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North American Lutheran Church

This congregation practices 'open communion.' We invite all baptized Christians who believe that our Lord Jesus Christ's words, 'This is my body' and 'This is my blood,' mean exactly that: that in this sacrament we truly receive the body and blood of our Savior, Jesus Christ, under the bread and wine, for the forgiveness of sins. According to the teaching of Scripture and the Lutheran tradition, Christians receive this gift worthily when the words, 'given and shed for you,' are received by grace through faith. You may receive the wine by dipping the bread into the dipping chalice or by drinking from the principal chalice. Repent, and be served!

We are an inviting community of faith, aiming to bring everyone closer to Christ through His Word in fellowship, education and service. *Come and See!*

First Reading: Genesis 50:15-21

¹⁵When Joseph's brothers saw that their father was dead, they said, "It may be that Joseph will hate us and pay us back for all the evil that we did to him." ¹⁶So they sent a message to Joseph, saying, "Your father gave this command before he died: ¹⁷Say to Joseph, "Please forgive the transgression of your brothers and their sin, because they did evil to you.'" And now, please forgive the transgression of the servants of the God of your father." Joseph wept when they spoke to him. ¹⁸His brothers also came and fell down before him and said, "Behold, we are your servants." ¹⁹But Joseph said to them, "Do not fear, for am I in the place of God? ²⁰As for you, you meant evil against me, but God meant it for good, to bring it about that many people should be kept alive, as they are today. ²¹So do not fear; I will provide for you and your little ones." Thus he comforted them and spoke kindly to them.

Psalm 103:1-12

¹Bless the LORD, O my soul,
and all that is within me, bless his holy name.
²Bless the LORD, O my soul,
and forget not all his benefits.
³He forgives all your sins
and heals all your infirmities;
⁴He redeems your life from the grave
and crowns you with mercy and lovingkindness;
⁵He satisfies you with good things,
and your youth is renewed like an eagle's.
⁶The LORD executes righteousness
and judgment for all who are oppressed.
⁷He made his ways known to Moses
and his works to the children of Israel.
⁸The LORD is full of compassion and mercy,
slow to anger and of great kindness.
⁹He will not always accuse us,
nor will he keep his anger forever.
¹⁰He has not dealt with us according to our sins,
nor rewarded us according to our wickedness.
¹¹For as the heavens are high above the earth,
so is his mercy great upon those who fear him.
¹²As far as the east is from the west,
so far has he removed our sins from us.

Second Reading: Romans 14:1-12

¹As for the one who is weak in faith, welcome him, but not to quarrel over opinions. ²One person believes he may eat anything, while the weak person eats only vegetables. ³Let not the one who eats despise the one who abstains, and let not the one who abstains pass judgment on the one who eats, for God has welcomed him. ⁴Who are you to pass judgment on the servant of another? It is before his own master that he stands or falls. And he will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make him stand. ⁵One person esteems one day as better than another, while another esteems all days alike. Each one should be fully convinced in his own mind. ⁶The one who observes the day, observes it in honor of the Lord. The one who eats, eats in honor of the Lord, since he gives thanks to God, while the one who abstains, abstains in honor of the Lord and gives thanks to God. ⁷For none of us lives to himself, and none of us dies to himself. ⁸For 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. ⁹For to this end Christ died and lived again, that he might be Lord both of the dead and of the living. ¹⁰Why do you pass judgment on your brother? Or you, why do you despise your brother? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God; ¹¹for it is written, "As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall confess to God." ¹²So then each of us will give an account of himself to God.

Gospel: Matthew 18:21-35

²¹Peter came up and said to {Jesus}, "Lord, how often will my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? As many as seven times?" ²²Jesus said to him, "I do not say to you seven times, but seventy-seven times. ²³Therefore the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his servants. ²⁴When he began to settle, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents. ²⁵And since he could not pay, his master ordered him to be sold, with his wife and children and all that he had, and payment to be made. ²⁶So the servant fell on his knees, imploring him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' ²⁷And out of pity for him, the master of that servant released him and forgave him the debt. ²⁸But when that same servant went out, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred denarii, and seizing him, he began to choke him, saying, 'Pay what you owe.' ²⁹So his fellow servant fell down and pleaded with him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' ³⁰He refused and went and put him in prison until he should pay the debt. ³¹When his fellow servants saw what had taken place, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their master all that had taken place. ³²Then his master summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. ³³And should not you have had mercy on your fellow servant, as I had mercy on you?' ³⁴And in anger his master delivered him to the jailers, until he should pay all his debt. ³⁵So also my heavenly Father will do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother from your heart."

Announcements

- Welcome to those listening to our radio broadcast, sponsored anonymously. We are in need of more sponsors.
- Council met this morning at 8:30.
- Let Me Shine Preschool has begun for the fall! On staff are Director and teacher Shandi Hazen, teacher Libby Aguayo, and aides Alexis Chapmon and Gabby Ewalt. Class enrollment is full at 40 students total.
- Join us after church for a Taco Bar celebrating Rally Day!
- Holy Communion at HRH Residential Living will be served on the fourth Sunday only, at 1:30 pm, rather than the second and fourth Sundays as it was previously.
- Tuesday: Education Committee at 6 pm. (postponed from last week)
- Wednesday: Quilters at 8:30, Coffee about 9:30 or 10. The Quilters thank all who donated fabric and sheets over the summer.
- Wednesday: Men's Fellowship at 6:30.
- Let Me Shine families will be selling Butter Braids September 16 – October 2. Order from your favorite student or online. Call Kacie Eayrs (406-989-1197) with questions.
- Sign up with Mark Joblinske by September 28 to be part of the FLC Table at the Outreach Fundraiser planned for October 9.
- Instead of having a fall rummage sale at the church, we will have a Facebook online sale starting in early October. Please call Anita Scheeler 307-680-7625 to arrange for getting your items pictured and posted.
- Those who helped with the roof sealing project were Mark Joblinske, Wayne Rolf, Ryan & Nicole Rolf, Quade and Rachel, Chris Wacker, Brian Lynnes, Corey Bollinger, Jeff Skidmore, Mike Milmine, Logan Eayrs and David Pratt. You are awesome---thank you!