

Prelude

Greeting/Announcements

Hymn “Rise, Shine, You People!” LBW #393

Brief Order for Confession and Forgiveness LBW pg. 77

Kyrie LBW pg. 78

Hymn of Praise “Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling” LBW #523

Prayer of the Day

Gracious God, your beloved Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, bestowed on us the awesome authority to forgive and retain sins in your name. As he breathed the Holy Spirit on his disciples, so fill our hearts and minds with the Spirit’s power, that we may boldly declare the forgiveness Christ won on the cross and receive wisdom to discern when and how to proclaim that life-giving word; through the same Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

First Reading Ezekiel 33:10-16

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Second Reading Colossians 3:12-17

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Faith Seeds Niki Pokornowski

Faith Seeds is a time for children of all ages to come forward for a lesson geared to them.

The Gospel Acclamation:

“Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.”

The Announcement of the Gospel **“Glory to You, O Lord”**

Gospel John 20:19-23

Response after the Gospel **“Praise to You, O Christ”**

Sermon: “A Simple Way: Handing over the Goods...or Not?”

Pastor Scott Grorud

Hymn “O Spirit of the Living God” LBW #388

(Tune: #230 “Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Thy Word”)

Apostles’ Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again 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.

Offering/Special Music “Wondrous Love” Austin Willhite

Offertory Response ... “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise him, all creatures here below;

Praise him above, ye heav’nly host;

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

LBW #565 Text: Thomas Ken, 1637-1711 Tune: Louis Bourgeois, c. 1510-1561

Prayers of the Church

The Lord’s Prayer

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.

Benediction

Closing Hymn “When in Our Music God Is Glorified” ... WOV #802

What Does This Mean?

1. Why is the Office of the Keys called by that name?
2. Why is the forgiveness of sins *the* key to God’s kingdom and the Christian life?
3. By what authority do Christians exercise the Office of the Keys?
4. Why and how would Christians decide to “retain the sins of any”?

A Simple Way: *The Office of the Keys*

Week 6 Devotional Questions for Discussion at Home

Monday

Adults: Share about a time when someone forgave you. How did it feel?

Question for families with older children: When is a time that you wronged someone, and they forgave you even though you didn't think you deserved it?

Question for families with younger children: How do you forgive someone?

Tuesday

Adults: Which is easier for you to say: "I'm sorry" or "I forgive you"? Why is that?

Question for families with older children: Would you rather forgive or be forgiven?

Question for families with younger children: Why is it good to say, "I'm sorry?"

Wednesday

Adults: Why is a "key" a good analogy for forgiving sins?

Question for families with older children: What is an analogy that feels like forgiveness?

Question for families with younger children: Why is it good to forgive someone?

Thursday

Adults: Can a pastor really declare you are forgiven? Can any Christian really declare you are forgiven? If so, on what authority?

Question for families with older children: Do you believe that you have the power to forgive?

Question for families with younger children: What makes forgiving someone hard? But can you forgive anyone?

Friday

Adults: Do you know someone you need to forgive? Do you know someone who really needs to receive God's forgiveness?

Question for families with older children: What does the freedom of forgiveness look like?

Question for families with younger children: How do you feel after someone forgives you?

Faith Lutheran Church (LCMC)

Hutchinson, Minnesota

8:00 a.m. First Word Service

October 15, 2023

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost



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