

Lord, how often should I forgive?

MATTHEW 18:21



Sunday September 13, 2026
Calvary Lutheran Church
Minneapolis, MN

Welcome to Calvary Lutheran Church!

Beloved of God, each and every one of you is welcome here.

This welcome is for all of us in our multiple identities — including all sexual orientations, gender identities, and gender expressions, people of the global majority, doubters, skeptics, seekers, and people of other faiths.

We seek to repair harm we have done as church.

We strive to be actively antiracist and to dismantle White supremacy in ourselves, in church, and in society.

Calvary is a reconciling in Christ congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA)

As a community of faith, we at Calvary Lutheran acknowledge that our church was formed on the ancestral homelands of the Wahpekute Band and other bands of the Dakota Nation. The Dakota were forcibly removed from their homelands. With God's help, we strive to repair ongoing injustices and grow toward right relationship with Indigenous people.

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Gather

Gathering Song - ACS 1097 Ten Thousand Reasons

Refrain

Bless the Lord, O my soul
O my soul
Worship your holy name
Sing like never before, O my soul
I'll worship your holy name

Vs 1

The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning
It's time to sing your song again
Whatever may pass, and whatever lies before me
Let me be singing when the evening comes

Vs 2

You're rich in love, and you're slow to anger
Your name is great, and your heart is kind
For all your goodness I will keep on singing
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find

Vs 3

And on that day when my strength is failing
The end draws near, and my time has come
Still my soul will sing your praise unending
Ten thousand years and then forevermore

Welcome

Invocation

We gather in the name of God the parent Jesus the Son and the Holy
Spirit

Amen

Passing of the Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always

And also with you

Let us share a sign of peace with one another

Confession and Forgiveness

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

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

Most merciful God,

we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. 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; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, 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.

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of ✝ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

Amen.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

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.

Invitation to be seated

Word

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,¹ 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.

Psalms 103:(1-7), 8-13

Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and all that is within me,
bless God's holy name.
Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and do not forget all God's benefits—
who forgives all your iniquity,
who heals all your diseases,
who redeems your life from the Pit,
who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy,
who satisfies you with good as long as you live
so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.
The Lord works vindication
and justice for all who are oppressed.
The Lord made known God's ways to Moses,
The Lord acts to the people of Israel.

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

God will not always accuse,
nor will God keep the Lord's anger forever.
God does not deal with us according to our sins
nor repay us according to our iniquities.
For as the heavens are high above the earth,
so great is God's steadfast love toward those who fear the Lord;
as far as the east is from the west,
so far God removes our transgressions from us.
As a father has compassion for his children,
so the Lord has compassion for those who fear God.

Invitation to rise.

Gospel Acclamation - TFF 148 Glory, Glory, Hallelujah

Glory, glory, hallelujah
Since I laid my burden down
Glory, glory, hallelujah
Since I laid my burden down

Holy Scripture

Matthew 18:21-35

Then Peter came and said to him, "Lord, if my brother or sister 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, the 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 God will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart.”

The word of God for the people of God
Praise to you O Christ!

Invitation to be seated.

Sermon

Pastor Jennifer Sung

Song of the Day -

Vs1

My treasure's safe, I know where to store my gold
I'll gain the world, investing all I possess
Won't spend my days on riding these bears and bulls
I'll sell my shares in me 'til there's nothing left

Chorus 1

Give me Christ, my only treasure
Who has called me by name
Though I've only done good at my leisure
Won't trade my life in empty pleasures
I choose life, so give me Christ

Vs 2

Secured my future and found where to place my bet
My chips are down, I've ante'd and I'm all in
There's one who holds my heart and who cleared my debt
'Cause Christ cares where I go, more than where I've been

Chorus 2

Give me Christ, who does not waver
Who will call me a friend
Even after I act like a traitor

Won't risk my life in empty wagers
I choose life, so give me Christ

Bridge

With my head held high
In the name of Christ
I will live, I will pray, I will dream

Final Chorus

Give me Christ, my only treasure
Who has called me by name
Though I've only done good at my leisure
Won't trade my life in empty pleasures
I choose life, so give me Christ

Give me Christ, who does not waver
Who has called me a friend
Even after I act like a traitor
Won't risk my life in empty wagers
I choose life, so give me Christ

Invitation to rise.

Profession of Faith

**We are not alone,
we live in God's world.
We believe in God:
who has created and is creating
who has come in Jesus,
the Word made flesh,
to reconcile and make new,
who works in us and others
by the Spirit.
We trust in God.
We are called to be the Church
to celebrate God's presence,
to live with respect in Creation,**

**to love and serve others,
to seek justice and resist evil,
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,
our judge and our hope.
In life, in death, in life beyond death,
God is with us.
We are not alone.
Thanks be to God.**

Prayers of the People

Drawn together in the power of the Holy Spirit, we pray with confidence for the church, God's good creation, and all who are in need.

A brief silence. Each prayer petition will end with, "Lord in your mercy," and the congregation will sing,

**"Óyenos, Señor
Óyenos, Señor
Listen to your people
Óyenos, Señor"**

Translation:

I bless the Lord who hears my prayer

The Lord is my strength, in God my heart trusts

The prayers conclude:

Confident that the Holy Spirit receives our prayers and answers us, we commend all for whom we pray, to God's loving-kindness made known to us in Christ Jesus our Savior.

Amen.

Invitation to be seated.

Offering

Offertory Prayer

Let us pray.

God of all creation, all you have made is good, and your love endures forever. You bring forth bread from the earth and fruit from the vine. Nourish us with these gifts, that we might be for the world signs of your gracious presence in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Invitation to rise.

Meal

Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We life them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Words of Institution

Prayer Jesus Taught us

**Our Parent 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**

Welcome to the Table

The bread is broken, the wine is poured and all are welcome to this table of grace.

Holy Communion Distribution- ELW 472 Eat This Bread

Eat this bread

Drink this cup

Come to me and never be hungry

Eat this bread
Drink this cup
Trust in me and you will not thirst

Communion Blessing

May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in God's grace. **Amen**

Sending

Invitation to be seated.

Announcements & Prayer Requests

Invitation to rise.

Blessing

The Lord bless you and keep you
The Lord's face shine upon you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.
In the name of God the parent ✝ Jesus the Son and the Holy Spirit.
Amen

Sending Song - TFF 148 Glory, Glory, Hallelujah

Vs 1

Glory, glory, hallelujah
Since I laid my burden down
Glory, glory, hallelujah
Since I laid my burden down

Vs 2

I feel better, so much better...

Vs 3

Feel like shouting hallelujah...

Sending

Go in peace and Serve the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

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Worship Leaders

Week of	September 13	September 20
Presiding and Preaching	Pastor Jenny Sung	Pastor Jenny Sung
Assisting Minister	Susan Olsen	Shari Seifert
Lector	Sam Robson	Susan Olsen
Usher	Pat Olson	Josh & Joani Moberg
Sacristan	Michael Luedtke	Pat Olson
Livestream	Connor Swearingin	Mark Smith
Musician	Ben Larson	Ben Larson
Coffee Hour	Schweizer & Davidson	Jeremy & Sarah Shephard

This Week at Calvary

Sunday September 13th

10:00 a.m.	Sunday Worship
11:00 a.m.	Coffee Hour
12:00 p.m.	Free Farmers Market

Friday September 18th

12:00 p.m.

Mission Support

Announcements!

Free Farmers Market and Mutual Aid Event Today!



Sunday September 13th from 12-2 pm our CARE team and Calvary Food Shelf is hosting a FREE farmers market and mutual aid event for the neighborhood. Come and join the community for free food from Manny's Tortas and music from Brass Solidarity.

In Our Prayers

- ✦ All who live in fear at this time: immigrants, the disabled/differently-abled, the LGBTQ+ community, muslims, Latinos, those working on eco-justice and climate change, the poor and vulnerable, Black & African Americans.
- ✦ The people of our sister synods, the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Nigeria, and the Lutheran Church in Leipzig.

- ◆ Those who are celebrating birthdays this week including Jennifer McCarthy (9/17)!
- ◆ Those in our community celebrating anniversaries this week Isaac and Anne Wengerd (9/17)!
- ◆ Prayers for Cynthia Zuber's mom, Myrna, who was diagnosed with Stage 3b cancer.
- ◆ Prayers for Tito's mother, Vilma Arizabal. She has been declining in health, energy and appetite for some weeks. Her 90th birthday is August 20, with Tito returning here soon after. Please pray for her and his family during this final time for all to be together.
- ◆ Prayers for Joanne Shepherd as she recovers from hand surgery. Prayers for a full recovery. She encourages calls or visits and some help if available for some basic needs.
- ◆ Prayers for Jim Goetsch (Lyle Jaeger's uncle) who has recovered from pneumonia and has just been released from the hospital and has been moved into a rehab center to regain strength and to monitor ongoing kidney issues.
- ◆ For family and friends we know who are recovering from surgery, ill or grieving, for their families and caregivers.
- ◆ Prayers for Henrietta and her daughter, Nicole. She would like prayers of healing and strength for Nicole, herself, and Chandler.
- ◆ Please keep George Robson in your prayers as he continues to struggle with living his life with the ups and downs of his dealing with the frustrations of his stroke.
- ◆ Healing prayers for Nancy Lee Nelson as she recovers from a fractured sternum.
- ◆ Prayers of healing for Nancy Nelson's Friend's daughter Jenny. She is currently in the hospital (in California) with sepsis.

- ✦ Prayers for Cynthia Zuber for her healing after receiving a new diagnosis that could require up to a year of bedrest to rehabilitate and several more years to stabilize and find true healing. Prayers for Jaim as he supports her and takes on a heavier load around the home the next 6-12 months.
- ✦ Ruth Roggenbuck (sister-in-law of Gary Thorn and Lyle Jaeger) learned previous treatment was not treating cancer. Her care team at Mayo will begin new recently FDA approved treatment starting on June 24.
- ✦ Prayers for David Starks as he recovers from surgery. Prayers this completely stops the Micropapillary Bladder Cancer, and that he can raise the needed funds to pray for the surgery and recovers.
- ✦ Prayers for Ellie, Jen, and family. Ellie is the daughter of one of Angie Endo's college roommates, Jen. Ellie is 27 and was recently diagnosed with stage 3C breast cancer. Please hold them tightly as she begins 6 months of Chemo.
- ✦ Prayers for our trans relatives and friends who need additional love at this time as hatred and fear targets them.
- ✦ Linda Mundt- dealing with memory loss issues.

**If you wish to add or remove a prayer request, please
email pastorjennifer@clchurch.org**