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WORSHIP PLAN WOV BREAD OF LIFE SETTING 5

LBW (*Green*) Lutheran Book of Worship

WOV (*Blue*) With One Voice

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS WOV p. 10

P *In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.*

C **Amen**

P *Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.*

C **Amen**

P *If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.*

P *Most merciful God,*

C **we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen**

P *In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.*

C **Amen**

OPENING HYMN *"Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"* LBW# 526

GREETING WOV p. 28

P *The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.*

C **And also with you.**

KYRIE WOV p. 28 (*spoken*)

HYMN OF PRAISE *"Glory To God"* WOV p. 29

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P *The Lord be with you.*

C **And also with you.**

P *Let us pray.*

C O God, you declare your almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity. Grant us the fullness of your grace, that, pursuing what you have promised, we may share your heavenly glory, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

FIRST LESSON: Genesis 50:15-21

After Jacob's death the brothers of Joseph begged for forgiveness for the crime they had done against him. You intended to do me harm, Joseph said, but God used this as an opportunity to do good and save many lives.

¹⁵Realizing that their father was dead, Joseph's brothers said, "What if Joseph still bears a grudge against us and pays us back in full for all the wrong that we did to him?" ¹⁶So they approached Joseph, saying, "Your father gave this instruction before he died, ¹⁷"Say to Joseph: I beg you, forgive the crime of your brothers and the wrong they did in harming you.' Now therefore please forgive the crime of the servants of the God of your father." Joseph wept when they spoke to him. ¹⁸Then his brothers also wept, fell down before him, and said, "We are here as your slaves." ¹⁹But Joseph said to them, "Do not be afraid! Am I in the place of God? ²⁰Even though you intended to do harm to me, God intended it for good, in order to preserve a numerous people, as he is doing today. ²¹So have no fear; I myself will provide for you and your little ones." In this way he reassured them, speaking kindly to them.

L The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM: Psalm 103:8-13 (unison)

⁸**LORD, you are full of compassion and mercy,**

slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love;

⁹**you will not always accuse us,**

nor will you keep your anger forever.

¹⁰**You have not dealt with us according to our sins,**

nor repaid us according to our iniquities.

¹¹**For as the heavens are high above the earth,**

so great is your steadfast love for those who fear you.

¹²As far as the east is from the west,
so far have you removed our transgressions from us.

¹³As a father has compassion for his children,
so you have compassion for those who fear you, O LORD.

SECOND LESSON: Romans 14:1-12

This Christian community has significant struggles with diversity. Here Paul helps us understand that despite different practices in worship and personal piety, we do not judge one another. All Christians belong to the Lord Jesus Christ who died for all of us and will judge each of us.

¹Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarreling over opinions. ²Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. ³Those 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. ⁴Who 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.

⁵Some 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. ⁶Those 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.

⁷We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. ⁸If 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, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.

¹⁰Why 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. ¹¹For it is written,

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

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

L The Word of the Lord

C Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE: *“Jesus Loves Me” (1st verse only)*

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION WOY p. 31 (*Sung*)

GOSPEL: Matthew 18:21-35

P *The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 18th chapter.*

C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

²¹Peter came and said to [Jesus], “Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?” ²²Jesus said to him, “Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.

²³“For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. ²⁴When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; ²⁵and, 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. ²⁶So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.’ ²⁷And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. ²⁸But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, ‘Pay what you owe.’ ²⁹Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you.’ ³⁰But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. ³¹When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. ³²Then his lord summoned him and said to him, ‘You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. ³³Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?’ ³⁴And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. ³⁵So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart.”

P *The Gospel of the Lord.*

C **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON: “Payback”

HYMN OF THE DAY: *“Forgive Our Sins As We Forgive”* LBW# 307

APOSTLES’ CREED WOV p. 33

SHARING OF GOD’S PEACE

P *The peace of the Lord be with you always.*

C **And also with you.**

OFFERING

OFFERING HYMN “*Let The Vineyards Be Fruitful*” WOV p. 35

OFFERTORY PRAYER WOV p. 35

P *Let us pray. Merciful Father,*

C we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us—our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

P*Lord in your mercy,*

C Hear our prayer.

LORD’S PRAYER (WOV p. 52)

P Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

C 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.

BLESSING

P *Almighty God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.* WOV p. 41

C *(Sung)* Three Fold Amen

SENDING HYMN “*O Christ, Our Hope*” LBW# 300

DISMISSAL

P *Go in peace. Serve your neighbor.*

C Yes we will. Thanks be to God.



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Baltic	9:00 Worship
East Nidaros	10:30 Worship 10:30 Online Worship

Things Happening This Week

- Tue Sept 15 7:30 Baltic Council Meeting
- Wed Sept 16 6:30-7:30 **8th grade** Confirmation @ East
- Thu Sept 17 9:00 Bulletin Assembly
NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20TH

Baltic	9:00 Worship
East Nidaros	10:30 Worship 10:30 Online Worship

Things Happening Week of September 20th

- Wed Sept 23 6:30-7:30 **7th grade** Confirmation @ East
- Thu Sept 24 9:00 Bulletin & Newsletter Assembly
- Sat Sept 26 1:30-2:30 Food Bank Open

