

WELCOME

to Bethel Lutheran Church!

We are so glad that you are here with us for worship. It is our mission at Bethel to Connect, Grow, and Serve God and others. Last week, we talked about the who and why we are called to forgive. Today, we will see through Scripture how God makes it possible for us to forgive those who have hurt us.

We pray that through this service, you are encouraged, empowered, and set free, to live the life God has intended.

* You are invited to stand as you are able.

The Prelude: Organ settings of “Liebster Jesu, wir sind hier”
Various composers

The Welcome/Announcements

* Confession & Forgiveness

Leader: In the name of the Father, and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

L: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open,
all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid.
Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts, by the inspiration
of Your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love You,
and worthily magnify Your Holy name,
through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

P: Amen.

L: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves,
and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins,
God who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins
and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.
(silence for reflection)

L: Most Merciful God...

**P: We confess that we are in bondage to sin
and cannot free ourselves. 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.
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.**

L: Almighty God, in His mercy, has given His Son to die for us,
and, for His sake, forgives us all our sins.

As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ,
and by His authority, I therefore declare to you
the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name
of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

P: Amen.

***The Opening Hymn: “Word of God, Come Down on Earth” #510**
(see insert for lyrics)

* The Pastoral Greeting:

Leader: We gather this day, in the name of the One
who was, who is, and who is to come...

**People: We gather this day, in the name of the Father, the Son,
and the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

* Today’s Responsive Verses: (From Psalm 25)

L: To You, O LORD, I lift up my soul.

P: O my God, in You I trust; do not let me be put to shame;

L: Make me to know Your ways, O LORD; teach me Your paths.

**P: Lead me in Your truth, and teach me, for You are the God
of my salvation; for You I wait, all day long.**

L: Be mindful of Your mercy, O LORD, and of Your steadfast love,
for they have been from of old.

**P: Do not remember the sins of my youth or my transgressions.
Through Your grace and steadfast love
remember me, O LORD!**

L: Good and upright is the LORD;
therefore, He instructs sinners in the way.

**ALL: God leads the humble in what is right,
and teaches the humble His way.**

* The Prayer of the Day:

L: Compassionate God...

**P: You gather the whole universe into Your radiant presence,
and continually reveal Your Son, as our Savior.
Bring wholeness to all that is broken and speak truth to us
in our confusion, that all creation will see and know
Your Son. Amen.**

*Sharing God’s Peace:

L: The peace of the Lord be with you, always.

P: And also with you!

The Children’s Message: Pastor Ladd Sonnenberg

Music Ministry “Love Divine, All Loves Excelling” John Stainer
Megan Wagner, soprano; Obed Floan, tenor; Skip James, piano

The Old Testament Lesson: Isaiah 1:16-20

L: The Word of the Lord.

P: Thanks be to God!

The New Testament Lesson: Colossians 3:12-17

L: The Word of the Lord.

P: Thanks be to God!

Gospel Acclamation: “Come, Divine Interpreter”
(see insert for lyrics)

*The Gospel Lesson: Luke 23:32-38

The Message: **“Forgive, Part Two”**
Pastor Ladd Sonnenberg

The Hymm: “Let Your Heart Be Broken”
(see insert for lyrics)

*The Offering Prayer:

L: Holy God...

**P: We come before You today to say thank You,
for all that You bless us with.
We also come to say that we are sorry,
and to ask for Your forgiveness, for the times
that we misuse our time, abilities, and money.
Help us to live more like You by giving to others,
as You have first, and continue, to give to us.
In Jesus Christ’s name, we pray. Amen.**

Giving our First and Best to God through our Offering

The Offering Music: Improvisation on “A Merry Tune” James

*The Prayers of God’s People:

L: Ever Present God...

P: Hear our prayer.

*The Lord’s Prayer:

**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 Closing Blessing

*The Closing Hymn: "My Shepherd Will Supply My Need"
(See insert for lyrics)

*The Sending:

L: May we go this day, remembering that...

P: **God loves us and promises to never leave us!**

Postlude: Improvisation on "Resignation" James

WE HOLD IN PRAYER

THOSE WHO ARE SICK, INJURED, AND IN NEED OF HEALING:

Carol Amdahl, Marlin Amdahl, Marlys Anderson, Joeline Baker, Jason Benson, Jeff Bowers, Wallace Dachel, Teresa Dickman, Paul Engebretson, Sheryl Erickson, Marlys Fiedler, Patrick Gibbons, Jane Hanson, Tyler Hanson, Sharon Haugo, Sam Head, Chuck Hildebrandt, Barb Holt, Jackie Hugdahl, Joe Kinney, Ruth Lewis, Laura Lindahl, Paul Martinson, The Meade Family, Brent Myster, Allen Newell, Mary Kay Nolan, Donna Offerdahl, Bill Olson, Terri Pomeroy, Betty Seastedt, Daryl Skobba, Sharon & Jon Sippel, Joan Sorensen, Richard Thoenke, Dick Trende, Malcolm Tuve

THOSE SERVING OR DEPLOYED IN THE MILITARY:

Scotty Krause, Charlie Richards, Peyton Massie, Cheyanne Massie, Charles Kemper, Maija Agee, Tom Hitzke

CONGRATULATIONS to Tim Reams and Gale Gaard who were joined in marriage this weekend! May they know a lifetime of love, commitment, joy, and meaning together!

IN SYMPATHY:

We offer our sympathies and prayers of comfort and strength, to Carol Jensen and family, upon the death of her husband, Gary, and for LeRoy Jeska and family, in the death of LeRoy's sister, Joleen. God bless and comfort these friends with the promise of Christ: *"Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted."*

TODAY'S WORSHIP ASSISTANTS:

Organ & Piano: Skip James

Song Leader: Tracey Jenkinson

Reader: Linda Malick

Technical Assistants: Bill Jenkinson, Garnett Strack, Ashley Dorr

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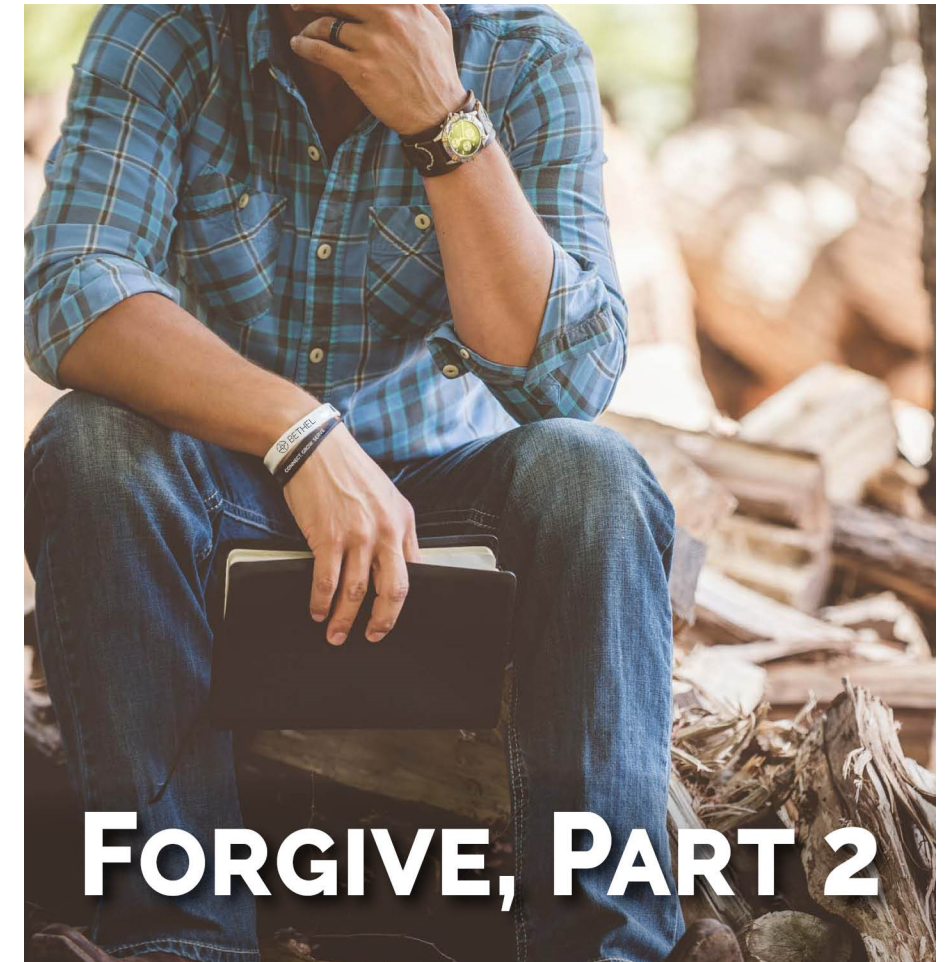
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"Forgive others, not because they deserve forgiveness,
but because you deserve peace."

- Jonathan Lockwood Huie



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