



Concordia Lutheran Church  
September 17, 2017  
Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost  
8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**PRELUDE**

*(we stand)*

**CONFESSION and FORGIVENESS**

In the name of the Father (+), Son and Holy Spirit.

**Amen**

Most merciful God,

**We have not loved you with our whole hearts.**

**We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.**

**We have failed to worship you with our whole being.**

**We have failed to share the feast of grace you give us.**

**We have acted out of selfish ambition rather than the interests of others.**

**We have nursed grudges rather than seeking reconciliation and peace.**

**Forgive us and renew us in the mind of Christ Jesus, so we may live according to your will.**

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for you, and for his sake God forgives you all of your sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father (+), the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

**GREETING & PRAYER OF THE DAY**

The grace of our risen Savior, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray. O Lord, help your people to avoid evil, and with pure hearts to follow you, our only Lord. Grant this, we pray, through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

*(we sit)*

**CHILDREN’S WELCOME SONG**                      **“Climb Sunshine Mountain”**                      **(sung by the congregation)**

*Climb, climb up sunshine mountain, heavenly breezes blow;*

*Climb, climb up sunshine mountain, faces all aglow.*

*Turn, turn from sin an doubting, look to God on high*

*Climb, climb up sunshine mountain, you and I.*

**CHILDREN’S MUSIC**                      **“When the Saints Go Marchin’ In”**                      **Cherubs’ Choir****CHILDREN’S SERMON** *(Children 2 years old to 2<sup>nd</sup> grade may attend Children’s Church)***PSALM 103:1-12**                      **(read responsively)**

<sup>1</sup>Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name.

**<sup>2</sup>Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits.**

<sup>3</sup>He forgives all your sins and heals all your infirmities;

**<sup>4</sup>He redeems your life from the grave and crowns you with mercy and lovingkindness;**

<sup>5</sup>He satisfies you with good things, and your youth is renewed like an eagle’s.

**<sup>6</sup>The Lord executes righteousness and judgment for all who are oppressed.**

<sup>7</sup>He made his ways known to Moses and his works to the children of Israel.

**<sup>8</sup>The Lord is full of compassion and mercy, slow to anger and of great kindness.**

<sup>9</sup>He will not always accuse us, nor will he keep his anger forever.

**<sup>10</sup>He has not dealt with us according to our sins, nor rewarded us according to our wickedness.**

<sup>11</sup>For as the heavens are high above the earth, so is his mercy great upon those who fear him.

**<sup>12</sup>As far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our sins from us.**

Here ends the reading of the Psalm.

**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.

Word of God. Word of Life.

**Thanks be to God.**

*(we stand)*

**GOSPEL HYMN**                      **“Lord, Speak to Me”**

*O teach me, Lord, that I may teach, The precious things Thou dost impart;*

*And wing my words that they may reach The hidden depths of many-a heart.*

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 18th chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>21</sup>Then 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-seven times. <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.”

The Gospel of the Lord!

**Praise to you, O Christ!**

*(we sit)*

**SERMON**

**“Give Me the Best Seat You’ve Got”**

**Pastor Ken**

*(Genesis 50:20) “As for you, you meant evil against me, but God meant it for good, to bring it about that any people should be kept alive, as they are today.”*

**SONG OF THE DAY**

**OFH #39**

**“Precious Lord, Take My Hand”**

**PRAYERS & APOSTLES' CREED**

*(response)* Lord, in your mercy.

**Hear our Prayer.**

Almighty and everlasting God, you have brought us into safety to this new day. Preserve us with your mighty power, that we may not fall into sin nor be overcome in adversity. In all we do, direct us to the fulfilling of your purpose. Through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.**

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell.**

**On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven,**

**and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again 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.**

**OFFERING**

**8:30 a.m. ANTHEM**

***Special Music***

**11:00 a.m. ANTHEM**

***Special Music***

**Robert Waller**

*(we stand)*

## **OFFERTORY**

*Come, you thankful people come; Raise the song of harvest home. All is safely gathered in;  
Ere the winter storms begin. God, our maker does provide; For our wants to be supplied.  
Come to God's own temple, come; Raise the song of harvest home.*

## **OFFERTORY PRAYER**

Let us pray. Hear us, O God.

**We know that for those who love God and are called according to his purpose, all things work together for good. We give you thanks for all you have given us. We offer these gifts to you this morning in gratitude for the abundance you have bestowed on us. Receive our offerings as a sign of our love and devotion to you, O Lord. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

## **THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me. Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

**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.**

## **INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION**

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world. Have mercy on us.

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world. Grant us peace. Amen.**

*(we sit)*

## **COMMUNION HYMN**

**OFH # 44**

**"Softly and Tenderly, Jesus is Calling"**

*(we stand)*

## **COMMUNION BLESSING & PRAYER**

May the body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

**Amen.**

Holy and Loving God, you have fed us with the body and blood of Jesus Christ. May we be strengthened for the journey through this precious gift of bread and wine — which grants us forgiveness and restores us to new life in you.

**Amen.**

## **SENDING SONG**

**LBW # 221**

**"Sent Forth by God's Blessing"**

## **BENEDICTION & SENDING**

Jesus said to his followers, *"All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."* (Matthew 28:19-20)

In the name of the Father (+), Son, and Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

Go in peace and serve the Lord.

**We will! Thanks be to God!**