

# The Parable of the Unmerciful Servant



## St. John's Ev. Lutheran Church of Clarkston WA & Valley Bible Academy

1107 14<sup>th</sup> Street

10:30 am Summer Worship Service

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## Peace Lutheran Church of Orofino ID

13946 1st Ave

8:00 am Summer Worship Service

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17<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SEPTEMBER 11, 2016

Preparation for Worship: Read Psalm 61 (front of the hymnal p. 136)

The Hymns: 11, 324, 779, 355

*Personal Prayer: Lord God, heavenly Father, forgive us our sins, and grant us always true repentance. Teach us by Your Holy Spirit to be good stewards of our time, talents, bodies, souls and treasure. May we seek only Your glory in all things. We ask this in the name of our Savior, the Lord Jesus. Amen.*

**Opening Prayer**

**Opening Hymn 11**

**The Invocation**

*We invoke ("call upon") the name of the one true God – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.*

**Pastor:** In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**Congregation sings:**



## THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION OF SINS

*We come before our Holy God recognizing that we are sinful and daily need His forgiveness.*

**Pastor** Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God, our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

Our help is in the name of the Lord.



**C: Who made heaven and earth.**

**Pastor** I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord.



**C: And Thou forgavest the iniquity of                      my                      sin**

**Pastor** Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto You that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against You by thought, word, and deed. Wherefore we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**ALL**      **O most merciful God, who has given Your only-begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Your Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of You and of Your will and true obedience to Your Word, to the end that by Your grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**Pastor** Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and has given His only Son to die for us and for His sake forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in His name He gives power to become the sons of God and has promised them His Holy Spirit. He who believes and is baptized shall be saved. Grant this, Lord, unto us all.



A - men. (congregation is seated)

### THE INTROIT

*Having received the Lord's forgiveness, we are glad to enter into His courts with praise and thanksgiving. This entrance is made in the Introit with the Lord's own Word, often from the Psalms.*

**P:** Be merciful to me, O Lord:

**C:** For I cry to You every day.

**P:** For You, Lord, are good and ready to forgive:

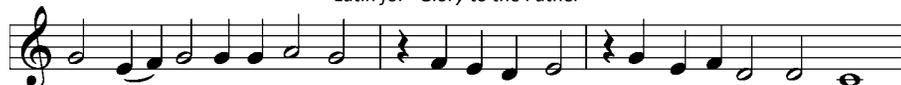
**C:** And plentiful in mercy to all who call upon You.

**P:** Bow down Your ear, O Lord, and hear me:

**C:** For I am poor and have great needs.

### THE GLORIA PATRI

*Latin for "Glory to the Father"*



☐ Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther and to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost;



as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men.

### THE KYRIE

*Latin for "O Lord." We approach our Lord with a cry for help in all the needs of our earthly life.*



☐ Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -



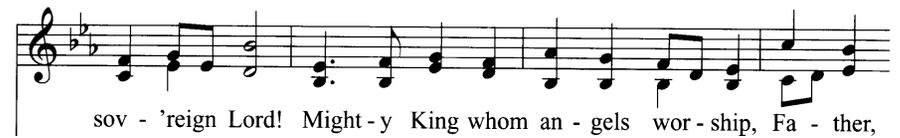
on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

### THE GLORIA

*A hymn glorifying and praising our God (Hymn 798:1 - all sing)*



1 God, we praise You! God, we bless You! God, we name You



☐ sov - 'reign Lord! Might - y King whom an - gels wor - ship, Fa - ther,



by Your Church a - dored: All cre - a - tion shows Your glo - ry;



Heav'n and earth draw near Your throne, Sing - ing, "Ho - ly,



ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord of hosts and God a - lone!"

### THE SALUTATION (Greeting)

**PASTOR** The Lord be with you.



☐ And with thy spir - it.

### THE COLLECT FOR THE DAY

*The main thoughts for the day are "collected" together in this prayer.*

**PASTOR** Let us pray.



☐ A - men.

### THE BIBLE READINGS

*God speaks to us.*

#### The Old Testament Reading:

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.

**PASTOR** Here ends the Old Testament reading. We continue with the responsive reading of:

### **THE GRADUAL**

*The Gradual is a "Bridge of praise" that links the Old Testament with the New Testament.*

P: The heathen shall fear the name of the Lord:

**C: And all the kings of the earth Your glory.**

P: When the Lord shall build up Zion:

**C: He shall appear in His glory. Hallelujah! Hallelujah!**

P: The Lord reigns; let the earth rejoice:

**C: Let the multitude of the isles be glad of it. Hallelujah!**



**C** Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.

**PASTOR** The Epistle Reading comes from Romans chapter 14, beginning there in the 5<sup>th</sup> verse.



**C** Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

### **The Epistle Reading**

Romans 14:5-9 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.

**PASTOR:** Here ends the Epistle Reading.

**P:** Blessed are they who hear the Word of God and keep it.



**C:** Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!



These words are writ - ten that we may be - lieve that



Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

*Congregation stands for:*

### **THE APOSTLES' CREED**

*We boldly confess what we believe. (Hymnal, page 12)*

**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 Ghost, Born of the Virgin Mary; Suffered under Pontius Pilate, Was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven And sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; From thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Ghost; The Holy Christian Church, the communion of saints; The forgiveness of sins; The resurrection of the body; And the life everlasting. Amen.**

**Hymn 324**

### **THE 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."

Theme: FORGIVENESS HAS ITS LIMITS

- I. Forgive only with the love God has for you
- II. Forgive only as often as God forgives you
- III. Forgive only as completely as God forgives you

### THE OFFERTORY

*In this prayer we OFFER God our hearts, asking Him for that best of all gifts, the Holy Spirit.*

Cre - ate in me a clean heart O God, and re-  
 new a right spir - it with - in me  
 Cast me not a - way from Thy pre - sence, and  
 take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it from me.

Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va - tion; and up-  
 hold me with Thy free spir-  
 it. A - men.

### THE OFFERING OF THANKFUL HEARTS

*In tangible evidence of our gratitude, we offer the Lord the gift of our money, remembering that He has first given to us that we might have to give to Him. While the ushers present our offerings at the Lord's Altar, we stand and sing the offering hymn 788:1:*

**Lord, You love the cheerful giver Who with open heart and hand  
 Blesses freely, as a river that refreshes all the land.  
 Grant us, then, the grace of giving with a spirit large and true.  
 That our life and all our living we may consecrate to You.**

**PRAYERS** - (Pastor)

**THE LORD'S PRAYER** - (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.**

**Hymn 779**

*Congregation stands for:*

### THE BENEDICTION

*The blessing given by God for the blessing of His people (Numbers 6:24-26).*

**PASTOR:** The LORD bless you and keep you.  
 The LORD make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.  
 The LORD lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.

**A - men, a - men, a - men.**

**The Closing Hymn 355**

**\*\*\* Silent Prayer \*\*\***

# Announcements

*"If the LORD wills, we will do this or that." James 4:15*

**WELCOME EVERYONE!** Especially any visitors who may be with us. We are glad you are here and invite you to join us again soon in our worship of the One true God; Father, Son and Holy Spirit. If you are looking for a church home, we hope you've found it with us. If you'd like to become a member, we offer a free "Information Course" in which the Pastor will meet with you at your convenience to study and discuss the Bible's teachings. Just ask!

## **THE FALL SCHEDULE BEGINS TODAY**

Peace: 7:30 am Bible Class followed by Service at 8:00 am

St. John's: 10:15 am Sunday School, 10:15 Bible Class, 11:00 am Service

**ST. JOHN'S** Ladies Aid meets following service today.

**INSTALLATION OF PASTOR BEN LIBBY** Today at 5:30pm at Ascension Lutheran Church in Tacoma, WA, ILC Graduate Benjamin Libby will be installed as the Pastor chosen by the LORD to serve His Church. A dinner will be served following the service. Our congregations have been invited to attend.

**HAPPY GRANDPARENTS DAY!** *Psalm 128:5-6, "May the LORD bless you from Zion all the days of your life; may you see the prosperity of Jerusalem, and may you live to see your children's children. Peace be upon Israel."*

**TUESDAY BIBLE STUDY THIS WEEK** – 10:30 am at St. John's. You are invited!

**NEXT SUNDAY'S SERVICE** If you'd like to read them ahead of time at home, the Bible readings for next week are:

Isaiah 65:6-9 – Turn to the Lord, for He will freely pardon

Philippians 1:3-5,19-27 – The believer exalts Christ in life and in death

Matthew 20:1-16 – The parable of the vineyard workers (sermon)

**Gethsemane Lutheran School Re-opened** this week in Spokane Valley, WA. There are 6 students in 1st-5th (two 2nd graders, one in each of the other grades). Two kindergartners are spending part time in Mr. Karnitz's classroom and the balance of the day will be instructed by parents in another room. A group of parents is leading a preschool co-op of six children in an available classroom two days a week. We rejoice in the Lord's gift and are excited to see how He will bless His school and those who serve in it and are served by it. –Pastor Wayne Eichstadt

**Immanuel Vicar Program:** As part of their pastoral training, those enrolled in our Immanuel Lutheran Seminary participate in the vicar program. In order to get practical experience in being a pastor, these men are assigned to a CLC congregation under the mentoring of a pastor. They will observe and participate in

the normal activities of the ministry, e.g., preaching, Catechism, Bible Class, visits, devotions, instruction classes, etc. This program is vital to our church body as it imparts valuable experience to those who will, Lord willing, be serving our various congregations in the future. Please pray for our seminary program, for the young men who are willing to undertake this priceless vocation, and that the Lord would send forth willing and prepared workers into His harvest. This year our seminarians are serving as vicars in the following congregations:

=> Tom Naumann: Calvary Lutheran - Marquette, MI (Senior, last year in seminary)

=> Sam Rodebaugh: Grace Lutheran - Fridley, MN (Senior)

=> Stefan Sonnenfeld: Messiah Lutheran - Eau Claire, WI (Senior)

**From the Family of Prof. Paul Naumann:** Winston Churchill famously said, of the Battle of Britain, "Never was so much owed by so many to so few." Our family's case is the opposite. I wonder whether, in the history of our fellowship, so many dedicated believers have ever before put such an astonishing amount of effort into a project that benefitted just one family - the family of ILC's incoming professor. The renovation of the Claymore Lane house stands as a monument to Christian love. Just a few weeks before we arrived in Eau Claire, the structure was gutted -- sans windows, sans flooring, sans siding -- sans just about everything! Neighbors tell us that they thought the house was to be torn down. Instead, skilled and dedicated Christians from CLC congregations near and far sacrificed hours of their own time to create a beautiful home for our incoming family. The work was finished right on time, and we moved into a beautiful house with new flooring, siding, windows, cabinets and a host of other improvements and upgrades. Words are weak instruments to express our pleasure upon moving into so beautiful and comfortable a home. At first we were flattered that so many people would invest such a great amount of effort just for us; then we realized that the effort wasn't only -- or even primarily -- for us. Rather, it was done out of deep love for the Lord Jesus, and that's even more gratifying. *"Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity." -- Psalm 133:1.* Thank you, thank you, our dear Christian brethren!

**CLC NEWS** <> The Rev. Nathan Pfeiffer, pastor of Trinity Lutheran, Spokane, WA, has the call to Faith Lutheran, Markesan WI. <> Zion Lutheran, Lawrenceville GA, has called the Rev. Michael Roehl, pastor of St. Paul Lutheran, Bismarck ND. <> The Rev. Steven Karp, pastor of St. Stephen Lutheran, Hayward CA, has announced his retirement. He will continue serving St. Stephen for a time. <> Rock of Ages Lutheran, Grand Rapids MI, has called the Rev. Paul Tiefel, pastor of Messiah Lutheran, Eau Claire WI.

## **WEEKLY MEMORY VERSE**

**"And be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, just as God in Christ forgave you." Ephesians 4:32**

### **The Old Testament Reading for this 16<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

*In these verses, Joseph assures his brothers of forgiveness. The strength for us to forgive others comes from God's forgiveness for us. We read...*

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