

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 13, 2020
10:00 am Outdoor Worship



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PSALM

Psalm 103

¹Bless the LORD, O my soul,
and all that is within me,
bless his holy name!
²Bless the LORD, O my soul,
and forget not all his benefits,
³who forgives all your iniquity,
who heals all your diseases,
⁴who redeems your life from the pit,
who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy,
⁵who satisfies you with good
so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's...
¹¹For as high as the heavens are above the earth,
so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him;
¹²as far as the east is from the west,
so far does he remove our transgressions from us.

SONG "10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)"

REFRAIN

**Bless the Lord oh my soul, oh my soul,
Worship His holy name, Sing like never before,
Oh my soul, I worship Your holy name.**

The sun comes up it's a new day dawning
Its time to sing Your song again
Whatever may pass or whatever lies before me
Let me be singing when the evening comes. **REFRAIN**

You're rich in love and you're slow to anger
Your name is great and Your heart is kind
For all Your goodness I will keep on singing
10,000 reasons for my heart to find. **REFRAIN**

And on that day when my strength is failing
The end draws near and my time has come
Still my soul will sing your praise unending
10,000 years and then forevermore. **REFRAIN**

Bless the Lord oh my soul, oh my soul,
Worship His holy name, Sing like never before,
Oh my soul, I worship Your holy name.
Yes, I will worship Your holy name.
Lord, I worship Your holy name.

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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.

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.

C Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Genesis 50:15–21

¹⁵When 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." ¹⁶So they sent a message to Joseph, saying, "Your father gave this command before he died, ¹⁷'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. ¹⁸His brothers also came and fell down before him and said, "Behold, we are your servants." ¹⁹But Joseph said to them, "Do not fear, for am I in the place of God? ²⁰As 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. ²¹So 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.

C Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE

Romans 14:1–12

¹As for the one who is weak in faith, welcome him, but not to quarrel over opinions. ²One person believes he may eat anything, while the weak person eats only vegetables. ³Let 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. ⁴Who 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. ⁵One person esteems one day as better than another, while another esteems all days alike. Each one should be fully convinced in his own mind. ⁶The 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. ⁷For none of us lives to himself, and none of us dies to himself. ⁸If 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. ⁹For to this end Christ died and lived again, that he might be Lord both of the dead and of the living. ¹⁰Why 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; ¹¹for it is written, "As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall confess to God." ¹²So then each of us will give an account of himself to God.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 18:21–35

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

C Glory to You, O Lord.

²¹Peter came up and said to [Jesus], "Lord, how often will my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? As many as seven times?" ²²Jesus said to him, "I do not say to you seven times, but seventy times seven. ²³"Therefore the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his servants. ²⁴When he began to settle, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents. ²⁵And 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. ²⁶So the servant fell on his knees, imploring him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' ²⁷And out of pity for him, the master of that servant released him and forgave him the debt. ²⁸But 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.' ²⁹So his fellow servant fell down and pleaded with him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' ³⁰He refused and went and put him in prison until he should pay the debt. ³¹When 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. ³²Then his master summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. ³³And should not you have had mercy on your fellow servant, as I had mercy on you?' ³⁴And in anger his master delivered him to the jailers, until he should pay all his debt. ³⁵So 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.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

BACKPACK BLESSING

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

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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.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

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.

C **Amen.**

SONG "Who You Say I Am"

Who am I that the highest King would welcome me?
I was lost, but He brought me in. Oh, His love for me.
Oh, His love for me.

Who the Son sets free, oh, is free indeed.
I'm a child of God, yes I am.

Free at last, He has ransomed me. His grace runs deep.
While I was a slave to sin, Jesus died for me. Yes, He died for me.

CHORUS

Who the Son sets free, oh, is free indeed.
I'm a child of God, yes I am.
In my Father's house is a place for me.
I'm a child of God, yes I am.

BRIDGE

I am chosen, not forsaken. I am who You say I am.
You are for me, not against me. I am who You say I am. **2X**
I am who You say I am. **CHORUS**

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DISMISSAL

P Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

SONG "Lord, I Lift Your Name on High"

Lord, I lift your name on high;
Lord, I love to sing your praises.
I'm so glad you're in my life;
I'm so glad you came to save us.
You came from heaven to earth to show the way,
From the earth to the cross, my debt to pay.
From the cross to the grave,
From the grave to the sky;
Lord, I lift your name on high! **Repeat**

You came from heaven to earth to show the way,
From the earth to the cross, my debt to pay.
From the cross to the grave,
From the grave to the sky;
Lord, I lift your name on high!

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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, 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)

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| 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