Hope Evangelical Lutheran Church The 15th Sunday after Pentecost September 13, 2020

# "Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive?"



#### HOPE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

## September 13 2020 The Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

## THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

Piano Prelude " Softly and Tenderly Greeting and Announcement

Wilber Held and Philp Keveren

Opening Hymn: "Word of God, Come Down on Earth"



# The Apostolic Greeting

## 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.

#### WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

## FIRST READING: Genesis 50:15-21

After Jacob's death the brothers of Joseph begged for forgiveness for the crime they had done against him. You intended to do me harm, Joseph said, but God used this as an opportunity to do good and save many lives.

<sup>15</sup>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?" <sup>16</sup>So they approached Joseph, saying, "Your father gave this instruction before he died, <sup>17</sup>'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. <sup>18</sup>Then his brothers also wept, fell down before him, and said, "We are here as your slaves." <sup>19</sup>But Joseph said to them, "Do not be afraid! Am I in the place of God? <sup>20</sup>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. <sup>21</sup>So have no fear; I myself will provide for you and your little ones." In this way he reassured them, speaking kindly to them.

## Second Reading: Jonah 4: 1-5 Children's Message

#### GOSPEL: Matthew 18:21-35

When Peter asks about the limits of forgiveness, Jesus responds with a parable that suggests human forgiveness should mirror the unlimited mercy of God.

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."

Anthem:

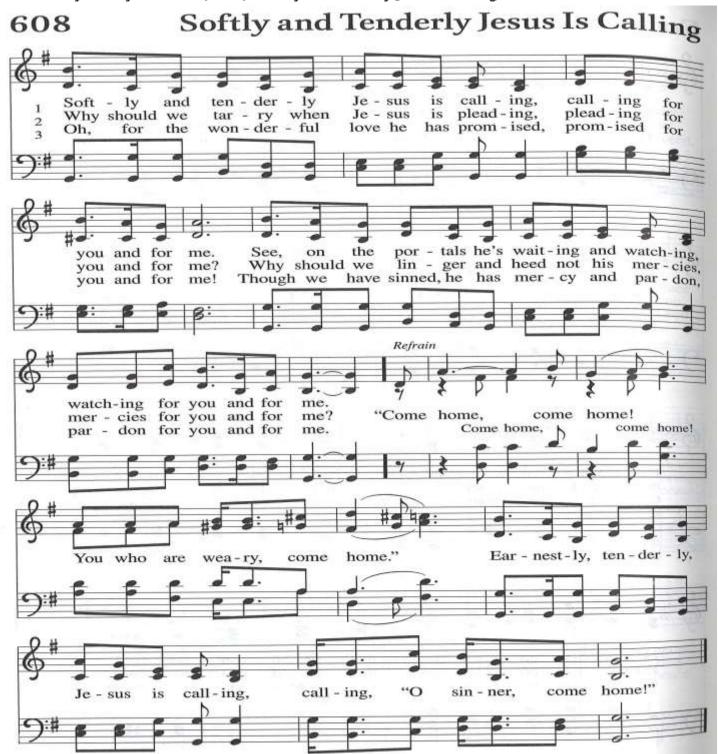
"I Love You, Lord"
Duet by Marlys Jungroth and Vicki Hanson

Laurie Klein

The Sermon "New Birth Through Forgiveness

Pastor Dan Severson

Sermon Hymn: Hymn #608, (1,2,3), "Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling

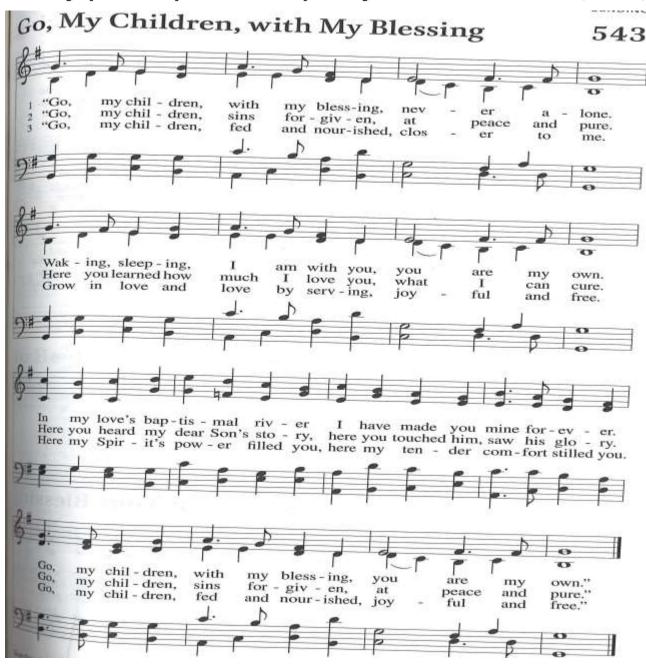


#### RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

The Prayers of the Church Lord's Prayer Benediction

Sending Hymn: "Go My Children, with My Blessing"

ELW #543, (vs. 1,2,3)



Dismissal: Go in Peace. Remember the poor.

Thanks to God.

Organ Postlude:

Gavotte

Festive Procession

Matthew Camidge Paul Bryan Please join us Sunday at 11am for our virtual Café Hope over ZOOM.

# Serving in Today's Worship

Pastor: Dan Severson Reader: Sandi Kane Piano: Jan Gunderson and Vaughn Jones Vocals: Marlys Jungroth and Vicki Hanson Gloriann Jones Organist: Vaughn Jones

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