

OCTOBER 16, 17, 2021 BLENDED

“FORGIVE US – I Am Forgiven”

(Sunday) **PRELUDE – “Beautiful Savior”**
Men’s Chorus

RINGING OF THE BELL

WORDS OF WELCOME

OPENING HYMN – Christ is Our Cornerstone LSB 912
Christ is our cornerstone, on Him alone we build;
With His true saints alone the courts of heav’n are filled.
On His great love
Our hopes we place of present grace and joys above.

Here may we gain from heav’n the grace which we implore,
And may that grace, once giv’n, be with us evermore.
Until that day
When all the blest to endless rest are called away.

Oh, then, with hymns of praise these hallowed courts shall ring;
Our voices we will raise the Three in One to sing
And thus proclaim
In joyful song, both loud and long, that glorious name.

INVOCATION, CONFESSION AND WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

P: We begin in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

P: As we gather inside the doors of this church, let us leave behind our busyness, our needless worries, our grudges and animosities, our preoccupations with the trivial, and let us come before God with hearts and minds prepared for worship.

C: **We have brought along to church some things we should not be carrying.**

P: We may be carrying bad feelings against others – jealousies, anger over past hurts, resentments, suspicions, and prejudices.

C: **Sometimes it’s far easier to rename our own sin as mistakes or give excuses for our behavior.**

P: We focus instead on the mistakes and faults and sins of others.

C: **We forget our own sin, but remember the sins of others.**

P: We desire forgiveness for our own sins, but withhold it from people around us.

C: **And yet, we pray, “forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us.” Lord, forgive us and help us pray this petition as You fully intend for us.**

P: The Lord has heard our prayer and plea for forgiveness. In faith we receive forgiveness. As a called and ordained servant of the Lord, I announce that your sins are forgiven in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. God grant us the grace to live a life of forgiveness.

C: **Amen.**

RESPONSE – Because He Lives Celebration Hymnal 358

**God sent His Son – they called Him Jesus; He came to love, heal and forgive.
He lived and died to buy my pardon; an empty grave is there to prove my Savior lives.
Because He lives I can face tomorrow; because He lives, all fear is gone.
Because I know He holds the future. And life is worth the living just because He lives.**

**And then one day I'll cross the river; I'll fight life's final war with pain.
And then, as death gives way to vict'ry, I'll see the light of glory and I'll know He reigns.
Because He lives I can face tomorrow; because He lives, all fear is gone.
Because I know He holds the future. And life is worth the living just because He lives.**

THE OLD TESTAMENT READING – Psalm 51:1-3

P: Have mercy on me, O God, according to Your steadfast love; according to Your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.

C: Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin.

P: For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me.

THE EPISTLE READING – Ephesians 4:29-32

²⁹ Let no corrupting talk come out of your mouths, but only such as is good for building up, as fits the occasion, that it may give grace to those who hear. ³⁰ And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. ³¹ Let all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamor and slander be put away from you, along with all malice. ³² Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

(Sunday) ANTHEM – “The Lord’s Prayer”
Men’s Chorus

GOSPEL – Matthew 6:5-15

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew the 6th chapter.

C: Glory be to You, O Lord.

And when you pray, you must not be like the hypocrites. For they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and at the street corners, that they may be seen by others. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward. ⁶ But when you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

⁷ “And when you pray, do not heap up empty phrases as the Gentiles do, for they think that they will be heard for their many words. ⁸ Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask Him. ⁹ Pray then like this:

“Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be Your name.

¹⁰Your kingdom come,

Your will be done,

on earth as it is in heaven.

¹¹ Give us this day our daily bread,
¹² and forgive us our debts,
as we also have forgiven our debtors.
¹³ And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.

¹⁴ For if you forgive others their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you, ¹⁵ but if you do not forgive others their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

PROFESSION OF FAITH - The Fifth Petition of the Lord's Prayer and Explanation

P: And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. *What does this mean?*

C: We pray in this petition that our Father in heaven would not look at our sins, or deny our prayer because of them. We are neither worthy of the things for which we pray, nor have we deserved them, but we ask that He would give them all to us by grace, for we daily sin much and surely deserve nothing but punishment. So we too will sincerely forgive and gladly do good to those who sin against us.

MESSAGE HYMN – Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive LSB 843 (use LSB 554 melody)

**“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.**

MESSAGE – “Forgive Us – I Am Forgiven”

Pastor Chris Troxel

OFFERING ANNOUCEMENT

THE BLESSING OF THE QUILTS

The Lutheran Women's Missionary League Pledge

All: In fervent gratitude for the Savior's dying love and His blood-bought gift of redemption we dedicate ourselves to Him with all that we are and have; and in obedience to His call for workers in the harvest fields, we pledge Him our willing service wherever and whenever He has need of us. We consecrate to our Savior our hands to work for Him, our feet to go on His errands, our voice to sing His praises, our lips to proclaim His redeeming love, our silver

and our gold to extend His Kingdom, our will to do His will, and every power of our lives to the great task of bringing the lost and the erring into eternal fellowship with Him. Amen.

THE PRAYERS OF GOD'S PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

THE BLESSING

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious unto you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

C: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN – “Serve the Lord with Gladness” *(LWML Hymn)*

“Serve the Lord with gladness!”
He gave us command
To proclaim His Gospel now in every land
So that fellow sinners may, like us, be blest.
Leading them to Jesus, we can serve Him best.
Onward, then, for Jesus!
Let this be our aim:
“Serve the Lord with gladness!”
Glorify His name!

“Serve the Lord with gladness!”
There's no greater joy
Than to serve the Master, work in His employ.
As we build His kingdom angels, too, rejoice
Over every sinner brought to hear His voice.
Onward, then, for Jesus!
Let this be our aim:
“Serve the Lord with gladness!”
Glorify His name!

POSTLUDE

