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Lord, how often
will my brother
sin against me,
and I forgive him?

Matthew 18:21-22

FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

Washburn, North Dakota

Sunday, September 13, 2020

9:30 AM Worship Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost *Contemporary Worship*

PRELUDE AND BELLS

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

SPECIAL MUSICWendy Miller, Sylvia Kalliokoski
Rick Richard, Randy Hall
"Chief of Sinners though I Be"

PRAYER OF THE DAY (in unison)

Merciful God, from generation to generation your healing and life-giving power has been made manifest. Empower us to let the glory of your mercy and forgiveness shine through the light of our lives; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever. Amen.

THIRD GRADERS RECEIVE BIBLES FROM FLCW

Bekka Bentz

Kylee Fiedler

Aubrey Holznagel

Mia Klabunde

Ever Kugler

Bella Mann

Axton Meadows

Olivia Schmidt

Zack Vollmuth

FIRST LESSON Genesis 50:15-21

¹⁵When 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." ¹⁶So 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. ¹⁸His brothers also came and fell down before him and said, “Behold, we are your servants.” ¹⁹But Joseph said to them, “Do not fear, for am I in the place of God? ²⁰As 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. ²¹So do not fear; I will provide for you and your little ones.” Thus he comforted them and spoke kindly to them.

PSALM.....Psalm 103:1-12

Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and all that is within me,
bless his holy name!
² Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and forget not all his benefits,
³ who forgives all your iniquity,
who heals all your diseases,
⁴ who redeems your life from the pit,
who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy,
⁵ who satisfies you with good
so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.
⁶ The Lord works righteousness
and justice for all who are oppressed.
⁷ He made known his ways to Moses,
his acts to the people of Israel.
⁸ The Lord is merciful and gracious,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.
⁹ He will not always chide,
nor will he keep his anger forever.
¹⁰ He does not deal with us according to our sins,
nor repay us according to our iniquities.
¹¹ For as high as the heavens are above the earth,
so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear
him;
¹² as far as the east is from the west,
so far does he remove our transgressions from us.

SECOND LESSON Romans 14:1-12

¹As for the one who is weak in faith, welcome him, but not to quarrel over opinions. ²One person believes he may eat anything, while the weak person eats only vegetables. ³Let 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. ⁴Who 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. ⁵One person esteems one day as better than another, while another esteems all days alike. Each one should be fully convinced in his own mind. ⁶The 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. ⁷For none of us lives to himself, and none of us dies to himself. ⁸For 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. ⁹For to this end Christ died and lived again, that he might be Lord both of the dead and of the living. ¹⁰Why 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; ¹¹for it is written, "As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall confess to God." ¹²So then each of us will give an account of himself to God.

SPECIAL MUSIC Kids of All Ages
"Jesus Loves Me"

GOSPEL Matthew 18:21-35

²¹Peter came up and said to {Jesus}, "Lord, how often will my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? As many as seven times?" ²²Jesus said to him, "I do not say to you seven times, but seventy-seven times. ²³Therefore the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his servants. ²⁴When he began to settle, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents. ²⁵And 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. ²⁶So the servant fell on his knees, imploring him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' ²⁷And out of pity for him, the master of that servant released him and forgave him the debt. ²⁸But 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.' ²⁹So his fellow servant fell down and pleaded with him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' ³⁰He refused and went and put him in prison until he should pay the debt. ³¹When 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. ³²Then his master summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. ³³And should not you have had mercy on your fellow servant, as I had mercy on you?' ³⁴And in anger his master delivered him to the jailers, until he should pay all his debt. ³⁵So also my heavenly Father will do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother from your heart."

SERMON Pastor Chuck Mann

Special Music..... Wendy Miller
"When Love Was Slain"

INSTALLATION OF SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS

TO THE LEADERS AND TEACHERS

Pastor: Will you the teachers and leaders in our Church
School seek and serve Christ in all those who are
entrusted to your care.

Teachers: We will, God being our helper.

Pastor: Will you encourage them not only to learn about the
faith, but by your example encourage them to live it?

Teachers: We will, God being our helper.

TO THE STUDENTS (standing up)

Pastor: Will you accept your teachers as Christ has accepted you and will you seek to learn from them and in turn share the good things you have with them?

Students: We will, God being our helper.

TO THE CONGREGATION (standing up)

Pastor: Will you support these teachers and leaders in their ministry to the children of our church and will you encourage the young by speaking to them of our God, by heeding the commandments of our Lord, and by showing them your love?

People: We will, God being our helper.

UNISON PRAYER:

All: We praise you, God, for the openness that our teachers and leaders have demonstrated by responding to your call to serve the children of our community. We ask you to nurture them and lead them by the gift of your Spirit. Help us to support them in all their endeavors. We thank you too oh Lord, for the enthusiasm, the spontaneity, and the natural curiosity of the young people of our church. Help us to welcome them and encourage them in their growth by what we do and say. Hear oh God our prayers for our Church School and for all who are involved in it. We ask these things in the name of Jesus. AMEN.

MINISTER TO TEACHERS, STUDENTS AND CONGREGATION

Pastor: On behalf of this congregation, I install you as teachers and leaders in this church school in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. May you find joy in your service. And may you the children of our community be graced with love and wisdom along with your teachers, may you, with them, discover joy and knowledge and the fullness of faith. And may you all here today be empowered by the Holy Spirit to show both

these teachers and these children the wholeness of God's love - so that together we may all do his will with peace and joy and demonstrations of his power.

All: AMEN

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit, and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. 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

PRAYERS

LORD'S PRAYER

BENEDICTION

SONG "I've got the Joy, Joy, Joy"

- 1. I've got the joy, joy, joy, joy down in my heart,
Down in my heart, Down in my heart.
I've got the joy, joy, joy, joy down in my heart,
Down in my heart to stay.**
- 2. I've got the love of Jesus, love of Jesus down in my heart.**
- 3. I've got the Living Love that livens Lutherans down in my heart.**

CLOSING SONG “This Little Light of Mine”

1. This little light of mine, I’m going to let it shine;

2. Don’t let Satan blow it out; I’m going to let it shine;

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3. Hide it under a bushel? No! I’m going to let it shine;

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4. Shine all over Washburn; I’m going to let it shine;

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POSTLUDE

Today’s Worship Leaders & Volunteers – Thank You!

PASTOR Pastor Chuck Mann

READERS First Lesson – Easton Kugler

Psalm – Beckett Kadrmas

Second Lesson – DJ Winter

ORGANIST LeAnn Richard

USHERS/GREETERS Dwight & Margaret Rasmussen

ALTAR GUILD Janet Hanson & Maybell Job

SERVICE GROUP COORDINATORS Dwight & Margaret Rasmussen

Our Mission

“Working hand in hand to know Christ and make Christ known through Worship, Christian Education, Evangelism, Fellowship, Caring Ministries, and Service.”

Welcome to all who have come to worship.

Welcome to worship and Christian education, a time to reconnect and form new connections. May the Lord enrich our time together.

Visitors

We welcome all visitors to First Lutheran today.

Nursery

The nursery, located beside the narthex, is available for use for any parent feeling the need to use it during worship services with their child.

Thank you for your giving

Sunday, September 6th Attendance – 78

General Fund & Plate Giving - \$5,221.00

Prayer Requests

Beryl Lonski – Brother-in-law to Mike & Sharon Nelson, Lorraine Larsen – Donna Gunderson's brother's girlfriend, Sharon Wald, Wes Sauer, Taylor Gardner, Virgil Wisdom, Harold Holtz, Cindy Delmonicao – Mother to Melissa Kugler, Elaine Renfrow – Mother to Lynette Sondrol, Sandi Femling – Cousin to Melanie Beckman, Laren Holznagel, Harlow Tatum – Daughter to Brea (Gutknecht) Tatum, Melisa Chrest, Ruth Lund – Mother to Doddie Kuntz, Derek Laning, Jacklyne Carlson, Amber Selken – Sister to Wendy Miller, John Krebsbach – Brother to Peggy Wollmuth, Arlo Omoth – Brother to Jeneen Loe, Shirley Nelson, Bob Miller, Rodney Jaeger

Sympathy

Our sympathy goes out to David Beckman and family on the death of his mother, Norma Beckman. Norma's funeral was this past Friday. May God give them comfort in this time of sorrow.

Happy Grandparents Day to all Grandparents here today!

Welcome

We would like to welcome Pastor Chuck Mann and his family, Steph, Isaac and Bella to First Lutheran. Pastor Chuck began working at First Lutheran last week Tuesday. Will be a pleasure getting to know you all better. Pastor Chuck will be ordained and installed on October 4th at 3:00 pm.

Thank You

Thank you for the beautiful altar flowers from FLC on behalf of my 102nd birthday remembrance.

Amanda Thyberg

After Worship

We ask that after the worship service today, if you don't plan to take your bulletin home with you to please throw it in the garbage can in the narthex on your way out. Also, if you plan to visit, please step out of the building and do so with social distancing in mind. Thank you!

Sunday School Teacher Installation

The following Sunday School teachers, subs and music volunteers will be installed during the worship service today. We want to thank them for coming forward to teach our youth the word of God.

Kristi Jaeger – Pre-K
Sue Winter - Kindergarten
Julie Bentz & Haley Anderson - Grades 1 & 2
Suzanne Swanson & Sarah Kraft - Grades 3 & 4
Judy Beaudry & Jeff Schmidt - Grades 5 & 6
Aaron Vorland - Grades 7 – 9
Melissa Rothe - Music
Don Winter – Large Group Leader
Amanda Vetter, Alli Sheldon, Kaitlynn Carlson,
Kaylene Patterson, Joe & Kellie Sheldon & Chance Havig –
Pre-K & Kindergarten Helpers
Melanie Beckman, Matt Gardner,
Leilani Olafson & Sarah Kadrmas - Subs

Rally Sunday

TODAY IS RALLY SUNDAY! YAHOO! All youth ages 3 years old – 9th grade, join us for music and games. Meet in the sanctuary following worship.

FLCW Executive Committee

FLCW Executive Committee will meet after the worship service this morning.

FLY

All youth in grades 7-12 are invited to join FLY. You will have a kickoff meeting this Wednesday, September 16th, at 7:00 pm. Questions, talk to Laura Gardner.

Deborah Bible Study

Deborah Bible Study will meet this Thursday, September 17th, at 9:30 am at the home of Cathy Sheldon. Sharon Chrest & Mary Ann Beeks host.

Night with FLCW Quilters Service Project

Calling all FLCW...We will meet this Thursday, September 17th, at 6:30 pm to assemble LWR School Kits and LAYETTES with the quilters. Please join us for fun and fellowship!

Newsletter Deadline

Please have all articles for the October newsletter to the church office this Friday, October 18th.

Rite of First Communion

Next Sunday, September 20th, 13 youth will participate in the Rite of First Communion. They participated in their First Communion Class earlier in the year but were unable to go through the Rite of First Communion because of Covid-19. What an exciting time for them.

Bible Study

Bible Study led by Alexis Solomonson will begin next Sunday, September 20th, at 10:45 am. You will meet in the Fireside Room. Bring your favorite Bible. Bible Study led by Cathy Sheldon is tentatively set to start October 11th. Watch bulletins and newsletter for further information.

Connections

The September/October issue of *Connections* is in the magazine racks. Pick up a copy today to read updates from LCMC & NALC plus other interesting articles.

Our Daily Bread

The September/October/November issue of *Our Daily Bread* is in the magazine racks in the narthex. Pick up a copy to use with your daily devotions.

LCMC 20th Annual Gathering Delegates

LCMC 20th Annual Gathering will be held on Monday, October 5, 2020 at North Heights Lutheran Church in Arden Hills, MN. Yes, one day only this year. This is due to the current restrictions placed on group gatherings in the state of Minnesota due to COVID-19. Breakout sessions, fellowship and networking activities, and vendors have been canceled for this year.

Registration is limited to 250 people at the gathering and is first come first serve, online only, and limited to voting delegates.

First Lutheran is allowed two voting delegates. The deadline to register is September 30th. The event will be live streamed as usual, however this year they plan to offer a more interactive experience for those who will be "attending" the event from home. If you are interested in being a delegate, please see Jeannette in the church office.

First Lutheran Church Updates as of September 2, 2020

- First Lutheran will keep maintaining worship services as is, limiting up to a total of 150 people. **Face masks are strongly encouraged but not required. Bring your own mask, if you don't, masks will be available for your use.** As of now Facebook Live services will continue.
- It was determined that small groups of no more than 24 people are the only groups allowed to meet at the church at this time with the exception of Sunday School and Pastor Ordination reception. **No food to be prepared in the kitchen at this time and no coffee hour.** Please make sure to have your group scheduled through the church office.
- Doors will be open daily from 9:00 am – 3:00 pm.
- Watch the church website www.flcwashburn.com and Facebook for further updates.
- We ask that you remember your tithing for the church. Either send your payment to the church or drop it off at Farmers Security Bank in Washburn notating it is a donation for First Lutheran Church if you will not be attending worship at the church.

THIS WEEK AT FIRST LUTHERAN

TODAY	9:30 AM	Worship 3 rd Graders Receive Bibles from FLCW Sunday School Teacher Installation
	10:45 AM	Sunday School - Rally Sunday
	10:45 AM	FLCW Executive Board Meeting
	7:00 PM	AA Meeting
MON.	10:00 AM	Chat & Sew Quilting
TUES.	10:00 AM	Mommy's Group
WED.	6:45 PM	Bell Choir
	7:00 PM	FLY
	7:30 PM	Choir
THURS.	9:30 AM	Deborah Bible Study at Cathy Sheldon's
	6:30 PM	FLCW Assembles LWR Kits
FRI.		Newsletter Deadline
SUNDAY	9:30 AM	Worship w/Holy Communion Rite of First Communion
	10:45 AM	Sunday School
	10:45 AM	Bible Study
	7:00 PM	AA Meeting