

WELCOME

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SAT. SEPT. 16/SUN. SEPT. 17, 2023



“I FORGIVE YOU”

AS WE GATHER

This weekend on the Church calendar (September 16), the bishop Cyprian of Carthage is remembered. As a Church leader in the third century, a time of Roman persecution, Cyprian had to deal with the problem of Christians who denied the faith under persecution but later wanted to be restored to the fellowship of the Lord. Cyprian helped craft a response to the situation that was based on forgiveness, allowing a lapsed Christian to be reinstated after a time in which they lived out their restored faithful confession. His own faithfulness unto death was fully demonstrated as he was executed by Roman authorities for his Christian beliefs in AD 258. Speaking words of forgiveness and living them out can come with a price—but is Christlike in every way!

WELCOME

OPENING HYMN “Rejoice, the Lord Is King”

**1 Rejoice, the Lord is king!
Your Lord and king adore;
rejoice, give thanks, and sing,
and triumph evermore:**

Refrain:
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice;
rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

2 Our Savior, Jesus reigns,
the God of truth and love;
when he had purged our stains,
he took his seat above: [Refrain]

3 His kingdom cannot fail;
he rules o'er earth and heav'n;
the keys of death and hell
are to our Jesus giv'n: [Refrain]

4 He sits at God's right hand
till all his foes submit
and bow to his command
and fall beneath his feet: [Refrain]

Text: Charles Wesley
Tune: John Darwall

INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES *Psalm 66:1–3a, 4–5, 8*

Pastor: Shout for joy to God, all the earth;

People: sing the glory of His name; give to Him glorious praise!

Pastor: Say to God, “How awesome are Your deeds! . . .
People: All the earth worships You and sings praises to You; they sing praises to Your name.”

Pastor: Come and see what God has done:
People: He is awesome in His deeds toward the children of man.

Pastor: Bless our God, O peoples;
People: let the sound of His praise be heard.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

People: But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence for reflection on God’s Word and for self-examination.

Pastor: O almighty God, merciful Father,
People: I, a poor miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

Pastor: Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

✠ WORD ✠

KYRIE



☐ Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

HYMN OF PRAISE “Praise Ye the Triune God”

**Praise ye the Father for His loving kindness,
Tenderly cares He for His erring children;
Praise Him, ye angels, praise Him in the heavens,
Praise ye Jehovah!**

**Praise ye the Savior--great is His compassion,
Graciously cares He for His chosen people;
Young men and maidens, ye old men and children,
Praise ye the Savior!**

**Praise ye the Spirit, Comforter of Israel,
Sent of the Father and the Son to bless us;
Praise ye the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—
Praise ye the Triune God!**

Text: Elizabeth R. Charles

Music: Friedrich F. Flemming

SALUTATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray. O God, You are always ready to hear the prayers of Your people. Grant that we may with all boldness and courage bring to You our petitions with the assurance that for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ You will hear them, forgiving our trespasses and granting us Your guidance in this life and every blessing in the life to come. This we ask through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING *Genesis 50:15–21* (*Joseph and his brothers*)

¹⁵ 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.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE *Romans 14:1–12 (We belong to the Lord.)*

14 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.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA AND VERSE

(LSB p. 205)

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

These things are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

HOLY GOSPEL *Matthew 18:21–35 (The parable of the servant who would not forgive)*

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

People: 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.”

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

HYMN OF THE DAY “Oh, That the Lord Would Guide My
Ways” *LSB 707*

**1. Oh, that the Lord would guide my ways
To keep His statutes still!
Oh, that my God would grant me grace
To know and do His will!**

**2. Order my footsteps by Thy Word
And make my heart sincere;
Let sin have no dominion, Lord,**

But keep my conscience clear.

**3. Assist my soul, too apt to stray,
A stricter watch to keep;
And should I e'er forget Thy way,
Restore Thy wand'ring sheep.**

**4. Make me to walk in Thy commands—
'Tis a delightful road—
Nor let my head or heart or hands
Offend against my God.**

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EVAN C M Ps. 119:5, 33, 133, 176; Ezek. 34:11–12; Matt. 18:12–14

SERMON

Rev. Dr. Timothy Oswald

CATECHISM *The Second Article*

Pastor: In the Second Article of the Creed, we confess Jesus to be the Savior, the One who fulfills God's promises and brings us forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation.

People: **I believe in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

Pastor: What does this mean?

People: I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the virgin Mary, is my Lord,

who has redeemed me, a lost and condemned person, purchased and won me from all sins, from death, and from the power of the devil; not with gold or silver, but with His holy, precious blood and with His innocent suffering and death,

that I may be His own and live under Him in His kingdom and serve Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness,

just as He is risen from the dead, lives and reigns to all eternity.

This is most certainly true.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

OFFERING

✠ SACRAMENT ✠

PREFACE *2 Timothy 4:22*

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

PROPER PREFACE

Pastor: It is truly good, right, and proper that we should give thanks to You, Lord our God, for You have come to redeem Your fallen creation. Through the saving work of Jesus Christ, our Lord, we are granted all good things by You in countless ways. Through the working of Your Holy Spirit, bestow upon us Your peace and abiding joy, now and forever. Together with angels and archangels and with all that rejoice in the courts of heaven we praise Your glorious name.

People: Amen.

SANCTUS “Heavenly Hosts in Ceaseless Worship”

[St. 1: *LSB* 949]

Tune: LSB 803

**Heav’nly hosts in ceaseless worship
“Holy, holy, holy” cry;
“He who is, who was and will be,
God Almighty, Lord Most High.”
Praise and honor, pow’r and glory,
Be to Him who reigns alone!
We, with all His hands have fashioned,
Fall before the Father’s throne.**

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD *Matthew 26:26–28; Mark 14:22–24;
Luke 22:19–20; 1 Corinthians 11:23–25*

Pastor: 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.”

PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST

Pastor: As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord’s death until He comes.

People: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

Pastor: Lord, 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;
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.**

PAX DOMINI

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: Amen.

AGNUS DEI

(LSB page 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 OF HOLY COMMUNION+

By communing, a person says publicly that they -

- are baptized and confirmed*
- believe Christ's words*
- repent of their sins*
- fully agree with all that the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod teaches.*

How to receive –

- anyone may come to the altar but keep hands folded if not receiving Communion*
- the center of the tray has a cup with just a drop of wine for those who must minimize alcohol*
- smile, exude your joy, but keep a reverent demeanor as others commune*

DISTRIBUTION HYMN

“There Is a Redeemer”:

**There is a Redeemer—Jesus, God's own Son;
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah, Holy One.
Thank You, O My Father, For giving us Your Son,
And leaving Your Spirit Till the work on earth is done.**

**Jesus, my Redeemer, Name above all names;
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah, Hope for sinners slain.
Thank You, O My Father, For giving us Your Son,
And leaving Your Spirit Till the work on earth is done.**

When I stand in glory, I will see His face;

**There I'll serve my King forever In that holy place.
Thank You, O My Father, For giving us Your Son,
And leaving Your Spirit Till the work on earth is done.**

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NUNC DIMITTIS

(LSB, pages 199-200)

**Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace
According to Thy word,
for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,
which Thou has prepared before the face of all people,
a light to lighten the Gentiles
and the glory of Thy people Israel.
Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen.**

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Let us pray. Grant, O Lord, that what we have received with our lips we may keep with pure hearts, and that, through the gift imparted to us, in this present life we be guided in ways of peace and may hereafter receive life everlasting; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

People: Amen.

BENEDICTION *Numbers 6:24–26*

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

People: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN “Go, My Children, with My Blessing”
LSB 922

**1. Go, My children, with My blessing,
Never alone.
Waking, 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.**

**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.**

**3. Go, My children, fed and nourished,
Closer to Me;**

**Grow in love and love by serving,
Joyful and free.
Here My Spirit's power filled you;
Here His tender comfort stilled you.
Go, My children, fed and nourished,
Joyful and free.**

**4. I the Lord will bless and keep you
And give you peace;
I the Lord will smile upon you
And give you peace:
I the Lord will be your Father,
Savior, Comforter, and Brother.
Go, My children; I will keep you
And give you peace.**

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AR HYD Y NOS 84 84 88 84 Titus 3:4–7; John 20:19–29; John 14:26–27; Num. 6:22–27**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Creative Worship for the Lutheran Parish, Series A, Quarter 4.
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- **A Special Voters' Meeting will be held Sunday, September 24, immediately following worship.**
- **CHURCH PICNIC:** Our Church Picnic will be on Sunday, October 8, at 11:30am. The RJ's BBQ Food Truck will be serving many delicious items, and we will play BINGO. See you there!
- **BIBLICAL APOLOGETICS:** Dr. Gary Locklair,

Professor at Concordia Mequon, will present seminars on Creation Apologetics and Signs of the Creator in Technology here at Hope on Saturday, October 21, beginning at 11:30am. Lunch will be served between sessions. See you there!

- **PLASTIC RECYCLING:** Hope is collecting clean plastic bags of all types by the mailboxes. When we reach our goal, we will receive a free park bench. Any questions, please see Mary Ann.
- **SHARING CENTER:** Current Fall needs for The Sharing Center are gym shoes, Fall clothing (babies, children/teens and adults), warm sleeping bags, and blankets. They are also stocking up on foods for holiday meals - beans, sweet potatoes, gravies, cranberry sauce, boxed potatoes, etc. - non-perishables only. Dog and cat food are also needed. Everything helps, and they are SO grateful! Any questions, please see Gail.
- Please call (757-831-6948) or e-mail Pastor Oswald (oswald1@charter.net) with your prayer requests or any other concerns.
- **Pastor:** Rev. Dr. Timothy Oswald
- **Liturgist (Sun.)** Rev. Maurice Lind, Pastor Emeritus
- **Sat. Organist:** Lina Schaal
- **Sun. Organist:** George Kelm
- **Choir Director:** Gail Feick
- **Ensemble Coordinator:** Tabra Gomski
- **A/V Team:** Stan & Cheryl Grey, Josh Walton
Brian & Amanda Larie

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS TODAY

Reader: Paul Trettin
Communion: Paul Schneider
Acolyte: Nathan Olsen
Ushers: Sarah & James Urban
Fellowship: Beth Schneider

NEXT WEEK

Reader: Brian Larie
Communion: Paul Schneider
Acolyte: Grace Urban
Ushers: Dave Peschke & Ron Magolski
Fellowship: Peggy Tueting

BIRTHDAY

9/23 Ed Holmstrom

Opportunities to Serve the Lord This Week

9/18/23 – 9/24/23

Wednesday: 6:30pm Bible Study “II Timothy”
Thursday: 8:00am Men’s Breakfast
Saturday: 9:30am Worship Service
Sunday: 8:15am Choir Rehearsal
9:00am Worship Service
10:20am Children’s Sunday School
and SPECIAL VOTERS’ MEETING