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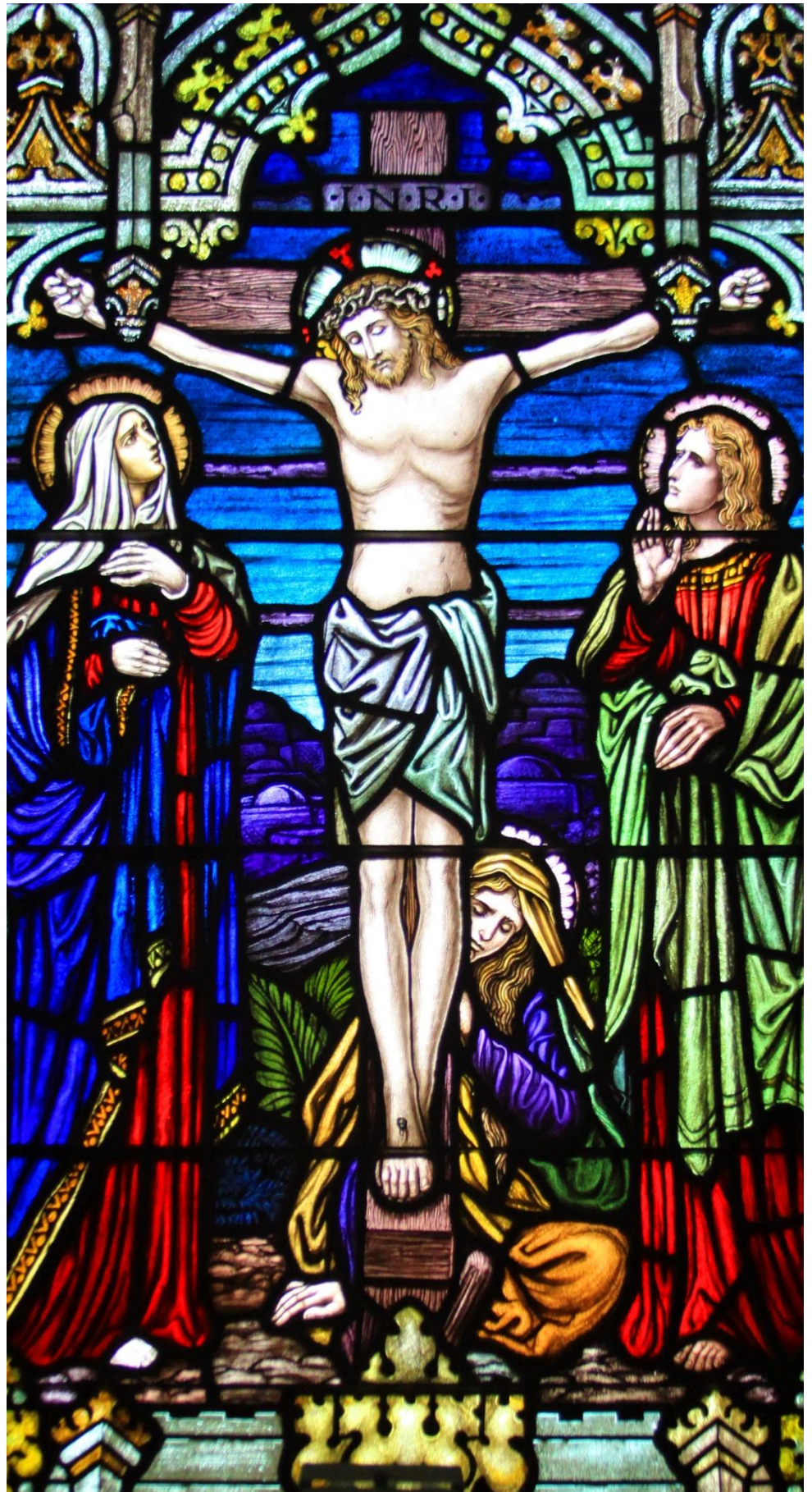
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Welcome to Worship! Forgiveness – something we love to receive, but something we have a hard time doling out especially when we keep having to forgive for the same offense. We get tired of being treated badly by someone and having to “turn the other cheek”. However, Jesus reminds us that the forgiveness we offer others should be given in the same way it’s given to us – every time we seek it in repentance.

A Nursery is available below the entrance on Walnut St. and a Comfort Room is in the Atrium. The Nursery is not staffed at this time.

All Sunday School classes and Bible Classes will resume today! See today’s insert for classes, times, and locations.

Cell Phones: *Please remember to silence cell phones and electronics during worship.*

Holy Communion will be offered at the 9:00 and 7:00 services. If you are not a confirmed member of the Lutheran Church, please contact an Elder or Pastor before Communing. An usher will dismiss your row to move forward to the person serving the bread, and then to the person serving the individual cup. You may then dispose of the cup and return by the center aisle.

Hearing devices are available from an usher.

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THE PRELUDE: “Faith of Our Fathers” – C. Callahan

THE HYMN: “From All That Dwell Below the Skies”

Hymn 816

- 1 From all that dwell below the skies Let the Creator’s praise arise; Alleluia, alleluia!
Let the Redeemer’s name be sung Through ev’ry land by ev’ry tongue.
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
- 2 Eternal are Thy mercies, Lord; Eternal truth attends Thy Word. Alleluia, alleluia!
Thy praise shall sound from shore to shore Till suns shall rise and set no more.
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
- 3 All praise to God the Father be, All praise, eternal Son, to Thee. Alleluia, alleluia!
Whom with the Spirit we adore Forever and forevermore:
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

THE INVOCATION

P In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. C **Amen.**

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

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

THE CONFESSION

P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. 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. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. 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.**

THE ABSOLUTION

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. C **Amen.**

+++ 9:00 THE INTROIT - Choir only

THE KYRIE

P In peace let us pray to the Lord. C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord. C **Lord, have mercy.**

P 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. C **Lord, have mercy.**

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

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord. C **Amen.**

THE HYMN OF PRAISE: "This is the Feast of Victory!"

C **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.

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

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

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

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.

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

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

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

THE PRAYER FOR THE DAY: (we pray together) 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, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

THE WORD OF THE MONTH: (we speak together) "Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfilling of the law." Romans 13:10

THE OLD TESTAMENT READING: 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." So they sent a message to Joseph, saying, "Your father gave this command before he died, '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. His brothers also came and fell down before him and said, "Behold, we are your servants." But Joseph said to them, "Do not fear, for am I in the place of God? 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. So do not fear; I will provide for you and your little ones." Thus he comforted them and spoke kindly to them.

L: This is the Word of the Lord. C: **Thanks be to God.**

THE EPISTLE READING: Romans 14:1-12

As for the one who is weak in faith, welcome him, but not to quarrel over opinions. One person believes he may eat anything, while the weak person eats only vegetables. 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. 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. 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. 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. For none of us lives to himself, and none of us dies to himself. 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,

that he might be Lord both of the dead and of the living. 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; for it is written, "As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall confess to God." So then each of us will give an account of himself to God.

L: This is the Word of the Lord. C: **Thanks be to God.**

THE ALLELUIA AND VERSE: C: Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia, alleluia.

THE GOSPEL READING: Matthew 18:21-35 C: (Sung)

Glory to You, O Lord.

Peter came up and said to [Jesus], "Lord, how often will my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? As many as seven times?" Jesus said to him, "I do not say to you seven times, but seventy times seven. "Therefore the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his servants. When he began to settle, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents. 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. So the servant fell on his knees, imploring him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' And out of pity for him, the master of that servant released him and forgave him the debt. 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.' So his fellow servant fell down and pleaded with him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' He refused and went and put him in prison until he should pay the debt. 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. Then his master summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. And should not you have had mercy on your fellow servant, as I had mercy on you?' And in anger his master delivered him to the jailers, until he should pay all his debt. So also my heavenly Father will do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother from your heart."

L: This is the Gospel of the Lord. C: (Sung)**Praise to You, O Christ**

THE HYMN: "I Lay My Sins on Jesus"

Hymn 606

- 1 I lay my sins on Jesus, The spotless Lamb of God; He bears them all and frees us From the accursèd load.
I bring my guilt to Jesus To wash my crimson stains Clean in His blood most precious Till not a spot remains.
- 2 I lay my wants on Jesus; All fullness dwells in Him; He heals all my diseases; My soul He does redeem.
I lay my griefs on Jesus, My burdens and my cares; He from them all releases; He all my sorrows shares.
- 3 I rest my soul on Jesus, This weary soul of mine; His right hand me embraces; I on His breast recline.
I love the name of Jesus, Immanuel, Christ, the Lord; Like fragrance on the breezes His name abroad is poured.

THE SERMON: "Forgiveness Doesn't Count"

THE 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.

THE HYMN: "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

Hymn 805

- 1 Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host: Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

THE PRAYERS

+++ 9:00 and 7:00 THE SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

- P The Lord be with you. C **And also with you.**
P Lift up your hearts. C **We lift them to the Lord.**
P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. C **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**
P It is truly good, right, and salutary... evermore praising You and saying:
C **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, LORD'S PRAYER AND WORD'S OF OUR LORD

- P The peace of the Lord be with you always. C **Amen.**
C **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.

9:00 - Before Distribution - "Bless the Lord O My Soul"

Distribution Hymns: 610, 560, 760, 763

610 Lord Jesus, Think on Me

- 1 Lord Jesus, think on me And purge away my sin;
From worldly passions set me free And make me pure within.
2 Lord Jesus, think on me, By anxious thoughts oppressed;
Let me Your loving servant be And taste Your promised rest.
3 Lord Jesus, think on me Amid the battle's strife;
In all my pain and misery, O be my health and life!
4 Lord Jesus, think on me Nor let me go astray;
Through darkness and perplexity Point out Your chosen way.
5 Lord Jesus, think on me That, when this life is past,
I may the eternal brightness see And share Your joy at last.

560 Drawn to the Cross, Which Thou Hast Blessed

- 1 Drawn to the cross, which Thou hast blessed With healing gifts for souls distressed,
To find in Thee my life, my rest, Christ crucified, I come.
2 Thou knowest all my griefs and fears, Thy grace abused, my misspent years;
Yet now to Thee with contrite tears, Christ crucified, I come.
3 Wash me and take away each stain; Let nothing of my sin remain.
For cleansing, though it be through pain, Christ crucified, I come.
4 And then for work to do for Thee, Which shall so sweet a service be
That angels well might envy me, Christ crucified, I come.

760 What God Ordains Is Always Good

- 1 What God ordains is always good: His will is just and holy.
As He directs my life for me, I follow meek and lowly. My God indeed In ev'ry need
Knows well how He will shield me; To Him, then, I will yield me.
2 What God ordains is always good: He never will deceive me;
He leads me in His righteous way, And never will He leave me. I take content What He has sent;
His hand that sends me sadness Will turn my tears to gladness.

- 3 What God ordains is always good: His loving thought attends me;
No poison can be in the cup That my physician sends me. My God is true; Each morning new
I trust His grace unending, My life to Him commending.
- 4 What God ordains is always good: He is my friend and Father;
He suffers naught to do me harm Though many storms may gather. Now I may know Both joy and woe;
Someday I shall see clearly That He has loved me dearly.
- 5 What God ordains is always good: Though I the cup am drinking
Which savors now of bitterness, I take it without shrinking. For after grief God gives relief,
My heart with comfort filling And all my sorrow stilling.
- 6 What God ordains is always good: This truth remains unshaken.
Though sorrow, need, or death be mine, I shall not be forsaken. I fear no harm, For with His arm
He shall embrace and shield me; So to my God I yield me.

763 When Peace, like a River

- 1 When peace, like a river, attendeth my way; When sorrows, like sea billows, roll;
Whatever my lot, Thou hast taught me to say, It is well, it is well with my soul.
- ref It is well (It is well) with my soul, (with my soul), It is well, it is well with my soul.
- 2 Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come, Let this blest assurance control,
That Christ hath regarded my helpless estate And hath shed His own blood for my soul. Refrain
- 3 He lives – oh, the bliss of this glorious thought; My sin, not in part, but the whole,
Is nailed to His cross, and I bear it no more. Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul! Refrain
- 4 And, Lord, haste the day when our faith shall be sight, The clouds be rolled back as a scroll,
The trumpet shall sound and the Lord shall descend; Even so it is well with my soul. Refrain

THE POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE

- C 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.**

THE POST COMMUNION COLLECT

THE BENEDICTION

THE CLOSING HYMN: "Now Thank We All Our God"

Hymn 895

- 1 Now thank we all our God With hearts and hands and voices,
Who wondrous things has done, In whom His world rejoices;
Who from our mothers' arms Has blest us on our way With countless gifts of love And still is ours today.
- 2 Oh, may this bounteous God Through all our life be near us,
With ever joyful hearts And blessèd peace to cheer us And keep us in His grace
And guide us when perplexed And free us from all ills In this world and the next!
- 3 All praise and thanks to God The Father now be given,
The Son, and Him who reigns With them in highest heaven,
The one eternal God, Whom earth and heav'n adore; For thus it was, is now, And shall be evermore.

THE POSTLUDE: "God Moves in a Mysterious Way" - Willan

Preacher: Pastor Rodriguez **Liturgist:** Pastor Blomenberg and Pastor Bloch

Lector: Vicar Fredstrom **Organist:** Paul Scheiderer

Special Music: Children's Choir – Grades 1-4 and Youth Choir – Grades 5-8

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