

*And Joseph said unto them, Fear not: for
am I in the place of God?*

Genesis 50:19 KJV

Sunday, September 17, 2023
16th Sunday after Pentecost

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Worship Plan for Sunday, September 17, 2023

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WOV Holy Communion Setting Five: Bread of Life

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS (WOV p. 10)

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

Amen.

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the aid of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that, attentive to your Word, we may confess our sins, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Gracious God,

have mercy on us. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone. Uphold us by your Spirit so that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

Amen

ENTRANCE HYMN *Gather Us In* (WOV 718)

GREETING (WOV p. 28)

KYRIE (WOV p. 28)

HYMN OF PRAISE (WOV p. 29)

PRAYER OF THE DAY (WOV p. 30)

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

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 READING: Genesis 50:15-21

A reading from Genesis.

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:[1-7] 8-13

⁸The LORD is full of compassion and mercy, slow to anger and of great kindness.

⁹**He 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.

¹¹**For 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.

¹³**As a father cares for his children, so does the LORD care for those who fear him.**

SECOND READING: Romans 14:1-12

A reading from Romans.

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.

SING JESUS LOVES ME AND CHILDREN'S SERMON

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

GOSPEL: Matthew 18:21-35

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

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."

L The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON *Forgiveness Removes Fear*

HYMN OF THE DAY *Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling* (WOV 734)

APOSTLES' CREED (p. 33)

THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

THE LORD'S PRAYER

SHARING OF GOD'S PEACE

OFFERING

OFFERING HYMN "LET THE VINEYARDS"

OFFERTORY PRAYER

BLESSING (WOV p. 41)

Almighty God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

Three Fold Amen (Sung)

SENDING HYMN *God Be with You Till We Meet Again* (p.7 in bulletin)

DISMISSAL (WOV p. 41)

Go in peace and serve your neighbor.

Yes we will. Thanks be to God.

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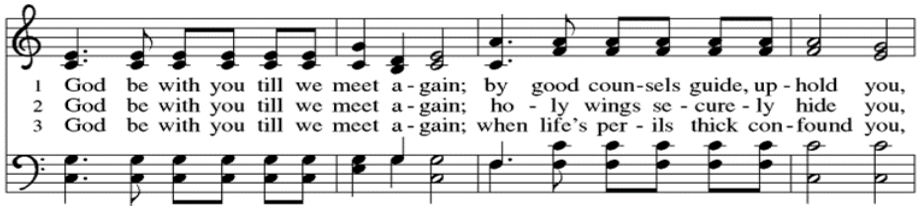
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Our Response to God's Love

Baltic: Sep 10: Attendance 107; General Fund\$2389.00 Noisy Can\$74.99

East: Sep 10: Attendance 31; General Fund\$1796.00 Noisy Can\$13.82

God Be with You Till We Meet Again



1 God be with you till we meet a-gain; by good coun-sels guide, up-hold you,
2 God be with you till we meet a-gain; ho-ly wings se-cure-ly hide you,
3 God be with you till we meet a-gain; when life's per-ils thick con-found you,



with a shep-herd's care en-fold you;
dai-ly man-na still pro-vide you; God be with you till we meet a-gain.
put un-fail-ing arms a-round you;



Refrain
Till we meet, till we meet, till we
till we meet, till we meet a-gain,



meet at Je-sus' feet; till we meet, till we
till we meet, till we meet, till we



meet, God be with you till we meet a-gain.
meet a-gain.

SEPTEMBER NOISY CAN

**Baltic: The Banquet
East: The Foster Network**

Sunday, Sept 17, 2023

Baltic	9:00 Worship 10:30 Worship and livestreamed on Facebook @
East Nidaros	EastNidarosLutheranChurch

Things Happening Week of September 17th

Mon Sept 18	Newsletter Deadline
Wed Sep 20	6:30pm 8th Grade Confirmation @ BLC 7:30pm 7th Grade Confirmation @BLC
Sun Sept 24	5pm NRYG Meeting @ Renner

Sunday, Sept 24, 2023

Baltic	9:00 Worship and Live streamed on Facebook @ BalticLutheranChurch
East Nidaros	10:30 Worship

Fellowship Coffee and Treats

<u>Baltic</u>	
Sept 24	Yvonne & Gary Kocmick Brian McGreevy

<u>East Nidaros</u>	
Sept 17	Jean Hammer Adam & Tracy Peterson

<u>Baltic</u>	
Oct 1 & 8	Lynda Johnson Judy & Dale Thompson

<u>East Nidaros</u>	
Sept 24 & Oct 1	Rosalie Riswold-Brende Deb Larson

The Baltic WELCA is looking for volunteers for our Meatball Dinner coming up in October. There are sign -up sheets in the church foyer for both Saturday and Sunday. Please stop and sign-up. We need many volunteers to make this a success. Thank you.