.  
Dying, still to Him I cleave:  
Jesus sinners doth receive.

## POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

**P** Let us pray. Gracious Lord, for the sake of Your holy name, forgive us, Your children, whom You have redeemed through the precious blood of Your dear Son. Deal graciously with us, Your servants, not according to our weakness and guilt but according to Your love and goodness. Grant to us forgiveness, peace, and the gift of a clear conscience; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**G** Amen.

## BENEDICTION

**P** The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

**G** Amen.

## 643 SENT FORTH BY GOD'S BLESSING

- 1 Sent forth by God's blessing,  
Our true faith confessing,  
The people of God from His dwelling take leave.  
The Supper is ended.  
O now be extended  
The fruits of this service in all who believe.  
The seed of His teaching,  
Receptive souls reaching,  
Shall blossom in action for God and for all.  
His grace did invite us,  
His love shall unite us  
To work for God's kingdom and answer His call.
- 2 With praise and thanksgiving  
To God ever-living,  
The tasks of our ev'ryday life we will face.  
Our faith ever sharing,  
In love ever caring,  
Embracing His children of each tribe and race.  
With Your feast You feed us,  
With Your light now lead us;  
Unite us as one in this life that we share.  
Then may all the living  
With praise and thanksgiving  
Give honor to Christ and His name that we bear.

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## DISMISSAL

**P** Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**G** Thanks be to God.

## POSTLUDE "Prelude in F Major" (Bach)

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# Congregation at Prayer and Devotions for the Week

**Invocation** In the name of the Father, and of the Son ✠, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

**Introit** (found on front page)

**Catechism Review** (found on front page)

**Meditation:** Portals of Prayer, [www.lhm.org/dailydevotions](http://www.lhm.org/dailydevotions), Other

## ***Daily Scripture Readings***

Sunday: 2 Chronicles 32:1-22; Colossians 1:1-23  
Monday: 2 Chronicles 33:1-25; Colossians 1:24-2:7  
Tuesday: 2 Chronicles 34:1-4, 8-11, 14-33; Colossians 2:8-23  
Wednesday: 2 Chronicles 35:1-7, 16-25; Colossians 3:1-25  
Thursday: 2 Chronicles 36:1-23; Colossians 4:1-18  
Friday: Nehemiah 1:1-2:10; 1 Timothy 1:1-20  
Saturday: Nehemiah 2:11-20; 4:1-6; Timothy 2:1-15

## ***In Our Prayers This Week (as of Thursday morning)***

Roger, health issues	Al, health issues
Skip, recovering	Ken, recovering
Larry, heart issues	Marilyn, recovering
Becky, back pain	Jean, health issues
Camilla, 7-year-old with brain cancer	Jerry, Surgery
Jack, ongoing health issues	Denise, addictions
Beth, health issues	Linda, brain cancer
Eunice, Health Issues	Jackie's mother
Jim, Alzheimer's	Sharron's father
Roger, recovering	Vonna's mother
Lois, recovering	Bill, recovery
Terry, Health	
Sidney, granddaughter of Steinkes with medical issues	

For those in nursing homes, medical professionals, those whose employment is in question, and that the Lord would miraculously make all signs of this virus disappear so all may know it is by His merciful hand. For peace and humility to dwell in the hearts of the people of our land.

**Our Savior Families:** Mitch & Tara, Arthur and Margo, John and Bonnie, Clayton, Ryon and family, Rosemary, Scott

**Hymn of the Week** "I Lay My Sins on Jesus" LSB 606

**Collect** (found on front page)

**Apostles' Creed, Lord's Prayer, Benediction**