



# Lord, How Many times?

Matthew 18:21-22

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## **ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH - (MISSOURI SYNOD)**

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### Mission Statement

*“Empowered by God’s Word, we joyfully share the Love of Jesus with all people.”*

### Vision Statement

*“We will be a vibrant, welcoming church serving the needs of our members, community, and missions by partnering with other churches and organizations while preaching and teaching the inspired Word of God and our Savior Jesus Christ.”*

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## **SUNDAY MORNINGS (SEPTEMBER – MAY)**


- ✠ Divine Service w/Holy Communion:
  - 9:00 a.m. (also Facebook Live; and Radio 1170 AM/106.3 FM)
- ✠ Sunday School: 10:15 am and Adult Bible Study: 10:30 a.m.

**Pastor:** Michael J. Grannis

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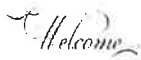
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- **Nursery available:** For families with small children, there is a designated room in the basement (down the hall, on the right, from the youth room). You will find a changing table, crib, a few books and toys. Please feel free to use anytime during the worship service. During Sunday School and Bible Class there will be someone there to help with your child so you may attend the Adult Bible Class.
- **Preparing for Holy Communion:** To assist our time of preparation, prayers are located in the front cover and on pages 329-330 of your hymnal. Both individual cups and the common cup are offered on both sides. For anyone with alcohol concerns, diluted cups are located in the center of the tray. Gluten free communion wafers are available upon request.
- **Radio Broadcast:** Today's broadcast (KOWZ 1170 AM or 106.3 FM) is dedicated to the glory of God.
- **Lutheran Hour:** The Lutheran Hour can be heard on radio stations WCCO 830AM, Sunday, 6:00 AM; KJLY, 104.5 FM, Blue Earth, Sunday, 6:00 PM; and KDHL920 AM, Faribault, Sunday, 6:00 PM.
- **Sunday School:** We will meet every Sunday at 10:15am in the old Parish Hall for snacks, music and a lesson.



- **WE ARE GLAD YOU ARE HERE!** If you are a visitor, we look forward to visiting with you today and in the near future. Please write your name, address, and phone number in our visitor's book located at the back of church at the visitor's desk. We invite you to fellowship, coffee & treats following the worship service. Adult Bible Study begins at 10:30 a.m. with Sunday School at 10:15 a.m.
- **Welcome Pastor Michael Grannis and Family!!** Rev. Please make him feel welcome!!
- **Individual or Family Pastoral Care:** Please remember that Private devotion and Holy Communion are available for individuals or couples that are homebound, at greater risk for COVID, or in times of emergency. Call the church office at 507-835-2647 to schedule an appointment when needed.
- **Live Streaming on Facebook** for the 9:00 worship service for your convenience.
-  Today's radio broadcast is dedicated to the Glory of God and is in loving memory of Debra Kohnert sponsored by Bernita Kohnert and family.
- **Radio Ministry** has gone up to \$100.00 per Sunday radio broadcast. If you are sponsoring a Sunday, please note the increase. Thank you for your continued support. Board of Evangelism.
- **Women's Bible Study will be meeting September 20<sup>th</sup> at 9:30am.**
- Anyone who enjoys fixing things, doing yard work and snow removal and would be interested in some extra cash, please contact Karen Weckwerth @507-833-4199.
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**SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST ~ *Forgiving as the Lord Forgives Us***

In settling His accounts with us, our Lord acts not with anger, but with compassion. He does not imprison us as we deserve, but He forgives all our debts and releases us (Matt. 18:23–27). Therefore, our Lord bids each of us to have “*mercy on your fellow servant*” and “*forgive your brother from your heart*” (Matt. 18:33, 35). By the Lord’s forgiveness of our sins, we are free to forgive those who sin against us, because He has been handed over to the jailers in our stead and He has paid our entire debt with His lifeblood.

Whether we live or die, we “*are the Lord’s*” (Rom. 14:8). Since we all will “*stand before the judgment seat of God,*” we are not to despise our brother (Rom. 14:10), but gladly forgive him. By the grace of God, our brother also “*will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make him stand*” (Rom. 14:4). Though we daily sin against each other, the Lord intends “*to bring it about that many people should be kept alive*” (Gen. 50:20). Jesus speaks kindly by His Gospel and promises: “*I will provide for you and your little ones*” (Gen. 50:21).

**Processional Hymn: I Lay My Sins on Jesus**

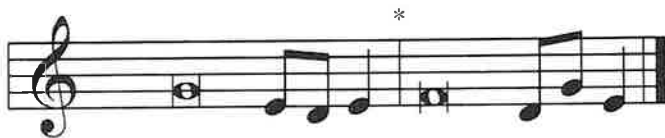
LSB 606

**Divine Service – Setting Three**

LSB 184

**Introit**

Psalm 143:1–2; antiphon: v. 9



P Deliver me from my enemies, | O LORD! \*  
I have fled to you for | refuge!

C Hear my prayer, O LORD; give ear to my pleas for | mercy! \*  
In your faithfulness answer me, in your | righteousness!

P Enter not into judgment with your | servant, \*  
for no one living is righteous be- | fore you.



**C** Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther and to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost;



as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and ev-er shall be, world with-out end. A-men.

P Deliver me from my enemies, | O LORD! \*  
I have fled to you for | refuge!

**Kyrie**

LSB 186



or whether we die, we are the Lord's. <sup>9</sup>For to this end Christ died and lived again, that he might be Lord both of the dead and of the living.

<sup>10</sup>Why 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; <sup>11</sup>for it is written,

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

<sup>12</sup>So then each of us will give an account of himself to God.

*(Please rise as you are able in honor of the Holy Gospel.)*

### **Alleluia**

**LSB 190**



**C** Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.

### **Verse of the Day: Verse**

**Matthew 6:14**

**P** Alleluia. If you forgive others their trespasses,

**C** your heavenly Father will also forgive you. **Alleluia.**

### **Holy Gospel: Matthew 18:21–35**

<sup>21</sup>Peter came up and said to [Jesus], “Lord, how often will my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? As many as seven times?” <sup>22</sup>Jesus said to him, “I do not say to you seven times, but seventy times seven.

<sup>23</sup>“Therefore the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his servants. <sup>24</sup>When he began to settle, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents. <sup>25</sup>And 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. <sup>26</sup>So the servant fell on his knees, imploring him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.’ <sup>27</sup>And out of pity for him, the master of that servant released him and forgave him the debt. <sup>28</sup>But 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.’ <sup>29</sup>So his fellow servant fell down and pleaded with him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you.’ <sup>30</sup>He refused and went and put him in prison until he should pay the debt. <sup>31</sup>When 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. <sup>32</sup>Then his master summoned him and said to him, ‘You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. <sup>33</sup>And should not you have had mercy on your fellow servant, as I had mercy on you?’ <sup>34</sup>And in anger his master delivered him to the jailers, until he should pay all his debt. <sup>35</sup>So also my heavenly Father will do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother from your heart.”

<u>Nicene Creed</u>	LSB 191
<u>Hymn of the Day: Come Down, O Love Divine</u>	LSB 501
<u>Sermon</u>	
<u>Offertory</u>	LSB 192

**SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT**

- T We believe, teach, and confess in accordance with Holy Scripture that the Lord's Supper is a precious gift from God, in which Christ gives us His true body and blood, in, with, and under the bread and wine, for the forgiveness of our sins and the strengthening of our faith.
- T The Bible teaches that this sacrament may also be spiritually harmful when misused, *(For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes. Whoever, therefore, eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty concerning the body and blood of the Lord. Let a person examine himself, then, and so eat of the bread and drink of the cup. For anyone who eats and drinks without discerning the body eats and drinks judgment on himself. That is why many of you are weak and ill, and some have died. ~ 1 Corinthians 11:26-30)*
- T The Lord's Supper is a testimony of the unity in faith. We ask that only those who have been instructed and who are in fellowship with the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod come with a contrite and joyful heart to the Lord's Table. *(And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. ~ Act 2:42)*
- T Any guest wishing to receive communion here at St. Paul Lutheran Church, please speak with the Pastor or the Elder on duty, prior to the church service.
- T **Preparing for Holy Communion:** To assist our time of preparation, prayers are located in the front cover and on pages 329-330 of your hymnal. Both individual and common cup are offered on both sides. For anyone with alcohol concerns, diluted cups are located in the center of the tray. Gluten free communion wafers are available upon request.

<u>Preface</u>	LSB 194
<u>Distribution Hymn: Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence</u>	LSB 621
<u>Distribution Hymn: Chief of Sinners Though I Be</u>	LSB 611
<u>Distribution Hymn: Baptismal Waters Cover Me</u>	LSB 616
<u>Nunc Dimittis</u>	LSB 199
<u>Hymn to Depart: Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us</u>	LSB 851

## IN OUR PRAYERS:

- **Cancer Treatment:** Debbie Pehrson, Gerald Schroeder
- **Prayer for continued recovery and healing:** Jacob Williams
- **Medical Procedure:** Karen Thompson waiting for available Kidney
- **Illness:** Cindy Kuschel
- **Treatment:** Kraig Deling, Terry George, Kirsten Tharp, Randy Gehring, Dixie Flitter, Tim Andree
- **Those who are sick and/or in need and wish to remain unnamed.**
- **All the service men & women who are serving in the military:** Noah Berg, Jacob Lemmen, Aaron & Sarah Lenz, Jason Paschall, David Reinsbach, John Thompson
- **Waseca Circuit Missionaries:** Rev. Edward Naumann & Rev. Dr. Stephen Oliver (Taiwan) & John Wolff (Kenya)
- **Pastor Grannis and his family as they continue to work on their move to our town and congregation.**



Cotta Guild will be **selling honey** before and after church by the elevator and North door on **Sunday September 10<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>**. All proceeds from this fundraiser will go to the Handicap Entrance Fund.



**Saturday September 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2023** the Sunday School students and the Youth Mission Trip Team will be participating in the Waseca Classic Parade. (more information to come). If you are willing to donate candy that does **NOT** melt, please drop off at the church office or give to Mark Pehrson or Aimee Hill. Thank you for your support.



The next mission trip will be to **Florida June 4<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup>, 2024**. We will be going to Orlando Florida and work at “Give Kids the World”!! The cost will be \$300.00 per person. We will start our feeds up again beginning September 8<sup>th</sup>, 2023. Let me know if you are going!! You must be 12 years old to go on this trip. Mark Pehrson



Sunday October 1<sup>st</sup>, Come join the Youth Mission Trip Team for lunch and a slide show presentation of their trip to Colorado. Will begin after service in the Parish Hall.

## THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE: September 17th - September 24<sup>th</sup>, 2023

### Sunday (17<sup>th</sup>):

9:00 a.m. Divine Service w/ Holy Communion (Facebook Live and Radio 1170 AM/106.3 FM)

10:15 am Adult Bible Study and Coffee hour and Sunday School in the old parish hall.

### Monday (18<sup>th</sup>):

10 am Prayer Team

6 pm NSC Board

\*\*\* NEWSLETTER ARTICLES ARE DUE \*\*\*\*

### Tuesday (19<sup>th</sup>):

1:00 pm Quilters

### Wednesday (20<sup>th</sup>):

9:30 am Women's Bible Study

3:30 - 5pm 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, 8th grade Confirmation

7pm Senior Choir and Contemp. Ensemble

### Thursday (21<sup>st</sup>):

6:00 a.m. Bible Breakfast at Jonnie Bean

### Friday (22<sup>nd</sup>):

### Saturday (23<sup>rd</sup>):

11am line up for **Classic Parade**. Parade starts at noon

### Sunday (24<sup>th</sup>):

9:00 a.m. Divine Service w/Communion (Facebook Live and Radio 1170 AM/106.3 FM)

10:15am Adult Bible Study and Coffee hour and Sunday School in the old parish hall.

### SERVING THE LORD IN OUR WORSHIP SERVICE:

#### THIS WEEK: September 17<sup>th</sup>, 2023:

**ORGANIST:** Cindy Wood

**ACOLYTE:** Nalyce Quillen

**ELDER/DEACON:** Jim Wyffels/ Jerry Flogstad

**RADIO MONITOR:** Ron Wood

**FACEBOOK:** Cindy Gilmore

#### NEXT WEEK: September 24<sup>th</sup>, 2023:

**ORGANIST:** Cindy Wood

**ACOLYTE:** Alex Bethke

**ELDER/DEACON:** Jim Wyffels/Jerry Flogstad

**RADIO MONITOR:** Kathy Flogstad

**FACEBOOK:** Geri Kuschel

### LAST WEEK'S STATISTICS:

Worship Attendance on: Sunday September 17<sup>th</sup>: 114 Bible Study: No Bible Study

Sunday School: 20 Installation Service: 132

General Fund (in person & Direct Deposit): \$3,235.89

Improvement Fund: \$50.00 Handicap Entrance: \$500.00 Other: Organ fund: \$20.00

Caring Fund: \$ 100.00

\*\*\* Needed each week to make budget: \$ 3,000.00\*\*\*



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  
Clean in His blood most precious  
Till not a spot remains.

2 I lay my wants on Jesus;  
All fullness dwells in Him;  
He heals all my diseases;  
My soul He does redeem.

I lay my griefs on Jesus,  
My burdens and my cares;  
He from them all releases;  
He all my sorrows shares.

3 I rest my soul on Jesus,  
This weary soul of mine;  
His right hand me embraces;  
I on His breast recline.

I love the name of Jesus,  
Immanuel, Christ, the Lord;  
Like fragrance on the breezes  
His name abroad is poured.

"Paraclete," another name for the Holy Spirit, comes from the Greek meaning "comforter" or "counselor."

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- 1 Come down, O Love divine;  
Seek Thou this soul of mine,  
And visit it with Thine own ardor glowing;  
O Comforter, draw near;  
Within my heart appear,  
And kindle it, Thy holy flame bestowing.
- 2 O let it freely burn,  
Till worldly passions turn  
To dust and ashes in its heat consuming;  
And let Thy glorious light  
Shine ever on my sight  
And clothe me round, the while my path illuming.
- 3 Let holy charity  
Mine outward vesture be  
And lowliness become mine inner clothing—  
True lowliness of heart,  
Which takes the humbler part,  
And o'er its own shortcomings weeps with loathing.
- 4 And so the yearning strong,  
With which the soul will long,  
Shall far outpass the pow'r of human telling;  
No soul can guess His grace  
Till it become the place  
Wherein the Holy Spirit makes His dwelling.

1 Let all mortal flesh keep silence  
And with fear and trembling stand;  
Ponder nothing earthly-minded,  
For with blessing in His hand  
Christ our God to earth descending  
Comes our homage to demand.

2 King of kings yet born of Mary,  
As of old on earth He stood,  
Lord of lords in human vesture,  
In the body and the blood,  
He will give to all the faithful  
His own self for heav'nly food.

3 Rank on rank the host of heaven  
Spreads its vanguard on the way  
As the Light of Light, descending  
From the realms of endless day,  
Comes the pow'rs of hell to vanquish  
As the darkness clears away.

4 At His feet the six-winged seraph,  
Cherubim with sleepless eye,  
Veil their faces to the presence  
As with ceaseless voice they cry:  
"Alleluia, alleluia!  
Alleluia, Lord Most High!"

- 1 Chief of sinners though I be,  
Jesus shed His blood for me,  
Died that I might live on high,  
Lives that I might never die.  
As the branch is to the vine,  
I am His, and He is mine.
  
- 2 Oh, the height of Jesus' love,  
Higher than the heav'ns above,  
Deeper than the depths of sea,  
Lasting as eternity!  
Love that found me—wondrous thought!  
Found me when I sought Him not.
  
- 3 Only Jesus can impart  
Balm to heal the wounded heart,  
Peace that flows from sin forgiv'n,  
Joy that lifts the soul to heav'n,  
Faith and hope to walk with God  
In the way that Enoch trod.
  
- 4 Chief of sinners though I be,  
Christ is all in all to me;  
All my wants to Him are known,  
All my sorrows are His own.  
He sustains the hidden life  
Safe with Him from earthly strife.
  
- 5 O my Savior, help afford  
By Your Spirit and Your Word!  
When my wayward heart would stray,  
Keep me in the narrow way;  
Grace in time of need supply  
While I live and when I die.

- 1   Baptismal waters cover me  
    As I approach on bended knee;  
    My Father's mercy here I plead,  
    For grievous sins of thought and deed.
  
- 2   I look to Christ upon the tree,  
    His body broken there for me;  
    I lay before Him all my sin,  
    My darkest secrets from within.
  
- 3   Lord, may Your wounded hand impart  
    Your healing to my broken heart;  
    Your love alone can form in me  
    A heart that serves You joyfully.
  
- 4   From Your own mouth comes forth a word;  
    Your shepherd speaks, but You are heard;  
    Through him Your hand now stretches out,  
    Forgiving sin, destroying doubt.
  
- 5   Baptismal waters cover me;  
    Christ's wounded hand has set me free.  
    Held in my Father's strong embrace,  
    With joy I praise Him for His grace.

- 1 Lord of glory, You have bought us  
With Your lifeblood as the price,  
Never grudging for the lost ones  
That tremendous sacrifice;  
And with that have freely given  
Blessings countless as the sand  
To the unthankful and the evil  
With Your own unsparing hand.
  
- 2 Grant us hearts, dear Lord, to give You  
Gladly, freely of Your own.  
With the sunshine of Your goodness  
Melt our thankless hearts of stone  
Till our cold and selfish natures,  
Warmed by You, at length believe  
That more happy and more blessed  
'Tis to give than to receive.
  
- 3 Wondrous honor You have given  
To our humblest charity  
In Your own mysterious sentence,  
"You have done it all to Me."  
Can it be, O gracious Master,  
That You deign for alms to sue,  
Saying by Your poor and needy,  
"Give as I have giv'n to you"?
  
- 4 Lord of glory, You have bought us  
With Your lifeblood as the price,  
Never grudging for the lost ones  
That tremendous sacrifice.  
Give us faith to trust You boldly,  
Hope, to stay our souls on You;  
But, oh, best of all Your graces,  
With Your love our love renew.