

“Forgive your  
brother or sister  
from your heart.”

MATTHEW 18:35, NRSV

**15<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**  
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**Mission Statement**

*Trinity is a caring family where people gather to know, worship,  
serve, and share Jesus.*

# FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

## Welcome

The Readings for today focus on living together under the kingship of God. Joseph forgave his brothers, even though they had sold him into slavery. Paul urges us not to quarrel over opinions about earthly matters, but to honor the Lord in all we do. Jesus tells a parable about God's overwhelming forgiveness and how such forgiveness leads us to forgive others. We can live under the kingship of God only because He has forgiven our sins. In Jesus, God has removed our sins as far as the east is from the west. We practice such forgiveness with one another, living together as the family of Christ.

## Holy Communion

We believe that Christ's body and blood are truly present in Holy Communion, and that we receive the forgiveness of sins along with the bread and wine in this Holy Meal. As a "Family Church," we invite those who share this understanding, and who desire God's forgiveness and strength, to join with us in receiving Holy Communion. (Gluten free wafers are available.) If you have any questions, please speak to our pastor at any time. All worshippers are asked to fill out the "Fellowship Pad" in the pew and pass it down. After all have signed, please leave the pad at the end of the pew to be picked up after worship. Please stand where indicated with a ❖. Thank you!



**PRELUDE**

"Antiphon 5: How Fair and How Pleasant Art Thou" - Dupre

**GREETING and ANNOUNCEMENTS**

❖ **SHARING OF THE PEACE** *We encourage you to leave your pew and greet new people!*

+ *Please stand and face the cross during the procession to the altar* +

❖ **HYMN** "I Leave All Things to God's Direction" LSB 719

❖ **CONFESSION and FORGIVENESS**

**P** *In the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit.*

**C** **Amen.** [Matthew 28:19b]

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

**C** **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.** [1 John 1:8-9]

+ *Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination* +

**P** *Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.*

**C** **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.**

**P** *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.* [John 20:19-23]

**C** **Amen.**

❖ **Kyrie**

**P** *In peace let us pray to the Lord.*



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.

**P** *For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.*



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.

**P** *For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.*



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.

**P** *For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.*



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.

**P** *Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.*



**C** A - men.

## ❖ PRAYER

**P** *The Lord be with you.*

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

**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.**

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE** (9:00)

Deacon Kathy Funfgeld

**FIRST READING**

Genesis 50:15-21

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." So they sent a message to Joseph, saying, "Your father gave this command before he died: '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. His brothers also came and fell down before him and said, “Behold, we are your servants.” But Joseph said to them, “Do not fear, for am I in the place of God? 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. So do not fear; I will provide for you and your little ones.” Thus he comforted them and spoke kindly to them.

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

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

## EPISTLE

Romans 14:1-12

As for the one who is weak in faith, welcome him, but not to quarrel over opinions. One person believes he may eat anything, while the weak person eats only vegetables. 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. 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.

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. 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. For none of us lives to himself, and none of us dies to himself. For 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. For to this end Christ died and lived again, that he might be Lord both of the dead and of the living.

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; for it is written,

“As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall confess to God.” So then each of us will give an account of himself to God.

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

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

## ❖ ALLELUIA

**C** Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?



You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

❖ GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 18:21-35

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

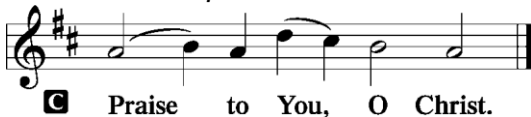


**C** Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

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?" Jesus said to him, "I do not say to you seven times, but seventy-seven times.

"Therefore the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his servants. When he began to settle, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents. 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. So the servant fell on his knees, imploring him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' And out of pity for him, the master of that servant released him and forgave him the debt. 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.' So his fellow servant fell down and pleaded with him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' He refused and went and put him in prison until he should pay the debt. 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. Then his master summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. And should not you have had mercy on your fellow servant, as I had mercy on you?' And in anger his master delivered him to the jailers, until he should pay all his debt. 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.

❖ HYMN OF THE DAY

"Chief of Sinners Though I Be"

LSB 611

SERMON

Pastor John Hopkins

+ Please turn and face your fellow members across the center aisle +

## ❖ 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.

## ❖ PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

**A** Lord, in your mercy,  
**C** hear our prayer.

**OFFERING** + Please pass the Fellowship Pad at this time +

**TRINITY CHOIR** (9:00) "O Praise the Lord, My Soul" - Ippolitov-Ivanov

O praise the Lord, O praise thou the Lord, my soul; forever praised be God, the Lord. O praise the Lord, O praise thou the Lord, my soul; every power that within me dwells, praise thou His holy name. O praise the Lord, O praise thou the Lord, my soul; praise Him and forget not all His benefits: It is He forgiveth every iniquity of thine; it is He who healeth all diseases of thine; It is He who even doth redeem thee from destruction, and crowneth thy life with goodness and mercy and tenderness.

## ❖ OFFERTORY

LSB 956

**C** Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -  
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -  
way from Thy pres - ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it

from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -  
tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir-it. A - men.

❖ PREFACE

**P** *The Lord be with you.*

**C** And al-so with you.

**P** *Lift up your hearts.*

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

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

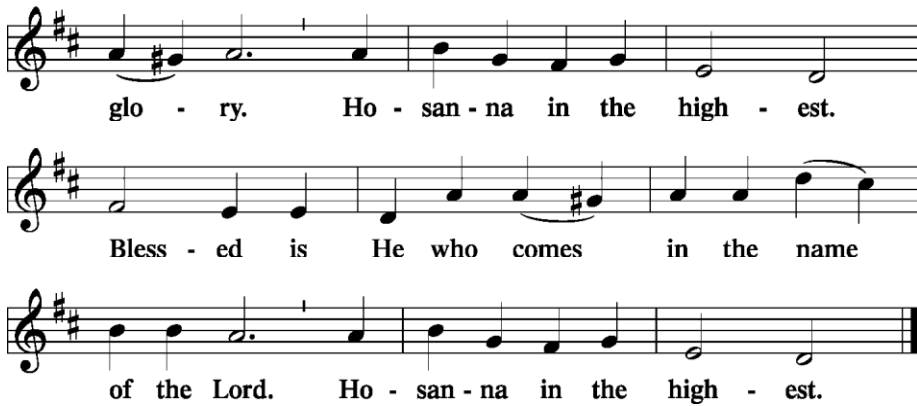
**C** It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

**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 on this day overcame death and the grave and by His glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:*

**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of

pow'r and might: Heav'n and earth are full of Your





glo - ry. 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.

❖ THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

❖ PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST

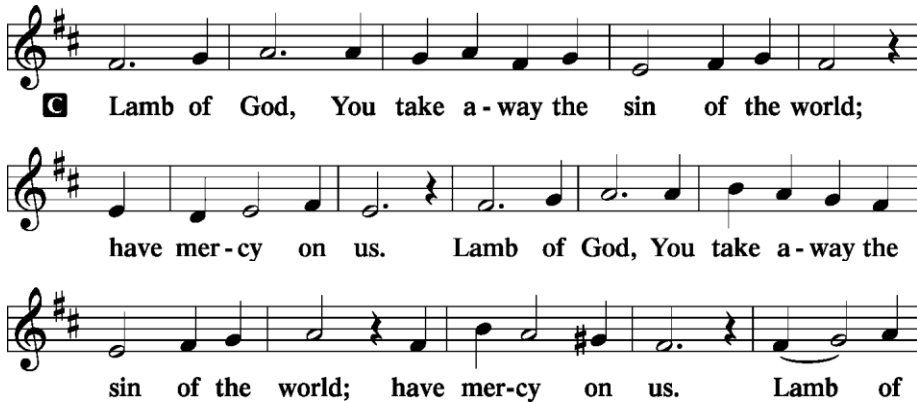
**P** *As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.*

**C** Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

❖ 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.

❖ AGNUS DEI *Lamb of God*



**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, grant us peace.

**DISTRIBUTION HYMNS**

“Jesus Sinners Will Receive”

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| <p>1. Jesus sinners will receive;<br/>May they all this saying ponder<br/>Who in sin’s delusions live<br/>And from God and heaven wander!<br/>Here is hope for all who grieve:<br/>Jesus sinners will receive.</p>                 | <p>3. When their sheep have lost their way,<br/>Faithful shepherds go to seek them;<br/>Jesus watches all who stray,<br/>Faithfully to find and take them<br/>In his arms that they may live<br/>Jesus sinners will receive.</p> |
| <p>2. We deserve but grief and shame,<br/>Yet his words, rich grace revealing,<br/>Pardon, peace, and life proclaim.<br/>Here our ills have perfect healing;<br/>We with humble hearts believe<br/>Jesus sinners will receive.</p> | <p>4. Come, O sinners, one and all,<br/>Come, accept his invitation;<br/>Come, obey his gracious call,<br/>Come and take his free salvation!<br/>Firmly in these words believe:<br/>Jesus sinners will receive.</p>              |
| <p>5. Jesus sinners will receive.<br/>Even me he has forgiven;<br/>And when I this earth must leave,<br/>I shall find an open heaven.<br/>Dying, still to him I cleave<br/>Jesus sinners will receive.</p>                         |  |

"Where Charity and Love Prevail"

LSB 845

❖ **NUNC DIMITTIS** *Song of Simeon*



Lord, now You let Your ser-vant go in peace; Your word has been fulfilled. My own eyes have seen the sal - va-tion which You have pre-pared in the sight of ev - 'ry peo - ple: A light to re-veal You to the na-tions and the glo-ry of Your peo-ple Is - ra - el. Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther and to the Son and to the Ho-ly Spir-it; as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and will be for-ev-er. A - men.

❖ **CLOSING PRAYER**

**A** *O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.*

**C** **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.*



+ *Please stand and face the cross during the recession from the altar.* +

❖ **HYMN** "Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven" LSB 793

❖ **DISMISSAL**

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

**C** **Thanks be to God!**

**POSTLUDE** "Antiphon 9: Amen - Finale" - Dupre

**UPCOMING WORSHIP SERVICES**

**Saturday/Sunday                      September 23/24**

6:30 PM            Traditional Worship Service with Holy Communion  
9:00 AM            Traditional Worship Service with Holy Communion  
10:45 AM           Traditional Worship Service with Holy Communion

**Saturday/Sunday                      September 30/October 1**

6:30 PM            Traditional Worship Service with Holy Communion  
9:00 AM            Traditional Worship Service with Holy Communion  
10:45 AM           Traditional Worship Service with Holy Communion