

Lord, how often should I forgive?

MATTHEW 18:21



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Welcome!

Whether you are a newcomer to the community or to our church, we are honored to have you here. We hope that our worship time together will be meaningful to you and bring glory to our Lord Jesus Christ.

Please fill out a pink attendance form and place it in the offering plate during the offering.

A friendly reminder ...please silence your cell phone.

If you are unable to join us in person our service is now live streamed on YouTube. Open YouTube and search @LCHSManahawkin to watch live!

Additionally, you can rewatch previous Sunday's and Pastor's class. Check it out!

The responses throughout the bulletin are printed in **bold print**.
The lessons are printed on the back of the bulletin.

Introduction

In today's second reading Paul questions why we judge one another, since we all stand before the judgment of God. Yet we do sin against one another, and Jesus' challenge that we forgive seventy-seven times reveals God's boundless mercy. When we hear the words of forgiveness in worship and sign ourselves with the cross, we are renewed in baptism to be signs of reconciliation in the world

Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,
who pours love into our hearts
and healing upon the earth.

Amen.

Confident that God justifies us by grace through faith,
let us confess our sin.

Compassionate God,
**we confess that we struggle to embody your goodness
in the world and in our own hearts.**

Creation groans from overuse.

Jealousy and bitterness strain our relationships.

Indifference keeps us from seeking justice.

Divisions disrupt your call to show genuine love

**to others. Turn our hearts back to you.
Restore our world and reconcile us to one another.
Renew us to live as your holy people,
following the way of Jesus Christ.
Amen.**

Hear this good news:

**We have peace with God through ✠ Jesus Christ,
in whom there is no condemnation,
but only forgiveness and the promise of eternal life.
Receive freely this healing gift of grace.**

Amen.

Opening Hymn Ten Thousand Reasons

[Chorus]

**Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul
Worship His holy name
Sing like never before, O my soul
I'll worship Your holy name**

[Verse 1]

**The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning
It's time to sing Your song again
Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me
Let me be singing when the evening comes**

**Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul
Worship His holy name
Sing like never before, O my soul
I'll worship Your holy name**

[Verse 2]

**You're rich in love and You're slow to anger
Your name is great and Your heart is kind
For all Your goodness, I will keep on singing
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find**

**So bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul
Worship His holy name
Sing like never before, O my soul
I'll worship Your holy name
Bless you, Lord**

[Verse 3]

**And on that day when my strength is failing
The end draws near and my time has come
Still, my soul will sing Your praise unending
Ten thousand years and then forevermore
Forevermore**

[Chorus]

**Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul
Worship His holy name
Sing like never before, O my soul
I'll worship Your holy name
Bless you, Lord**

Jesus, I will worship Your holy name Worship Your holy name.

Invocation:

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!

The Kyrie

P: In peace let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy

P: For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray
to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy

P: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church
of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy

P: For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship
and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy

P: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord

C: Amen.

Prayer of the Day:

O Lord God, merciful judge, you are the inexhaustible fountain of forgiveness. Replace our hearts of stone with hearts that love and adore you, that we may delight in doing your will, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Today's Scripture Lessons:

The readings can be found on the back of the bulletin.

The First Reading: Genesis 50:15-21

Deacon: Word of God! Word of Life!

All: Thanks be to God.

Psalms 103: 1-13

Praise the Lord, my soul;

all my inmost being, praise his holy name.

2 Praise the Lord, my soul,

and forget not all his benefits—

3 who forgives all your sins

and heals all your diseases,

4 who redeems your life from the pit

and crowns you with love and compassion,

5 who satisfies your desires with good things

so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

**6 The Lord works righteousness
and justice for all the oppressed.**

7 He made known his ways to Moses,
his deeds to the people of Israel:

**8 The Lord is compassionate and gracious,
slow to anger, abounding in love.**

9 He will not always accuse,
nor will he harbor his anger forever;

**10 he does not treat us as our sins deserve
or repay us according to our iniquities.**

11 For as high as the heavens are above the earth,
so great is his love for those who fear him;

**12 as far as the east is from the west,
so far has he removed our transgressions from us.**

13 As a father has compassion on his children,
so the Lord has compassion on those who fear him;

The Second Reading Romans 14:1-12:

Deacon: Word of God! Word of Life!

All: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of eternal life.

Alleluia.

Please stand for the reading of the Gospel

The Holy Gospel: Matthew 18:21-35

P: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew

Chapter 18 beginning at the 21st verse

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

After the Gospel reading.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ

Please be seated.

The Sermon: Pastor Dan Marrone

Hymn of the Day # 482

I Come with Joy

Apostles' Creed

Let us now confess our faith in the words of the 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,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come 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.**

Prayers of Intercession

P: Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

Sharing of the Peace

P: The peace of Christ be with you always

C: and also, with you

P: God has greeted us with his peace. Let us now pass the peace of Christ to each other



Collection of Tithes and Offerings

P: Please be seated as the gifts of the Lord are gathered.

Offertory Hymn Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful

Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord,
And fill to the brim our cup of blessing.
Gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown,
That we may be fed with the bread of life.
Gather the hopes and dreams of all;
Unite them with the prayers we offer.
Grace our table with Your presence, and give us
A foretaste of the feast to come



The Offertory Prayer:

Loving God,
We offer at your table the gifts of our hearts.
Help us take heart in you and share freely of your love,
so that all creation can taste your abundance.
We ask this in the name of Jesus,
through the Spirit abiding with us now and forever.
Amen.

Holy Communion:

P: The Lord be with you!

C: and also with you!

P: Lift up your hearts!

C: We lift them to the Lord!

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God!

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise!

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
that we should at all times and in all places
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,
through our Savior Jesus Christ;
who on this day overcame death and the grave,
and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.
And so, with all the choirs of angels,
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, holy, holy Lord

Lord God of pow'r and might:

Heav'n and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God.

You are most holy, and great is the majesty of your glory.

You so loved the world that you gave your only Son,

so that everyone who believes in him may not perish

but have eternal life.

We give you thanks for his coming into the world
to fulfill for us your holy will and to accomplish all things for our
salvation.

In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup,
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Remembering, therefore, his salutary command,
his life-giving passion and death, his glorious resurrection and
ascension, and the promise of his coming again,
we give thanks to you, O Lord God Almighty,
not as we ought but as we are able;
we ask you mercifully to accept our praise and thanksgiving
and with your Word and Holy Spirit to bless us, your servants,
and these your own gifts of bread and wine,
so that we and all who share in the body and blood of Christ

may be filled with heavenly blessing and grace,
and, receiving the forgiveness of sin,
may be formed to live as your holy people
and be given our inheritance with all your saints.
To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever.
Amen.

The Lord's Prayer:

P: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**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.**

Invitation to Communion:

**Christ invites you to this table.
All who are thirsty, all who are hungry, come!**

Lamb of God (Pg. 154 in front of the hymnal)

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world.
Grant us peace, grant us peace.**

Distribution of Communion:

All baptized Christians are welcome at the Lord's table.

If you are not baptized, please come to the altar for a blessing.

The red wine and white grape juice are administered by the individual glass.

If you are unable to come to the table, speak with an usher and communion will be brought to you. Gluten free wafers are available, let Pastor know.

Prayer After Communion:

Sustaining God,
with this bread and cup,
you nourish us with mercy and abundant life.
By your Spirit, send us from this table to serve a needy world.
Make us living signs of your liberation, healing, and love,
following the way of Jesus, in whose name we pray.
Amen.

The Blessing:

May the Lord bless you and keep you, may the Lord's face shine on
you with grace and mercy, may the Lord look upon you with favor
and give you peace.
Amen.

The Sending Hymn #359

Where Charity and Love Prevail

Dismissal

P: Go out in joy. Be led forth in peace.

C: Thanks be to God.



September 1 Chrisvic Senesie

September 3 Tracey Hook

September 4 Vicki Thompson

September 9 Bob Derr

September 9 Sue & Scott Chin



The flowers on the altar today are given to the glory and honor of God and in celebration of the birth of my first grand daughter Willow Mae Ross on August 15, 2026, from Denise Ross.

There are several vacant spots still available to reserve flowers. The chart is in the hall right outside the office. The cost is 30\$. You can Keep one yourself and ask for the other to be given to someone of your choice or for a shut-in member. They can be dedicated for a reason, celebration, in memory of and it will be printed in the bulletin.



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PRAYER LIST 9/13/26



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~ Miranda Boylan
~ Victoria Cambridge
~ Megan Caruso
~ Bill & Joanne Clark
~ Jeffrey Clark
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~ William Doheny
~ Stephen Donofrio
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~ Jerry Hanford
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~ John Moro
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Your Name _____ Date _____

Phone number _____



September



If you have someone you would like on the list please fill out the above form, include your phone number and you will be contacted once a month to see if that person should remain on the list.

Need to add or remove a name? Please notify the church office.

THE WEEK AHEAD

September 13, 2026 Through September 19, 2026

Sunday 13 th	9:00 AM 11:00 AM	LCHS Worship/Fellowship JCI Worship/Fellowship
Monday 14 th	10:30AM 7:00 PM 7:00PM	Al-Anon Meeting Room B JCI Prayer Session Room B Boy Scouts FELLOWSHIP
Tuesday 15 th	4-6:30PM 7:30PM 7:30PM	YMCA Al-Anon Meeting ROOM B AA Meeting FELLOWSHIP
Wednesday 16 th	7:00 PM 6:00 PM 6:30 PM	JCI BIBLE STUDY ROOM B Soccer Shots (the field) Council Meeting
Thursday 17 th	7:30PM	AA Meeting Fellowship
Friday 18 th	10:00 AM	AA Meeting Room Fellowship

The Lutheran Church of the Holy Spirit

Worship with Communion Sunday's at 9:00am



Please stay and enjoy a time of fellowship, bagels and coffee, in fellowship hall every Sunday following service! Straight down the hall the room on the left!

There are no strangers here, only friends you have not yet met - William Butler Yeats



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Lutheran Church of the Holy Spirit Manahawkin

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

We, the Lutheran Church of the Holy Spirit, are a Christian community.

Committed to knowing God • to serving ALL people • to sharing the

“Good News” of Jesus Christ!

FIRST READING: Genesis 50:15-21

[not printed]

Psalm 103:[1-7] 8-13

SECOND READING: Romans 14:1-12

Welcome 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 slaves 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 for the Lord. Also those who eat, eat for the Lord, since they give thanks to God, while those who abstain, abstain for the Lord and give thanks to God.

⁷For we 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 one of us will be held accountable.

GOSPEL: Matthew 18:21-35

Peter came and said to [Jesus,] "Lord, if my brother or sister 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, the 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."

Next Sunday's Readings: Jonah 3:10—4:11; Psalm 145:1-8; Philippians 1:21-30; Matthew 20:1-16.

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