



I will  
forgive  
their  
iniquity,  
and  
remember  
their sin  
no more.

Jeremiah 31:34

## PRE-SERVICE DEVOTION

Psalm 103:1-12

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:

Who forgives all your iniquities,  
Who heals all your diseases,

Who redeems your life from destruction,  
Who crowns you with lovingkindness and tender mercies,

Who satisfies your mouth with good things,  
So that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

The Lord executes righteousness  
And justice for all who are oppressed.

He made known His ways to Moses,  
His acts to the children of Israel.

The Lord is merciful and gracious,  
Slow to anger, and abounding in mercy.

He will not always strive with us,  
Nor will He keep His anger forever.

He has not dealt with us according to our sins,  
Nor punished us according to our iniquities.

For as the heavens are high above the earth,  
So great is His mercy toward those who fear Him;

As far as the east is from the west,  
So far has He removed our transgressions from us.

# SERVICE OF THE WORD

Speaker: Pastor Matthew Ude

Organists: Barry Hay & Ann Sprengeler

Hymn 442 — Lord of Glory Who Hast Bought Us

## INVOCATION

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

C  A-men.

## CONFESSION OF SINS

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

All Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer: we confess that  
we are sinful by nature, and have sinned against You in our  
thoughts, words, and actions. We have not loved You above  
all things. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.  
Have mercy on us, and, for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
forgive us our sins.

P God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given His only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

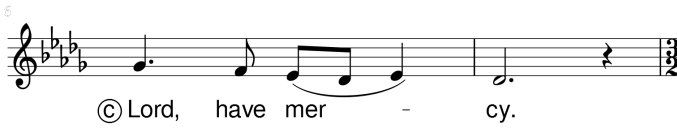
C  A-men.

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# A New Song

This is the Feast

Michael Burkhardt



© This is the feast of vic-t'ry for our God.



Al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia!



Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was



slain, whose blood set us free to be



peo - ple of God. Pow - er, rich - es,



wis - dom, and strength. and hon - or and



bles - sing and glo - ry are his.



This is the feast of vic-t'ry for our God. Al-le -



lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia.



Sing\_ with all the peo-ple of God and



join in the hymn of all cre-a - tion:



Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry and\_



might be to God and the Lamb for - ev-er A -



men. This is the feast of



vic-t'ry for our God. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le -



P Let us pray . . . Merciful Father, who in Your grace has granted forgiveness to all the sons of men, most especially Your church, teach us so to love one another that learning to live in forgiveness we may grow together in unity; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C  A-men.

## THE WORD

**Genesis 50:15-21** When Joseph's brothers saw that their father was dead, they said, "Perhaps Joseph will hate us, and may actually repay us for all the evil which we did to him." 16 So they sent messengers to Joseph, saying, "Before your father died he commanded, saying, 17 'Thus you shall say to Joseph: "I beg you, please forgive the trespass of your brothers and their sin; for they did evil to you.'" Now, please, forgive the trespass of the servants of the God of your father." And Joseph wept when they spoke to him. 18 Then his brothers also went and fell down before his face, and they said, "Behold, we are your servants." 19 Joseph said to them, "Do not be afraid, for am I in the place of God? 20 But as for you, you meant evil against me; but God meant it for good, in order to bring it about as it is this day, to save

many people alive. 21 Now therefore, do not be afraid; I will provide for you and your little ones.” And he comforted them and spoke kindly to them.

*Romans 14: 1-12* Receive one who is weak in the faith, but not to disputes over doubtful things. 2 For one believes he may eat all things, but he who is weak eats only vegetables. 3 Let not him who eats despise him who does not eat, and let not him who does not eat judge him who eats; for God has received him. 4 Who are you to judge another’s servant? To his own master he stands or falls. Indeed, he will be made to stand, for God is able to make him stand. 5 One person esteems one day above another; another esteems every day alike. Let each be fully convinced in his own mind. 6 He who observes the day, observes it to the Lord; and he who does not observe the day, to the Lord he does not observe it. He who eats, eats to the Lord, for he gives God thanks; and he who does not eat, to the Lord he does not eat, and gives God thanks. 7 For none of us lives to himself, and no one dies to himself. 8 For if we live, we live to the Lord; and if we die, we die to the Lord. Therefore, whether we live or die, we are the Lord’s. 9 For to this end Christ died and rose and lived again, that He might be Lord of both the dead and the living. 10 But why do you judge your brother? Or why do you show contempt for your brother? For we shall all stand before the judgment seat of Christ. 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 shall give account of himself to God.



## THE APOSTLES' CREED

( My First Hymnal, page 34 )

All      all I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
Maker of heaven and earth.

I believe 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 is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty.  
From there 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.

Hymn 323 — With Broken Heart and Contrite Sigh


## SERMON

*Matthew 18:21-35* Then Peter came to Him and said, “Lord, how often shall my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? Up to seven times?” 22 Jesus said to him, “I do not say to you, up to seven times, but up to seventy times seven. 23 Therefore the kingdom of heaven is like a certain king who wanted to settle accounts with his servants. 24 And when he had begun to settle accounts, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents. 25 But as he was not able to pay, his master commanded that he be sold, with his wife and children and all that he had, and that payment be made. 26 The servant therefore fell down before him, saying, ‘Master, have patience with me, and I will pay you all.’ 27 Then the master of that servant was moved with compassion, released him, and forgave him the debt. 28 “But that servant went out and found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred denarii; and he laid hands on him and took him by the throat, saying, ‘Pay me what you owe!’ 29 So his fellow servant fell down at his feet and begged him, saying, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you all.’ 30 And he would not, but went and threw him into prison till he should pay the debt. 31 So when his fellow servants saw what had been done, they were very grieved, and came and told their master all that had been done. 32 Then his master, after he had called him, said to him, ‘You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you begged me. 33 Should you not also have had compassion on your fellow servant, just as I had pity on you?’ 34

And his master was angry, and delivered him to the torturers until he should pay all that was due to him. 35 “So My heavenly Father also will do to you if each of you, from his heart, does not forgive his brother his trespasses.”


## **JESUS' FORGIVENESS IS WITHOUT LIMITS. WHAT ABOUT YOURS?**

Jesus has forgiven all the sins you have ever committed. There is nothing that any fellow human can do to you that can come anywhere near the severity and debt which you owe to God and He has forgiven you, therefore you also should forgive and let it go.

- C  Create in me a clean heart, O God. Renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from Your presence. Take not Your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of Your salvation. Uphold me with Your free Spirit.

Hymn 342 — Chief of Sinners Though I Be

### OFFERING AND OFFERING HYMN: 441 VS. 1-2

- C  We give Thee but Thine own, Whate'er the gift may be All that we have is Thine alone, A trust, O Lord, from Thee. May we Thy bounties thus As stewards true receive And gladly, as Thou blessest us, To Thee our first fruits give!

### PRAYERS AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

( My First Hymnal, page 37 )

- All 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.

## THE BENEDICTION

P The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.

C  A-men A-men A-men.

Hymn 324:1-4 — Jesus Sinners Doth Receive

## Calendar:

### THIS WEEK:

#### Sunday 9/17

9am Worship Service

10am Sunday School

10:15am Bible Class

#### Monday 9/18

7pm Worship Service

#### Tuesday 9/19

Women of Faith at 3:30pm

Elders at 7pm

Church Council at 7:30pm

#### Wednesday 9/20

5pm Confirmation Class for  
Non School Kids

#### Sunday 9/24

9am Worship Service

10am Sunday School

10:15am Bible Class

#### Monday 9/25

7pm Worship Service

### UPCOMING DATES:

Sept 22 - 24 - Man Up Men's Retreat near  
Prairie Du Chen, WI

Sept 22 - 24 - Chadron Women's Retreat,  
Chadron, NE

Sept 27 - Confirmation Class for Non  
School Kids at 5pm

Oct 1 - Mission Festival

Oct 15 - Traveling Reformation Confer-

ence at Faith Markesan

Oct 18 - 20 - Teacher's Conference,  
Mankato MN

Oct 29 - Area Reformation Service

### ENVELOPE COMMITTEE

This Week: Team #3: Darwin Kelm, John  
Cossman

Next Week: Team #4: Wayne Draeger,  
David Draeger

### SEPTEMBER USHERS

Sundays: Martin Hansen, Gary Brown,  
Bill Jenkins, Russ Denson

Mondays: Bob Kirst, Greg Jones, Lynn  
Dumke, Mike Dumke

### FRUITS OF FAITH

Attendance: 62/23

General Fund: \$3,384.00

Missions: \$415.00

School Fund: \$60.00

Building Fund: \$15.00

## **Announcements:**

### **GUESTS AND VISITORS**

Thank you for worshipping with us today. Please sign the guest register in the entry as you leave the church today.

### **TRAVELING REFORMATION SEMINAR**

Messiah Eau Claire is sponsoring a traveling reformation. Three speakers will present 20 minutes lectures on the history of the Reformation and what it means for us today. The seminar will include a question and answer section. See the back of the church for more information, especially more information about helping get the word out.

### **Call News**

The Rev. Mark Weis, pastor of Grace Lutheran, Cape Coral FL, has accepted the call to St. Luke's Lutheran, Lemmon SD.



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