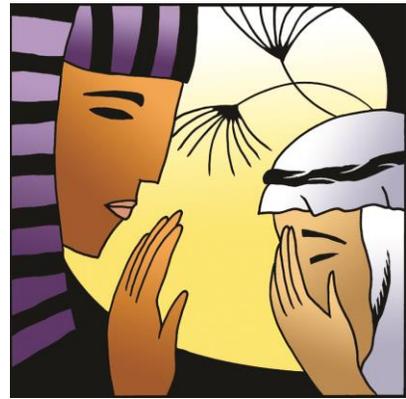


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FIRST EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH – KENYON
Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 13, 2020



Parable of the Unforgiving Servant

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,
who creates, redeems, and sustains us and all of creation.

All Amen.

P Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence for reflection

P Faithful God,

All have mercy on us.

**We confess that we are captive to sin
and cannot free ourselves.**

**We turn from your loving embrace
and go our own ways.**

**We pass judgment on one another
Before examining ourselves.**

We place our own needs before those of our neighbors.

We keep your gift of salvation to ourselves.

**Make us humble, cast away our transgressions,
and turn us again to life in you**

through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

P God hears the cries of all who call out in need,
and through his death and resurrection,
Christ has made us his own.

Hear the truth that God proclaims:

Your sins are forgiven in the name of ☩ Jesus Christ.

Led by the Holy Spirit, live in freedom and newness
to do God's work in the world.

All Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

O Lord God, merciful judge, you are the inexhaustible fountain of forgiveness. Replace our hearts of stone with hearts that love and adore you, that we may delight in doing your will, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

MUSIC: *There's a Wideness in God's Mercy* ELW #588 vss. 1-2 PUBLIC DOMAIN



1 **There's a wide-ness in God's mer- cy, like the wide-ness of the sea;**
2 **There is wel- come for the sin- ner, and a prom- ised grace made good;**



There's a kind- ness in God's jus- tice which is more than li- ber- ty.
There is mer- cy with the Sav- ior; there is heal- ing in his blood.



There is no place where earth's sor- rows are more felt than up in heav'n.
There is grace e- nough for thou- sands of new worlds as great as this;



There is no place where earth's fail- ings have such kind- ly judg- ment giv'n.
There is room for fresh cre- a- tions in that up- per home of bliss.

RESPONSIVE PSALM 103:8-13

L LORD, you are full of compassion and mercy,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love;

**All you will not always accuse us,
nor will you keep your anger forever.**

L You have not dealt with us according to our sins,
nor repaid us according to our iniquities.

**All For as the heavens are high above the earth,
so great is your steadfast love for those who fear you.**

L As far as the east is from the west,
so far have you removed our transgressions from us.

**All As a father has compassion for his children,
so you have compassion for those who fear you, O LORD.**

READING: ROMANS 14:7-12

⁷We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. ⁸If 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. ⁹For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.

¹⁰Why do you pass judgment on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God. ¹¹For it is written, "As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall give praise to God." ¹²So then, each of us will be accountable to God.

GOSPEL: MATTHEW 18:21-35

²¹Peter 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?" ²²Jesus said to him, "Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.

²³"For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. ²⁴When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; ²⁵and, 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. ²⁶So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' ²⁷And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. ²⁸But 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.' ²⁹Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' ³⁰But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. ³¹When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. ³²Then his lord summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. ³³Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?' ³⁴And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. ³⁵So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart."

MESSAGE: Pastor Julie Rogness

- 3 For the love of God is broader than the measures of our mind;
And the heart of the Eternal is most wonderfully kind.
But we make this love too narrow by false limits of our own;
And we magnify its strictness with a zeal God will not own.**
- 4 'Tis not all we owe to Jesus; it is something more than all:
Greater good because of evil, larger mercy through the fall.
Make our love, O God, more faithful; let us take you at your word,
And our lives will be thanksgiving for the goodness of the Lord.**



*Today, we celebrate the baptisms of: Lillianna Raelyn and
Katherine Rae, daughters of Madelyn Kirchmann*

APOSTLE'S CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS - LORD'S PRAYER

SHARING OF PEACE

OFFERING OF GIFTS

BLESSING Mothering God, Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit,
bless you and lead you into the way of truth and life.
Amen.

DISMISSAL Go in peace. Remember the poor.
Thanks be to God

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COMING EVENTS

WED., SEPT. 16 - 6 pm – OUTDOOR WORSHIP WITH COMMUNION – NE corner of the church under the pine trees. Bring your own lawn chair & mask. *Cancelled in the event of Rain.*



SUN., SEPT. 20 – 9:45 to 11:00 am – DRIVE BY COMMUNION – church parking lot.



SUN., SEPT. 20 – 9:45 to 11:00 am – FOOD SHELF DRIVE: *Being Fed & Feeding Others.*

Please bring a Food Shelf Item or Monetary Donation to benefit Kenyon All-Seasons Food Shelf.

HIGH NEED ITEMS: Pkgs of Mac & Cheese - Boxes of Cherry Jello - 1 lb. Coffee - Paper Towels -

Peanut Butter - Canned Peas - Canned Carrots - Canned Beans - Canned Corn - Monetary Donations.

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