

**COS Sunday Devotional Streaming**  
**Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost**  
**09/13/20**

## **Prelude Music**

### **Welcome**

Good morning, and welcome to Christ Our Savior's Phygital worship! Whether you are worshiping in person, through Zoom, or listening in on mixlr.com, we hope and pray that you have a blessed Sunday in the Lord Jesus!

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. This Sunday, our topic is **Your Place in the Family, Part I – Learning Heart-Felt Forgiveness**. In the family of God, the Father is the head, and through His Son Jesus Christ, He handles the business of the Family. God's family is made up of saints and sinners and based on Jesus' ministry and motivated by His Gospel, God's children practice mercy, love and forgiveness.

### **Invocation**

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

### **Confession of Sins**

#### *Spoken Together*

Dear Father, we are so thankful that you have brought us together again, for this time of worship and meditation in your Word. The Bible tells us - **"How good and pleasant it is, when brothers and sisters live together in unity."** (Psalm 133:1). However, we realize that our daily sins prevent us to live in harmony with You and with our brothers and sisters. We are truly sorry and ask for Your forgiveness. Help us to look to the cross and remind us that Your Son Jesus Christ died and rose again, to forgive all our sins and to bring us to everlasting life. Be merciful to us Lord and hear our prayer. Amen.

### **Absolution**

Our Psalm for today (Psalm 103) tells us that God **"does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities"** (v.10). Instead, it assures us that **"The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love."** (v.8) Then, the Psalm gives us this beautiful promise, **"As far as the east is from the west, so far God removes our transgressions from us."** (12). Jesus, and His work on the cross, assures you that your sins are forgiven, in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

## God Loves Me Dearly, Concordia

God loves me dearly,  
Grants me salvation,  
God loves me dearly,  
Loves even me.

Refrain:  
Therefore, I'll say again:  
God loves me dearly,  
God loves me dearly,  
Loves even me.

He sent forth Jesus,  
My dear Redeemer,  
He sent forth Jesus  
And set me free. [Refrain]

Jesus, my Savior,  
Himself did offer;  
Jesus, my Savior,  
Paid all I owed. [Refrain]

### **Old Testament Reading – Genesis 50:15-21**

<sup>15</sup> 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." <sup>16</sup> So they sent a message to Joseph, saying, "Your father gave this command before he died: <sup>17</sup> '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. <sup>18</sup> His brothers also came and fell down before him and said, "Behold, we are your servants." <sup>19</sup> But Joseph said to them, "Do not fear, for am I in the place of God? <sup>20</sup> 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. <sup>21</sup> So do not fear; I will provide for you and your little ones." Thus he comforted them and spoke kindly to them.

### **Epistle Reading - Romans 14:1-12**

As for the one who is weak in faith, welcome him, but not to quarrel over opinions. <sup>2</sup> One person believes he may eat anything, while the weak person eats only vegetables. <sup>3</sup> 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. <sup>4</sup> 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. <sup>5</sup> 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. <sup>6</sup> 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. <sup>7</sup> For none of us lives to himself, and none of us dies to himself. <sup>8</sup> 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. <sup>9</sup> For to this end Christ died and lived again, that he might be Lord both of the dead and of the living. <sup>10</sup> 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; <sup>11</sup> for it is written, "As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall confess to God." <sup>12</sup> So then each of us will give an account of himself to God.

### **Gospel Reading - Matthew 18:21-35**

<sup>21</sup> 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?" <sup>22</sup> Jesus said to him, "I do not say to you seven times, but seventy-seven times. <sup>23</sup> "Therefore the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his servants. <sup>24</sup> When he began to settle, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents. <sup>25</sup> 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. <sup>26</sup> So the servant fell on his knees, imploring him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' <sup>27</sup> And out of pity for him, the master of that servant released him and forgave him the debt. <sup>28</sup> 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.' <sup>29</sup> So his fellow servant fell down and pleaded with him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' <sup>30</sup> He refused and went and put him in prison until he should pay the debt. <sup>31</sup> 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. <sup>32</sup> Then his master summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. <sup>33</sup> And should not you

have had mercy on your fellow servant, as I had mercy on you?' <sup>34</sup> And in anger his master delivered him to the jailers, until he should pay all his debt. <sup>35</sup> So also my heavenly Father will do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother from your heart."

## **Children's Sermon – Ed**

### **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.

### **Brief Announcements**

#### **10,000 Reasons, Matt Redman**

Chorus:

Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul,  
Worship His Holy name.

Sing like never before, O my soul:  
I'll worship Your Holy name.

The sun comes up,  
It's a new day dawning.  
It's time to sing Your song again.  
Whatever may pass  
And whatever lies before me,  
Let me be singing  
When the evening comes. [Chorus]

You're rich in love  
And You're slow to anger,  
Your name is great  
And Your heart is kind.  
For all Your goodness,  
I will keep on singing,  
Ten thousand reasons  
For my heart to find. [Chorus]

And on that day  
When my strength is failing,  
The end draws near  
And my time has come,  
Still my soul will  
Sing Your praise unending,  
Ten thousand years  
And then forevermore. [Chorus 2x]

## **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.

### **Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive, Koine**

“Forgive our sins as we forgive,”  
You taught us, Lord, to pray;  
But You alone can grant us grace  
To live the words we say.

How can Your pardon reach and bless  
The unforgiving heart  
That broods on wrongs and will not let  
Old bitterness depart?

In blazing light your cross reveals  
The truth we dimly knew:  
What trivial debts are owed to us,  
How great our debt to you!

Lord, cleanse the depths within our souls  
And bid resentment cease;  
Then, bound to all in bonds of love,  
Our lives will spread your peace.

## **Meditation**

***Your Place in the Family – Learning Heart-Felt Forgiveness***  
***Pastor John Kah***

## Prayer and Benediction

### Virtual Sharing of the Peace

Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven, The Schola Cantorum

Praise, my soul, the King of Heaven;  
To His feet thy tribute bring.  
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,  
Evermore His praises sing:  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Praise the everlasting King.

Praise Him for His grace and favor  
To His people in distress;  
Praise Him still the same as ever,  
Slow to chide, and swift to bless.  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Glorious in His faithfulness.

Father-like He tends and spares us,  
Well our feeble frame He knows;  
In His hands He gently bears us,  
Rescues us from all our foes.  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Widely yet His mercy flows.

Frail as summer's flow'r we flourish,  
Blows the wind and it is gone;  
But while mortals rise and perish,  
God endures unchanging on.  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Praise the high Eternal One!

Angels, help us to adore Him,  
You behold Him face to face;  
Sun and moon, bow down before Him;  
Dwellers all in time and space,  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Praise with us the God of grace.

### Chat Time