

And out of  
pity for him,  
the master of  
that servant  
released  
him and



him the debt.

MATTHEW 18:27, ESV



## Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

8:15 and 10:30 a.m. Sunday Worship

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**Welcome!** Forgiveness is not something that always comes easy for us to extend to others, especially to those who have wronged us on numerous occasions. Today's Scripture readings make clear that God's people have received an ample supply of His mercy and grace. As broken sinners ourselves, we do not have the proper perspective or knowledge to pass judgment on someone else, thinking them outside of God's Kingdom. Rather, we remember the fullness of God's Word, His Law and Gospel, that brings people to repentance and faith and the remarkable kindness of God through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

### + Order of Worship +

#### Song

“Amazing Grace (My Chains are Gone)”

#### Invocation

P: In the name of the Father, and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

#### Opening Versicles

P: This is the day that the Lord has made.

C: Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

P: From the rising of the sun to its setting,

C: the name of the Lord is to be praised!

P: Better is one day in Your courts than a thousand elsewhere.

C: I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of the wicked.

P: Make me to know Your ways, O Lord,

C: Teach me Your paths.

P: Sanctify us in Your truth.

C: Your Word is truth.

P: From the rising of the sun to its setting,

C: the name of the Lord is to be praised!

#### Confession and Absolution

P: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God, our Father, asking Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

P: Our help is in the name of the Lord.

C: Who made heaven and earth.

P: I said I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord.

**C: And You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

*(Silence for reflection and self-examination)*

P: O Almighty God, merciful Father,

**C: I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserve Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

P: Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God to all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

**Introit** *(Psalm 143:1-2; antiphon, verse 9)*

P: Deliver me from my enemies, O LORD!

I have fled to you for refuge!

**C: Hear my prayer, O LORD; give ear to my pleas for mercy!  
In your faithfulness, answer me in your righteousness!**

P: Enter not into judgment with Your servant,  
for no one living is righteous before you.

**C: 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: Deliver me from my enemies, O LORD!

I have fled to you for refuge!

**Song** "Majesty"

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

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

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**Epistle Reading**

Romans 14:1-12

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

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

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; for it is written, "As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall confess to God."

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

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## The Holy Gospel

Matthew 18:21-35

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

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

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## Responsory

P: Forever, O Lord, Your Word is firmly set in the heavens.

**C: Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.**

P: Blessed are those who hear the Word of God and keep it.

**C: Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.**

P: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

**C: Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.**

## The Ten Commandments

**C: You shall have no other gods.**

**You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God.**

**Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy.**

**Honor your father and your mother.**

**You shall not murder.**

**You shall not commit adultery.**

**You shall not steal.**

**You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.**

**You shall not covet your neighbor’s house.**

**You shall not covet your neighbor’s wife, or his manservant or his maidservant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.**

## 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 will 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.**

## The Lord’s Prayer

P: Lord remember us in Your Kingdom, and teach us to pray:

**C: 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.**

## Song

“How Can it Be?”

## Sermon

## Bibles to Third-graders

### Installation of Church officers and teachers

#### Prayer of the Church

P: In peace, let us pray to the Lord:

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: For the gift of divine peace and of pardon, with all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord:

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: For the holy Christian church, here and scattered throughout the world, and for the proclamation of the Gospel and the calling of all to faith, let us pray to the Lord:

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: For this nation, for our cities and communities, and for the common welfare of us all, let us pray to the Lord:

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: For seasonable weather, and for the fruitfulness of the earth, let us pray to the Lord:

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: For those who are married, that they may fulfill their vocation to honor, cherish and love their spouse; for those who are single and desire to be married, that God would provide companionship according to His good and gracious will, let us pray to the Lord:

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: For those who labor, for those whose work is difficult or dangerous, and for all who travel, let us pray to the Lord:

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: For all those in need, for the hungry and homeless, for the widowed and orphaned, and for all those in prison, let us pray to the Lord:

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: For those in distress of mind, body or soul, for the sick and the dying, and all those who have requested our prayers, including \_\_\_\_\_, let us pray to the Lord:

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: (*Specific petitions*) Let us pray to the Lord:

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: Finally, for these and for all our needs of body and soul, let us pray to the Lord:

**C: Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Amen.**

#### Collect of the Day

P: Let us pray: O God, our refuge and strength, the author of all godliness, hear the devout prayers of Your Church, especially in times of persecution, and grant that what we ask in faith we may obtain; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

#### Collect for the Word

P: Blessed Lord, You have caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning. Grant that we may so hear them, read, mark and inwardly digest them that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

#### Luther's Morning Prayer

**I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger, and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings in life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.**

#### Blessing

P: The almighty and merciful Lord,  
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve you.

**C: Amen.**

#### Closing Song

“Above All”