

Welcome to St. Michael Lutheran Church

Small Group Ministry Sunday

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 17, 2023 + 8:30 am

MATINS

(pages 219 – 228 in LSB)

(* = please stand)

PRELUDE

WELCOME

* **OPENING VERSICLES** (page 219 in LSB)

* **PSALMODY** (beginning with the antiphon on page 220, followed by the Venite on page 220, and concluding with the antiphon on page 221. The confession and absolution that follows serves as an “Additional Psalm” in the liturgy)

* **CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION** (Including selected portions of Psalm 103)

P: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C: **The Maker of heaven and earth.**

P: Let us confess our sin to God, our merciful Father.

C: **Almighty God and Father, we admit and confess to You our sinfulness. We have turned away from each other in our thinking, speaking, and doing. We have done the evil You forbid and have not done the good You demand. We do repent and are truly sorry for these our sins. Have mercy on us, kind Father, because of the obedience of Your Son, Jesus Christ, who died for us and rose again. For His sake forgive us, and with the power of the Holy Spirit move us to serve You faithfully in Jesus’ name. Amen.**

P: The LORD is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in love. He will not always accuse, nor will He harbor His anger forever; He does not treat us as our sins deserve or repay us according to our iniquities. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is His love for those who fear Him; As far as the east is from the west, so far has He removed our transgressions from us. As a father has compassion on His children, so the LORD has compassion on those who fear Him.

C: **Amen.**

OFFICE HYMN #501: “Come Down with Love Divine”

READINGS FROM HOLY SCRIPTURE (with response after each from page 221 in LSB)

Old Testament Reading: Genesis 50:15-21

Epistle Reading: Romans 14:1-12

CHOIR ANTHEM: “With My Whole Heart” by Ronald A. Nelson

* **Holy Gospel Reading:** Matthew 18:21-35

RESPONSORY (the common one on page 221 in LSB)

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

BIBLE MESSAGE

* **CANTICLE** (*the Te Deum on page 223 through “glory everlasting” on page 225*)

* **PRAYER** (*beginning with the Kyrie on page 227 in LSB*)

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Lord’s Prayer (*page 227 in LSB*)

Collects (*beginning with “O Lord, hear my prayer” on page 227 in LSB*)

Collect of the Day

P: 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.

C: Amen.

Additional Collects of Intercession and Thanksgiving (*all conclude with “Amen”*)

Collect for Grace (*page 228 in LSB*)

* **BENEDICAMUS** (*page 228 in LSB*)

* **BENEDICTION** (*page 228 in LSB*)

* **CLOSING HYMN #790:** “Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”

POSTLUDE

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SERVING TODAY (9/17)

Presiding (P) and Preaching: Rev. Dr. Paul Naumann

Organist: Keith Eiser

Lay Ministers: Andy Allan, Harold DeFouw

Ushers: Rick Jacobs, Jack Spenner

Eric & Tim VanOrman

Children’s Message: ?

Greeters: Don & Ann Gribbin

Lector: Nonie Knight

SERVING SUNDAY (9/24)

Rev. Dr. Paul Naumann

Keith Eiser

Andy Allan, Harold DeFouw

Rick Jacobs, Jack Spenner

Eric & Tim VanOrman

Pastor Maske

Jan Jett, Nonie Knight

Peggy Makowski

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. 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.

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?" ²²Jesus 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. ²⁴When he began to settle, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents. ²⁵And 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. ²⁶So the servant fell on his knees, imploring him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' ²⁷And out of pity for him, the master of that servant released him and forgave him the debt. ²⁸But 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.' ²⁹So his fellow servant fell down and pleaded with him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' ³⁰He refused and went and put him in prison until he should pay the debt. ³¹When 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. ³²Then his master summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. ³³And should not you have had mercy on your fellow servant, as I had mercy on you?' ³⁴And in anger his master delivered him to the jailers, until he should pay all his debt. ³⁵So also my heavenly Father will do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother from your heart."