



**AND FORGIVE US OUR TRESPASSES**

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# THE LUTHERAN CHURCH OF VESTAVIA HILLS



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**TO OUR GUESTS:** We offer you a warm welcome in the name of Jesus. Please sign the Friendship Register during the offering. If you do not have a church home, we would be delighted to have you become a part of our church family. Please feel free to speak with the Pastor about membership in our congregation. If you do have a church home, we pray that God will bless you as you continue your growth in faith and love.



**SUNDAY SCHOOL** Christian education classes are offered for all ages at 9:00 AM.



**CHILDREN'S CHURCH and NURSERY** Following the Children's Message, all children ages 3-7 are invited to Children's Church downstairs. They will return to the sanctuary during the offering. A nursery attendant is provided for children ages birth to 3 years during our 8:00 AM and 10:30 AM services.



**COMMUNION** We invite all baptized Christians who acknowledge their sinfulness, trust in Christ as their Savior, and who recognize the real presence of Christ's Body and Blood in the bread and wine to join us at the Communion table. The practice of our congregation is to place the bread into the extended hand of the communicant. The wine is offered in both individual cups and the chalice. If you wish to receive it from an individual cup, please take one from the tray as it is offered by the Elder. The cups in the center of the tray are filled with non-alcoholic wine, in consideration of persons who should not drink wine. Also, children who have not received Communion instruction are invited to come to the Communion rail, fold their hands and receive a blessing.

# ***The Lutheran Church of Vestavia Hills***

October 21, 2018

## **Special Series on the Lord's Prayer**

### **Week 6: "Forgive us our trespasses"**

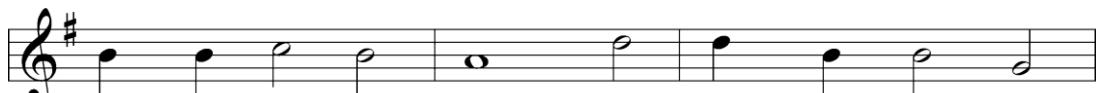
#### **PRELUDE**

#### **WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

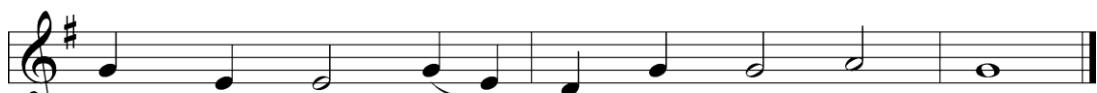
#### **OPENING HYMN     "Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing"     LSB #528 (v. 1,4-6)**



1 Oh, for a thousand tongues to sing  
4 He breaks the pow'r of sin; My  
5 Look unto Him, ye nations; He Your



great Re-deem-er's praise, The glo-ries of my  
sets the pris-ner free. His blood can make the  
God, ye fall-en race. Look and be saved through



God and King, The tri-umphs of His grace!  
foul-est clean; His blood a-vails for me.  
faith alone, Be jus-ti-fied by grace.

6 See all your sins on Jesus laid;  
The Lamb of God was slain.  
His soul was once an off'ring made  
For ev'ry soul of man.

## **INVOCATION**

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

**Amen.**

## **CONFESSON AND ABSOLUTION**

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

**But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

**Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

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.

**Amen.**

And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us.

*What does this mean?*

**We pray in this petition that our Father in heaven would not look at our sins, or deny our prayer because of them. We are neither worthy of the things for which we pray, nor have we deserved them, but we ask that He would give them all to us by grace, for we daily sin much and surely deserve nothing but punishment. So we too will sincerely forgive and gladly do good to those who sin against us.**

**RESPONSE**

"Our Father, Who from Heaven Above"

LSB #766 (v. 6)

- 6       Forgive our sins, Lord, we implore,  
That they may trouble us no more;  
    We, too, will gladly those forgive  
    Who hurt us by the way they live.  
Help us in our community  
To serve each other willingly.

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Heavenly Father,

Forgive us our sins as we also forgive those who sin against us so that our hearts may be at peace and may rejoice in a good conscience before You, and that no sin may ever frighten or alarm us; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**Amen.**

## **OLD TESTAMENT READING**

Isaiah 43:1-2,18-19,25

*(God Forgives Sin Completely)*

<sup>1</sup>But now thus says the LORD,  
he who created you, O Jacob,  
he who formed you, O Israel:  
"Fear not, for I have redeemed you;  
I have called you by name, you are mine.

<sup>2</sup>When you pass through the waters, I will be with you;  
and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you;  
when you walk through fire you shall not be burned,  
and the flame shall not consume you.

<sup>18</sup>"Remember not the former things,  
nor consider the things of old.

<sup>19</sup>Behold, I am doing a new thing;  
now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?  
I will make a way in the wilderness  
and rivers in the desert.

<sup>25</sup>"I, I am he who blots out your transgressions for my own sake,  
and I will not remember your sins.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

"Jesus, Full of Grace"

*Precious Jesus, more full of grace than I of sin,*

*Open Your arms and take me in.*

*Great Redeemer, free me from my own selfish will,*

*And love this faithless sinner still.*

*Oh, Jesus, full of grace, make me more like You.*

*Illuminate my heart 'til Your love shines through.*

*May Your perfect will be all I pursue.*

*Jesus, full of grace, make me more like You.*

*Patient Shepherd, You know the way to bring me back.*

*Restore in me the faith I lack.*

*Gentle Healer, please make my broken pieces whole,*

*My fallen spirit to console.*

*Oh, Jesus, full of grace, make me more like You.*

*Illuminate my heart 'til Your love shines through.*

*May Your perfect will be all I pursue.*

*Jesus, full of grace, make me more like You.*

*The ruins of my soul repair.*

*Please, make my heart Your house of prayer.*

*Oh, Jesus, full of grace, make me more like You.*

*Illuminate my heart 'til Your love shines through.*

*May your perfect will be all I pursue.*

*Jesus, full of grace, make me more like You.*

*Jesus, full of grace, make me more like You, more like You.*

*(Walking in the Light of God's Forgiveness)*

<sup>5</sup>This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all. <sup>6</sup>If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. <sup>7</sup>But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. <sup>8</sup>If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. <sup>9</sup>If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. <sup>10</sup>If we say we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### ALLELUIA VERSE

C      Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?      You have the

words of e - ter - nal life.      Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

*(Parable of Unforgiving Servant)*

The Holy Gospel according to Saint Matthew, the eighteenth chapter.



<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.’”

This is the Gospel of the Lord.



## APOSTLES' CREED

**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 Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died and was buried.  
He descended into hell.  
The third day He rose again from the dead.  
He ascended into heaven  
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.  
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy Christian Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life ✕ everlasting. Amen.**

## CHILDREN'S SERMON

## **HYMN OF THE DAY**      "Just as I Am, without One Plea"      LSB #570 (v. 1-2,5)

1 Just as I am, with - out one plea  
2 Just as I am and wait - ing not  
blood was shed for me And that Thou bidd'st me come to  
soul of one dark blot, To Thee, whose blood can cleanse each  
Thee, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.  
spot, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

5            Just as I am, Thou wilt receive,  
Wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;  
Because Thy promise I believe,  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

## **SERMON**

*"There Is More Mercy in God, Than Sin in Us"*

**I John 1:5-10**

Rev. Michael Ahlemeyer

## **OFFERING**

## **VOLUNTARY**

## **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

Lord in Your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

## 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.

## SANCTUS



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:  
Heav-en 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 who  
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

### THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**Amen.**

### AGNUS DEI

The musical notation consists of four staves of music in common time, treble clef, and a key signature of one flat. The lyrics are integrated into the music, appearing below the notes. The lyrics are:

C Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the world; have  
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the  
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the  
sin of the world; grant us peace.

### DISTRIBUTION

"Dear Christians One and All Rejoice"	LSB #556 (v. 1-4)
"Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive" (10:30)	Choir
"Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness"	LSB #563
"God Loved the World So That He Gave"	LSB #571

## **LUTHER'S MORNING PRAYER**

**I thank You, my Heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me.**

**Amen.**

## **BENEDICTION**

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.

**Amen.**

**SENDING HYMN**    "Go, My Children, with My Blessing"    LSB #922 (v. 1,2,4)

A musical staff in G clef, common time. The notes are mostly quarter notes and eighth notes.

1 Go, My chil-dren, with My bless - ing, Nev - er a - lone.  
2 Go, My chil-dren, sins for - giv - en, At peace and pure.  
4 I the Lord will bless and keep you And give you peace;

A musical staff in G clef, common time. The notes are mostly quarter notes and eighth notes.

Wak - ing, sleep - ing, I am with you; You are My own. In My  
Here you learned how much I love you, What I can cure. Here you  
I the Lord will smile up - on you And give you peace: I the

A musical staff in G clef, common time. The notes are mostly quarter notes and eighth notes.

love's bap - tis - mal riv - er I have made you Mine for - ev - er.  
heard My dear Son's sto - ry; Here you touched Him, saw His glo - ry.  
Lord will be your Fa - ther, Sav - ior, Com - fort - er, and Broth - er.

A musical staff in G clef, common time. The notes are mostly quarter notes and eighth notes.

Go, My chil-dren, with My bless-ing— You are My own.  
Go, My chil-dren, sins for - giv - en, At peace and pure.  
Go, My chil-dren; I will keep you And give you peace.

**DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE**



**TODAY!!!**

Fall Church Picnic

Sunday, October 21<sup>st</sup>

following late service

Vestavia Lodge

near 1793 Merryvale Road

behind Wald Park

