

Community of the Cross Lutheran Church

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF September 17, 2023

Reading: Genesis 50:15-21

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

Gospel: Matthew 18:21-35

Peter came and said to Jesus, "Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?" Jesus said to him, "Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times. "For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. 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.' Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. 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. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?' And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart."

OPPORTUNITIES TO GROW AND SERVE

Today's Worship Assistants:

- **Presiding Pastor:** Christine Wenzel, Interim Pastor • **Greeters 8:45:** Rick & Renae Gustafson
- **Children's Sermon:** Kristin Henak • **Readers 8:45:** Kris Wilson **Readers 10:45:** Dave Larson
- **Ushers 8:45:** Daren Anderson, Jim Johnston, Bob Kullberg • **Ushers 10:45:** Chuck Sletten, Jim Stoops, Claire McCoy, Brooks Herrboldt • **Communion Servers 8:45:** Gary Johnson, Linda Johnson, Lois Larson **10:45:** Scott Swanson • **AV Team 8:45:** Bill Little, Jennifer Rodgers, Josh Baker
- **AV Team 10:45:** Eric Nygren, Dan Walker, Jamie Manzi-Moore • **Coffee Fellowship:** Vanitha & Stalin Ponnusamy

RALLY SUNDAY - THANK YOU!!!!

Thank you to everyone who volunteered and donated! It was a fantastic morning and we couldn't have done it without you. Thank you!!

SUNDAY SCHOOL STARTS TODAY!

All kids, youth and parents should meet in the Gathering Space by 9:45am. After the opening, we'll have a short parent meeting, and then a short youth meeting, to help us prepare for an amazing year!

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP-STARTS TODAY!

We need volunteers to make this happen! Please sign up using SignUp Genius or on the signup sheet in the narthex.

MONDAY NIGHT MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Monday, September 18th at 6:00 pm at Pinstripes 3849 Gallagher Drive,, Edina, MN 55435. Please contact Jay Hendrickson with any questions.

CONFIRMATION AND YOUTH

Wednesday, September 20th – Confirmation for 6th-8th graders (6:30pm-7:30pm), Youth Parent Meeting (7:00pm), Youth Game Night for 6th-12th graders (7:30pm-8:30pm). To help ensure we'll have enough pizza, please RSVP for Game Night to Jenna by Tuesday, September 19th, and note any food allergies.

ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY—SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

On Saturday, September 23rd we will meet at the Walgreens off of I69 and Pioneer Trail at 9:00 AM to beautify our neighborhood! We'll provide the bags & pickers; you bring your own gloves. For questions, please contact Jim (952-567-4531) or Claire (952-300-0811).

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY GROUP

Meets every Tuesday morning from 10:15am – 11:30am in the fellowship conference room. We will be starting a study on The Lord's Prayer by Adam Hamilton on September 12th. We have study books available. All age groups are welcome to join! Please contact Lois Larson or Sandy Knight with any questions.

PRAYERS AND PRAISES

FOR HEALTH & WELLBEING:

- Margie Hartmann
- Mary Maas
- Carrol Stuber, mother of Jenna Van Hout
- Dave Teslow
- Todd D., nephew of George & Marsha Gullickson
- Sue and Chuck Metsala
- Sue Wilkie, friend of Ron & Pat Nelson
- Demetria Carter
- Mark Roban, brother of Janelle Swanson
- Jennie Hendrickson family and baby Ian Ruhberg Hendrickson
- Kathleen Anderson, cousin of Ron & Pat Nelson

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING:

Martha Rossing for healing following knee surgery.

IN CELEBRATION:

Flowers on the alter are given by Terry & Ellie Peterson in celebration of their 55th wedding anniversary.

IN OUR CONTINUING PRAYER FOR ALL CCLC HOUSEHOLDS:

Dan & Ann Flood and family, Doug & Cheryl Geesaman, Gretchen Godfrey, Jan Godfrey, Rich & Carm Greenlee

JOIN OUR TEAM

We are looking to find an individual to join our team as the Church Office Assistant. This person will create all publications and assist with the day-to-day tasks of the church. This position will be 25 hours a week. If you have any questions, or are interested in applying, please reach out to Jess Abrahamson at office@cclcmn.org.

OTHER OPPORTUNITIES TO TOUCH LIVES WITH THE LOVE OF GOD

EVERY MEAL—More than 300,000 children in Minnesota live with food insecurity. When these children don't have access to the free and reduced meal programs at school, they don't have access to reliable food and the risk of hunger is very real. Every Meal works to fight hunger in our community by filling the gaps in food access that children face during weekends, summers, and extended breaks. CCLC is committed to providing food for these children at Olson Elementary. **TO DONATE:** Write a check to CCLC with "Every Meal" in the memo line or drop cash and/or loose change in the noisy offering bucket.

This Week At Community of the Cross

Today is September 17, 2023—16th Sunday after Pentecost

	9:30 am	Sunday Worship w/Holy Communion
Mon 9/18	5:00 pm	Women's Monday Night Book Club
	6:00 pm	Men's Monday Night Fellowship
Tue 9/19	8:45 am	Faithfully Fit
	9:00 am	Men's Coffee Fellowship / MR
	10:15 am	Women's Bible Study
Wed 9/20	6:30 pm	Confirmation / FH
	6:30 pm	Jubilation Ringers Rehearsal
	7:00 pm	Youth Parent Meeting / Youth Room
	7:30 pm	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
	7:30 pm	Youth Game Night / FH

Next Sunday is September 24, 2023—17th Sunday after Pentecost

Scripture: Jonah 3:10—4:11, Matthew 20:1-16

8:45 am	Traditional Service w/Holy Communion
9:45 am	Sunday School/Fellowship
9:45 am	Adult Forum: Transition Team Reporting
10:45 am	Contemporary Service w/Holy Communion

"Save the dates" for October

Sun 10/ 1	11:30 am	Camp Sunday Practice
	12:00 pm	Blessing of the Animals
Sun 10/ 8	11:30 am	Camp Sunday Practice
Sun 10/15	10:45 am	Camp Sunday Worship
	11:30 am	Luther Crest Bible Camp Meeting

GS=Gathering Space MR=Meeting room FH=Fellowship Hall 3-9=Classrooms MO=Main Offices
NX=Narthex NY=Nursery SA=Sanctuary YR=Youth Room

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