

COS Sunday Devotional Streaming
Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 6, 2020

Prelude Music

Welcome

This Sunday, we continue our sermon Series, The Family of God. God's Kingdom is about relationships, because our God is a God of relationships. God's Family is a strong family, God is the Head of His Family, yet, as it was highlighted last week, this family is not perfect, it is made up of saints and sinners. Considering this reality, what are you supposed to do when a member of the family sins against you? In our Gospel reading this Sunday, Jesus addresses this issue, when He talks about **Family Discipline**.

A brief comment about this Sunday (Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost) and the main theme of the readings. The Season of Pentecost emphasizes a growing relationship with God, our Father, through faith in Christ; it is **through Christ** that we have access to God's family, and it is **in Christ** that we stand as God's children. The readings highlight that God desires that no sinner would be lost, when we confess our sins to God, He certainly forgives our sins; the same way, God's children forgive one another.

Invocation

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Confession of Sins

Spoken Together

Dear Father in heaven, we know that You are Holy, and that you cannot abide sin. Yet we have sinned, and even though we try to stop, we continue to sin, in thought, word, and deed. When we think of how that sin separates us from You, we would gladly cut off our hands or feet if it would help, and yet we can do nothing except throw ourselves on Your mercy. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, who died for our sins, forgive us, renew us, restore our child-like faith, and lead us to everlasting life.

Absolution

Our adopted brother, Jesus, is the good shepherd, and would leave behind 99 others just to find you. He came to seek and to save the lost. If you are feeling lost in your sins, open yourself to His grace given freely for those God the Father has given Him – his family, the church. As a servant of that church, I speak the words of Jesus to you now: your sins are forgiven! In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Music

God of Grace and God of Glory, Concordia

God of grace and God of glory,
On Your people pour Your pow'r;
Crown Your ancient Church's story;
Bring its bud to glorious flow'r.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage
For the facing of this hour,
For the facing of this hour.

Lo! the hosts of evil round us
Scorn the Christ, assail His ways!
From the fears that long have bound us
Free our hearts to faith and praise.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage
For the living of these days,
For the living of these days.

Cure Your children's warring madness;
Bend our pride to Your control;
Shame our wanton, selfish gladness,
Rich in things and poor in soul.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage
Lest we miss Your kingdom's goal,
Lest we miss Your kingdom's goal.

Save us from weak resignation
To the evils we deplore;
Let the gift of Your salvation

Be our glory evermore.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
Serving You whom we adore,
Serving You whom we adore.

Old Testament Reading

Ezekiel 33:7-9

⁷ "So you, son of man, I have made a watchman for the house of Israel. Whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. ⁸ If I say to the wicked, O wicked one, you shall surely die, and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from his way, that wicked person shall die in his iniquity, but his blood I will require at your hand. ⁹ But if you warn the wicked to turn from his way, and he does not turn from his way, that person shall die in his iniquity, but you will have delivered your soul.

Epistle Reading

Romans 13:1-10

13 Let every person be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and those that exist have been instituted by God. ² Therefore whoever resists the authorities resists what God has appointed, and those who resist will incur judgment. ³ For rulers are not a terror to good conduct, but to bad. Would you have no fear of the one who is in authority? Then do what is good, and you will receive his approval, ⁴ for he is God's servant for your good. But if you do wrong, be afraid, for he does not bear the sword in vain. For he is the servant of God, an avenger who carries out God's wrath on the wrongdoer. ⁵ Therefore one must be in subjection, not only to avoid God's wrath but also for the sake of conscience. ⁶ For because of this you also pay taxes, for the authorities are ministers of God, attending to this very thing. ⁷ Pay to all what is owed to them: taxes to whom taxes are owed, revenue to whom revenue is owed, respect to whom respect is owed, honor to whom honor is owed.

⁸ Owe no one anything, except to love each other, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. ⁹ For the

commandments, "You shall not commit adultery, You shall not murder, You shall not steal, You shall not covet," and any other commandment, are summed up in this word: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." ¹⁰ Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfilling of the law.

Gospel Reading

Matthew 18:1-20

18 At that time the disciples came to Jesus, saying, "Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?" ² And calling to him a child, he put him in the midst of them ³ and said, "Truly, I say to you, unless you turn and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. ⁴ Whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven.

⁵ "Whoever receives one such child in my name receives me, ⁶ but whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for him to have a great millstone fastened around his neck and to be drowned in the depth of the sea.

⁷ "Woe to the world for temptations to sin! For it is necessary that temptations come, but woe to the one by whom the temptation comes! ⁸ And if your hand or your foot causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away. It is better for you to enter life crippled or lame than with two hands or two feet to be thrown into the eternal fire. ⁹ And if your eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away. It is better for you to enter life with one eye than with two eyes to be thrown into the hell of fire.

¹⁰ "See that you do not despise one of these little ones. For I tell you that in heaven their angels always see the face of my Father who is in heaven. ¹² What do you think? If a man has a hundred sheep, and one of them has gone astray, does he not leave the ninety-nine on the mountains and go in search of the one that went astray? ¹³ And if he finds it, truly, I say to you, he rejoices over it more than over the ninety-nine that never went astray. ¹⁴ So it is not the will of my Father who is in heaven that one of these little ones should perish.

¹⁵ "If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault, between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have gained your brother. ¹⁶ But if he does not listen, take one or two others along with you, that every charge may be established by the evidence of two or three witnesses. ¹⁷ If he refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church. And if he refuses to listen even to the church, let him be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. ¹⁸ Truly, I say to you, whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven. ¹⁹ Again I say to you, if two of you agree on earth about anything they ask, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven. ²⁰ For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them."

Children's Sermon

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and 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 shall come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Holy Christian Church, the Communion of Saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Offering Music

How Great is Our God, Chris Tomlin

The splendor of the King, clothed in majesty,
Let all the Earth rejoice, all the Earth rejoice.
He wraps himself in light and darkness tries to hide
And trembles at His voice, trembles at His voice.

Chorus: How great is our God, sing with me,
How great is our God, and all will see
How great, how great is our God!

Age to age He stands, and time is in His hands
Beginning and the End, Beginning and the End.
The Godhead, Three in One: Father, Spirit, Son,
The Lion and the Lamb, the Lion and the Lamb.

Chorus

Name above all names,
Worthy of our praise,
My heart will sing
How great is our God!

Chorus

Prayers of the Congregation

The 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.**

Music

Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us; Koine

Lord of glory, you have bought us
With your lifeblood as the price,
Never grudging for the lost ones
That tremendous sacrifice,
And with that have freely given
Blessings countless as the sand
To th' unthankful and the evil
With your own unsparing hand.

Grant us hearts, dear Lord, to give you
Gladly, freely, of your own.

With the sunshine of your goodness
Melt our thankless hearts of stone
Till our cold and selfish natures,
Warmed by you, at length believe
That more happy and more blessed
'Tis to give than to receive.

Wondrous honor you have given
To our humblest charity
In your own mysterious sentence,
"You have done it unto me."
Can it be, O gracious Master,
That you need what we can do,
Saying by your poor and needy,
"Give as I have giv'n to you"?

Yes, the sorrow and the suff'rings
Which on ev'ry hand we view
Channels are for gifts and off'rings
Due by solemn right to you,
Right of which we may not rob you,
Debt we may not choose but pay
Lest that face of love and pity
Turn from us another day.

Lord of glory, you have bought us
With your lifeblood as the price,
Never grudging for the lost ones
That tremendous sacrifice.
Give us faith to trust you boldly,
Hope, to stay our souls on you;
But, oh, best of all your graces,
With your love our love renew.

Meditation

Family Discipline – Pastor Ely Prieto

Prayer and Benediction

Virtual Sharing of the Peace

Final Music

All the People Said Amen, Matt Maher

You are not alone, if you are lonely,
When you feeling frail, you're not the only.
We are all the same, in need of mercy,
To be forgiven and be free.
It's all you got to lean on, but thank God, it's all you need.

Chorus: And all the people said "Amen!"
And all the people said "Amen!"
Give thanks to the Lord for His love never ends,
And all the people said "Amen!"

If your rich or poor, well it don't matter.
Weak or strong, we know love is what we're after,
We're all broken but we're all in this together.
God knows we stumble and fall,
And He so loved the world He sent His Son to save us all.

Chorus

Blessed are the poor in spirit who are torn apart.
Blessed are the persecuted and the pure in heart.
Blessed are the people longing for another start.
For this is the Kingdom, the Kingdom of God

Chorus 2x

Chat Time