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The FIFTEENTH Sunday after Pentecost
September 13, 2020

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Pastor Marschhausen

OPENING SENTENCE

We give you thanks, O God, we give you thanks, calling upon your Name and declaring all your wonderful deeds. *Psalms 75:1*

CONFESSION

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence may be kept.

Leader and People

Faithful God have mercy on us. We confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We turn from your loving embrace and go our own ways. We pass judgment on one another before examining ourselves. We place our own needs before those of our neighbors. We keep your gift of salvation to ourselves. Make us humble, cast away our transgressions, and turn us again to life in you through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Pastor Marschhausen

God hears the cries of all who call out in need, and through his death and resurrection, Christ has made us his own. Hear the truth that God proclaims: Your sins are forgiven in the name of + Jesus Christ. Led by the Holy Spirit, live in freedom and newness to do God's work in the world. Amen.

THE INVITATORY

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O God, let our mouth proclaim your praise.

People **And your glory all the day long.**

Leader and People

Praise to the holy and undivided Trinity, one God: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

Invitatory Morning Psalm

Venite Psalm 95:1-7

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Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness:

Come let us adore him.

Come, let us sing to the Lord; *

let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.

Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving *

and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.

For the Lord is a great God, *

and a great King above all gods.

In his hand are the caverns of the earth, *

and the heights of the hills are his also.

The sea is his, for he made it, *

and his hands have molded the dry land.

Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, *

and kneel before the Lord our Maker.

For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand. *

Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!

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Psalm 103:[1-7] 8-13

LORD, you are full of compassion and mercy. (Ps. 103:8)

[¹Bless the LORD, | O my soul,
and all that is within me, bless
God's | holy name.

²**Bless the LORD, | O my soul,
and forget not | all God's benefits—**

³who forgives | all your sins
and heals all | your diseases;

⁴**who redeems your life | from the grave
and crowns you with steadfast | love
and mercy; R**

⁵who satisfies your desires | with good
things

so that your youth is renewed | like an
eagle's.

⁶**O LORD, you provide | vindication
and justice for all who | are oppressed.**

⁷You made known your | ways to Moses
and your works to the chil- | dren of

Israel.

] ⁸**LORD, you are full of compas- | sion and
mercy,**

**slow to anger and abounding
in | steadfast love; R**

⁹you will not al- | ways accuse us,
nor will you keep your an- | ger forever.

¹⁰**You have not dealt with us
according | to our sins,
nor repaid us according to | our
iniquities.**

¹¹For as the heavens are high a- | bove 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
transgres- | sions from us.**

¹³As a father has compassion | for his
children,

so you have compassion for those who
fear | you, O LORD. **R**

Reader from Concordia

FIRST LESSON GENESIS 50:15-21

Realizing that their father was dead, Joseph's brothers said, "What if Joseph still bears a grudge against us and pays us back in full for all the wrong that we did to him?" So they approached Joseph, saying, "Your father gave this instruction before he died, 'Say to Joseph: I beg you, forgive the crime of your brothers and the wrong they did in harming you.' Now therefore please forgive the crime of the servants of the God of your father." Joseph wept when they spoke to him. Then his brothers also wept, fell down before him, and said, "We are here as your slaves." But Joseph said to them, "Do not be afraid! Am I in the place of God? Even though you intended to do harm to me, God intended it for good, in order to preserve a numerous people, as he is doing today. So have no fear; I myself will provide for you and your little ones." In this way he reassured them, speaking kindly to them.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People Thanks be to God

THE HYMN *Rise Up, O Saints of God!*

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| 1. Rise up, O saints of God!
From vain ambitions
turn; Christ rose
triumphant that your
hearts with nobler zeal
might burn. | the word of hope
proclaim. | hand of healing now,
with love the weak
sustain. |
| 2. Speak out, O saints of
God! Despair engulfs
earth's frame; as heirs of
God's baptismal grace, | 3. Rise up, O saints of God!
The kingdom's task
embrace; redress sin's
cruel consequence; give
justice larger place. | 5. Commit your hearts to
seek the paths which
Christ has trod; and,
quickened by the Spirit's
pow'r, rise up, O saints of
God! |
| | 4. Give heed, O saints of
God! Creation cries in
pain; stretch forth your | |

Reader from Concordia

THE EPISTLE ROMANS 14:1-12

Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarreling over opinions. Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgment on those who eat; for God has welcomed them. Who are you to pass judgment on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand. Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. Those who observe the day, observe it in honor of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honor of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honor of the Lord and give thanks to God. We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. 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, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living. Why do you pass judgment on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? 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 give praise to God." So then, each of us will be accountable to God.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People **Thanks be to God**

Reader from St Mary's

Canticle J **A Song of Judith** *Judith 16:13-16*

I will sing a new song to my God, * for you are great and glorious, wonderful in strength, invincible. Let the whole creation serve you, * for you spoke and all things came into being. You sent your breath and it formed them, * no one is able to resist your voice. Mountains and seas are stirred to their depths, * rocks melt like wax at your presence. But to those who fear you, * you continue to show mercy. No sacrifice, however fragrant, can please you, * but whoever fears the Lord shall stand in your sight for ever.

Deacon Fedorchak proclaims

THE GOSPEL MATTHEW 18:21-35

The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Matthew

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Peter came and said to Jesus, "Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?" Jesus said to him, "Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times. "For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, 'Pay what you owe.' Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?' And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart."

The Gospel of our Savior.

People: **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

THE HOMILY

Pastor Marschhausen

THE HYMN *Our Father, We Have Wondered*

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| <p>1. Our Father, we have wandered and hidden from your face; in foolishness have squandered your legacy of grace. But now, in exile dwelling, we rise with fear and shame, as, distant but compelling, we hear you call our name.</p> | <p>2. And now at length discerning the evil that we do, behold us, Lord, returning with hope and trust to you. In haste you come to meet us and home rejoicing bring, in gladness there to greet us with calf and robe and ring.</p> | <p>3. O Lord of all the living, both banished and restored, compassionate, forgiving, and ever caring Lord, grant now that our transgressing, our faithlessness may cease. Stretch out your hand in blessing, in pardon, and in peace.</p> |
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THE APOSTLES' CREED

Pastor Marschhausen

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen

THE PRAYERS *Pastor Marschhausen*

Leader: Hear our cry, O God.

People: **And listen to our prayer.**

Leader: Let us pray.

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

INTERCESSIONS

Reader from St. Mary's leads

Drawn together in the compassion of God, we pray for the church, the world, and all those in need.

A brief silence.

You welcome us when we are weak in faith. Uphold your church throughout the world; make it a place of welcome. Strengthen faith through Bible studies and Sunday schools,

confirmation classes and youth ministries.

Nurture new ministries of education and growth especially lay preachers. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

The heights of the heavens show us the vastness of your steadfast love. Have compassion on your creation. Where human

selfishness has brought ruin and destruction, we look to you to heal, renew, and redeem your world. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Make your ways known to the nations. Speak kindness to our bitter grudges. Settle our hearts when we want to settle accounts with violence. Bless our leaders with patience and wisdom *especially Donald, the President of the United States, Ned, our Governor, and Jay, the mayor of Manchester.* Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Bring healing and justice wherever harm is dealt. Provide vindication for all who are oppressed. Free victims of human trafficking and forced labor; deliver all who are bound by debt. Feed all who hunger, and guard refugees fleeing famine, poverty, and war. Lord, in your mercy,

Pastor Marschhausen

COLLECT 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.**

Deacon Winzler

PRAYER: WAKE US, O GOD

Wake us, O God, so that the sin of racism is purged from this land; break down the barriers that oppress all people of color; strengthen our resolve to work personally for justice; deliver us from complacency, indifference, and a return to the status quo; protect all who protest and all who are commissioned to protect and to serve; heal our addiction to privilege and power; and lead us, by your grace, to build your new community of love; we ask this in the name of Jesus, our brother. **Amen.**

Pastor Marschhausen

A PRAYER FOR THE POWER OF THE SPIRIT AMONG THE PEOPLE OF GOD

God of all power and love, we give thanks for your unfailing presence and the hope you provide in times of uncertainty and loss. Send your Holy Spirit to enkindle in us your holy fire. Revive us to live as Christ's body in the world: a people who pray, worship, learn, break bread, share life, heal neighbors, bear good news, seek justice, rest and grow in the Spirit. Wherever and however we gather, unite us in common prayer and send us in common mission, that we and the

hear our prayer.

Teach us to forgive. Remind us that you do not always accuse us. Still our tongues when we are tempted to pass judgment and argue over opinions. Make this congregation a community of mercy for one another and for all our neighbors. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Whether we live or whether we die, we are yours. We thank you for those who have showed us faithfulness, for the knees that taught us how to bow to you and the tongues that taught us to praise. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

All these things and whatever else you see that we need, we entrust to your mercy; through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

whole creation might be restored and renewed, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

N.B.: This new collect has been composed by a national team of Lutherans and Episcopalians. Written “to unite us in common prayer and revive us for common mission” during this crisis. In the spirit of Pentecost, Presiding Bishop Curry and his Lutheran counterpart, Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton, invite congregations to pray the new collect from Pentecost through the first Sunday in September.

INTERCESSIONS *Intercessions and Thanksgivings follow.*

Now I invite your prayers for all the needs of the world God so loved, silently or aloud.
After each petition we pray,
Lord, in your mercy. Hear our Prayer.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Deacon Fedorchak leads

A PRAYER ATTRIBUTED TO ST. FRANCIS *(Leader and People)*

Lord, make us instruments of your peace.
Where there is hatred, let us sow love;
where there is injury, pardon;
where there is discord, union;
where there is doubt, faith;
where there is despair, hope;
where there is darkness, light;

where there is sadness, joy.
Grant that we may not so much seek to be
consoled as to console; to be understood as
to understand; to be loved as to love.
For it is in giving that we receive; it is in
pardoning that we are pardoned;
and it is in dying that we are born to eternal
life. *Amen.*

THE BLESSING

Pastor Marschhausen

May Christ, the Son of God, be manifest in you, that you may be a light to the world; and the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be among you this day and remain with you always. **Amen.**

THE HYMN *Go My Children with My Blessing*

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| <p>1. Go, my children with my blessing, never alone.
Walking, sleeping, I am with you, you are my own. In my love's baptismal river, I have made you mine forever. Go, my children with my blessing you are my own.</p> | <p>2. Go my children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure.
Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.
Here you heard my dear Son's story, here you touched him, saw his glory. Go, my children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure.</p> | <p>3. Go, my children, fed and nourished, closer to mer.
Grow in love and love by serving, joyful and free. Here my Spirit's power filled you, here my tender comfort stilled you. Go, my children, fed and nourished, joyful and free.</p> |
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Deacon Winzler dismisses the assembly

Leader: Go in Peace. Christ is with you.

People: Thanks be to God.

NOTES:

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DAILY READINGS FOR SEPTEMBER 14-19

Monday Sept 14

Holy Cross Day

Numbers 21:4b-9

Psalms 98:1-4 (1)

or Psalm 78:1-2, 34-38 (35)

1 Corinthians 1:18-24

John 3:13-17

Prayer of the Day

Almighty God, your Son Jesus Christ was lifted high upon the cross so that he might draw the whole world to himself. To those who look upon the cross, grant your wisdom, healing, and eternal life, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Tue – Sept 15

Genesis 49:29–50:14

Romans 14:13–15:2

Psalms 133

Wed – Sept 16

Genesis 50:22-26

Mark 11:20-25

Psalms 133

Thu – Sept 17

Nahum 1:1, 14–2:2

2 Corinthians 13:1-4

Psalms 145:1-8

Fri – Sept 18

Nahum 2:3-13

2 Corinthians 13:5-10

Psalms 145:1-8

Sat – Sept 19

Zephaniah 2:13-15

Matthew 19:23-30

Psalms 145:1-8