



St. Thomas Lutheran Church

15th Sunday of Pentecost

September 13, 2020

Prayer of Confession

God of forgiveness, we have sinned against you and our neighbors, known and unknown and in ways known and unknown. We don't always trust you to provide for us; we are not always generous towards others; we abuse your creation; we are not always kind; and we are quick to judge. For these and all our sins, we are truly sorry, and we ask your forgiveness for you are gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. **Amen.**

Gathering Song: *Lord, I Lift Your Name on High*

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=COQ6cni_TG8

+ Word +

First Reading: Genesis 50:15-21

Second Reading: Romans 14:1-12

Gospel: Matthew 18:21-35

Children's Message <https://youtu.be/O4yzgDh60W0>

Sermon <https://youtu.be/kG9w69zjdWU>

Message Song: *When Charity and Love Prevail*

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-BxcQQ9909s>

Prayers of Intercession

As your people, we are called to pray for the church, the world, and all those in need.

A brief silence is kept.

Loving God, we pray that your church would be a place of healing, hope, forgiveness and reconciliation. Help your church to reflect your light in the world. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Merciful God, guide all world leaders to work for peace and justice. Guide those who lead to work for the well-being of all your children. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Creating God, make us all mindful of our call to care for your planet. Guide our ways so that we are not wasteful of our natural resources. Help us to appreciate the wonder of your creation. Renew places suffering from suffering from natural disaster. Send rain where it is needed. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Eternal God, we remember all those whom we have loved and who are now rejoicing at your heavenly banquet. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Caring God, we ask that you send your healing touch on all who are suffering in body, mind, or spirit, especially Lee T, Peg R, Allen M, Catherine L, William O, Cathie L, Amy D, Marc S, Ellen G, Xavior T, Elsie W, Steven M, Pat L, John M, Joan and Joe R, Ted T, Shawn Z, Linda L, Connie, Jose, Joe, Carvel & Joan, Justin, Joe, Gregg A, Eric E., Elizabeth M., Savannah W., Erick S., Debbie S, Tracey D, , Karen M, Phyllis M, Katherine, Jimmy, Maryann, Christine G, Crystal, Lee & Angelika I, Phil M, Jean W, Christian C, Emily K, all who are afflicted with COVID and all those we name in our hearts (*a brief silence is kept*)...Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Protecting God, we entrust to your care those who most vulnerable in our world. Grant what they need and help us to help them. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Hear these prayers and those prayers known only to you for we pray in the name of Jesus Christ, your Son, our Savior. **Amen.**

+ Thanksgiving +

Lord's Prayer

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

+ Sending +

Benediction

May the God of hope, the Father, + the Son, and the Holy Spirit, fill you with God's never-ending love now and forever. **Amen.**

Dismissal

In the assurance that Christ is with you, live in hope. **Thanks be to God.**

Prayer of Confession, Prayers of Intercession, Blessing and Dismissal prepared by The Reverends John & Judy Anderson for on-line use for members and friends of St. Thomas Lutheran Church.