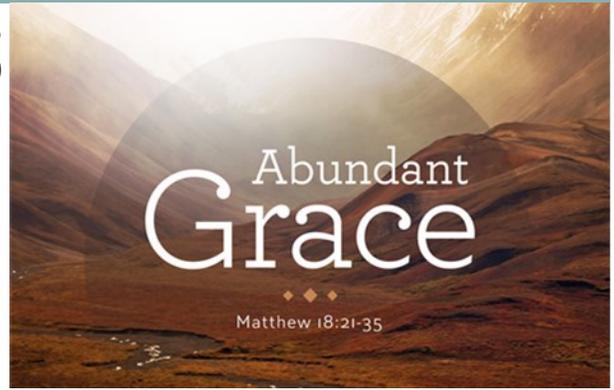




Pentecost 15  
Sunday, September 13, 2020



## Welcome & Announcements

### Confession & Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, who creates, redeems, and sustains us and all of creation. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

**Faithful God, have mercy on us. We confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We turn from your loving embrace and go our own ways. We pass judgment on one another before examining ourselves. We place our own needs before those of our neighbors. We keep your gift of salvation to ourselves. Make us humble, cast away our transgressions, and turn us again to life in you through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

God hears the cries of all who call out in need, and through his death and resurrection, Christ has made us his own. Hear the truth that God proclaims: Your sins are forgiven in the name of Jesus Christ. Led by the Holy Spirit, live in freedom and newness to do God's work in the world. **Amen.**

### Opening Hymn: Listen, God Is Calling (call and respond)

*Refrain:* Listen, **listen, God is calling, through the Word inviting, offering forgiveness, comfort, and joy.** (Sing 2x)

Jesus gave his mandate: **share the good news**  
that he came to save us **and set us free.**  
*Refrain.*

Let none be forgotten **throughout the world.**  
In the triune name of God **go and baptize.**  
*Refrain.*

Help us to be faithful, **standing steadfast,**  
walking in your precepts, **led by your Word.**  
*Refrain.*

### Greeting & Prayer

#### Prayer of the Day

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.**

O Lord God, merciful judge, **you are the inexhaustible fountain of forgiveness. Replace our hearts of stone with hearts that love and adore you, that we may delight in doing your will, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

## Scripture Readings

### First Reading: Genesis 50:15-21

Realizing that their father was dead, Joseph's brothers said, "What if Joseph still bears a grudge against us and pays us back in full for all the wrong that we did to him?" So they approached Joseph, saying, "Your father gave this instruction before he died, 'Say to Joseph: I beg you, forgive the crime of your brothers and the wrong they did in harming you.' Now therefore please forgive the crime of the servants of the God of your father." Joseph wept when they spoke to him. Then his brothers also wept, fell down before him, and said, "We are here as your slaves." But Joseph said to them, "Do not be afraid! Am I in the place of God? Even though you intended to do harm to me, God intended it for good, in order to preserve a numerous people, as he is doing today. So have no fear; I myself will provide for you and your little ones." In this way he reassured them, speaking kindly to them.

L: Word of God; word of life.      **C: Thanks be to God.**

### Psalm 103:8-13

The LORD is merciful and gracious,  
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.  
He will not always accuse,  
nor will he keep his anger forever.  
He does not deal with us according to our sins,  
nor repay us according to our iniquities.  
For as the heavens are high above the earth,  
so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him;  
as far as the east is from the west,  
so far he removes our transgressions from us.  
As a father has compassion for his children,  
so the LORD has compassion for those who fear him.

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### Second Reading: Romans 14:1-12

Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarreling over opinions. Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgment on those who eat; for God has welcomed them. Who are you to pass judgment on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand.

Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. Those who observe the day, observe it in honor of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honor of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honor of the Lord and give thanks to God.

We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. 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, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.

Why do you pass judgment on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? 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 give praise to God."

L: Word of God; word of life.      **C: Thanks be to God.**

## The Gospel: Matthew 18:21-35

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew the 18th Chapter.    **C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

Then Peter came and said to him, “Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?” Jesus said to him, “Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.

“For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.’ And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, ‘Pay what you owe.’ Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you.’ But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, ‘You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?’ And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart.”

P: The gospel of the Lord.    **C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Message:** Pastor Dwight Rudquist

## Hymn of the Day: Joyous Light of Heavenly Glory

Joyous light of heavn’ly glory, loving glow of God’s own face,  
you who sing creation’s story, shine on ev’ry land and race.  
Now as evening falls around us, we shall raise our songs to you.  
God of daybreak, God of shadows, come and light our hearts anew.

In the stars that grace the darkness, in the blazing sun of dawn,  
in the light of peace and wisdom, we can hear your quiet song.  
Love that fills the night with wonder, love that warms the weary soul,  
love that bursts all chains asunder, set us free and make us whole.

You who made the heaven’s splendor, ev’ry dancing star of night,  
make us shine with gentle justice, let us each reflect your light.  
Mighty God of all creation, gentle Christ who lights our way,  
loving Spirit of salvation, lead us on to endless day.

## Prayers

P: Lord, in your mercy.    **C: Hear our prayer.**

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## **The Lord's Prayer**

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

**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.**

## **Blessing**

Mothering God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you and lead you into the way of truth and life. **Amen.**

Go in peace. Remember the poor.

**Thanks be to God!**

## **Closing Hymn: We Are Called**

Come! Live in the light! Shine with the joy and the love of the Lord!  
We are called to be light for the kingdom, to live in the freedom of the city of God.

We are called to act with justice, we are called to love tenderly;  
we are called to serve one another, to walk humbly with God.

Come! Open your heart! Show your mercy to all those in fear!  
We are called to be hope for the hopeless so hatred and blindness will be no more.

We are called to act with justice, we are called to love tenderly;  
we are called to serve one another, to walk humbly with God.

Sing! Sing a new song! Sing of that great day when all will be one!  
God will reign, and we'll walk with each other as sisters and brothers united in love.

We are called to act with justice, we are called to love tenderly;  
we are called to serve one another, to walk humbly with God.



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## Announcements

**Outdoor Worship:** Every Sunday through September, weather permitting. Please bring a face mask, a lawn chair and check out the outdoor guidelines on our website. We ask that you complete our health form when you arrive for worship! Thank you!

**Intergenerational Faith Formation:** We are excited to continue with the new program started in early Spring. Please check out the registration table for:

- Prayer Partner Sign Up
- Food Donation Collection Bin
- Food4Kids Backpack Program Donation Bin
- Cards for all youth members in our church
- Cards for Grandparents Day

Next week: Library Day - watch for an email this week with more details!!!

**Confirmation Class:** If you are interested in attending Zoom Online Confirmation Classes and have not received a letter regarding dates/times, please call Angie in the office for more information. Classes start in October.

Check out our website: [www.tflutheran.org](http://www.tflutheran.org) for more information about our church.

### Need Pastoral Care?

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