

Welcome to St. Michael Lutheran Church

SMALL GROUP MINISTRY

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 17, 2023 + 11:00 am

MORNING SONG

(* = please stand)

PRELUDE

WELCOME

* CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS *(based on portions of Psalm 32 and 103)*

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

C: **Amen.**

P: O Lord, I acknowledged my sin to You, and I did not cover my iniquity;

C: **I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord," and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

P: When I kept silent, my bones wasted away through my groaning all day long.

C: **For day and night Your hand was heavy upon me; my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer.**

P: Let us confess our sins to God our Father *(we pause for a time of silent confession)*. Almighty God...

C: **Merciful Father, we poor sinners confess to You that 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 and we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, who lived and died and rose again for our salvation, have mercy on us and forgive us all our sins. By Your Holy Spirit, 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 grace has had mercy on you and given His only begotten Son into death for your forgiveness and raised Him again for your justification. As His called and ordained servant I announce His grace to you and declare the complete forgiveness of all your sins in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

A: The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

C: **He will not always chide, nor will He keep His anger forever.**

A: He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities.

C: **For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is His steadfast love toward those who fear Him;**

A: As far as the east is from the west, so far does He remove our transgressions from us.

C: **Glory be to the Father and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

* SONG OF PRAISE

* PRAYER OF THE DAY

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.**

OLD TESTAMENT READING: Genesis 50

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE READING: Romans 14:1-12

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*** RESPONSE** (*Psalm 92:1-4*)

A: Bless the Lord, O my soul,

C: And all that is within me, bless His holy name!

A: Bless the Lord, O my soul,

C: And forget not all His benefits,

A: Who forgives all your iniquity,

C: Who heals all your diseases,

A: Who redeems your life from the pit,

C: Who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy,

A: Who satisfies you with good

C: So that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

*** HOLY GOSPEL:** Matthew 18:21-35

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

C: Glory be to You, O LORD. (*After the reading the following is said. . .*)

P: This is Gospel of the LORD.

C: Praise be to You, O Christ.

*** NICENE CREED**

C: I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

BIBLE MESSAGE

MUSICAL OFFERING

*** PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

(Petitions conclude, "Lord, in Your mercy," and all reply, "Hear our prayer.")

*** HAND WASHING** (*"I wash my hands... and go about Your altar, O LORD" – Psalm 26:6*)

*** SACRAMENT OF 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 Him thanks and praise.

P: It is truly good, right, and proper that we should at all times and places give thanks to You, O Lord, Holy Father, Almighty and Everlasting God, for through the life, death, and resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, You have given to us the free gift of forgiveness and eternal salvation. Therefore, with angels and archangels and all the company of heaven, we bring You our most heartfelt praise and join together in the prayer that Jesus taught us...

C: 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.

P: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the same night in which He was betrayed, took bread; and when He had given thanks, He

broke it and gave it to His disciples saying, "Take and eat, this is My body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of Me." In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying, "Drink of it, all of you, this cup is the new covenant in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this as often as you drink it in remembrance of Me."

SONGS DURING THE DISTRIBUTION

* POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

A: Lord Jesus, Savior of the world, You have given us pardon and peace in this sacrament of Your true Body and Blood. Use it to strengthen our faith and increase our love for You and for all people, for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit as one God forever and ever.

C: Amen.

* ANNOUNCEMENTS

* BLESSING AND SENDING *(based on 1 Peter 1:18-23)*

P: May you, who have been ransomed not with perishable things but with the precious blood of Christ, and foreknown before the foundation of the world, always have faith and hope in God; and having purified your souls by your obedience to the truth for a sincere brotherly love, love one another earnestly from a pure heart, since you have been born again, not of perishable seed but of imperishable, through the living and abiding word of God.

C: Amen.

A: Go in peace as Christ's holy people.

C: Thanks be to God!

* CLOSING SONG

POSTLUDE

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SERVING TODAY (9/17)

Preaching & Officiating: Rev. Dr. Paul Naumann

Music Director: Jane Connon

Lay Ministers: Jeff Burnett, Matt Heintz

Ushers: Jesse Hogue

Children's Message: ?

Greeters: Dave & Linda Johnson

Lector: Mark Ruesch

SERVING SUNDAY (9/23)

Rev. Dr. Paul Naumann

Jane Connon

Howard McNees, Ryan Bigelow

Jesse Hogue

Pastor Naumann

Ken & Barbara Handy

Jesse Hogue

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." ¹⁶ So they sent a message to Joseph, saying, "Your father gave this command before he died: ¹⁷ '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. ¹⁸ His brothers also came and fell down before him and said, "Behold, we are your servants." ¹⁹ But Joseph said to them, "Do not fear, for am I in the place of God? ²⁰ 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. ²¹ So do not fear; I will provide for you and your little ones." Thus he comforted them and spoke kindly to them.

Romans 14:1-12

As for the one who is weak in faith, welcome him, but not to quarrel over opinions. ² One person believes he may eat anything, while the weak person eats only vegetables. ³ 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. ⁴ 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. ⁵ 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. ⁶ 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. ⁷ For none of us lives to himself, and none of us dies to himself. ⁸ 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. ⁹ For to this end Christ died and lived again, that he might be Lord both of the dead and of the living. ¹⁰ 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; ¹¹ for it is written, "As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall confess to God." ¹² So then each of us will give an account of himself to God.

Matthew 18:21-35

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."