

Strength in our Weakness  
**“Forgiven and Forgiving”**

June 13, 2021

**As We Gather**

This summer, we are focusing on the encouraging words from Paul’s second letter to the Corinthians in our worship series “Strength in our Weakness.” Today we consider Paul’s words in 2 Corinthians 2:5-11. He calls for the congregation to forgive the one who has caused offense, for the sake of the offender and for the congregation. Sin and the resulting hard feelings weaken relationships. Forgiveness brings strength and unity. Through the forgiveness of Jesus Christ we are called to live a forgiving life.

**Welcome**

**“My Hope is Built on Nothing Less” (LSB 576)**

1 My hope is built on nothing less  
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness;  
No merit of my own I claim  
But wholly lean on Jesus' name.

In ev'ry high and stormy gale  
My anchor holds within the veil. [Refrain]

Refrain:

On Christ, the solid rock, I stand;  
All other ground is sinking sand,  
All other ground is sinking sand.

3 His oath, His covenant and blood  
Support me in the raging flood;  
When ev'ry earthly prop gives way,  
He then is all my hope and stay. [Refrain]

2 When darkness veils His lovely face,  
I rest on His unchanging grace;

4 When He shall come with trumpet sound,  
Oh, may I then in Him be found,  
Clothed in His righteousness alone,  
Redeemed to stand before His throne!  
[Refrain]

**Invocation**

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

**C:** **Amen.**

**Confession and Absolution**

**P:** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

**C:** **But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.** *(1 John 1:8-9)*

*Silence for self-examination on our need for the cross of Christ*

**P:** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

**C:** **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. 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. We justly deserve your present and eternal punishment. 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: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✝ Son and of the Holy Spirit. *(John 20:19-23)*

C: **Amen.**

**“The Goodness of God”**

I love You Lord  
 Oh Your mercy never fails me  
 All my days  
 I've been held in Your hands  
 From the moment that I wake up  
 Until I lay my head  
 I will sing of the goodness of God

In darkest night  
 You are close like no other  
 I've known You as a father  
 I've known You as a friend  
 I have lived in the goodness of God

**Chorus**

All my life You have been faithful  
 All my life You have been so so good  
 With every breath that I am able  
 I will sing of the goodness of God

Your goodness is running after  
 It's running after me  
 Your goodness is running after  
 It's running after me  
 With my life laid down  
 I'm surrendered now  
 I give You everything  
 Your goodness is running after  
 It's running after me

I love Your voice  
 You have led me through the fire

**Readings**

**First Reading: Genesis 50:15-21**

When Joseph's brothers saw that their father was dead, they said, "What if Joseph holds a grudge against us and pays us back for all the wrongs we did to him?" <sup>16</sup> So they sent word to Joseph, saying, "Your father left these instructions before he died: <sup>17</sup> 'This is what you are to say to Joseph: I ask you to forgive your brothers the sins and the wrongs they committed in treating you so badly.' Now please forgive the sins of the servants of the God of your father." When their message came to him, Joseph wept.

<sup>18</sup> His brothers then came and threw themselves down before him. "We are your slaves," they said.

<sup>19</sup> But Joseph said to them, "Don't be afraid. Am I in the place of God? <sup>20</sup> You intended to harm me, but God intended it for good to accomplish what is now being done, the saving of many lives. <sup>21</sup> So then, don't be afraid. I will provide for you and your children." And he reassured them and spoke kindly to them.

*This is the Word of the Lord*  
**Thanks be to God**

**Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 2:5-11**

If anyone has caused grief, he has not so much grieved me as he has grieved all of you to some extent—not to put it too severely. <sup>6</sup>The punishment inflicted on him by the majority is sufficient. <sup>7</sup>Now instead, you ought to forgive and comfort him, so that he will not be overwhelmed by excessive sorrow. <sup>8</sup>I urge you, therefore, to reaffirm your love for him. <sup>9</sup>Another reason I wrote you was to see if you would stand the test and be obedient in everything. <sup>10</sup>Anyone you forgive, I also forgive. And what I have forgiven—if there was anything to forgive—I have forgiven in the sight of Christ for your sake, <sup>11</sup>in order that Satan might not outwit us. For we are not unaware of his schemes.

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**Holy Gospel: John 20:19-23**

On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jewish leaders, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you!” <sup>20</sup>After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord.

<sup>21</sup>Again Jesus said, “Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you.” <sup>22</sup>And with that he breathed on them and said, “Receive the Holy Spirit. <sup>23</sup>If you forgive anyone’s sins, their sins are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven.”

*This is the Gospel of the Lord*  
**Praise to You O Christ**

**Nicene Creed**

**I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, Who proceeds from the Father and the Son, Who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, Who spoke by the prophets.**

**And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

## Children's Message

### Sermon

*"Forgiven and Forgiving"*

### Prayers

*Please add your prayer requests to the live chat*

#### Thanksgivings

Pastor: O Lord, we praise You.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

#### Petitions

Pastor: Lord, in Your mercy,

People: **Hear our prayer.**

#### St. John's People and Families to Pray for This Week

Ken & Michele Arnold

Gary & Cathi Hartwig

Dave & Renee Lloyd

Martin, Eva, & Carl John Meissenhalter, Edel and Kenneth Van Houten

Brett, Katie, Lucas, & Amelia Wedding

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William, Jenny, & William Cass

Herkanwai, Harjit, & Sajan Khaira

Anil & Dina, Patel & Yasmine Kumar

Todd, Robin, James, & Teddy Wenzel

### Offering

#### The Service of Holy Communion

##### Preface

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

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

People: **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

Pastor: It is truly good, right, and salutary . . .

##### The Lord's Prayer

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 Words of Institution**

**Pastor:** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

**Pastor:** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**People:** **Amen.**

### **Communion**

**Pastor:** Take, eat; this is the true body of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, given into death for your sins.

**People:** **Amen.** *(Take and eat)*

**Pastor:** Take, drink; this is the true blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, shed for the forgiveness of your sins.

**People:** **Amen.** *(Take and drink)*

### **Communion Song "Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive" (LSB 843)**

1 "Forgive our sins as we forgive,"  
You taught us, Lord, to pray;  
But You alone can grant us grace  
To live the words we say.

3 In blazing light Your cross reveals  
The truth we dimly knew:  
What trivial debts are owed to us,  
How great our debt to You!

2 How can Your pardon reach and bless  
The unforgiving heart  
That broods on wrongs and will not let  
Old bitterness depart?

4 Lord, cleanse the depths within our souls  
And bid resentment cease;  
Then, bound to all in bonds of love,  
Our lives will spread Your peace.

### **Communion Blessing**

**Pastor:** The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. His peace be with you.

**People:** **Amen.**

### **Prayer**

## Blessing

My hope is built on nothing less  
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness  
I dare not trust the sweetest frame  
But wholly trust in Jesus' Name

## Chorus

Christ alone cornerstone  
Weak made strong in the Savior's love  
Through the storm He is Lord  
Lord of all

## "Cornerstone"

When darkness seems to hide His face  
I rest on His unchanging grace  
In every high and stormy gale  
My anchor holds within the veil  
My anchor holds within the veil

When He shall come with trumpet sound  
Oh may I then in Him be found  
Dressed in His righteousness alone  
Faultless stand before the throne

## Offering

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## Right Now Media Recommendation

WHEN YOU'VE BEEN WRONGED  
Moving From Bitterness to Forgiveness  
**ERWIN LUTZER**



Have lies been told about you? Have you been rejected? Maybe you've been the victim of abuse. Perhaps it's a broken promise. Or someone betrayed a confidence. It's only natural that you would be angry. These wounds cry out for justice! But what if justice isn't possible this side of heaven? What if the damage can't be undone? What then?

You have a decision to make. You can hold on to your anger until your anguish builds a prison of bitterness. In this cage you will live a diminished and pain-filled life. Or you can choose to forgive.

Erwin Lutzer discusses dealing with difficult people such as "spear throwers" and "destroyers," as well as handling conflict among family members, and Christians in the courtroom.

[RightNow Media :: Streaming Video Bible Study : When You've Been Wronged : Erwin Lutzer : Moody Publishers](#)

### Memory Verse for This Week

Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other,  
just as in Christ God forgave you.  
Ephesians 4:32

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