



LIVING WORD LUTHERAN CHURCH

A Growing Family of Faith

September 13, 2020

15th Sunday after Pentecost

INVOCATION AND CALL TO WORSHIP

P: We are called together to worship today in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **C: Amen!**

P. Come and worship, all you who love and serve the Lord:

C: There is no one like our God!

P. The First and Last-the only One:

C. There is no one like our God!

P. Creator, Sustainer, Redeemer and King:

C: There is no one like our God!

P. The Rock in whom we place our trust:

ALL: Let us worship God this day!

GATHERING SONG "On Eagle's Wings"

PRAYER OF CONFESSION TO PREPARE FOR WORSHIP

P: Most merciful God,

C. We confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. 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. 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

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Congregational response: AMEN.

(Please be seated)

WORSHIP SONG "Beautiful Savior"

SCRIPTURE LESSONS **FIRST LESSON**

R. The first lesson is from the book of 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. ⁸For 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. 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.

P. This is the word of the Lord ***C. Thanks be to God.***

RESPONSIVE PSALM R. The responsive Psalm is Psalm 103: 1-13:

R. ¹Bless the LORD, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name!

C. ²Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits,

R. ³who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases,

C. ⁴who redeems your life from the pit, who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy,

R. ⁵who satisfies you with good so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

C. ⁶The LORD works righteousness and justice for all who are oppressed.

R. ⁷He made known his ways to Moses, his acts to the people of Israel.

C. ⁸The LORD is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

R. ⁹He will not always chide, nor will he keep his anger forever.

C. ¹⁰He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities.

R. ¹¹For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him;

C. ¹²as far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us.

R. ¹³As a father shows compassion to his children, so the LORD shows compassion to those who fear him.

R. Here ends the reading of the Psalm. Please rise as you are able for the reading of the Gospel.

GOSPEL LESSON (Please rise as you are able)

P. The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 18th chapter, verses 21-35:

C. Glory to you, O Lord

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

APOSTLE’S CREED

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 life everlasting. Amen.

(Please be seated)

SERMON SONG “Surely the Presence”

MESSAGE Pastor Michael Birnbaum

OFFERING PRAYER and PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

P. The Lord be with you. **C. And also with you.**

P. Let us pray, **C. We offer with joy and thanksgiving what You have first given us – ourselves, our time, and our possessions, signs of Your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of Him who offered Himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

Following general prayers, you are encouraged to share other prayer concerns out loud. Please close your prayer concern with "Lord in your mercy".

HOLY COMMUNION

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 our thanks and praise.**

P. It is indeed right and salutary.....we praise your name and join their unending proclamation: **C. (singing) Holy, holy, holy,**

My heart, my heart adores You!

My heart is glad to say, the words:

You are holy, Lord!

Communion Prayer, Consecration of Elements, Lord's Prayer

(Please be seated during distribution of communion)

We welcome everyone to the Lord's Table who shares the Biblical belief that He is present (1 Cor. 10:16) and our sins are being forgiven as He promises (Matt.26:28). This sacrament is a truly wonderful opportunity to share this miracle and our oneness as the Body of Christ together! (1Cor. 10:17-18)

BLESSING/BENEDICTION (please rise as you are able)

SENDING SONG "Do Lord"

P. Go in peace. Serve the Lord. **C. Thanks be to God!**

God Bless You! See you next week. Invite a friend or relative to worship with us!

**Upcoming
Events:**

- Sept 16-Men's Bible Study and Fellowship 8 AM
- Sept. 17-Women's group "Blessed and Unstoppable" 5:30 PM at church Contact Bev Valentine for more info- 928-377 -2577 or beverlyvalentine@citlink.net
- Sept. 19-WOW meeting 11-1 Calico's Restaurant
- Sept. 26-**The Return: National and Global Day of Prayer and Repentance—on the National Mall in Washington, D.C. & around the nation and around the world. More info coming!**
- Sept. 27-Pastor Steve Bergeson worships with us.

On Eagle's Wings

You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord,
Who abide in His shadow for life,
Say to the Lord, "My Refuge,
My Rock in Whom I trust."

Chorus And He will raise you up
on eagle's wings,
Bear you on the breath of dawn,
Make you to shine like the sun,
And hold you in the palm of His Hand.

The snare of the fowler will never capture you,
And famine will bring you no fear;
Under His Wings your refuge,
His faithfulness your shield.

Chorus

For to His angels He's given a command,
To guard you in all of your ways,
Upon their hands they will bear you up,
Lest you dash your foot against a stone.

Chorus

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Beautiful Savior

Beautiful Savior King of creation
Son of God and Son of Man
Truly I'd love Thee truly I'd serve Thee
Light of my soul my Joy my Crown

Fair are the meadows fair are the woodlands
Robed in flowers of blooming spring
Jesus is Fairer Jesus is Purer
He makes our sorrowing spirit sing

Fair is the sunshine fair is the moonlight
Bright the sparkling stars on high
Jesus shines brighter Jesus shines purer
Than all the angels in the sky

Beautiful Savior Lord of the nations
Son of God and Son of Man
Glory and honor praise adoration
Now and forevermore be Thine

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SURELY THE PRESENCE

Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.
I can feel His mighty power and His grace.
I can hear the brush of Angel's wings,
I see glory on each face.
Surely the Presence of the Lord is in this place.
(Repeat verse)

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