

Time after Pentecost

**Sunday,
September 13, 2020**

9:30 am Worship
Christ Lutheran Church
Cottonwood, Minnesota



In today's readings, we are reminded that we sin against one another, and Jesus' challenge that we forgive seventy-seven times reveals God's boundless mercy. When we hear the words of forgiveness in worship and sign ourselves with the cross, we are renewed in baptism to be signs of reconciliation in the world

(adapted from Sundays and Seasons, Augsburg Fortress, 2019)

GATHERING

*The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.
Wherever you are on your journey of faith, you are welcome here.*

Prelude

Words of Welcome

Pastor: This is the day the Lord has made,

All: let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Opening Words of Faith based on Psalm 103

P: Bless you God, you are merciful and gracious, slow to anger and steadfast in love;

All: bless you God, you seldom chaste and never remain angry.

P: Bless you God, with all my soul; you do not deal with us as our sin deserves;
All: bless you God, your remove our sinfulness from us as far as the east is from the west.

P: Bless you God, like a parent who has compassion for their child;

All: bless you God, you are merciful and gracious, embracing us with love and forgiveness.

Words of Confession and Forgiveness

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who creates, redeems, and sustains us and all of creation.

All: Amen.

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

(Silence for reflection and self-examination)

P: Faithful God,

All: 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.

P: 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.

All: Amen.

Greeting

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All: And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray. O Lord God, merciful judge,

C: 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.

Presentation of Spark Story Bibles to Two Year Olds

Brett Bossuyt

Evelyn Dahl

Walker Golberg

Jameson Guerra

O'deya Johnson

Ethan Laleman

Norah Lux

Kason Rykhus

Cora Sharkey

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

Old Testament Reading

Genesis 50:15-21

¹⁵Realizing 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?" ¹⁶So they approached Joseph, saying, "Your father gave this instruction before he died, ¹⁷'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. ¹⁸Then his brothers also wept, fell down before him, and said, "We are here as your slaves." ¹⁹But Joseph said to them, "Do not be afraid! Am I in the place of God? ²⁰Even 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. ²¹So have no fear; I myself will provide for you and your little ones." In this way he reassured them, speaking kindly to them.

L: Word of God, Word of Life

All: Thanks be to God

Gospel Reading

Matthew 18:21-35

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

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

²¹Then Peter came and said to him, "Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?" ²²Jesus said to him, "Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times. ²³'For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. ²⁴When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; ²⁵and, 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. ²⁶So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' ²⁷And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. ²⁸But 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.' ²⁹Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' ³⁰But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. ³¹When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly

distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place.
³²Then his lord summoned him and said to him, ‘You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me.³³Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?’³⁴And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt.³⁵So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart.’

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

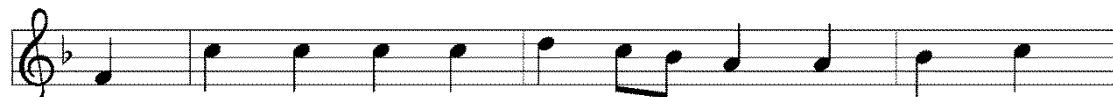
Message

Pastor Janel Kuester

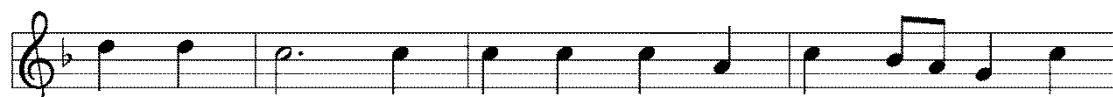
Hymn of the Day

“O Christ, Our Hope”

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1 O Christ, our hope, our hearts' de - sire, cre - a - tion's
 2 How vast your mer - cy to ac - cept the bur - den
 3 But now the bonds of death are burst, the ran - som
 4 Oh, let your might - y love pre - vail to purge us
 5 All praise to you, as - cend - ed Lord; all glo - ry



might-y Lord, re - deem - er of the fall - en world, by
 of our sin, and bow your head in cru - el death to
 has been paid; you reign a - bove at God's right hand, in
 of our pride, that we may stand be - fore your throne by
 ev - er be to Fa - ther, Son, and Spir - it blest through



ho - ly love out - poured, by ho - ly love out - poured:
 make us clean with - in, to make us clean with - in.
 robes of light ar - rayed, in robes of light ar - rayed.
 mer - cy pu - ri - fied, by mer - cy pu - ri - fied.
 all e - ter - ni - ty, through all e - ter - ni - ty!

Text: Latin hymn, c. 8th cent.; tr. John Chandler, 1806–1876, adapt.
 Music: LOBT GOTT, IHR CHRISTEN, Nikolaus Herman, 1480–1561

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Profession of Faith using the words of the Apostles' Creed

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 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 of God's People

The congregation responds to the prayer petitions with, "hear our prayer."

Lord's Prayer

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

SENDING

God sends us in mission to the world

Blessing

P: God, the creator, † Jesus, the Christ, and the Holy Spirit, the comforter, bless you and keep you in eternal love.

All: Amen.

Greetings of God's Peace and Sending Words

L: Go in peace. Remember the poor.

All: Thanks be to God.

Please share the sign of peace with each other (from a distance).

Postlude

Worship Assistants, Thank You For Serving This Sunday, September 13, 2020

Ushers: Parry Bossuyt, Chuck Broberg, Josh Fragodt, Tom Hinz, Mike Lee (C), Jeff Varpness

Musician: Amy Jo Remmle

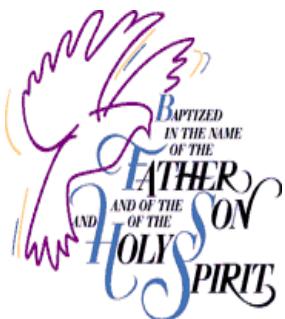
Lector and Assisting Minister: Carolyn Olson

PA Operator: Shawn Myers, Tracy Sterner **Video Camera Op:** Greg Isaackson

Worship Service on Cable Channel 180 - Sundays at 10:45 am
- Mondays at 4:30 pm

YouTube link will continue but will be delayed until after Sunday morning worship (visit our website—christcottonwood.org — and FB page—Christ Lutheran Church Cottonwood MN; the link will also be emailed to you)

St. Mary's Church, Cottonwood, will hold its annual Fall Festival TODAY, September 13. Turkey Dinner: Take-Out and Delivery Only. Dinner sales begin at 9:30; meals available from 11:00 to 1:00. Call 507 423 5220



Being Received into God's Kingdom of Grace through the Sacrament of Holy Baptism on September 14 is Wyatt Derek Golberg.

Please remember Wyatt in your prayers, as well as his parents Derek and Macy Golberg and sponsors Parry and Ginny Bossuyt and Brennen Peters.

United Community Action's "Coats for Kids" Program

Christ Lutheran will again be a collection site for United Community Action's winter outer clothing: boots, snow pants, hats, mittens, gloves, scarves, coats. This begins September 15th and ends October 15th when the donations will be picked up from Christ Lutheran for distribution at the Marshall Mall. United Community Action will be providing a collection bin, located in our front entry.

Raising the Roof

After several years of shingles needing to be replaced and leaking into the bell tower, the trustees have been working on roof replacement options. The trustees have recommended to move forward with using a Standing Seam Metal Roofing product made by Weather Guard to replace the asphalt shingles that do not stand up to the weather and wind conditions on the slope deck of the roof line. This product (image below) has completely hidden fasteners and a 40 year warranty. The shingles will be removed, a synthetic felt would be put on the roof deck, and then a one piece seamless sheet from top to bottom placed over the felt. At the same time, work will be done to fix the slope of the concrete near the front doors of the church building. This will include the removal of at least one window that has been leaking into the basement for several years.

The materials, labor and equipment costs is estimated at approximately \$91,000. The account that the replacement of the roof would be using is from the Edward Jones Investment Fund set aside for capital improvements of this nature. The work will begin in early October.

If you would like to make a donation towards the roof replacement, please mark your donation with
“Roof Replacement.”



Prayer Requests

The Apostle Paul reminds us in Philippians 4:6-7 to, “*Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.*” Your prayers are a gift to those requesting them, and encouragement for one another as we experience challenges, sorrows, or thanksgivings of any kind.

Health Concerns, as well as Others In Our Hearts and On Our Minds:

Landyn Berends	Norm Evers	Gordy Geistfeld	Gail Gregoire
Jake Gregoire	Grant Johnson	Bob Kaeter	Teri Kemmer
Cole Louwagie	Pr. Curt Miller	Jori Ella Morrison	Gretchen Noon
Ione Olson	Savannah Rausch	Joyce St. Pierre	Kelsey Sullivan
Gary Vossen			

All those dealing with illness, addictions, depression, unemployment, under-employment, and any challenges in their lives.

Independent Living/Assisted Living/Care Center Residents/Homebound:

Shi Aamodt, Arvilla Berg, Bob Bode, Darleen Cole, Michele Engholm, Elaine Elston, Irene Evers, Norm Evers, Marge Gigstad, Janet Gniffke, Adrian Golberg, Julie Jaeger, Marietta Jarcho, Betty Lovsness, Lila Mauland, Laurie Pickthorn, Donna Neuharth, Bobby Olson, Alnora Pederson, Margaret Rewerts, Marge Seitz

Families & Students of our Congregation

Norm and Faye Myers
Shawn and Vicki Myers, Jacob, Will
Our 2 Year Olds
Our First Communion Students

Workers in Other Countries, Missionaries, and Local Congregation Missions.

Cottonwood Food Pantry
Kitchen Table food shelf (United Community Action)
ELCA World Hunger Appeal

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