



Our Redeemer Lutheran Church
Jackson, Minnesota
“Bringing Jesus to Jackson”
The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 17, 2023

Welcome to this Divine Service. We gather in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Please sign the attendance card in pew and place in offering plate.



Prelude and Ringing of the Bell

Hymn “Gracious God, You Send Great Blessings” **782**

Opening Verses, Venite **219-221**

Psalmody **Psalm 103:1–12; antiphon: v. 13**

- P** As a father shows compassion to his children,
C so the LORD shows compassion to those who fear him.
P Bless the LORD, O my soul,
C and all that is within me, bless his holy name!
P Bless the LORD, O my soul,
C and forget not all his benefits,
P who forgives all your iniquity,
C who heals all your diseases,
P who redeems your life from the pit,
C who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy,
P who satisfies you with good
C so that your youth is renewed like the eagle’s.
P The LORD works righteousness
C and justice for all who are oppressed.
P He made known his ways to Moses,
C his acts to the people of Israel.
P The LORD is merciful and gracious,
C slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.
P He will not always chide,
C nor will he keep his anger forever.
P He does not deal with us according to our sins,
C nor repay us according to our iniquities.
P For as high as the heavens are above the earth,
C so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him;
P as far as the east is from the west,

C so far does he remove our transgressions from us.
Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and will be forever. Amen.

P As a father shows compassion to his children,

C so the LORD shows compassion to those who fear him.

Hymn "Holy Spirit, Light Divine"

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Old Testament Reading

Genesis 50:15–21 ESV

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

P O Lord, have mercy on us.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle

Romans 14:1–12 ESV

¹ As for the one who is weak in faith, welcome him, but not to quarrel over opinions. ² One person believes he may eat anything, while the weak person eats only vegetables. ³ 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. ⁴ 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.

⁵ 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. ⁶ 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. ⁷ For none of us lives to himself, and none of us dies to himself. ⁸ 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. ⁹ For to this end Christ died and lived again, that he might be Lord both of the dead and of the living.

¹⁰ 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; ¹¹ for it is written,

“As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me,
and every tongue shall confess to God.”

¹² So then each of us will give an account of himself to God.

P O Lord, have mercy on us.

C Thanks be to God.

Holy Gospel

St. Matthew 18:21–35 ESV

²¹ 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?”

²² Jesus said to him, “I do not say to you seven times, but seventy-seven times.

²³ “Therefore the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his servants. ²⁴ When he began to settle, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents. ²⁵ 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. ²⁶ So the servant fell on his knees, imploring him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.’ ²⁷ And out of pity for him, the master of that servant released him and forgave him the debt. ²⁸ 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.’ ²⁹ So his fellow servant fell down and pleaded with him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you.’ ³⁰ He refused and went and put him in prison until he should pay the debt. ³¹ 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. ³² Then his master summoned him and said to him, ‘You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. ³³ And should not you have had mercy on your fellow servant, as I had mercy on you?’ ³⁴ And in anger his master delivered him to the jailers, until he should pay all his debt. ³⁵ So also my heavenly Father will do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother from your heart.”

P O Lord, have mercy on us.

C Thanks be to God.

Common Responsory

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Hymn

“I Lay My Sins on Jesus”

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Catechism Lesson: The Lord's Prayer

P The Seventh Petition

C But deliver us from evil.

P What does this mean?

© We pray in this petition, in summary, that our Father in heaven would rescue us from every evil of body and soul, possessions and reputation, and finally, when our last hour comes, give us a blessed end, and graciously take us from this valley of sorrow to Himself in heaven.

Sermon **“Deliver Us from Division”** **Romans 14:1–12**

Canticle	“Te Deum”	223-225
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Offering

Kyrie, Lord's Prayer, Salutation 227

Prayers

Irene Montgomery, Kathy Miller (Neil's, Susan's, and Patti's sister-in-law), Ken Temple, Karen Temple, Diann Johnson (Bernie Stubbe's sister), Ron Kloos, Barney Olson, Travus Mekosch.

Petitions conclude:

P . . . let us pray to the Lord: **C** Lord, have mercy.

Final petition:

P Hear us, heavenly Father, for the sake of Christ Jesus, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Collect for Grace, Benedicamus, Benediction 228

Hymn “Guide Me, O Thou Great Redeemer” **918**

Postlude



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