



REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH
FEBRUARY 5, 2023
THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY
IN-PERSON WORSHIP, FACEBOOK LIVE,
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RADIO FM 101.7

Redeemer Lutheran Church
February 5, 2023
The Fifth Sunday of Epiphany
In-Person Worship, Facebook Live, YouTube,
and Parking Lot Worship – Radio FM 101.7
Pastor Jack Way
Organist/Keyboard: Claudine Hanson

God's Spirit Gathers Us

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

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Call To Worship

L: If we knock, God will open the door.

C: If we seek, we will find.

L: If we ask, God will give it to us.

C: We give thanks for God's wisdom and generosity.

Confession and Forgiveness

L: We confess our sins before God and one another.

(Pause for silence and reflection.)

L: Merciful God,

C: Christ came into the world and showed us how to live, but we have failed to live by what he taught. We have not loved you with all our heart, soul, mind and strength, we have not done to others as we would have done to ourselves. Shine a light on our hearts, that we might turn from the shadows of our sin and walk in your ways.

L: Jesus came not to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him. By his abundant love, all your sins are forgiven, that you might walk in the light of Christ.
Amen.

Gathering Hymn – Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart - #800

Greeting

L: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you.

C: And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

L: Let us pray. (Pause)

L: Righteous God,

C: Judgment belongs to you alone. Make us aware of our own limitations that we may act with compassion toward those who differ from us. We ask this in Jesus name. Amen.

Choir Anthem – Take and Eat

God's Word Enlivens Us

Matthew 7:1-14, 24-29

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

P: [Jesus said] "Do not judge, so that you may not be judged. For with the judgment you make you will be judged, and the measure you give will be the measure you get. Why do you see the speck in your neighbor's eye, but do not notice the log in your own eye? Or how can you say to your neighbor, 'Let me take the speck out of your eye,' while the log is in your own eye? You hypocrite, first take the log out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to take the speck out of your neighbor's eye. "Do not give what is holy to dogs; and do not throw your pearls before swine, or they will trample them under foot and turn and maul you.

"Ask, and it will be given you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. Is there anyone among you who, if your child asks for bread, will give a stone? Or if the child asks for a fish, will give a snake? If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give good things to those who ask him!

"In everything do to others as you would have them do to you; for this is the law and the prophets. "Enter through the narrow gate; for the gate is wide and the road is easy that leads to destruction, and there are many who take it. For the gate is narrow and the road is hard that leads to life, and there are few who find it. "Everyone then who hears these words of mine and acts on them will be like a wise man who built his house on rock. The rain fell, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house, but it did not fall, because it had been founded on rock. And everyone who hears these words of mine and does not act on them will be like a foolish man who built his house on sand. The rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell—and great was its fall!" Now when Jesus had finished saying these things, the crowds were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority, and not as their scribes.

Secondary Text: Psalm 37:16-18

P: Better is a little that the righteous person has than the abundance of many wicked. For the arms of the wicked shall be broken, but the Lord upholds the righteous. The Lord knows the days of the blameless, and their heritage will abide forever.

P: Word of God. Word of Life.

C: Thanks be to God.

Message – Pastor Jack Way

Hymn of the Day – Will You Let Me Be Your Servant - #659

Installation of Officers and Trustees

L: The following people have either been elected by the congregation to serve, or to continue their terms, on the church Council:

- Larry Gorman - President
- Barb Von Ahsen - Vice President
- Rick Olson - Treasurer
- Debbie Reiersen - Secretary
- Steve Gilbert, Lynn Bubolz, Dean Roberts, Kristi Fehrman – Trustees

The following members have been elected by the congregation to continue to serve as specified treasurers:

- Robert Risgaard – Bennett Treasurer
- Geri Gorman – Memorial Treasurer

L: The following members have been elected by the congregation to the Nominating Committee for 2023:

- Sherri Kranz
- Renee Miles
- Michael Miles

L: The following members have been elected by the congregation to serve as Synod Assembly voting members:

- Rick & Linda Olson

P: We give thanks for your willingness to serve in a spirit of joy and intentional participation in the life of the church. In baptism we are welcomed into the body of Christ and sent to share in the mission of God; we rejoice now that these sisters and brothers will lead us in our common life and our mutual mission as a congregation.

L: *A reading from First Corinthians:* There are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. (*1 Corinthians 12:4-7*)

P: You have been elected to leadership positions at Redeemer Lutheran Church. The congregation honors you with their trust. You are to see that the words and deeds of this household of God bear witness to God, who gathers us into one together with the whole church. As leaders at Redeemer, you are to seek to involve all members of this congregation in worship, learning, witness, service, and support, so that the mission of Christ is carried out in this congregation, in the wider church, in this community, and in the whole world. You are to be faithful in your specific area of serving that the Spirit who empowers you may be glorified. You are to be examples of faith active in love, fostering peace, harmony, and mutual understanding in this congregation.

P: On behalf of your sisters and brothers in Christ, I ask you (elected leaders):

Will you accept and faithfully carry out the duties of the offices to which you have been elected?

Response:

I will, and I ask God to help me.

The assembly stands. Those being installed face the assembly. The presiding minister addresses the assembly.

P: People of God, I ask you:

Will you support these, your elected leaders, and will you share in the mutual ministry that Christ has given to all who are baptized?

C: We will, and we ask God to help us.

P: I now declare you installed Leaders of this congregation.

L: Let us Pray.

C: Almighty God bless you, and direct your days and your deeds in peace, that you may be faithful servants of Christ. Amen.

Apostle's Creed – ELW, Page 127

L: Let us confess our faith using the words of the Apostle's Creed.

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On the third day he rose again;
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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 of Joys and Concerns

P: Confident that our savior, Jesus Christ, hears us when we pray, we lift up the church, the world, and all in need. (A brief silence)

P: Merciful God,

C: You hear our prayer.

Sharing of the Peace

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you.

Offering

Offering Hymn – Praise and Thanks and Adoration - #783

Offertory Prayer

P: We pray.
(Pause)

C: O God, you give good gifts to your children simply because we ask. We now return our gifts to you in gratitude for your loving care. Bless them to your service wherever there is need, in Jesus' name. Amen.

God's Meal Nourishes Us

Communion

Words of Institution

P: In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.
Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Let us pray together the words our Savior taught us,

The Lord's Prayer – ELW, Page 134 (right column)

P: The body of Christ given for you (Eat)
P: The blood of Christ shed for you (Drink)

Post Communion Prayer

God's Spirit Sends Us

Benediction:

P: May the blessing of God sustain us.
May the blessing of God's presence preserve us.
May the blessing of the hands of God be with us this day.
May the blessing of God's eternal grace be upon us, now and forever more.

C: Amen

Sending Hymn – We Are Called - #720

Dismissal

P: Let us depart in peace, in love and in charity with all neighbors. May we be followers of the common goal of sharing Jesus as Lord. May we be the light, and the hands, and the feet, and the voice and the loving service of Christ Jesus to all humanity and creation. We go in the peace of Christ.

C: Thanks be to God!

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Call To Worship

L: God plants faith in our hearts.

C: It is the smallest of seeds,

L: But it grows beyond measure,

C: And bears much fruit.

Bell Choir – Holy, Holy, Holy

Confession and Forgiveness

L: We confess our sins before God and one another.

Pause for silence and reflection.

L: Merciful God,

C: Christ came into the world and showed us how to live, but we have failed to live by what he taught. We have not loved you with all our heart, soul, mind and strength, we have not done to others as we would have done to ourselves. Shine a light on our hearts, that we might turn from the shadows of our sin and walk in your ways.

L: Jesus came not to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him. By his abundant love, all your sins are forgiven, that you might walk in the light of Christ.

C: Amen.

Gathering Hymn – Come Ye Thankful People, Come - #693

Greeting

L: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you.

C: And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

L: Let us pray. (Pause)

L: Gracious God,

C: Your Son spoke to us in parables about the nature of your reign. Give us ears to hear and hearts to understand that we might be instruments of your peace and justice. Amen.

Choir Anthem – His Love is Flowing Like a River

God's Word Enlivens Us

Matthew 13:24-43

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

L: He put before them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field; but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away. So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, 'Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?' He answered, 'An enemy has done this.' The slaves said to him, 'Then do you want us to go and gather them?' But he replied, 'No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.'"

He put before them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches." He told them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened." Jesus told the crowds all these things in parables; without a parable he told them nothing. This was to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet: "I will open my mouth to speak in parables; I will proclaim what has been hidden from the foundation of the world."

Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, "Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field." He answered, "The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen! "The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field." "Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; 46on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it."

Secondary Text: Psalm 84:1-7

How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord of hosts!
My soul longs, indeed it faints for the courts of the Lord; my heart and my flesh sing for joy to the living God.
Even the sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may lay her young, at your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God.
Happy are those who live in your house, ever singing your praise.
Happy are those whose strength is in you, in whose heart are the highways to Zion.
As they go through the valley of Baca they make it a place of springs; the early rain also covers it with pools.
They go from strength to strength; the God of gods will be seen in Zion.

L: Word of God. Word of Life.

C: Thanks be to God.

Message – What Is Love? – Geri Gorman

Sprouts – Love Somebody
Have a Heart
Skinamarink

Sprouts – Sharing Some Love

Hymn of the Day – Jesus Loves Me - #595

Apostle's Creed – ELW, Page 127

L: Let us confess our faith using the words of the Apostle's Creed.

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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 of Joys and Concerns

L: Trusting in the faithful promises of our God, we pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

A brief silence.

L: Merciful God,

C: You hear our prayer.

Sharing of the Peace

L: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you.

Offering

Offering Hymn – Praise and Thanks and Adoration - #783

Offertory Prayer

L: We pray.
(Brief pause)

C: O God, your reign is like a treasure in a field or a pearl of great value. May we joyfully offer all that we have and all that we are in gratitude for receiving your salvation. Accept these, our gifts, for your work in the world, that all might know your priceless love. Amen.

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C: Amen

L: Let us pray together the words our Savior taught us.

The Lord's Prayer – ELW, Page 134

Sending Hymn – Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us With Your Love - #708

Dismissal

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L: Let us go to the mountain.

C: We will see Jesus transformed.

L: It is good to be here,

C: In the presence of our God.

L: We are fed by God's holy word,

C: And we, too, are transformed.

Confession and Forgiveness

L: We confess our sins before God and one another.

(Pause for silence and reflection.)

L: Merciful God,

C: Christ came into the world and showed us how to live, but we have failed to live by what he taught. We have not loved you with all our heart, soul, mind and strength, we have not done to others as we would have done to ourselves. Shine a light on our hearts, that we might turn from the shadows of our sin and walk in your ways.

L: Jesus came not to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him. By his abundant love, all your sins are forgiven, that you might walk in the light of Christ.

C: Amen.

Gathering Hymn – How Good, Lord, To Be Here - #315

Greeting

L: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you.

C: And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

L: Let us pray. (Pause)

L: Almighty God,

C: You call us to listen to your Son, and follow him in all things. Transform our hearts with your love that we might continue his ministry of healing and reconciliation in the world. Amen.

God's Word Enlivens Us

Matthew 16:24-17:8

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

P: Then Jesus told his disciples, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life? "For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom."

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. Then Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three dwellings here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah."

While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, "This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!" When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Get up and do not be afraid." And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone.

P: Word of God. Word of Life.

C: Thanks be to God.

Message – Pastor Jack Way

Hymn of the Day – Beautiful Savior - #838

Apostle’s Creed – ELW, Page 127

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C: And also with you.

Offering

Offering Hymn – Praise and Thanks and Adoration - #783

Offertory Prayer

P: Let us pray.
(Pause)

C: O God, you ask us what we will give in return for our lives, and we know we cannot possibly offer what you deserve. Accept these, our humble gifts, as a sign of gratitude for all that you have given us, and of commitment to all that you have called us to.

Amen.

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Words of Institution

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Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Communion Hymn – Let Us Break Bread Together - #471

Let us pray together the words our Savior taught us,

The Lord's Prayer – ELW, Page 134 (right column)

P: The body of Christ given for you (Eat)
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Benediction

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May the blessing of God's presence preserve us.
May the blessing of the hands of God be with us this day.
May the blessing of God's eternal grace be upon us, now and forever more.

C: Amen

Sending Hymn – Will You Come and Follow Me - #798

Dismissal

P: Let us depart in peace, in love and in charity with all neighbors. May we be followers of the common goal of sharing Jesus as Lord. May we be the light, and the hands, and the feet, and the voice and the loving service of Christ Jesus to all humanity and creation. We go in the peace of Christ.

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God's Spirit Gathers Us

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Call To Worship

L: All have sinned and fall short,

C: And God has mercy on us all.

L: Therefore we should have mercy on others,

C: And forgive others as we are forgiven.

Confession and Forgiveness

L: We confess our sins before God and one another.

(Pause for silence and reflection)

L: God of grace and mercy,

C: We admit to you, to ourselves, and to this community that we have caused harm to others through our actions and through our failure to act. Give us the humility to accept our failings and make things right where we can. Forgive us and help us to forgive ourselves.

L: Nothing can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus. In that love God forgives you all your sin, for the sake of our savior, Jesus Christ.

C: Amen.

***Gathering Hymn – Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether - #470 (to the tune of #545, Lord,
Dismiss Us with Your Blessing)***

Greeting

L: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you.

C: And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

L: Let us pray. (Pause)

L: God of grace and mercy,

C: You have forgiven us far more times and far more often than we deserve. Make us equally forgiving to all those in our lives, that we may live together in harmony, in Jesus name. Amen.

God's Word Enlivens Us

Matthew 18:15-35

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

P: [Jesus says] "If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them."

Then Peter came and said to him, "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."

P: Word of God. Word of Life.

C: Thanks be to God.

Message – Pastor Jack Way

Hymn of the Day – Forgive Our Sins As We Forgive - #605

Apostle’s Creed – ELW, Page 127

L: Let us confess our faith using the words of the 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 of Joys and Concerns

P: Trusting in the promise of Jesus Christ’s unending love, we pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need. *(A brief silence.)*

P: Merciful God,

C: You hear our prayer.

Sharing of the Peace

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you.

Offering

Offering Hymn – Praise and Thanks and Adoration - #783

Offertory Prayer

P: We pray (*A brief pause*)

P: Gracious God,

C: We cannot possibly repay the debt we owe to you for all that you have given us. We return now what we can for the life of your church, that all might be richly blessed through these gifts. Accept them for the sake of your son, Jesus Christ. Amen.

God's Meal Nourishes Us

Communion

Words of Institution

P: In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Communion Hymn – For the Bread Which You Have Broken - #494

Let us pray together the words our Savior taught us,

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Blessing

C: Let us forgive as God forgives, and live in peace with our community
(A brief pause)

P: It is not always easy to forgive.

C: Our feelings are easily hurt.

P: We may not even realize why.

C: Underneath there is fear.

P: Fear of not having enough.

C: Fear of not being enough.

P: We feel threatened, and so we are angry.

C: But Jesus calls us to forgive.

P: Not seven times, but seventy-seven times.

(A brief pause)

C: Let us forgive as God forgives, and live in peace with our community

C: Amen

Sending Hymn – Blest Be the Tie That Binds - #656

Dismissal

C: Let us forgive as God forgives, and live in peace with our community
(A brief pause)

P: Jesus call us to forgive not seven times, but seventy-seven times

C: Forgiveness means being free of resentment.

P: Forgiveness is as much a gift to ourselves as to others.

C: Let us err on the side of compassion.

P: Let us give the benefit of the doubt.

C: Let us remember that God has forgiven us,

P: Even when we have not deserved forgiveness.

C: Jesus calls us to forgive not seven time, but seventy-seven times.

(A brief pause)

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(A brief pause) **Thanks be to God!**

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