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SERVICE OF THE WORD

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PRELUDE Hymn To Freedom – Oscar Peterson

GATHERING

WELCOME & PARISH NOTICES

'JESUS FIRST' KIDS CLUB: THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

CHILDREN'S HYMN Children Of The Heavenly Father # 781

Children of the heav'nly Father
safely in his bosom gather;
nestling bird nor star in heaven
such a refuge e'er was given.

God his own doth tend and nourish,
in his holy courts they flourish.
From all evil things he spares them,
in his mighty arms he bears them.

Neither life nor death shall ever
from the Lord his children sever;
unto them his grace he showeth,
and their sorrows all he knoweth.

Though he giveth or he taketh,
God his children ne'er forsaketh;
his the loving purpose solely
to preserve them pure and holy.

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CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS **C: AMEN.**

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All creatures, worship God most high!
Sound ev'ry voice in earth and sky: Alleluia! Alleluia!
Sing, brother sun, in splendor bright;
sing, sister moon and stars of night:
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Sing, brother wind; with clouds and rain
you grow the gifts of fruit and grain: Alleluia! Alleluia!
Dear sister water, useful, clear,
make music for your Lord to hear:
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Sing, brother fire, so mirthful, strong,
drive far the shadows, join the throng: Alleluia! Alleluia!
Dear mother earth, so rich in care,
praise God in colors bright and rare:
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

All who for love of God forgive,
all who in pain and sorrow grieve: Alleluia! Alleluia!
Christ bears your burdens and your fears;
still make your song amid the tears:
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

And you, most gentle sister death,
waiting to hush our final breath: Alleluia! Alleluia!
Since Christ our light has pierced your gloom,
fair is the night that leads us home.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

O sisters, brothers, take your part,
and worship God with humble heart: Alleluia! Alleluia!
All creatures, bless the Father, Son,
and Holy Spirit, Three in One:
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

GREETING **C: AND ALSO WITH YOU.**

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PRAYER OF THE DAY **AMEN.**

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WORD

FIRST READING: GENESIS 50:15-21

15 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?" 16 So they approached Joseph, saying, "Your father gave this instruction before he died, 17 '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. 18 Then his brothers also wept, fell down before him, and said, "We are here as your slaves." 19 But Joseph said to them, "Do not be afraid! Am I in the place of God? 20 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. 21 So have no fear; I myself will provide for you and your little ones." In this way he reassured them, speaking kindly to them.

C: Thanks be to God

PSALM 103:[1-7]8-13

Read responsively by full verse

- ¹ Bless the LORD, | O my soul,
and all that is within me, bless God's | holy name.
- ² **Bless the LORD, | O my soul,
and forget not | all God's benefits—**
- ³ who forgives | all your sins
and heals all | your diseases;
- ⁴ **who redeems your life | from the grave
and crowns you with steadfast | love and mercy;**
- ⁵ who satisfies your desires | with good things
so that your youth is renewed | like an eagle's.
- ⁶ **O LORD, you provide | vindication
and justice for all who | are oppressed.**
- ⁷ You made known your | ways to Moses
and your works to the chil- | dren of Israel.
- ⁸ **LORD, you are full of compas- | sion and mercy,
slow to anger and abounding in | steadfast love;**
- ⁹ you will not al- | ways accuse us,
nor will you keep your an- | ger forever.
- ¹⁰ **You have not dealt with us according | to our sins,
nor repaid us according to | our iniquities.**
- ¹¹ For as the heavens are high a- | bove the earth,
so great is your steadfast love for | those who fear you.
- ¹² **As far as the east is | from the west,
so far have you removed our transgres- | sions from us.**
- ¹³ As a father has compassion | for his children,
so you have compassion for those who fear | you, O LORD.

SECOND READING: ROMANS 14:1-12

1 Welcome those who are weak in faith but not for the purpose of quarreling over opinions. 2 Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. 3 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. 4 Who are you to pass judgment on slaves 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.

5 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. 6 Those who observe the day, observe it for the Lord. Also those who eat, eat for the Lord, since they give thanks to God, while those who abstain, abstain for the Lord and give thanks to God.

7 For we do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. 8 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, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.

10 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. 11 For it is written,

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

12 So then, each one of us will be held accountable.

C: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (*SUNG*)

L: The Holy Gospel according to ... **C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

GOSPEL: MATTHEW 18:21-35

21 Peter came and said to [Jesus,] “Lord, if my brother or sister sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?” 22 Jesus said to him, “Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.

23 “For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. 24 When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him, 25 and, as he could not pay, the lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions and payment to be made. 26 So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.’ 27 And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. 28 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.’ 29 Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you.’ 30 But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. 31 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. 32 Then his lord summoned him and said to him, ‘You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. 33 Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?’ 34 And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. 35 So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart.”

L: This is the Gospel of the Lord, **C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

I Come With Joy

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I come with joy, a child of God,
forgiven, loved, and free,
the life of Jesus to recall
in love laid down for me,
in love laid down for me.

I come with Christians far and near
to find, as all are fed,
the new community of love
in Christ's communion bread,
in Christ's communion bread.

As Christ breaks bread and bids us share,
each proud division ends.
The love that made us, makes us one,
and strangers now are friends,
and strangers now are friends.

The Spirit of the risen Christ,
unseen, but ever near,
is in such friendship better known,
alive among us here,
alive among us here.

Together met, together bound
by all that God has done,
we'll go with joy, to give the world
the love that makes us one,
the love that makes us one.

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CREED (*APOSTLES' CREED PG. 217 OR NICENE CREED PG. 104*)

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

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L: Hear us, O God, **C: Your mercy is great.**

THE PEACE

L: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

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SENDING

BLESSING Amen

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SENDING SONG Praise My Soul, The God of Heaven

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Praise, my soul, the God of heaven;
joyfully your tribute bring.
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,
evermore God's praises sing.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praises everlasting ring!

God be praised for grace and favor
to our forebears in distress.
God be praised, the same forever,
slow to chide and swift to bless.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Glorious is God's faithfulness!

(continued...)

Frail as summer's flow'r we flourish,
blows the wind and it is gone;
but, as mortals rise and perish,
God endures unchanging on.

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Praise the great Eternal One!

Angels sing in adoration,
in God's presence, face to face.
Sun and moon and all creation,
all who dwell in time and space.

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Praise with us the God of grace!

Text: Henry F. Lyte, 1793-1847, alt. Walter R. Bouman, 1927-2005

DISMISSAL L: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

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POSTLUDE

Tippin' Home From Sunday School

Oliver Jones

PARISH NOTICES

WELCOME We are happy that you have chosen to join us today. You have increased our joy with your presence, and we hope you will return again soon.

FLOWER CHART If you would like to provide flowers for the altar on a specific day, please add your name to the sign-up sheet next to the Pastor's office.

MY SISTER'S PLACE Please leave donations at the My Sister's Place box in Koehler Hall. Some of the most needed items include toilet paper, paper towels, Kleenex, laundry detergent, hand soap, cleaning supplies, full sized toiletries, feminine hygiene products, granola bars, fruit cups and gift cards for grocery stores, Tim Hortons, Giant Tiger and pharmacies. Gift Cards can be left in the office with Angela.

THE MISSION STORE IS ASKING FOR DONATIONS of clothes, hoodies and footwear. Donations can be dropped off in the office with Angela.

PLEASE HELP EVERYONE GET TO KNOW EACH OTHER by wearing a name tag during service and the coffee hour. Please return the name tag to the appropriate box before you head home.

HERE IS YOUR CHANCE TO GET THAT PROFESSIONAL PORTRAIT and it will take place right here in our church! Photo Directory picture days will be October 5th, 6th and 7th. Sign ups are happening! Please contact the office to sign up for look for the sign-up clipboards after the service.

LSSL Annual Hymn Sing - 3 pm on Sunday September 27th, at Faith Lutheran Church, 310 Southdale Road East

The Hymn Sing will be followed by a reception with refreshments

KIDS CLUB meets every Sunday downstairs in Killinger Hall between September and June. We welcome all children between the ages of three and twelve. Parents are welcome to stay if their little one is shy at first. If you are interested in helping with Kids Club, please talk to one of the teachers. We are always looking for fresh faces and new ideas!

THE TADPOLE POND is located on the southwest side of the sanctuary. If you have a wiggly worshipper too young for Kids Club, this space is especially made for you.

There is also a table, chairs, crayons and paper in the Koehler Hall at the back behind the desk.

ELEVATOR ASSISTANCE is now available before and after the service. Please ask the elevator host for assistance.

Announcements must be sent to Angela by the end of office hours on Wednesdays for inclusion in the next Sunday's bulletin

IN OUR PRAYERS

If you or a family member is going into hospital, please let us know so that Pastor Nadine can plan to visit.

We pray for those in our community especially Teresa Hamilton, Rosemary Christensen, Jean Krautner, Mary Anne Stewart and Kathy Hough.

We also pray for those in Nursing and Retirement Homes, Geraldine Wigelsworth, Susan Okkenen, Jean Keller, Christine Ruiters, Karen Stroh, Hans Stuhlemmer, Nancy Hickling, Carol Boyd, Joanne Vogel, Fred Schmidt, Don Cook & Irma Kaiser

We also pray for healing and comfort for those close to our congregation as we name –Deborah & Bobby, daughter and son of Sharon Mantle, Mavis Copeman, sister of Jean Hohnstein, Janice Drogemuller, daughter in law of Barbara Drogemuller and Margy Mantz, wife of Pastor Frank Mantz

Lord, we also pray for St. Peter's in Broadhagen and Pastor Rob Wiesner.

IN WORSHIP THIS MORNING

Pastor: Rev. Nadine Schroeder Kranz

Director of Music: Ross McDonald

Reader: Lisa Hinnah

Cantor: Wendy Inch

Percussion: Rob Inch

Greeters: Hinnah Family

Coffee Hosts: Nancy Manners

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- e-Transfers: your donations are deposited directly to Trinity
- Cheques: may be mailed to the church at 746 Colborne St., London, ON N6A 3Z7
- Making a donation in a loved one's name

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