

# Christ Lutheran

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# Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

## Prelude

## Welcome

## Opening Song/Hymn

**"Take My Life"** (Praise Team)

**"Come, Thou Almighty King"** LSB 905 (Online)

## Invocation, Confession, & Absolution

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

**C: Amen.**

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

**C: But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

P: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

*+ Silence for reflection and self-examination +*

**C: Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

P: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

## Kyrie

**p.152 (sung in person only)**

**C: Lord have mercy upon us,  
Christ have mercy upon us,  
Lord have mercy upon us.**

## Song of Praise

**"This Is the Feast" p. 155 (in person only)**

## **The Old Testament Lesson**

**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.

L: This is the Word of the Lord

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## **The Epistle Lesson**

**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.

L: This is the Word of the Lord

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## **The Children's Chat**

### **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 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."

P: This is the Gospel of our Lord

**C: Praise to You, O Christ. Alleluia!**

### **The Affirmation of Faith**

**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.**

**Message Hymn/Song**

**“They’ll Know We Are Christians” CH 429  
“Loves Divine, All Loves Excelling” LSB 700 (Online)**

**Message**

**“The Strong Serve the Weak”**

**We Go to God in Prayer**

P: Lord, in Your mercy:

**C: Hear our prayer.**

**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.**

**The Lord’s Supper**

**The Words of Institution**

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C: And also with you.**

P: The gifts of God for you, God’s people.

**C: Amen.**

**We Ask God’s Blessings on This Holy Meal** Psalm 145:14-16

P: At Your gracious invitation we come. Lord Jesus, bless us and these Your gifts!

**C: The eyes of all look to You, O Lord, and You give them their food in due season. For You open Your hand and satisfy the desires of every living thing. Amen.**

**The Salutation, Benedicamus, and Benediction**

**p. 202**

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And with thy spirit.**

P: Bless we the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

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.

**C: Amen.**

**Closing Song/Hymn**

**"Old Church Choir"** (Praise Team)  
**"Lord Dismiss Us with Your Blessing"** LSB 924 (Online)


**Distribution and Postlude**

**"Keep Making Me"** (Praise Team)  
**"Jesus Lover of my Soul"** (Praise Team)

***The service is over...the worship begins! Romans 12:1***

What was my favorite part of church today?

How can I use this in my life?



Find Words from the Scripture Readings

H H N G Z D P D P S  
 H E J F F G L F E P  
 E A A T A Y S V O R  
 S M K R I H E O P P  
 H E O D T N M L L R  
 J L R F H I K H E A  
 P P P V D K O R P I  
 L F L K A O P A D S  
 U O O M L N T L F E  
 Y R K J M I T P D M  
 R G J O E K V S E G  
 E I U N R M Z E T B  
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COMFORTED	BROTHER	HEART
PATIENCE	FORGIVE	SEVEN
COMMAND	PEOPLE	FAITH
SERVANTS	HONOR	LIVE
CONFESS	MERCY	SIN

Jesus, forgive me for:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.
- 6.
- 7.

Help me have a forgiving heart

## The Hymnal Project

"In early 2017, a group of artists, arrangers, and liturgists, led by Peter Prochnow, were commissioned through the Michigan District, LCMS to create several new hymn arrangements, based on the original music, intended to facilitate enhanced worship in a multitude of modern musical contexts.

The spirit of the project is simple: Hymns are arranged with various instrumentations and made available free of charge, in the form of a lead sheet and reference recording, so whether you learn by reading or by hearing, you can easily implement these arrangements and modify for your context without cost.

We are grateful for the generosity of the donors, Carl and Patsy Fabry, in partnership with the Michigan District, LCMS."

**The hymn videos used during worship can be found here:**

**<https://vimeo.com/showcase/6931887>**

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