

SHEPHERD OF THE HILLS LUTHERAN CHURCH
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SEPTEMBER 13, 2020 | 8:15 AM

ENCOURAGEMENT IN OUR RELATIONSHIPS WITH EACH OTHER

“FORGIVENESS FROM THE HEART”

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THE SPIRIT GATHERING

GATHERING MUSIC Josh Norem

OPENING LITANY Joel Timmons

(adapted from Thom Shuman, re: Worship) Based on Scripture Reading

Leader: When we look over our shoulders
at fear shadowing us today,

**All: you go before us into tomorrow,
making a path through
the sea of yesterday's doubts.**

Leader: When we turn our hearts
into deserts of stony bitterness,

**All: you transform them
into oases of joy.**

Leader: When we come up with
all sorts of rules
for those who come to us
seeking to find you,

**All: you tear up the list,
stretching wide your arms
in welcoming grace.**

Leader: When we would clasp
old worries to our hearts,

**All: you open our eyes to that hope
which paves the path ahead of us.**

Leader: When we spend each day
consumed with doubts and fears,

**All: you remind us that this day
is the time to honor God,
by serving God's children.**

Leader: God of hope and encouragement,
as you are all to us,

All: so we would offer all we are to you.

SPECIAL MUSIC #525

You Are Holy

You are holy, you are whole.

You are always ever more
than we ever understand.

You are always at hand.

Blessed are you coming near.

Blessed are you coming here
to your church in wine and bread,
raised from soil, raised from dead.

You are holy,
you are wholeness,
you are present.

Let the cosmos praise you, Lord!

Sing hosanna in the highest!

Sing hosanna!

Sing hosanna to our God!

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RALLY DAY @ SHEPHERD OF THE HILLS "CHURCH WITHOUT WALLS"

Simple Gifts Thom McNeil

WELCOME/LIFE IN COMMUNITY

Prayer of the Day

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

THE SPIRIT TEACHES

SCRIPTURE READING...Romans 14:1-12 (NRSV) Joel Timmons

14 Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarreling over opinions. Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgment on those who eat; for God has welcomed them. Who are you to pass judgment on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand.

Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. Those who observe the day, observe it in honor of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honor of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honor of the Lord and give thanks to God.

We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.

Why do you pass judgment on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God. For it is written,

“As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me,
and every tongue shall give praise to God.”

12 So then, each of us will be accountable to God.

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL READING...Matthew 18:21-35 (NRSV) Pr. Lauren Dow Wegner

21 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 servants. 24 When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; 25 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 servant 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 servant released him and forgave him the debt. But that same servant,

as he went out, came upon one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, 'Pay what you owe.' Then his fellow servant 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 servants 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 servant! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow servant, as I had mercy on you?' And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. 35 So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SPECIAL MUSIC #801

Change My Heart, O God

Change my heart O God
Make it ever true
Change my heart O God
May I be like You

You are the potter
I am the clay
Mold me and make me
This is what I pray

Change my heart O God
Make it ever true
Change my heart O God
May I be like You

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MESSAGE ***Forgiveness From the Heart*** **Pastor Lauren Dow Wegner**

SPECIAL MUSIC #779 vs 1, 2 & 4 ***Amazing Grace***

Amazing grace! how sweet the sound
that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found;
was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
and grace my fears relieved;
how precious did that grace appear
the hour I first believed!

The Lord has promised good to me;
his word my hope secures;
he will my shield and portion be
as long as life endures.

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APOSTLES' CREED

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

I believe in Jesus Christ,
God's 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 catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

THE SPIRIT STRENGTHENS

***PRAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY** Joel Timmons

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GENEROSITY IMPACT...CHILDREN/STUDENT MINISTRY Joel Timmons

Now Look What You Have Done!

Because of your generosity and faithful stewardship Shepherd of the Hills is able reach our children and youth with the love of Jesus!

In the midst of this pandemic, we are grateful for your continued response in providing an anchor of hope for our kids. Thank you.

BREAKING OF BREAD

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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;

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.

SHARING COMMUNION

COMMUNION MUSIC Thom McNeil

Peace and Joy be to You All, Scottish Prayer

COMMUNION BLESSING/PRAYER

COMMISSIONING

*BENEDICTION

*COMMISSIONING SONG #546 vs 1- 4 *To Be Your Presence*

To be your presence is our mission here,
to show compassion's face and list'ning ear,
to be your heart of mercy ever near,
alleluia!

To be your presence is our mission bold,
to feed the poor and shelter homeless cold,
to be your hands of justice, right uphold,
alleluia!

To be your presence is our mission blest,
to speak for all the broken and oppressed,
to be your voice of hope, your love expressed,
alleluia!

We are your heart, O Christ, your hands and voice,
to serve your people is our call and choice,
and in this mission we, the church, rejoice,
alleluia!

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*COMMISSIONING

Pastor: Encouraged by the love and forgiveness of Jesus Christ, let us go
out as renewed people of God to love and serve the Lord...

All: **Thanks be to God...and We Will!**

POSTLUDE Josh Norem

PRAYERS

Please pray for Kelly Jacobsen, Karen Sather, Dawn Paulson, Bob Moore and Donna Herschleb

Please pray for Steve Johnson, son of Sylvia and Curtis Johnson

Please pray for Linda Squires, sister of Laura Hills

Please pray for friends of Shepherd members: Dick Davis

We pray for all those who are impacted by the devastation of Hurricane Laura. May you give strength and hope in the midst of the storm. Grant safety and compassion to all those responding to the needs of the people. And, use your Church to be the hands and feet and heart of Jesus to be generous in our love and support.

Please pray for all dealing with the coronavirus and those caring for the sick

We pray for our brothers and sisters in Christ in Aurora, Guatemala as they deal with the challenges of the COVID-19 crisis in their church and community. Give strength and healing to all who are sick and to all who are living in fear. May all the rural churches of ILAG know the power of your healing presence.

Please pray for Rev. Karen Castillo in Guatemala; Iglesia Luterana Augustina Virgen dec Rosario, Aurora 8 de Octubre, Guatemala;
Malcolm and Joy Henderson and the ministry of CHARIS in Haiti, Mariposa Family Learning Center and Bread For All

We pray in celebration of Audrey and Dan Lunecki's 41st Wedding Anniversary

Please pray for our faith community, that we may be a church without walls and live out loud...faithfully!

**Prayers for family members are listed for 2 weeks, unless we are notified otherwise.*

WORSHIP TEAM

Pastors	Pr. Tom Grevlos, Pr. Lauren Dow Wegner
Preaching Pastor	Pr. Lauren Dow Wegner
Director of Worship/Arts	Kevin McClure
Guitar	Josh Norem
Musician	Thom McNeil
Altar Flowers	Given by Audrey and Dan Lunecki in celebration of their 41st Wedding Anniversary
AV	Bill Dawson, Walt Gomes, Peter Walsh
Reader	Joel Timmons
Hosts	Bob & Judy Haugen, Tim Stein, Rick Burnight and Craig Christenson

Name: _____

Matthew 18.21-35

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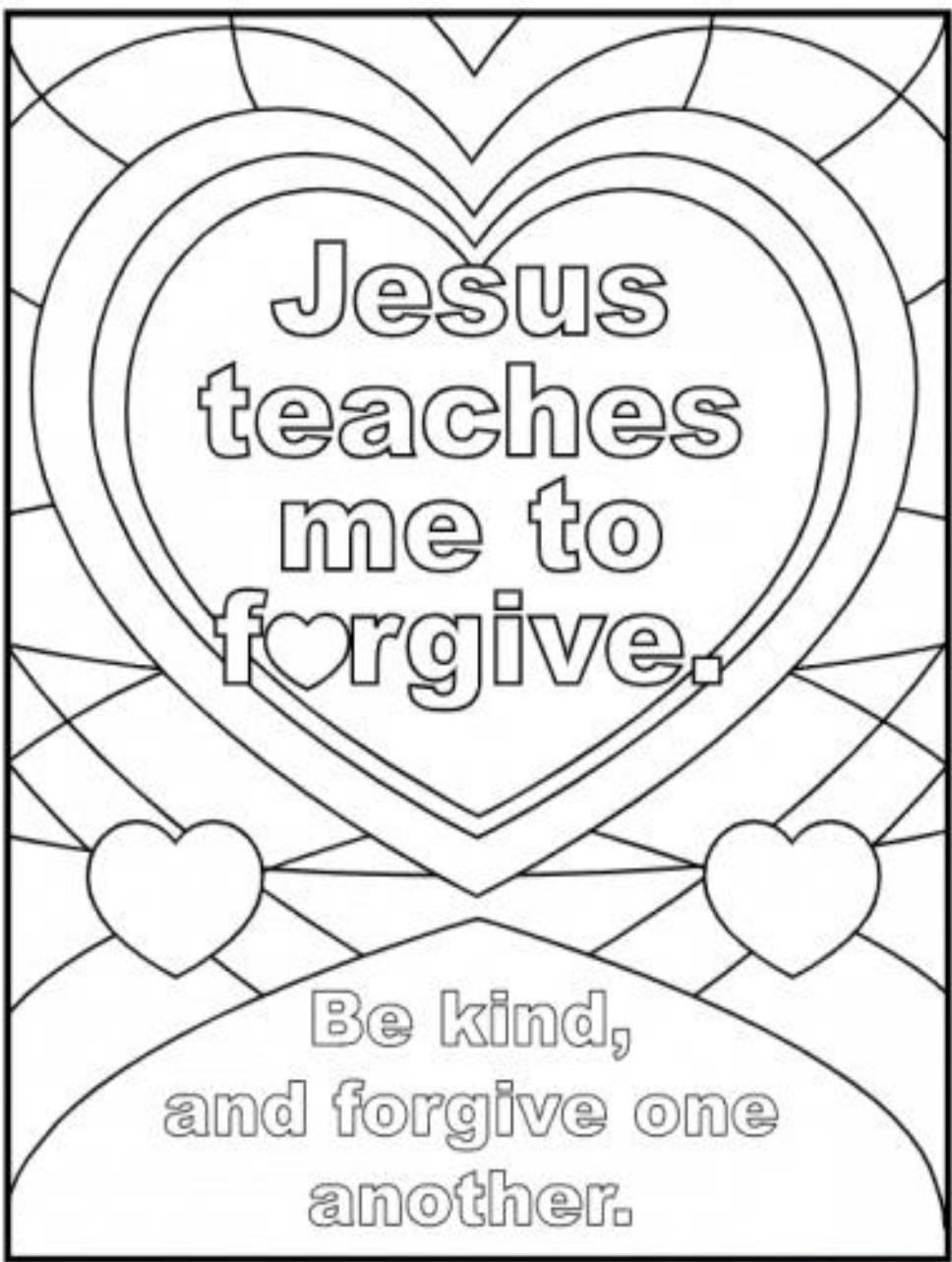
Find the following words in the puzzle.

Words are hidden → ↓ and ↘ .

ACCOUNTS
BROTHER
CHILDREN
COMPASSION
DEBT
DEBTOR
FORGAVE
FORGIVE

FULL
HOMAGE
KING
KINGDOM
MASTER
PATIENT
PAYING
PAYMENT

PROPERTY
SERVANTS
SETTLE
SEVENTY-SEVEN
SOLD
TIMES
WIFE



Jesus
teaches
me to
f♥rgive.

Be kind,
and forgive one
another.

FAITH 5



SHARE



READ



TALK



PRAY



BLESS

SERMON NOTES

Draw Your Family

Favorite Song



Check Off The Words As You Hear Them

- God
- Jesus
- Trust
- Love
- Truth
- Hope
- Pray
- Faith
- Help

Bible Verse



What I Learned

