

MEAL

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

P: Lift up your hearts. **C: We lift them up to the Lord**

P: Give thanks to the Lord your God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

LORD'S PRAYER

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

LAMB OF GOD

COMMUNION/PRAYERS

Please take an empty cup when you come forward for communion. We have gluten free waters, let your server know of this need. There is both wine and grape juice. You may lift your prayers after communion by lighting a candles.

POST COMMUNION BLESSING: Sustaining God, with this bread and cup, you nourish us with mercy and abundant life. By your Spirit, send us from this table to serve a needy world. Make us living signs of your liberation, healing, and love, following the way of Jesus, in whose name we pray.

C: Amen.

BLESSING SONG

The Lord bless you, and keep you

Make his face shine upon you

Be gracious to you

The lord turn his face toward you

And give you peace.

Amen, amen, amen. Amen, amen, amen.

P: Go out in joy. Be led forth in peace.

C: Thanks be to God.



Please join us for our coffee fellowship with treats, beverages and joyful conversations.

Sunday, September 13th ~ 16 Sunday after Pentecost



INTRODUCTION

In today's second reading Paul questions why we judge one another, since we all stand before the judgment of God. Yet we do sin against one another, and Jesus' challenge that we forgive seventy-seven times reveals God's boundless mercy. When we hear the words of forgiveness in worship and sign ourselves with the cross, we are renewed in baptism to be signs of reconciliation in the world.

OPENING HYMN: All Are Welcome #641 Vs. 1-4

P: The grace of our Lord, Jesus Christ, the Love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God,
who pours love into our hearts
and healing upon the earth.

Amen.

Confident that God justifies us by grace through faith,
let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Compassionate God,

**we confess that we struggle to embody your goodness
in the world and in our own hearts.**

Creation groans from overuse.

Jealousy and bitterness strain our relationships.

Indifference keeps us from seeking justice.

**Divisions disrupt your call to show genuine love
to others.**

Turn our hearts back to you.

Restore our world and reconcile us to one another.

**Renew us to live as your holy people,
following the way of Jesus Christ.**

Amen.

Hear this good news:

We have peace with God through ✝ Jesus Christ,
in whom there is no condemnation,
but only forgiveness and the promise of eternal life.

Receive freely this healing gift of grace.

Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

**O Lord God, merciful judge, you are the inexhaustible fountain
of forgiveness. Replace our hearts of stone with hearts that
love and adore you, that we may delight in doing your will,
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

SCRIPTURE LESSIONS

1st Reading: Genesis 50:15-21

C: Open our ears to hear your word.

Psalms 103:8-13 (please read bolded words)

⁸ **LORD, you are full of compassion and mercy,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love;**

⁹ you will not always accuse us,
nor will you keep your anger forever.

¹⁰ **You have not dealt with us according to our sins,**

nor repaid us according to our iniquities.

¹¹ For as the heavens are high above the earth,
so great is your steadfast love for those who fear you.

¹² **As far as the east is from the west,
so far have you removed our transgressions from us.**

¹³ As a father has compassion for his children,
so you have compassion for those who fear you, O LORD.

2nd Reading: Romans 14:1-12

C: Open our ears to hear your Word

CHILDRENS MESSAGE

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, Lord to Whom Shall We Go? pg. 188

GOSPEL: Matthew 18:21-35

P: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew in the 18th chapter.

C: Glory to You, O Lord!

Pastor reads

P: This is the gospel of Our Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ!

MESSAGE

OFFERING

OFFERING HYMN: We Are an Offering #692

OFFERING PRAYER

God of creation,

you send rain and the earth springs forth abundantly.

All blessings are from you;

make us generous with what we have.

Use our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts
in service to you and in love to our neighbors,
today and always. **C: Amen.**

HYMN: We All Are One in Mission #576 Vs. 1-3

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Please respond to Hear us O God, with **your mercy is great.**