

Grace Lutheran Church & School



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Grades: Kindergarten-8th

Church Year: Pentecost 22

Date: November 1, 2020

✠ WORSHIP INFORMATION ✠

Hymns:

Gather Your Children, Dear Savior (Tune LSB 738)

Profession of Faith: Grant Wells

TLH 652: I Lay My Sins on Jesus

TLH 458, st. 6: Our Father, Thou in Heaven Above

LSB 843: Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive (Tune TLH 361)

Communion: Meditative music

WS 774, st. 1,4: A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

Worship Prep:

Psalm 130, TLH p. 153

Liturgy:

WS, p. 12 (Communion)

Offering: Plate at organ

Scripture Readings:

Genesis 50:15-22

Ephesians 4:25-32

Sermon: Matthew 6:14-15

¹⁴ "For if you forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. ¹⁵ "But if you do not forgive men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses."
(NKJVTM)

Lord's Prayer – 5th Petition:
Forgive Us Our Trespasses
as We Forgive Others

1. What God has done for us
2. What privilege we now have
3. What God instructs us to do for others

✝ ***THE ANNOUNCEMENTS*** ✝

- ➔ **Marie Miller:** Early Friday evening, the LORD in His mercy called Marie Miller to her eternal rest. She went peacefully while her husband, Jim, was at her side. Funeral details will be forthcoming. Given COVID, there won't be a fellowship meal. Jim's address: 624 142nd Ave. NW; Andover, MN 55304. John 10:10 "I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly."
- ➔ **Membership:** This past week Grant Wells completed his instruction in God's Word. He is joining us today by professing his faith during the worship service. We welcome him into our church family! Grant, Frank and Ann Radichel's grandson, was baptized as a child here at Grace. May the Lord richly bless Grant with his life in the Word!
- ➔ **Caution:** If anyone is high risk, vulnerable, recently exposed to a COVID-19 patient, or has symptoms of illness (especially high temperature and cough), the individual along with any others in that person's household are strongly urged to stay home for one's own well-being and the well-being of others. Online worship is still available at FridleyLutheran.org.
- ➔ **Masks:** Due to the Governor's executive order, face coverings or masks are now required during worship at Grace. Children under the age of 2 are exempt. Ages 2-5 "are encouraged to wear a face covering when in public if they can do so reliably ..."
- ➔ **Physical Distancing:** Post-its are on the pews that are to be used. Please remember to not block areas of foot traffic. Thank you for being mindful of your fellow Christians.
- ➔ **Church Cleaning:** The rest of the year is open for cleaning volunteers.
- ➔ **CLC News:** Pastor Aaron Ude of Good Shepherd Lutheran in Rapid City, SD, has the call to Redeemer Lutheran in Cheyenne, WY. ✝ Pastor Nathanael Mayhew of Grace Ev. Lutheran in Sleepy Eye, MN, and Faith Lutheran in New Ulm, MN, has been called by Living Savior Lutheran in Eden Prairie, MN. ✝ Recently colloquized pastor Johnathan Schnose has accepted the call to serve as resident vacancy pastor to Bethel Lutheran in Morris, MN. He has returned the call to serve as resident vacancy pastor to Redeemer Lutheran in Bowdle, SD, and Zion Lutheran in Ipswich, SD. ✝ Teacher Ted Quade of Messiah Lutheran in Hales Corners, WI (Milwaukee area), has announced his retirement, effective at the end of the 2020-2021 school year. ✝ Teacher June Schmid has accepted the call to teach 4th grade half time at Messiah Lutheran in Eau Claire, WI, for the 2020-21 school year. ✝ Teacher Carrie Reim has requested a peaceful release from her teaching call at Messiah Lutheran in Eau Claire, WI, at the end of the 2020-21 school year.

- ➔ **Houston Area:** On Oct. 18 several members of St. Matthew Lutheran of Dallas who live in Conroe, TX, or the neighboring areas adopted a congregational constitution, elected a church council and elders and filed with the state to become an independent congregation. This is a wonderful blessing. The name is Our Shepherd Evangelical Lutheran. Many, but not all, who have this as their home church were, at one time or another, members of the former Bethel congregation in Spring, Texas. Through the past couple of years 18 individuals became part of St. Matthew and have since made up the founding members of Our Shepherd. ... Additionally, four individuals are currently moving through Adult Instruction with another six individuals that attend regularly or semi-regularly. This is an exciting gift from the Lord. With this area of country and, Conroe in particular (northern Houston suburb), swelling with people the Lord is providing an incredible evangelical field. For the past year the now-congregation has been served by Pastor Matthew Hanel (Dallas) and Pastor Sam Naumann (Corpus Christi) and Allen Durham (member at Corpus Christi). Our Shepherd is now prayerfully putting together a plan where they can continue to be served as an independent congregation. Things look bright for the congregation, not because they are well organized and dedicated (which they are) but because the Savior is with them as He is with all His people, blessing their steps as they seek to serve Him.
- ➔ **Sunday School & Adult Memory Work:** 5th Petition

Lord's Prayer: Fifth Petition

And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us.

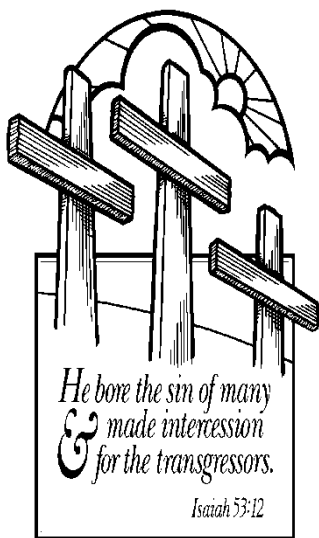
What does this mean?

We pray in this petition that our Father in heaven would not look on our sins or deny our prayer because of them. We are not worthy of things for which we are asking, neither have we deserved them. However, we ask that our Father would by His grace give us what we ask, even though we sin often every day and indeed deserve nothing but punishment. We too will from our hearts gladly forgive and do good to all those who sin against us.

5TH PETITION

"And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us"

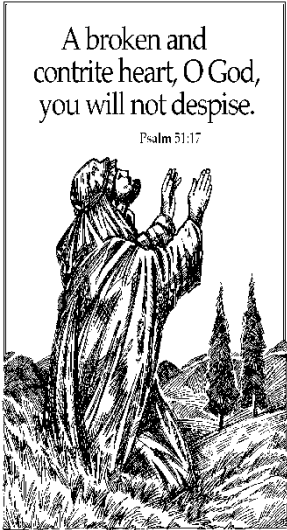
So often we find ourselves mouthing words in worship and in prayer without thinking about what we are saying. We pray the Lord Jesus Christ to forgive us our inattentiveness and our empty words. We further implore Him to direct our thoughts and our words so that we always speak what we mean and mean what we speak when we address Him in worship and prayer. We praise our Lord for His patience with us and for His grace toward us in that He forgives us over and over again instead of treating us as we deserve. For surely it is true as we confess in the 5th petition of the Lord's Prayer as taught by Dr. Luther, "We daily sin much and indeed deserve nothing but punishment."



In this petition, "Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us," we ask that our Heavenly Father would not look upon our sins, but graciously, for Jesus' sake, forgive them. We have the wonderful assurance from the Scriptures that the Father is pleased to forgive us our sins, yes, even the dullness of our devotion, for Jesus' sake. For this cause Jesus came into the world. His perfection covers our imperfections; His holiness covers our sins. His death has paid our penalty and His resurrection has put an exclamation mark to His Word from the cross: "It is finished" (John 19:30). By virtue of His finished work our sins have been forgiven.

The forgiveness of sins is a gift in which to delight and for which to thank our God. Forgiveness of sins is not license to live a life of sin or to think of sin lightly. It is the power to fight against sin. Daily the Christian will lament his sin and be thankful to God for His grace.

Our thanks for forgiveness is given in words, but also shown in our actions. We cannot earn forgiveness of sins, but we can lose that gift if we find ourselves unwilling or unable to forgive our neighbor. Take your Bible and read Matthew 18:22-35 as well as Mark 11:25,26. Now think about what you are praying. "Forgive us our trespasses AS we forgive those who trespass against us." Have we ever said or thought, "I can (will) never forgive him (her) for what was done to me." Then ask yourself a question: "Do I really want God to forgive me as I forgive my neighbor?" This in turn will lead the honest heart to confess, "Lord, I have sinned. Forgive me for Jesus' sake, and help me, O Lord, to forgive my neighbor, to put behind me all grudges." Remember, forgiveness is not approval.



Jesus forgave us our sin; He did not approve of our sin. Jesus died for us. He has forgiven us at great cost to Himself. He did not complain or murmur. For those who crucified Him, and ultimately for us, He prayed to His Father, "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do" (Luke 23:34). If our God has forgiven us and continues to forgive a mountain of sin daily, even those sins which we do not know (Psalm 19:12), can we not find it in our heart to forgive our neighbor who has not sinned against us in the same magnitude as our sin against God?



Even as we continue to sin in weakness and by reason of our flesh, the Father is strong in grace to forgive. As we contemplate that and rejoice in that forgiveness, "We will also heartily forgive and readily do good to those who sin against us." The fact that we fail is certainly no reason to quit trying, and is good reason to daily pray, "Forgive us our trespasses ..." The Lord will give the strength for the next day and the new desire to forgive as we have been forgiven.

The Fifth Petition.

“And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.”

This part now relates to our poor miserable life, which, although we have and believe the Word of God, and do and submit to His will, and are supported by His gifts and blessings, is nevertheless not without sin. For we still stumble daily and transgress because we live in the world among men who do us much harm and give us cause for impatience, anger, revenge, etc. Besides, we have Satan at our back, who sets upon us on every side, and fights (as we have heard) against all the foregoing petitions, so that it is not possible always to stand firm in such a persistent conflict.

Therefore there is here again great need to call upon God and to pray: Dear Father, forgive us our trespasses. Not as though He did not forgive sin without and even before our prayer (for He has given us the Gospel, in which is pure forgiveness before we prayed or ever thought about it). But this is to the intent that we may recognize and accept such forgiveness. For since the flesh in which we daily live is of such a nature that it neither trusts nor believes God, and is ever active in evil lusts and devices, so that we sin daily in word and deed, by commission and omission, by which the conscience is thrown into unrest, so that it is afraid of the wrath and displeasure of God, and thus loses the comfort and confidence derived from the Gospel; therefore it is ceaselessly necessary that we run hither and obtain consolation to comfort the conscience again.

But this should serve God's purpose of breaking our pride and keeping us humble. For in case any one should boast of his godliness and despise others, God has reserved this prerogative to Himself, that the person is to consider himself and place this prayer before his eyes, and he will find that he is no better than others, and that in the presence of God all must lower their plumes, and be glad that they can attain forgiveness. And let no one think that as long as we live here he can reach such a position that he will not need such forgiveness. In short, if God does not forgive without ceasing, we are lost.

It is therefore the intent of this petition that God would not regard our sins and hold up to us what we daily deserve, but would deal graciously with us, and forgive, as He has promised, and thus grant us a joyful and confident conscience to stand before Him in prayer. For where the heart is not in right relation towards God, nor can take such confidence, it will nevermore venture to pray. But such a confident and joyful heart can spring from nothing else than the [certain] knowledge of the forgiveness of sin.

But there is here attached a necessary, yet consolatory addition: As we forgive. He has promised that we shall be sure that everything is forgiven and pardoned, yet in the manner that we also forgive our neighbor. For just as we daily sin much against God, and yet He forgives everything through grace, so we, too, must ever forgive our neighbor who does us injury, violence, and wrong, shows malice toward us, etc. If, therefore, you do not forgive, then do not think that God forgives you; but if you forgive, you have this consolation and assurance, that you are forgiven in heaven, not on account of your forgiving, for God forgives freely and without condition, out of pure grace, because He has so promised, as the Gospel teaches, but in order that He may set this up for our confirmation and assurance for a sign alongside of the promise which accords with this prayer, Luke 6:37: Forgive, and ye shall be forgiven. Therefore Christ also repeats it soon after the Lord's Prayer, and says, Matt. 6:14: For if ye forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you, etc.

This sign is therefore attached to this petition, that, when we pray, we remember the promise and reflect thus: Dear Father, for this reason I come and pray Thee to forgive me, not that I can make satisfaction, or can merit anything by my works, but because Thou hast promised and attached the seal thereto that I should be as sure as though I had absolution pronounced by Thyself. For as much as Baptism and the Lord's Supper, appointed as external signs, effect, so much also this sign can effect to confirm our consciences and cause them to rejoice. And it is especially given for this purpose, that we might use and practice it every hour, as a thing that we have with us at all times.

✠ TODAY AT GRACE ✠

Organist: Sue Nelson

Elder: Eli Wales

Ushers: Roger Ochsner; James Bomber; Jack Maki; John Maki; Ryan Oman

Counting Team 4: James Bomber; Roger Ochsner; Al Rosendahl; Dave Rust

Church Cleaners: Volunteers? School: Doucette

✠ NEXT WEEK AT GRACE ✠

Ushers: Al Rosendahl; Keith Radichel; David Stifter; Joel Stifter; Eli Wales

Counting Team 1: Dale Enns; Larry Nelson; Ryan Oman; Pat Paplow; Phil Radichel

Church Cleaners: Volunteers? School: Jankowski

✠ OUR SCHEDULE ✠

Sun., Nov. 1: 9:00 am – Sunday School & Bible Class

10:00 am – Worship Service w/Lord's Supper

Mon., Nov. 2: 9:00 am – MN Pastoral Study Club

Wed., Nov. 4: 4:00 pm – Catechism for Public School Students

7:00 pm – Midweek Bible Class

Sun., Nov. 8: 9:00 am – Sunday School & Bible Class

10:00 am – Worship Service

12:00 pm – Council Meeting

Wed., Nov. 25: 7:00 pm – Thanksgiving Eve Worship Service

Thu., Nov. 26: THANKSGIVING DAY

Sun., Nov. 29: Advent Begins

Last Week's Stats: Oct. 25, 2020 Sun.: 64 Bible Cl.: 28 S.S.: 15 Wed.: 21

Sun. Offering:	Grace:	\$2,945	CLC:	\$970
Weekly Need:	Grace:	4,000	CLC:	950
-Under / +Over:	Grace:	-1,055	CLC:	+20
Year-to-Date Offering:	Grace:	\$169,171	CLC:	\$40,737
Year-to-Date Need:	Grace:	172,000	CLC:	40,850
Year-to-Date (+/-)	Grace:	-2,829	CLC:	-113
GLC Other: 70	Living Faith:	0	Tuition Aid:	20
SAF Endowment: 0	MDF:	0	Kinship:	110
ILC Student Aid: 0	ILC Bldg.	0	IIF: 0	CEF: 0
Current Balances:	Tuition Aid:	\$192		

Welcome to our guests and visitors. We appreciate the opportunity to share God's Word with you today. Please come again! Those interested in learning more about the Scriptures and our doctrinal position, please speak with the Pastor. He would be delighted to visit with you!