

# ST. TIMOTHY EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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And out of pity for him,  
the lord of that slave  
released him and  
forgave him  
the debt.



Matthew 18:27, NRSV

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*Installation of Christian Teachers*

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*Forgiveness is often a very difficult subject, even for those who know that we are called to forgive if we want to be forgiven. In our human sinfulness we seek to justify ourselves, coming up with reasons why our brother or sister does not deserve to be forgiven. Joseph speaks a word of forgiveness to his scheming brothers, pointing to the reality that God can work through great pain to bring healing of relationships.*

**PRELUDE** *“Thine the Amen, thine the Praise”*

Composer-Carl Schalk; 1983 / Augsburg Publishing House

## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

\*indicates when the congregation is to stand. Anyone wishing to remain seated may do so during any part of the liturgy.

## \*BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

C **Amen.**

P Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C **Amen.**

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

*Silence for reflection and self-examination.*

P Gracious God,

C **have mercy on us. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone. Uphold us by your Spirit so that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

P Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to those who repent and believe in Him the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ✝ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

## **\*GREETING**

**P** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C** **And also with you.**

## **\*PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**P** Let us pray. O Lord, help your people to avoid the infection of the evil one, and with pure hearts to follow you, our only Lord. Grant this, we pray, through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** **Amen**

## GOD SPEAKS TO HIS PEOPLE

### FIRST READING

*Genesis 50:15-21*

*A reading from Genesis*

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.

### Lesson Response

L The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM 103:1-12** - *read responsively by whole verse*

Bless the Lord, O my soul,  
and all that is within me, bless his holy name.

**Bless the Lord, O my soul,  
and forget not all his benefits.**

He forgives all your sins  
and heals all your infirmities;

**He redeems your life from the grave  
and crowns you with mercy and lovingkindness;**

He satisfies you with good things,  
and your youth is renewed like an eagle's.

**The Lord executes righteousness  
and judgment for all who are oppressed.**

He made his ways known to Moses  
and his works to the children of Israel.

**The Lord is full of compassion and mercy,  
slow to anger and of great kindness.**

He will not always accuse us,  
nor will he keep his anger forever.

**He has not dealt with us according to our sins,  
nor rewarded us according to our wickedness.**

For as the heavens are high above the earth,  
so is his mercy great upon those who fear him.

**As far as the east is from the west,  
so far has he removed our sins from us.**

## SECOND LESSON

*Romans 14:1-12*

*A reading from Romans*

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.

**Lesson Response**            L    The Word of the Lord.  
    C    **Thanks be to God.**

**\*VERSE**

**C Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of  
Eternal life. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the Eighteenth chapter.

**C** **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Peter came up and said to Jesus, "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 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. 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."

Gospel Response

**P** The Gospel of the Lord.

**C** **Praise to you, O Christ.**



# YOUTH SERMON

## SERMON

### \*APOSTLE'S CREED

**C I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.  
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the virgin Mary.  
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.  
He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again.  
He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the **+** body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen**

## INSTALLATION OF CHRISTIAN TEACHERS

*(C - Congregation; T - Teachers)*

P Great are the deeds of the Lord!

C **They are studied by all who delight in them.**

P His work is full of majesty and splendor,

C **and his righteousness endures forever.**

P He makes his marvelous works to be remembered;

C **the Lord is gracious and full of compassion.**

P The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom;

C **those who act accordingly have a good understanding.**

**His praise endures forever.**

P Our Lord, who came among us as a servant, calls us to faith and a life of loving service to our neighbor. You stand among us as those called to be teachers of St. Timothy congregation, a gift from God to inspire us to love and good works.

P Will you assume this ministry in the confidence that comes from God?

T **I will, and I ask God to help me.**

P Will you teach in accordance with the Holy Scriptures and the confessions of the Lutheran Church?

T **I will, and I ask God to help me.**

P Will you be diligent in your study of the Holy Scriptures and faithful in your use of the means of grace and in prayer?

T **I will, and I ask God to help me.**

P Will you trust in God's care, seek to grow in love for those you serve, strive for excellence in your skills, and adorn the Gospel of God with a godly life?

T **I will, and I ask God to help me.**

P Almighty God, who has given you the will to do these things, graciously give you the strength and compassion to perform them.

C **Amen.**

P I now declare you Christian teachers of St. Timothy Evangelical Lutheran Church in the name of the Father, and of the ✝ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

P Let us pray. O God of wisdom, in your goodness you provide faithful teachers for your Church. By your Holy Spirit give all teachers insight into your Word, holy lives as examples to us all, and the courage to know and do the truth; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C **Amen.**

P Almighty God, our heavenly Father, guide, bless, and keep you, that you may be faithful in the ministry to which you have been called.

C **Amen.**

*The teachers will remain at the altar for the Prayers and the Peace.*

## **\*THE PRAYERS**

A Let us pray...

(The assisting minister ends each petition with "*Prince of Peace.*"  
The congregation responds with "*Come, Lord Jesus, come.*")

P Into your hands, Father, we commend all for whom we pray; trusting in your mercy, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C **Amen**

## **\*PEACE**

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **And also with you.** (*Due to the social distancing mandate, please let this suffice for your greeting to all our worshippers*)

**PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS** (*You may place financial offerings in the plates as you arrive or leave the sanctuary*)

## **\*OFFERTORY PRAYER**

A Let us pray. Merciful Father,

C **we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us—ourselves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

## **\*GREAT THANKSGIVING**

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

C **We lift them to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

P It is indeed right and salutary... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

## \*SANCTUS

**C Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of Power and might: Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

## \*EUCHARISTIC PRAYER & WORDS OF INSTITUTION

**P Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, you are to be praised as the Fountain of life and Source of all goodness.**

By your command all things came into being as the Spirit moved over the formless void, and you created the heavens and the earth in and through your Word, Christ Jesus. You made humankind as the crown of your creation.

You blessed all nations through your servant Abraham, and you made a covenant with Israel during their forty years in the wilderness, and brought them to the promised land.

In the fullness of time your Son was born of Mary by the power of the Holy Spirit; he fulfilled the scriptures as our Messiah, suffering for our sake and being raised from the dead on the third day.

After forty days you enthroned him at your right hand as our Sovereign Lord and King, placing all things under his feet.

Thus, we give you our thanks as we recall how:

In the night in which he was betrayed,  
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;  
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:

Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,  
and gave it for all to drink, saying:

This cup is the new covenant in my Blood,  
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Merciful Father, by the sacrifice of your Son you have destroyed  
the powers of sin and death.

Therefore, united in His sacrifice for us we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**C Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

**P** And so, Father, with the eyes of our hearts enlightened by faith and  
our minds opened to understanding the Scriptures, we await His  
final appearing as the One in whom all your promises shall be  
fulfilled.

**C Amen. Come, Lord Jesus, first begotten of the dead.**

**P** Send now your Holy Spirit upon us, and upon this Bread of Heaven  
and this Cup of Blessing, that, empowered by our Lord's body and  
blood we may continually give you our praise and thanksgiving,  
and be witnesses of Christ's redeeming love.

**C Amen. Come, Holy Spirit, guide divine.**

**P** You, O Christ, we praise and glorify, with the Father and the Holy  
Spirit, one God, now and always, and unto the ages of ages.

**C Amen**

**P** As our Savior Christ has taught us, we boldly pray, saying:

**C Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come, your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.**

**Give us today our daily bread.**

**Forgive us our sins**

**as we forgive those who sin against us.**

**Save us from the time of trial  
and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,  
now and forever. Amen**

## \*AGNUS DEI

**C** Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.

## COMMUNION

*Communion will be distributed to all except the worship leaders as you leave the building. Please observe social distancing as you go.*

## \*PRAYER

**A** Let us pray. Father of life, we give you thanks for feeding us with the bread of heaven and the wine of sacrificial love of your Son, the Risen Ascended Lord. As you send us into the world, guard us from the power of evil, keep us in unity with all your faithful people, and by your Spirit move us to testify to your grace in our words and deeds; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C** Amen.

## \*BLESSING

**P** The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

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

**C** Amen

## **\*DISMISSAL**

A Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

## **DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION**

*Please remain seated until you can space yourself a safe distance from those leaving ahead of you. You will be handed the host. Please hold your hand so that the host can be dropped into it. Then take a pre-filled cup, being careful not to touch other cups.*

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