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THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
“At All Cost Jesus Wants Us”
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AS WE GATHER: Many conflicts revolve around questions of our willingness to forgive others as we ourselves have been forgiven. God encourages us to treat others as kindly as he has treated us in our Gospel lesson for today. This might be a hard text for those who are remembering the tragedy of 9/11 ten years ago. But God’s Word stands and by God’s grace we too can forgive as our Lord as forgiven us. Our human nature says that we can never forgive. Instead, may we treat one another with love, understanding, sensitivity, and mercy. May God give us this strength through His holy Word today in our Divine Worship.

PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP: Our Father in heaven, we ask in this prayer that you would not hold our sins against us and because of them refuse to hear our prayer. We pray that you would give us everything by grace, for we sin every day and deserve nothing but punishment. Help

us on our part heartily to forgive and gladly to do good to those who sin against us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. (Based on Luther's Small Catechism)

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Prayer for this week from Our Synod's Website

P Since our Father in heaven has promised to hear whatever we ask in the name of His Son, our living Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, let us lift up our voices to the God of all mercy, praying for the needs of all people

P For the holy Church, that the gates of hell would not prevail against her, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy

P For all the baptized, that they may daily repent of their sins and live in the grace of Christ's forgiveness, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy

P For those who do not know Christ, that God would turn their hearts, using us to tell them the good news of Jesus' death and resurrection, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy

P For our nation, that God would continue to defend us from our enemies, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy

P For our president and the Congress, that they may govern wisely as they strive both to defend our liberties and to protect us from harm, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy

P For those whose vocation it is to protect our nation and our communities, that God would watch over them as they carry out their duties, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy

P For those who continue to bear the scars of the attacks upon our country ten years ago, that God would grant them rest, refreshment, and peace, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy

P For a spirit of forgiveness and forbearance, that God would remove far from us the personal desire for vengeance, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy

P For the millions around the world who live under repressive regimes, that God would ease their suffering and grant them rulers who deal honestly and with compassion, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy

P For those in every part of the world who suffer violence at the hands of terrorists, that God would rescue the innocent from the never ending threat of violence; let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy

P For those who know the pangs of hunger because of famine and lawlessness, especially the people of Somalia, that God would rescue them in their time of need, using us to give of our bounty to serve them, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy

P For our enemies, those close to home and those scattered around the world, that God would both thwart their wicked plans and, through His Word and Spirit, turn their hearts so that they might live, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy

P For all those in need (especially _____), that God would grant healing, strength, comfort, and hope, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have merc

P Finally,

C Grant peace, we pray, in mercy, Lord

Peace in our time, oh, send us!

For there is none on earth but You,

None other to defend us.

You only, Lord, can fight for us.

P Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen.

OUR MISSION AND MINISTRY

IN OUR PRAYERS: In our worship today we pray that our Lord will send compassionate care to all who are sick or injured and all who call out to our Lord for help and healing especially our members, shut-ins, and friends of Ebenezer – **Dan Hoemann**, who has returned to his home in North Carolina, **Chris Hoemann**, who has had surgery for a wound suffered in 2004; **Darlene McDaris**, who has been hospitalized with stage four cancer; **Marlin Deppermann and Zachary Herbert**, who continue to receive cancer treatments; **our many shut-ins – Mathilde Ohse, Ardell Wagner, Ada Groppe, Beth Pelster, Hugo Nething, Ruth Marks, Edna Deppermann, Adeline Keune, Marie Adams, Eric Hohlt, Delores Roehrs, Ray and Irene Bargaen and all those we hold dear in our hearts.**

We pray that the Lord would protect and lead the Leaders and Citizens of our nation. We pray that the Lord's Blessings will be upon all government officials as they make decisions that affect our whole country and we pray for the safety of all our law enforcement people, EMT's, firemen, and our men and women serving in the Armed Forces around the world.

We pray for our Missouri Synod, District and Circuit Officials and the many agencies and workers of the Lutheran Church that minister to all the people in need and all our Missionaries serving around the world, especially the Missionaries we support here at Ebenezer, Robin McCoy, the Rodewald family and John Strasen.

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To our members and guests – We are so glad you are here with us today! May the Lord refresh you with peace and love during our worship services. We ask that our visitors please sign the guest register near the Church entrance. Please join us here at Ebenezer for worship and fellowship again soon!

We welcome **Rev. Aaron Kotila** from **Immanuel Lutheran Church in Rosebud** who is here this Saturday evening to lead our worship. Pastor and Margaret will be returning later in the evening from the Perry County Bus Trip.

The flowers on our altar today are placed to God's glory by Mrs. Gail Meyer in memory of her husband,

Robert.

Please plan to join us for a light lunch today and then to help peel apples and make applesauce for our Pork Sausage Dinner which will be held on October 23rd. There will be sign-up sheets posted in the back of Church in the near future. We will surely be needing your help!

165 Years of Grace – Next Sunday, September 18th, we will be celebrating our 165th Anniversary of Ebenezer Lutheran Church. Dr. James Kalthoff will be our special speaker for this 10:00 AM service. We will be having a meal in celebration next Sunday after our worship service. Roast beef will be furnished by Thrivent Financial. Bread and drinks will be provided as well. We are going to have a special anniversary cake. Please bring a dish to share. We hope you will join us as our congregation celebrates this special day!

Children Singing – 165th Anniversary Service – The children of Ebenezer will be singing at our anniversary service on next Sunday, September 18th at 10:00 AM. The children will be signing “We Are The Church”, and practice will be on Sunday mornings at Sunday School. All children of the congregation are welcome to join us.

Photos – We are asking any of our members who may have old pictures of activities here at Ebenezer to please bring the photos to our 165th Anniversary celebration on next Sunday, September 18th. Also bring recent pictures as well.

It's always a pleasure to see these pictures and memorabilia.

Ebenezer Mission Society will have another sewing night tomorrow evening (Monday, September 12th) at 6:30 PM (or whenever you can come here). Any of you ladies are welcome to join us with this project!

Mixed Choir – The Mixed Choir will practice again on Wednesday, September 14th at 7:00 PM to prepare a selection for the 165th Anniversary service. Everyone who enjoys singing is welcome to join our choir!

St. John's Lutheran Church in Beaufort is sponsoring a **Franklin County Farm Toy Show on Saturday, September 17th 9 AM – 5 PM.** There will be tables of collectibles for sale and display. Full size tractors will be on display. For more information, call Jim Rinne @573-484-3331.

Missionary with Lutheran Bible Translators, John Strasen, will be here at our worship service on October 2nd.

Those Serving Today

Organist Saturday – Laura Nichols

Organist Sunday – Ruth Marschel

Head Usher Saturday – Tracey Bade

Head Usher Sunday – Wilbert Baumann

Altar Guild – Judy Allmeroth and Diane Nicks

**Acolytes Scheduled to Serve – Brian Nelson and Brent
Thurmond**

Bell Ringer – Matthew Kassebaum

**Our measure of love in giving last week – Weekly
envelopes \$1,682.00; Plate \$58.00; Sunday School**

\$26.48; Bible Story Book \$80.00; Landscaping \$20.00

Total \$1,866.48. Attendance Saturday – 15; Sunday 76.

This Week at Ebenezer

Monday – Mission Society Sewing Night 6:30 PM

Tuesday – Evangelism Committee 7:00 PM

Wednesday – Confirmation 6:30 PM

Choir Practice 7:00 PM

Thursday – Ratliff/Brune rehearsal 6:00 PM

Basic Christianity Bible Study 7:30 PM

Saturday – Ratliff/Brune wedding 2:00 PM

Worship 5:00 PM