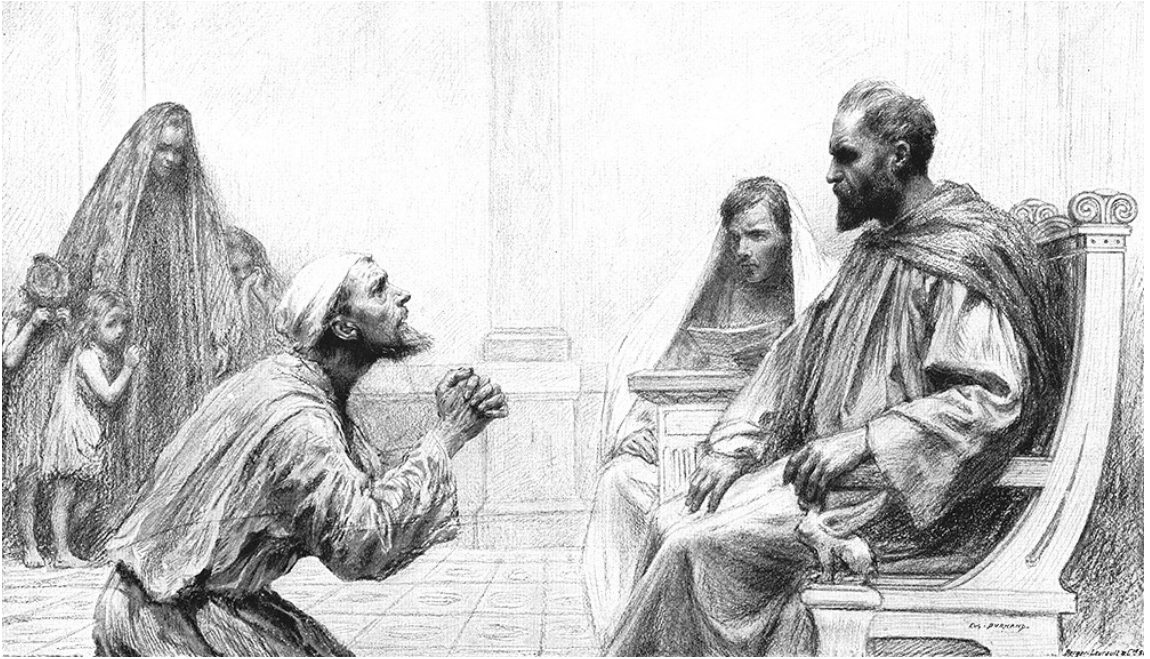


THE TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

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THE COMMON SERVICE

Hymn ----- As Surely As I Live, God Said

CW 308

1. "As surely as I live," God said, "I would not have the sinner dead,
But that he turn from error's ways,
Repent, and live through endless days."
2. To us, therefore, Christ gave command:
"Go forth and preach in ev'ry land;
Bestow on all my pard'ning grace Who will repent of sinful ways.
3. "All those whose sins you thus remit I truly pardon and acquit,
And those whose sins you do retain Condemned and guilty shall remain.
4. "What you will bind, that bound shall be;
What you will loose, that shall be free;
Unto my Church the keys are giv'n
To op'n and close the gates of heav'n."
5. The words which absolution give Are his who died that we might live;
The minister whom Christ has sent Is but his humble instrument.
6. When ministers lay on their hands, Absolved by Christ the sinner stands;
He who by grace the Word believes
Forgiveness, sure and sweet, receives.
7. Praise God the Father and the Son And Holy Spirit, Three in One,
As was, is now, and so shall be Forever and eternally!

Stand.

M: In the name of the Father and of the Son † and of the Holy Spirit.



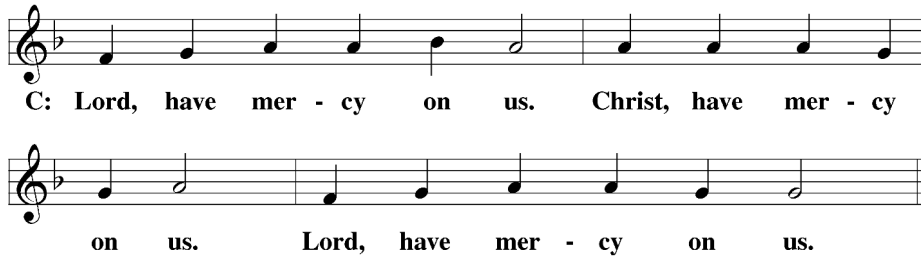
CONFESSION OF SINS

M: Beloved in the Lord: let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

C: Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.

Lord, Have Mercy

Kyrie



M: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son † and of the Holy Spirit.



PRAYER AND PRAISE

M: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

Glory be to God

Gloria in Excelsis



C: Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will toward men.



We praise you, we bless you, we wor-ship you, we glorify you,



we give thanks to you, for your great glory, O Lord God, heav'n-ly King,



God the Fa-ther al - mighty. O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je-sus Christ;



O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the



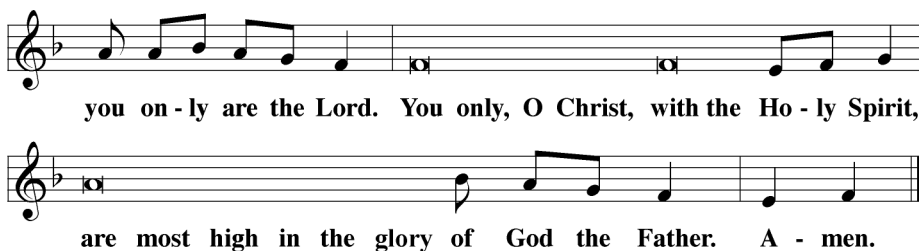
sin of the world; have mercy on us. You take away the



sin of the world; re - ceive our prayer. You sit at the right hand of



God the Father; have mercy on us. For you on-ly are holy;



Prayer of the Day

M: The Lord be with you.



Prayer of the Day

M: Let us pray.

O God, our refuge and strength, the author of all godliness, hear the devout prayers of your church, especially in times of persecution, and grant that what we ask in faith we may obtain; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Be seated.

First Lesson ----- Genesis 50:15–21

When Joseph's brothers saw that their father was dead, they said, "It may be that Joseph will hate us and will pay us back in full for all of the

evil that we did to him."

They sent the following message to Joseph: "Before he died your father commanded us, 'You

are to tell Joseph, "Please forgive the offense of your brothers and their sin, because they did evil to you." ' Now, please forgive the offense of the servants of the God of your father."

Joseph wept when they spoke to him.

His brothers also came and fell down in front of him, and they said, "See now, we are your servants."

Joseph said to them, "Do not be afraid, for am I in the place of God? You meant evil against me, but God meant it for good, to bring this to pass and to keep many people alive, as it is this day. Now therefore, do not be afraid. I will nourish you and your little ones." He comforted them and spoke to them in a kind way.

Psalm of the Day ----- Psalm 130

CW p.114

Refrain

**Remember your mercy, O Lord;
remember your mercy and love.**

Out of the depths I cry to you, O LORD;*

O Lord, hear my voice.

Let your ears be attentive*

to my cry for mercy.

If you, O LORD, kept a record of sins,*

O Lord, who could stand?

But with you there is forgiveness;

therefore you are feared.

Refrain

I wait for the LORD and in his Word I put my hope.*

My soul waits for the Lord more than

watchmen wait for the morning.

O Israel, put your hope in the LORD,*

for with the LORD is unfailing love

and with him is full redemption.

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son*
and to the Holy Spirit,
as it was in the beginning,*
is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

Refrain

Second Lesson ----- Philipians 1:3-11

I thank my God every time I remember you. Every time I pray for all of you, I always pray with joy, because of your fellowship in the gospel from the first day until now. I am convinced of this very thing: that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus. I am equally convinced that it is right for me to think this way about all of you, because I have you in my heart, for both in my chains and in my defense and confirmation of the gospel, you all

share in this grace with me. Yes, God is my witness of how I long for all of you with the affection of Christ Jesus.

And I pray that your love may still increase more and more in knowledge and every insight. This will result in your approval of the things that really matter, so that you will be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God.

Verse of the Day

Ephesians 4:32

M: Alleluia. Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving one another, just as God in Christ has forgiven us. Alleluia.



Stand.

Gospel ----- Matthew 18:21-35

After the announcement of the Gospel, the congregation sings:



C: Glo - ry be to you, O Lord!

Then Peter came up and asked Jesus, “Lord, how many times must I forgive my brother when he sins against me? As many as seven times?”

Jesus said to him, “Not seven times, but I tell you as many as seventy-seven times. For this reason the kingdom of heaven is like a king who wanted to settle accounts with his servants. When he began to settle them, a man who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him. Because the man was not able to pay the debt, his master ordered that he be sold, along with his wife, children, and all that he owned to repay the debt.

“Then the servant fell down on his knees in front of him, saying, ‘Master, be patient with me, and I will pay you everything!’ The master of that servant had pity on him, released him, and forgave him the debt.

“But when that servant went out, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him one hundred denarii. He grabbed him and began choking

him, saying, ‘Pay me what you owe!’

“So his fellow servant fell down and begged him, saying, ‘Be patient with me, and I will pay you back!’ But he refused. Instead he went off and threw the man into prison until he could pay back what he owed.

“When his fellow servants saw what had happened, they were very distressed. They went and reported to their master everything that had taken place.

“Then his master called him in and said to him, ‘You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt when you begged me to. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow servant just as I had mercy on you?’ His master was angry and handed him over to the jailers until he could pay back everything he owed.

“This is what my heavenly Father will also do to you unless each one of you forgives his brother from his heart.”

After the Gospel, the congregation sings:



C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

Apostles' Creed

**C: I believe in God, the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.**

I believe in Jesus Christ, his 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 into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Be seated.

Hymn of the Day ----- Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive

CW 493

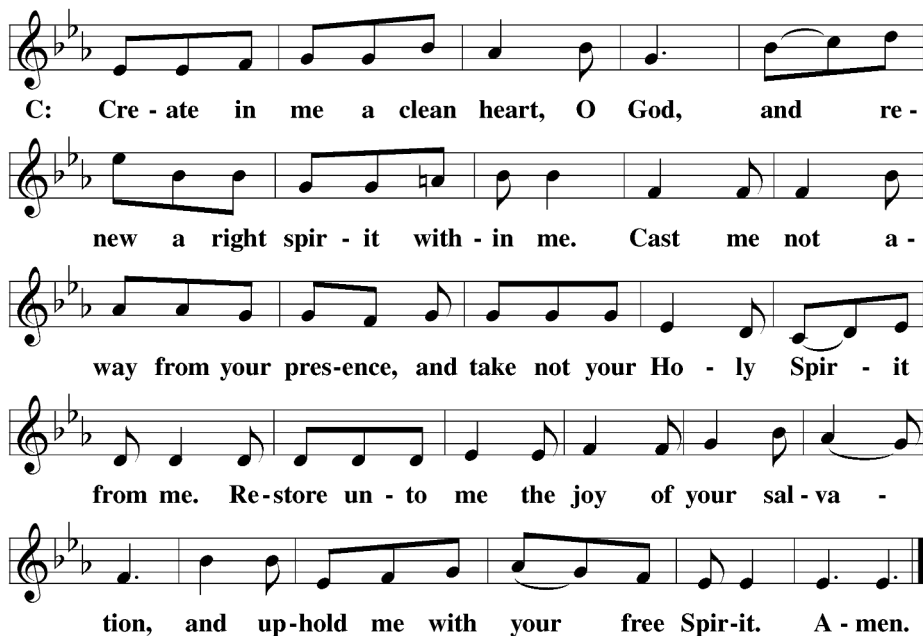
1. "Forgive our sins as we forgive,"
You taught us, Lord, to pray,
But you alone can grant us grace
To live the words we say.
2. How can your pardon reach and bless
The unforgiving heart
That broods on wrongs and will not let
Old bitterness depart?
3. In blazing light your cross reveals
The truth we dimly knew:
What trivial debts are owed to us;
How great our debt to you!
4. Lord, cleanse the depths within our souls
And bid resentment cease;
Then, bound to all in bonds of love
Our lives will spread your peace.

Sermon ----- Matthew 18:21-35

Forgive from the Heart

Stand.

After the sermon, the congregation sings:



C: Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -
way from your pres-ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it
from me. Re-store un - to me the joy of your sal - va -
tion, and up-hold me with your free Spir-it. A - men.

Be seated.

Offering

Stand.

Prayer of the Church

M: Out of the depths we cry to you, O Lord; O Lord, hear our voices.

C: Let your ears be attentive to our cries for mercy.

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of the Gospel here and around the world.

M: Heavenly Father, we confess with sorrow that we have sinned and deserve only your anger and punishment.

C: If you kept a record of our sins, we would surely be lost.

M: We confess with joy that your unfailing love has redeemed us.

C: Our hope is in you and in your full redemption.

M: Around us we see the birth pangs of the last days: war, famine, earthquakes, false prophets, spiritual apathy.

C: Use these signs to remind us that we do not know the day or hour when Christ will come again.

M: Keep us faithful to your Word; send your Spirit to strengthen our faith so that we are always prepared for your Son's return as judge.

C: Make us faithful in sharing your Word, and cause many more to put their hope in you before the end comes.

M: Build our fellowship of love as brothers and sisters in faith.

C: Help us support one another when trials and troubles come our way.

Special prayers and intercessions may follow.

M: Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

Silent prayer.

M: Heavenly Father, we eagerly wait for Jesus to come again and make all things new. May he find us, whose names are written in the Lamb's book of life, faithfully enduring to the end, through the power of your Holy Spirit.

C: Come, Lord Jesus. May your grace be with us. Amen.

Lord's Prayer

C: 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.

Be seated.

THE SACRAMENT

M: The Lord be with you.



C: And al - so with you.

M: Lift up your hearts.



C: We lift them up un - to the Lord.

M: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.



C: It is good and right so to do.

M: It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who promised that wherever two or three come together in his name, there he is with them to shepherd his flock till he comes

again in glory.

Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

Holy, Holy, Holy

Sanctus

C: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of heav - en - ly hosts:
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san -
na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is he, bless - ed is he, bless - ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san -
na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Words of Institution

M: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my † body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

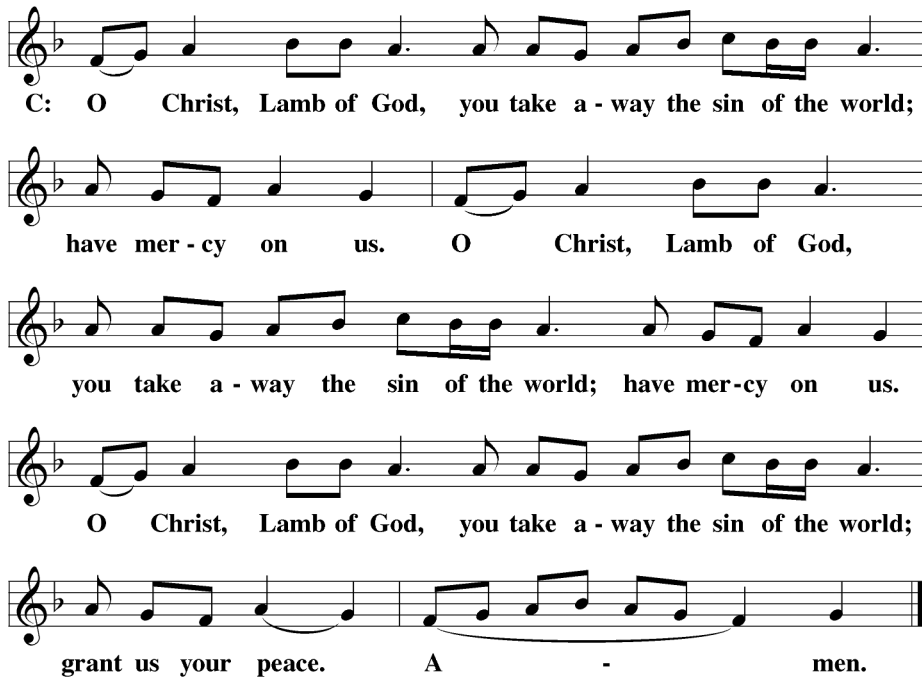
Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, “Drink from it, all of you; this is my † blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me.”

The peace of the Lord be with you always.



O Christ, Lamb of God

Agnus Dei



Be seated.

DISTRIBUTION

In Holy Communion we believe that Jesus gives us his own body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of our sins. We ask that, in keeping with God's Word, only confirmed members who are in confessional unity with our church (WELS and ELS) would come forward to receive this sacrament. If you have any questions or are interested in communicant membership, please speak with the pastor.

During the distribution, the congregation sings the following hymn:

Hymn ----- I Come, O Savior, to Your Table

CW 310

Refrain:

**Lord, may your body and your blood
Be for my soul the highest good!**

1. I come, O Savior, to your table, For weak and weary is my soul;
O Jesus, you alone are able To satisfy and make me whole. ***Refrain***
2. Oh, grant that I in manner worthy May now trust solely in your Word,
And, conscious of the sins before me, Look only unto you, O Lord.
Refrain
3. Unworthy though I am, O Savior, Because I have a sinful heart,
Yet you your lamb will banish never, Nor will your faithfulness depart.
Refrain
4. Oh, let me loathe all sin forever As death and poison to my soul,
That I through willful sinning never May see your judgment take its toll!
Refrain
5. Your heart is filled with fervent yearning That sinners may salvation see
Who, Lord, to you in faith are turning; So let me, too, come trustingly.
Refrain

6. Weary am I and heavy laden; With sin my soul is sore oppressed.
Receive me graciously and gladden My heart, for I am now your guest.
Refrain
7. You here will find a heart most lowly That feels unworthy in your sight,
That duly weeps o'er sin, yet solely Your merit pleads, as it is right.
Refrain
8. By faith I call your holy table The testament of your deep love,
For by your gift I now am able To know the heart of God above. *Refrain*
9. What higher gift can we inherit? It is faith's bond and solid base;
It is the strength of heart and spirit, The covenant of hope and grace.
Refrain
10. This feast is manna, wealth abounding
Unto the poor, to weak ones pow'r,
To angels joy, to hell confounding, And life for me in death's dark hour.
Refrain
11. Your body, giv'n for me, O Savior,
Your blood, which you for me have shed-
These are my life and strength forever; By them my hungry soul is fed.
Refrain
12. With you, Lord, I am now united; I live in you and you in me.
No sorrow fills my soul; delighted, It finds its peace on Calvary. *Refrain*
13. Who can condemn me now? For surely The Lord is near, who justifies.
No hell I fear, and thus securely With Jesus I to heaven rise. *Refrain*
14. Though death may threaten with disaster, It cannot rob me of my cheer,
For he who is of death the master With help and strength is always near.
Refrain

15. My heart has now become your dwelling, O blessed, holy Trinity.
With angels I, your praises telling, Shall live in joy eternally. *Refrain*

After the distribution is finished the congregation stands and sings:

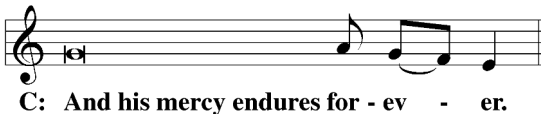
Song of Simeon

Nunc Dimittis



C: Lord, now you let your servant de - part in peace ac-cord-ing
to your word. For my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have pre-
pared be - fore the face of all people, a light to light - en the
Gen-tiles and the glo - ry of your peo-ple Is - ra - el.

M: O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.



C: And his mercy endures for - ev - er.

M: We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this Holy Supper. We pray that through it you will strengthen our faith in you and increase our love for one another. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



M: The Lord bless you and keep you.
 The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
 The Lord look on you with favor and † give you peace.



Be seated.

Hymn ----- By Grace I'm Saved

CW 384

1. By grace I'm saved, grace free and boundless;
 My soul, believe and doubt it not.
 Why waver at this word of promise?
 Has Scripture ever falsehood taught?
 So then this word must true remain:
 By grace you, too, shall heav'n obtain.
2. By grace God's Son, our only Savior, Came down to earth to bear our sin.
 Was it because of your own merit That Jesus died your soul to win?
 No, it was grace, and grace alone,
 That brought him from his heav'nly throne.
3. By grace! Oh, mark this word of promise
 When you are by your sins oppressed,
 When Satan plagues your troubled conscience,
 And when your heart is seeking rest.
 What reason cannot comprehend God by his grace to you did send.

4. By grace to timid hearts that tremble, In tribulation's furnace tried-
By grace, despite all fear and trouble, The Father's heart is open wide.
Where could I help and strength secure
If grace were not my anchor sure?
5. By grace! On this I'll rest when dying; In Jesus' promise I rejoice.
For though I know my heart's condition, I also know my Savior's voice.
My heart is glad; all grief has flown Since I am saved by grace alone.

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