

St. Johns Lutheran Church

Forgive us Our Sins



As We Forgive Those Who
Sin Against Us

AS WE GATHER

Jesus' model prayer underscores the essential connection between receiving divine forgiveness and forgiving others. As we experience God's gracious forgiveness, we are called and empowered to forgive those who have wronged us. If we choose to hoard the forgiveness granted to us by failing to forgive others, not only do we disobey the Lord's teaching, but also we miss the full benefit of forgiveness. God's purpose in forgiving us is that we might be reconciled to him and to each other. The experience of divine forgiveness enables us to do what otherwise is beyond our strength.

RINGING OF THE BELLS

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Lord, Teach Us to Pray

We have begun a sermon series titled, "Lord, teach us to pray" based on the Lord's Prayer. Page 324 in the Hymnbook gives us the meaning of the Fifth petition: And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us.

WELCOME GUESTS

We're glad you are here! Make it a point to introduce yourself to the pastor. (*Please keep your distance though*) Please take time to fill out an attendance card and drop it in the basket during the offering. . Our service today includes the celebration of God's presence, as He comes in the true body and blood of Christ in the Sacrament of Holy Communion.

Any who are not yet instructed or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and The Lutheran Church-Missouri

Synod, are asked to refrain from receiving the sacrament until they have spoken with the pastor. Please consider liking us on Facebook (St. Johns Lutheran Church – St. Louis City) and checking out our website (<https://stjohnslutheranstlouis.org/>).

PREPARATION

**Sing praise to God, the highest good,
The author of creation.
The God of love who understood
Our need for His salvation.
With healing balm our souls He fills
And ev'ry faithless murmur stills:
To God all praise and glory!**

**What God's almighty pow'r has made,
In mercy He is keeping.
By morning glow or evening shade
His eye is never sleeping.
Within the kingdom of His might
All things are just and good and right:
To God all praise and glory!**

**We sought the Lord in our distress;
O God, in mercy hear us.
Our Savior saw our helplessness
And came with peace to cheer us.
For this we thank and praise the Lord,
Who is by one and all adored:
To God all praise and glory!**

**He never shall forsake His flock,
His chosen generation;
He is their refuge and their rock,
Their peace and their salvation.
As with a mother's tender hand,
He leads His own, His chosen band:
To God all praise and glory!**

**All who confess Christ's holy name,
Give God the praise and glory.**

**Let all who know His pow'r proclaim
Aloud the wondrous story.
Cast ev'ry idol from its throne,
For God is God, and He alone:
To God all praise and glory!**

INVOCATION

In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES

I called on the name of the LORD:

O LORD, I believe. Help my unbelief!

The LORD has delivered us from death.

He wipes away tears from all faces.

He rescues our feet from stumbling

and restores our tongues to proclaim His good news.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Despite all of God's actions on our behalf, we still struggle with sin in our lives. Our tongues still curse. Our feet still stumble. Our ears still listen to lies and vicious gossip. But our heavenly Father invites us to come to Him for restoration, renewal, and forgiveness.

Silence for reflection.

Heavenly Father,

**we have sinned against You and our neighbors in what we have said
and what we have left unsaid. We have neglected opportunities to
love our neighbors. We have stumbled and fallen again and again.
We ask that You restore us, renew us, and forgive us on account of
Jesus. Amen.**

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ is given to die for us, and for His sake God forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ He gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. May the Lord, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Amen.

WORD

KYRIE *LSB 152*

In peace let us pray to the Lord. *(said)*

Lord, have mercy. (sung)

For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.
(said)

Lord, have mercy. (sung)

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. *(said)*

Lord, have mercy. (sung)

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

Lord, have mercy. (sung)

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord. *(said)*

Amen. (sung)

THIS IS THE FEAST

LSB 155

Refrain

This is the feast of victory for our God

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

**Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,
whose blood set us free to be people of God. Refrain**

**Power, riches, wisdom, and strength, and honor,
blessing, and glory are His. Refrain**

**Sing with all the people of God,
and join in the hymn of all creation:
Blessing, honor, glory, and might
be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen. Refrain**

**For the Lamb who was slain
has begun His reign. Alleluia Refrain**

SALUTATION

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Almighty God, by Your Word You spoke creation into being. Tame our tongues and guide our words so that we would proclaim Your promises to the world; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

MEMORIZED WORD

The Lord is at hand; do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Philippians 4:6-7

OLD TESTAMENT READING *2 Chronicles 7:11-16*

¹¹ Thus Solomon finished the house of the Lord and the king's house. All that Solomon had planned to do in the house of the Lord and in his own house he successfully accomplished. ¹² Then the Lord appeared to Solomon in the night and said to him: "I have heard your prayer and have chosen this place for myself as a house of sacrifice. ¹³ When I shut up the heavens so that there is no rain, or command the locust to devour the land, or send pestilence among my people, ¹⁴ if my people who are called by my name humble themselves, and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and heal their land. ¹⁵ Now my eyes will be open and my ears attentive to the prayer that is made in this place. ¹⁶ For now I have chosen and consecrated this house that my name may be there forever. My eyes and my heart will be there for all time.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM *Psalm 116:1-9; antiphon: v. 5 (All will be said)*

⁵Gracious is the Lord, and * righteous;
our God is * merciful.

**¹I love the Lord, because * he has heard
my voice and my pleas for * mercy.**

²Because he inclined his * ear to me,
therefore I will call on him as long * as I live.

**³The snares of death encompassed me; the pangs of Sheol laid * hold
on me;**

I suffered distress and * anguish.

⁴Then I called on the name * of the Lord:
“O Lord, I pray, deliv * er my soul!”

**⁶The Lord preserves the * simple;
when I was brought low, he * saved me.**

⁷Return, O my soul, * to your rest;
for the Lord has dealt bountifully * with you.

**⁸For you have delivered my * soul from death,
my eyes from tears, my feet from * stumbling;**

⁹I will walk be * fore the Lord
in the land of the * living.

**Glory be to the Father and * to the Son
and to the Holy * Spirit;**

**as it was in the be * ginning,
is now, and will be forever. * Amen.**

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EPISTLE *Acts 4:23-31*

²³ When they were released, they went to their friends and reported what the chief priests and the elders had said to them. ²⁴ And when they heard it, they lifted their voices together to God and said, “Sovereign Lord, who made the heaven and the earth and the sea and everything in them, ²⁵ who through the mouth of our father David, your servant, said by the Holy Spirit, “‘Why did the Gentiles rage, and the peoples plot in vain? ²⁶ The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers were gathered together, against the Lord and against his Anointed’ — ²⁷ for truly in this city there were gathered together against your holy servant Jesus, whom you anointed, both Herod and Pontius Pilate, along with the Gentiles and

the peoples of Israel, ²⁸ to do whatever your hand and your plan had predestined to take place. ²⁹ And now, Lord, look upon their threats and grant to your servants to continue to speak your word with all boldness, ³⁰ while you stretch out your hand to heal, and signs and wonders are performed through the name of your holy servant Jesus.” ³¹ And when they had prayed, the place in which they were gathered together was shaken, and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and continued to speak the word of God with boldness.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

VERSE *Mark 9:23b*

Alleluia. All things are possible for one who believes. Alleluia.

HOLY GOSPEL *Matthew 18:21-35*

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

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.”

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to You, O Christ.

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

HYMN “Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness” *LSB* 849

**Praise the One who breaks the darkness
With a liberating light;
Praise the One who frees the pris'ners
Turning blindness into sight.
Praise the One who preached the Gospel,
Healing ev'ry dread disease,
Calming storms, and feeding thousands
With the very Bread of peace.**

**Praise the One who blessed the children
With a strong, yet gentle word;
Praise the One who drove out demons
With the piercing two-edged sword.
Praise the one who brings cool water
To the desert's burning sand;
From this Well comes living water
Quenching thirst in ev'ry land.**

**Let us praise the Word incarnate,
Christ, who suffered in our place.
Jesus died and rose victorious
That we may know God by grace.**

**Let us sing for joy and gladness,
Seeing what our God has done;
Let us praise the true Redeemer,
Praise the One who makes us one.**

SERMON Forgive us our sins

NICENE CREED

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

OFFERING Our Father (*Sung by Joe Strickert*)

OFFERTORY

LSB 159

What shall I render to the Lord for all His benefits to me?

I will offer the sacrifice of thanksgiving and will call on the name of the Lord.

I will take the cup of salvation and will call on the name of the Lord.

**I will pay my vows to the Lord now in the presence of all His people,
in the courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.**

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Let us pray:

For pastors, missionaries, teachers, and all who proclaim Your Word, O Lord, that the sinfulness of their tongues may not hinder Your message of grace, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For all those who govern in this nation and throughout the world, that their tongues would be kept from lying and slander, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For all those who struggle with spiritual oppression, that God would deliver them from evil and restore them body and soul, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For all those who have wandered from the Church, that the Holy Spirit would call them by the Gospel and gather them back to Your flock, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For all who are sick, injured, and recovering, [*especially . . .*], that God would grant them healing according to His good and gracious will, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, we offer all these prayers, knowing that You hear us and bless us with what we need.

Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

Remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

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;

What does this mean? We pray in this petition that our Father in heaven would not look at our sins, or deny our prayer because of

them. We are neither worthy of the things for which we pray, nor have we deserved them, but we ask that He would give them all to us by grace, for we daily sin much and surely deserve nothing but punishment. So we too will sincerely forgive and gladly do good to those who sin 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.

SACRAMENT

PREFACE

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

PROPER PREFACE

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 helps us in our unbelief by restoring and renewing us through His death and resurrection.

Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

SANCTUS *LSB 161*

Holy, holy, holy Lord God of pow'r and might:

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit.

Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: “Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do 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 testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

PAX DOMINI

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

Amen.

AGNUS DEI *LSB 163*

**Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.**

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

I Lay My Sins on Jesus *LSB 606*

Jesus Sinners Doth Receive *LSB 609*

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE...

THANK THE LORD *LSB 164*

Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev’ryone what He has done.

Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and proudly bear His name. He recalls His promises and leads His people forth in Joy with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia, alleluia.

BENEDICTION

The Lord bless us and keep us.

The Lord make His face shine on us and be gracious to us.

The Lord look upon us with favor and ☩ give us peace.

Amen.

HYMN “Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive” *LSB 843*

“Forgive our sins as we forgive,”

You taught us, Lord, to pray;

But You alone can grant us grace

To live the words we say.

How can Your pardon reach and bless

The unforgiving heart

That broods on wrongs and will not let

Old bitterness depart?

In blazing light Your cross reveals

The truth we dimly knew:

What trivial debts are owed to us,

How great our debt to You!

Lord, cleanse the depths within our souls

And bid resentment cease;

Then, bound to all in bonds of love,

Our lives will spread Your peace.

Preacher

Pastor Michael Tanney

Liturgist

Allen Dass

Lector

Sam Shick

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Al Bohannon & Earl Welch

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Announcements

Saved to Share Called to Care

Our Response to God's Love Last Week

Attendance Sunday: 36

Nepalese: 32

Offering: \$2,924.00

ATTENTION: PLEASE TAKE A HYMNAL from the rack nearest to you and leave it on the pew where you are sitting prior to leaving the sanctuary today. This will enable us to be more efficient when we sanitize the pews this week. Thank you.

FRIDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY Is looking at the series called 'See through the Scriptures'. This Bible Study has been produced to provide hands-on training. It is designed to serve as a tool to convince people that: We need to read the Bible, We can understand the Bible's message, and that We can explain that message to others.

FOOD PANTRY will no longer be accepting clothes until further notice. However, they will be accepting coats, blankets, socks, and underwear that is in good condition.

LORD, TEACH US TO PRAY SERMON SERIES This week we will focus on the fifth petition of the Lord's Prayer. Next week will focus on the sixth petition.

VOTER'S MEETING There will be a Voter's Meeting next Sunday, September 19th after Bible Study @ 11:30am. All members are welcome to join.

Prayers

Special Prayer Petitions –**Steve Bain** for healing from back and hip arthritis pain; **For** those infected by the corona virus for quick healing and recovery; **Carol Carr** who is adjusting to a new place of living. **Maureen Rehmer** as she goes through rehab for her leg; **Ruth Trauth** as she recovers from surgery; **Mario (from Ridgewood)** who is in the ICU; **Field-workers** and **Vicars**; **Nepali & African Congregation** blessings; **Food Pantry & ESL** for blessings; **EAGLE schools & Compass** as they begin a new school year. **Shut Ins** – Carmen Hobson, Bobbie Kepford, Dennis Solomon, Jerry Schmaltz, Carol Carr, Steve Bain

Opportunities to Love and Serve Christ this Week

September 12-September 19

Sunday	9:00am Worship w/ Communion 10:30am Bible Study/Nepalese Worship 12:30pm African Worship
Monday	8am-2pm Office Open 3pm-6pm Compass 7pm Elders
Tuesday	8am-2pm Office Open 3pm-6pm Compass 6pm Seminary Students
Wednesday	8am-2pm Office Open 3pm-6pm Compass 6:30pm NT Class/ESL
Thursday	8am-2pm Office Open 3pm-6pm Compass 6:30pm Confirmation
Friday	8am-1pm Office Open 8am Bible Study 2pm-6pm Compass
Saturday	8:30am Food Pantry/Confirmation
Next Sunday	9:00am Worship w/ Communion 10:30am Bible Study/Nepalese Worship 11:30am Voter's Meeting 12:30pm African Worship