

Elim Lutheran Church
Sunday, July 26, 2020
Recorded Worship

Forgiveness



**Summer 2020 - 2 Corinthians
Narrative Lectionary
July 26, 2020**

2 Cor 2:1-10

WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: God has forgiven us,

All: And so shall we forgive.

Leader: God has shown mercy to us,

All: And so shall we show mercy.

Leader: God has loved us,

All: And so shall we love.

OPENING SONG: LORD I NEED YOU

Verse 1

Lord I come I confess

Bowing here I find my rest

Without You I'd fall apart

You're the one that guides my heart

Chorus

Lord I need You oh I need You

Ev'ry hour I need You

My one defense my righteousness

Oh God how I need You

Verse 2

Where sin runs deep Your grace is more

Where grace is found is where You are

And where You are Lord I am free

Holiness is Christ in me

Chorus

Lord I need You oh I need You

Ev'ry hour I need You

My one defense my righteousness

Oh God how I need You

Bridge

Teach my song to rise to You

When temptation comes my way

And when I cannot stand I'll fall on You

Jesus You're my hope and stay

Chorus

Lord I need You oh I need You

Ev'ry hour I need You

My one defense my righteousness

Oh God how I need You

My one defense my righteousness

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My one defense my righteousness

Oh God how I need You

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GREETING

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

All: **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Gracious God,

All: **You call us to show the same forgiveness to others
which you have shown to us.**

**Enlarge our hearts to accept those who have wronged us,
and grant us all your Spirit of healing and compassion,
for the sake of Jesus Christ,
Amen.**

FIRST READING: 2 CORINTHIANS 2:1-10

Leader: A reading from the book of 2 Corinthians

¹So I made up my mind not to make you another painful visit. ²For if I cause you pain, who is there to make me glad but the one whom I have pained? ³And I wrote as I did, so that when I came, I might not suffer pain from those who should have made me rejoice; for I am confident about all of you, that my joy would be the joy of all of you. ⁴For I wrote you out of much distress and anguish of heart and with many tears, not to cause you pain, but to let you know the abundant love that I have for you. ⁵But if anyone has caused pain, he has caused it not to me, but to some extent—not to exaggerate it—to all of you. ⁶This punishment by the majority is enough for such a person; ⁷so now instead you should forgive and console him, so that he may not be overwhelmed by excessive sorrow. ⁸So I urge you to reaffirm your love for him. ⁹I wrote for this reason: to test you and to know whether you are obedient in everything. ¹⁰Anyone whom you forgive, I also forgive. What I have forgiven, if I have forgiven anything, has been for your sake in the presence of Christ.

Leader: The word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL: MATTHEW 18:21-22

Pastor: The holy gospel according to Matthew

All: Glory to you, O Lord

²¹Then Peter came and said to him, "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.

Pastor: The gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON: PASTOR KATHRYN GULBRANSON -

"The Power of Forgiveness: The Work of Reconciliation"

HYMN OF THE DAY: THIS IS AMAZING GRACE

Verse 1

**Who breaks the power of sin and darkness
Whose love is mighty and so much stronger
The King of Glory the King above all kings**

Verse 2

**Who shakes the whole earth with holy thunder
And leaves us breathless in awe and wonder
The King of Glory the King above all kings**

Chorus

**This is amazing grace
This is unfailing love
That You would take my place
That You would bear my cross
You laid down Your life
That I would be set free
Jesus I sing for
All that You've done for me**

Verse 3

**Who brings our chaos back into order
Who makes the orphan a son and daughter
The King of Glory, the King above all kings**

Verse 4

**Who rules the nations with truth and justice
Shines like the sun in all of its brilliance
The King of Glory, the King above all kings**

Chorus

**This is amazing grace
This is unfailing love
That You would take my place
That You would bear my cross
You laid down Your life
That I would be set free
Jesus I sing for
All that You've done for me**

Bridge

**Worthy is the Lamb who was slain
Worthy is the King
who conquered the grave
Worthy is the Lamb who was slain
Worthy is the King
who conquered the grave
Worthy is the Lamb who was slain
Worthy is the King
who conquered the grave
Worthy is the King
who conquered the grave**

Chorus

**This is amazing grace
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That You would take my place
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You laid down Your life
That I would be set free
Jesus I sing for
All that You've done for me**

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

LEADER: We pray for the church, the world, and all those in need.

A brief silence.

LEADER: Remind us that we are all connected with each other in our church and in our world. Grant us the grace and courage to ask for forgiveness when we need it and the strength to forgive when others have wronged us. Forgiving God,

ALL: hear our prayer.

LEADER: Strengthen and protect victims of abuse and mistreatment, that they might eventually be able to release the chains of their past and live in the freedom that you have promised through your Spirit. Forgiving God,

ALL: hear our prayer.

LEADER: The damage we have done to our planet we have also done to ourselves, creator God, in the form of diminishing resources, polluted air and water, and abnormal weather patterns. Have mercy on our foolishness and give us wisdom to turn from our selfish and destructive behaviors. Forgiving God,

ALL: hear our prayer.

LEADER: We isolate ourselves in many ways, from the community and from you, Lord. Restore us to wholeness of body and soul by your healing Spirit, and be especially present with all those who need you most this day, especially Bob, Dave, Lou, Roger, Audrey, Kevin, NamSun, Phil, Lauren, Karin, Robin, Ruth, Sue, Sigrun, Shirley, Gene, Nancy, Christina, Irene, Diane, Pat, Elinor, Dorine, Richard, those battling the coronavirus and those we name silently and aloud (brief silence). May they know that their lives are in your ever-healing hands. Lord, in your mercy,

ALL: hear our prayer.

LEADER: God of life, those who have died in you shine like the sun in your endless kingdom. We remember with thanksgiving the saints of all times and places and saints close to us especially, Eric Westby, son of Brede and Shelley Westby who passed away on July 7, and Mary Duerre, long time member who passed away on July 16. Gather us with them on the day of salvation. Lord, in your mercy,

ALL: hear our prayer

LEADER: O God, bless all those celebrating birthdays, anniversaries and celebrations of all kinds, this week. Fill our hearts with love and acceptance. Forgiving God,

ALL: hear our prayer.

The prayers conclude:

LEADER: We know that you have heard us, O God: the prayers which we speak aloud and those which we are not able to. Gather all of our concerns and keep our loved ones in your care, for the sake of our savior Jesus,

ALL: Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

**All: 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**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

**All: Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven 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.**

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER AND WORDS OF INSTITUTION

SPECIAL MUSIC: Mark Norman on guitar - *“What a Friend We Have In Jesus”*

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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Pastor: God of the welcome table,

**All: In this meal we have feasted on your goodness
and have been united by your presence among us.
Empower us to go forth sustained by these gifts
so that we may share your neighborly love with all,
through Jesus Christ, the giver of abundant life.
Amen.**

BLESSING

Response after blessing: **Amen**

SENDING SONG: GO, MY CHILDREN, WITH MY BLESSING



1 "Go, my chil - dren, with my bless - ing, nev - er a - lone.
2 "Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure.
3 "Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour - ished, clos - er to me.



Wak - ing, sleep - ing, I am with you, you are my own.
Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.
Grow in love and love by serv - ing, joy - ful and free.



In my love's bap - tis - mal riv - er I have made you mine for - ev - er.
Here you heard my dear Son's sto - ry, here you touched him, saw his glo - ry.
Here my Spir - it's pow - er filled you, here my ten - der com - fort stilled you.



Go, my chil - dren, with my bless - ing, you are my own."
Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure."
Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour - ished, joy - ful and free."

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SENDING

Leader: Go in Peace. Serve the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Next Week: Sunday, August 2, 2020

Theme: Treasure in Clay Jars

Main Idea: God's Holy Spirit, which lives inside breakable vessels, cannot be contained.

Read Ahead: 2 Corinthians 4:1-18 Matthew 5:13-16



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