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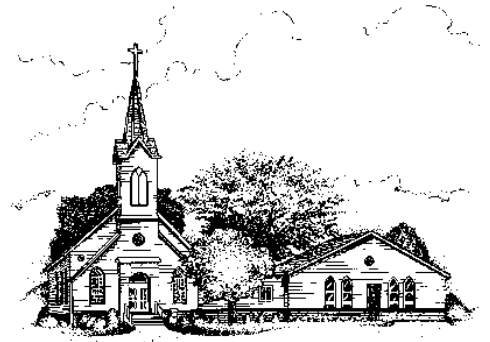
Micah 7:19, NIV

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Welcome to God's House

Human beings are not good at forgiveness. Forgiveness is not some innate, natural human emotion. Instead we want to defend ourselves when attacked and bite back when bitten. Forgiveness just doesn't come natural.

As a result, forgiveness must be shown to us and modeled to us.

The
LORD'S
Prayer

God tells us to model our forgiveness on his: a boundless, free, and loving forgiveness based on the sacrifice of Christ. How could our sinful hearts ever forgive like that? The Prayer of the Day asks that the mercy and grace of God precede us and follow after us, that we might love God with undivided hearts—hearts always ready to forgive as God does: sins are forgiven, forgotten, forever.

ORDER OF SERVICE

Opening Hymn

His Mercy Is More #579



1 What love could re - mem - ber no wrongs we have done?
2 What pa - tience would wait as we con - stant - ly roam,
3 What rich - es of kind - ness he lav - ished on us;



Om - ni - scient, all - know - ing, he counts not their sum;
what Fa - ther so ten - der is call - ing us home!
his blood was the pay - ment, his life was the cost.



thrown in - to a sea with - out bot - tom or shore,
He wel - comes the weak - est, the vil - est, the poor;
We stood 'neath a debt we could nev - er af - ford;



our sins they are man - y, his mer - cy is more.
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Refrain



Praise the Lord! His mer - cy is more!



Strong - er than dark - ness, new ev - 'ry morn; our



sins they are man - y, his mer - cy is more!

Invocation

In the name of the Father and of the (+) Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Confession

If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

Holy God, gracious Father,

I am sinful by nature

and have sinned against you in my thoughts, words, and actions.

I have not loved you with my whole heart;

I have not loved others as I should.

I deserve your punishment both now and forever.

But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my sins

with his innocent suffering and death.

Trusting in him, I pray: God, have mercy on me, a sinner.

Silence for meditation and reflection

Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, who gave his life as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. 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.

Amen.

Lord, Have Mercy

In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let
us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

Amen.

Gloria

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To God on high be glory and peace to all the earth,
for God has shown his favor in Jesus' holy birth!
Almighty God and Father, our humble thanks we bring;
we worship you, we bless you, Lord God, our heav'nly King.

O Lamb of God exalted, you take all sin away;
extend to us your mercy and hear us as we pray.
With God the Holy Spirit, at God the Father's throne,
you reign, O Christ, forever, for you are Lord alone!

THE WORD

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

Almighty God, everlasting Father, in your great mercy you have removed

our guilt forever. You have washed us and we are whiter than snow! Instill in us also a heart that longs to spread your forgiveness to others. Give to us forgiving hearts, that we might live in the peace and joy of your forgiveness as we forgive those who sin against us; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

First Reading

Micah 7:18-20

Who is a God like you,
 who pardons sin and forgives the transgression
 of the remnant of his inheritance?
You do not stay angry forever
 but delight to show mercy.
¹⁹ You will again have compassion on us;
 you will tread our sins underfoot
 and hurl all our iniquities into the depths of the sea.
²⁰ You will be faithful to Jacob,
 and show love to Abraham,
as you pledged on oath to our ancestors
 in days long ago.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm of the Day

The LORD Is Kind and Merciful - 103A

Refrain



The LORD is kind and mer - ci - ful,
slow to an - ger, and rich in com - pas - sion.

Tone



Praise the Lord, / my soul;

all my inmost being, praise his / holy name—
who forgives / all your sins

and heals all your dis- / eases,

who redeems your life / from the pit

and crowns you with love and com- / passion,

who satisfies your desires / with good things

so that your youth is renewed like the / eagle's. **Refrain**

The Lord is compassionate and / gracious,

slow to anger, abound- / ing in love.

He does not treat us as our / sins deserve

or repay us according to our in- / iquities.

For as high as the heavens are a- / bove the earth,

so great is his love for those who / fear him;

as far as the east is / from the west,

so far has he removed our transgressions / from us.

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

Second Reading

Ephesians 4:25-32

²⁵ Therefore each of you must put off falsehood and speak truthfully to your neighbor, for we are all members of one body. ²⁶ “In your anger do not sin”: Do not let the sun go down while you are still angry, ²⁷ and do not give the devil a foothold. ²⁸ Anyone who has been stealing must steal no longer, but must work, doing something useful with their own hands, that they may have something to share with those in need.

²⁹ Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen. ³⁰ And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. ³¹ Get rid of all bitterness, rage and anger, brawling and slander, along with every form of malice. ³² Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Colossians 3:13

Alleluia. Bear with each other and forgive one another.
Forgive as the Lord forgave you. Alleluia.

²¹ Then Peter came to Jesus and asked, “Lord, how many times shall I forgive my brother or sister who sins against me? Up to seven times?”

²² Jesus answered, “I tell you, not seven times, but seventy-seven times.

²³ “Therefore, the kingdom of heaven is like a king who wanted to settle accounts with his servants. ²⁴ As he began the settlement, a man who owed him ten thousand bags of gold was brought to him. ²⁵ Since he was not able to pay, the master ordered that he and his wife and his children and all that he had be sold to repay the debt.

²⁶ “At this the servant fell on his knees before him. ‘Be patient with me,’ he begged, ‘and I will pay back everything.’ ²⁷ The servant’s master took pity on him, canceled the debt and let him go.

²⁸ “But when that servant went out, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred silver coins. He grabbed him and began to choke him. ‘Pay back what you owe me!’ he demanded.

²⁹ “His fellow servant fell to his knees and begged him, ‘Be patient with me, and I will pay it back.’

³⁰ “But he refused. Instead, he went off and had the man thrown into prison until he could pay the debt. ³¹ When the other servants saw what had happened, they were outraged and went and told their master everything that had happened.

³² “Then the master called the servant in. ‘You wicked servant,’ he said, ‘I canceled all that debt of yours because you begged me to. ³³ Shouldn’t you have had mercy on your fellow servant just as I had on you?’ ³⁴ In anger his master handed him over to the jailers to be tortured, until he should pay back all he owed.

³⁵ “This is how my heavenly Father will treat each of you unless you forgive your brother or sister from your heart.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

Hymn of the Day

Jesus, Sinners Does Receive #654:1-4, 7

Jesus sinners does receive; oh, may all this saying ponder
who in sin's delusions live and from God and heaven wander.
Here is hope for all who grieve: Jesus sinners does receive.

We deserve but grief and shame, yet his words, rich grace revealing,
pardon, peace, and life proclaim; here their ills have perfect healing
who with humble hearts believe: Jesus sinners does receive.

Sheep that from the fold did stray are not by the Lord forsaken;
weary souls who lost their way are by Christ, the Shepherd, taken
in his arms that they may live: Jesus sinners does receive.

I, a sinner, come to you with a penitent confession.
Savior, show me mercy, too; grant for all my sins remission.
Let these words my soul relieve: Jesus sinners does receive.

Jesus sinners does receive, even I have been forgiven.
And when I this earth must leave, I shall find an open heaven.
Dying, still to him I cleave: Jesus sinners does receive.

Sermon

Matthew 6:12, 14-15

Forgiven and Forgiving

And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. ¹³ And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one.' ...¹⁴ For if you forgive other people when they sin against you, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. ¹⁵ But if you do not forgive others their sins, your Father will not forgive your sins.

The Fifth Petition

Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us.

What does this mean?

We pray in this petition that our Father in heaven would not look upon our sins or because of them deny our prayers; for we are worthy of none of the things for which we ask, neither have we deserved them, but we ask that he would give them all to us by grace; for we daily sin much and surely deserve nothing but punishment.

So we too will forgive from the heart and gladly do good to those who sin against us.

The Apostles' Creed

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.

Prayer of the Church

Lord Jesus, Lamb of God, we praise and adore you for offering your perfect life and innocent death to redeem the world from death and hell. You

proclaimed the good news that sins are forgiven and life with God is restored and then you called your followers to share the gospel with all people.

Give us peace as we ponder the good news that you forgive our sins in Christ. Lead us to a deeper appreciation for that forgiveness.

When our sinful hearts are resentful or filled with bitterness against others, when we ask how often we must forgive those who sin against us, when we find it difficult to forgive and forget, remind us of the forgiveness you won for us on the cross.

Enable us with grateful and sincere hearts to say as you did on the cross: “Father, forgive them,” and then help us to forgive as you have forgiven us.

Give us the desire and passion to share the story of your love with our family and friends. Overcome unbelief, and open the hearts of people everywhere to believe the good news that Jesus has forgiven their sins and opened the gates of heaven.

Fill us with joy over every sinner who repents and comes to trust in you.

Extend your healing power to those who are sick and suffering in body or mind. [Pour out your special blessing on . . .]. Give patience and compassion to all who care for the sick and dying. Lift the eyes of the distressed to your love in Christ. Hear us as we pray in silence...

Silent prayers and special intercessions may follow

Gracious God, you govern and direct all things and you love all people. Hear our prayers, spoken and silent, and answer them in your wisdom and grace. In Jesus' name we pray.

Amen.

Offering

The members of Zion have joined together to do the Lord's work in this community and around the world. If you are a visitor, please don't feel obligated to participate in this offering which supports our ministry.

Hymn

I am Trusting You, Lord Jesus #816

I am trusting you, Lord Jesus, trusting only you;
trusting you for full salvation, free and true.

I am trusting you for pardon; at your feet I bow,
for your grace and tender mercy trusting now.

I am trusting you for cleansing in the crimson flood;
trusting you to make me holy by your blood.

I am trusting you, Lord Jesus; never let me fall.
I am trusting you forever and for all.

Prayer

Almighty God, we thank you for teaching us the things you want us to believe and do. Help us by your Holy Spirit to keep your Word in pure hearts that we may be strengthened in faith, guided in holiness, and comforted in life and in death, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Lord's Prayer

Lord God, in Holy Baptism, you adopted us into your family. Through Jesus' sacrifice you have restored us as your forgiven children. In his name we come to you as dear children to a perfect father.

Our Father, who art in heaven,

Help us to know you through your inspired Word and to live our lives according to your Word as children in your family.

Hallowed be thy name.

Give us your Holy Spirit to rule in our hearts, and use us to extend your kingdom of grace to others.

Thy kingdom come.

Make us eager to carry out your will as gladly as the angels do, and to conform our will to yours.

Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

Merciful Lord, since you are the provider of all things necessary for our bodies, fill us with trust in you as our gracious Father in heaven and lead us to thank you for all your blessings.

Give us this day our daily bread.

Continue to erase our sins, and help us gladly to forgive and to do good to those who wrong us.

And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.

We know the devil seeks to destroy our souls and the world lures us to ruin by appealing to the desires of our flesh. Guard us from the poison of misbelief and the trap of unrepented sin.

And lead us not into temptation.

Keep safe our bodies and souls, our property and honor, and above all send the Holy Spirit to preserve our faith in Christ which leads to life everlasting.

But deliver us from evil.

For all these petitions we look to you as King of Kings and Lord of your church. You alone have the power to grant our requests and we come to

you from whom all blessings flow.

For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever and ever.

Relying on Jesus, who cancelled our sins and made us acceptable in your sight, we pray with confidence:

Amen. Yes, it shall be so.

Blessing

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.

Amen.

Closing Hymn

I Lay My Sins on Jesus #798:1

I lay my sins on Jesus, the spotless Lamb of God;

he bears them all and frees us from the accursed load.

I bring my guilt to Jesus to wash my crimson stains

white in his blood most precious till not a spot remains.



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This Week at Zion

Today:	7:30 / 9:00 a.m.	Worship
Mon:	10:00 a.m.	OWLS Meeting & Picnic – Trinity Community Center in Huilsburg (Hwy. P)
Tue:	1:00 p.m.	KM Gardens Devotion, Kewaskum
Thu:	7:00 p.m.	Worship with Holy Communion
Sun:	7:30 / 9:00 a.m.	Worship with Holy Communion

Baptism Henry Gary E. Gehl, infant son of David and Mariah, will be baptized this morning (Sunday) in the late service. He was born March 27, 2024.

Welcome to Mariah Gehl, who completed an adult instruction class and will be received into membership this morning in the late service.

Congratulations to Josh and Amber Ernisse who were blessed with a baby boy, Weston Duane, this past Tuesday.

In Our Prayers Carol Fuchs, undergoing a heart procedure this Tuesday at Froedtert, Menomonee Falls; Rhea Schmidt, now at Cedar Lake Campus for physical therapy; Eileen Schulz and Debra Pamperin, recovering from recent surgeries; Judy Etta, recovering at home from a broken leg.

Vacation Bible School If you've got children (3K – 6th grade), grandchildren, relatives or neighbor kids, make plans to attend our Vacation Bible School coming up **16 days from today!** Check the bulletin board display for more information or the QR code to register.

VBS Needs We're looking for donations of food and supplies for Vacation Bible School this year. If you could help us out by signing up for one or two items, it would be appreciated. You may have received a text or e-mail already, but the signup link is also on our website (www.zionallenton.org) or on our facebook page.

We thank our organists this weekend: Jared Peterson (Thursday) and Bea Pamperin (Sunday).

The flowers on the altar today are placed to God's glory by David and Mariah Gehl on the occasion of their son Henry's baptism.

Please pick up a copy of the July *Forward in Christ* before the new ones come out next week. As usual, there are articles that teach and help us grow in the faith, inspire with stories of fellow Christians, and encourage us to live out our Christian lives. Copies of the Semi-Annual agenda / reports are available on the cabinets as well.

WELS Connection Video This month find out more about a new four-tier program being developed by Martin Luther College, New Ulm, Minnesota, that early childhood centers can use to develop their staff both spiritually and professionally.

Greeter Signup The online signup sheet is open for June – August. Go to www.zionallenton.org, scroll down to the bottom of the page and click on “Greeter Signup.”

Cleaning Help Thank you to all who have signed up to clean this summer. All the weeks have been spoken for except for one week in September....sign up on the bulletin board today.

Feed Your Faith This Summer A reminder that we have Thursday evening worship services year 'round... perfect for those busy weekends when you will be gone camping, watching a baseball tournament or on vacation during the summer... Make being fed with God's Word a weekly habit this summer.

Travel Opportunities Interested in traveling with other members of our WELS/ELS faith family where daily devotion and Christian fellowship are integral parts of the itinerary? The OWLS (Organization of WELS Lutheran Seniors) is partnering with Father's World Tours to offer several trips in the coming months. Spend some time in Duluth and along the amazing Lake

Superior shore in September. Embark on a 2-week trip to Texas via America's Heartland in November. Or, ring in the New Year on a Caribbean cruise to visit and encourage our WELS missions in St Lucia, Grenada, and Antigua. All trips originate in MN (New Ulm or Twin Cities), have options to fly-in and meet the group, and are open to W/ELS members of all ages. Visit www.fathersworldtours.com or contact Steve Balza (steve@fathersworldtours.com or 507-217-1731).

A colorful poster for Vacation Bible School. The background is a dark blue space with stars, a red and orange striped planet, a blue and green Earth, and a purple planet with a ring. An astronaut in a white suit is floating in the upper left. A rocket is launching from a yellow planet in the lower right. The text is arranged in a central and bottom layout.

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