



SUMMER IN BABYLON

SUNDAY JULY 17, 2016

PRELUDE

WELCOME and RELATIONSHIPS of PEACE

OPENING HYMN “How Great Thou Art” [LW 519, v. 1-3]

INVOCATION

P: We begin in the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

CONFESSION and ABSOLUTION

P: Let us confess our sins to God our Father:

C: **Gracious Father, life can be incredibly difficult. Sometimes it just happens, and sometimes it’s my own fault. So often when life gets hard I listen to the voices of the world instead of listening to you. I forget your promise of victory, and I try to solve everything on my own. I forget your promise to strengthen me in my trials, and I try to avoid anything that is hard. Forgive me for forgetting you, Lord, and give me the strength to see you and your promises. Give me a new vision of the world, so that even if my circumstances don’t change, I will persevere in the strength of your victory and the hope of your return. Amen!**

P: God demonstrates His own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Since we have now been justified by His blood, how much more shall we be saved from God’s wrath through Him! You are forgiven in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

HOLY GOSPEL Matthew 18:21-35 [NIV 84]

²¹Then Peter came to Jesus and asked, “Lord, how many times shall I forgive my brother when he sins against me? Up to seven times?”

²²Jesus answered, “I tell you, not seven times, but seventy-seven times.

²³“Therefore, the kingdom of heaven is like a king who wanted to settle accounts with his servants. ²⁴As he began the settlement, a man who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him. ²⁵Since he was not able to pay, the master ordered that he and his wife and his children and all that he had be sold to repay the debt.

²⁶“The servant fell on his knees before him. ‘Be patient with me,’ he begged, ‘and I will pay back everything.’ ²⁷The servant’s master took pity on him, canceled the debt and let him go.

²⁸“But when that servant went out, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred denarii. He grabbed him and began to choke him. ‘Pay back what you owe me!’ he demanded.

²⁹“His fellow servant fell to his knees and begged him, ‘Be patient with me, and I will pay you back.’

³⁰“But he refused. Instead, he went off and had the man thrown into prison until he could pay the debt. ³¹When the other servants saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed and went and told their master everything that had happened.

³²“Then the master called the servant in. ‘You wicked servant,’ he said, ‘I canceled all that debt of yours because you begged me to. ³³Shouldn’t you have had mercy on your fellow servant just as I had on you?’ ³⁴In anger his master turned him over to the jailers to be tortured, until he should pay back all he owed.

³⁵“This is how my heavenly Father will treat each of you unless you forgive your brother from your heart.”

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God!**

(8:30) BAPTISM of QUINN ROSE QUALE

(11:00) THE APOSTLES’ CREED

RESPONSE “How Great Thou Art” [LW 519, v. 4]

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Daniel 9 [NIV84]

SERMON HYMN “Be Thou My Vision” [v. 1-3]

SERMON “DANIEL 9”

SERMON RESPONSE “Be Thou My Vision” [v. 4]

PEOPLE of PEACE in PRAYER

Father in Heaven:

• ***Peace, comfort and/or healing*** for the Trepinski family on a mission trip in Peru; Sherry Lauridsen-continuing health issues; Larry (brother of Wayne Bobbitt)-diagnosed with acute leukemia; Wichieng and his family-cousin Gatwech, killed in South Sudan during the recent fighting and killings; peace for our country and South Sudan.

• ***Celebrate and rejoice*** Pete and Ann Simmons-celebrated 55 years of marriage, July 15; of Quinn Rose Quale (daughter of Nathan and Jennifer Quale)- baptized today, July 17.

• ***Wisdom*** and ***courage*** to our Elected Officials and Military.

THE LORD’S PRAYER *The Family Prayer of the People of God*

WORDS of INSTITUTION

THE PEACE

OFFERING

(Before Communing, please take time to read our statement of faith found in the pew rack in front of you; fill out and place your attendance card and offering in the basket as you come forward.)

DISTRIBUTION MUSIC

“Behold the Lamb”

“Shall We Gather at the River”

“Jesus Keep Me Near the Cross”

CLOSING HYMN **“Go, My Children, with My Blessing”** [*LSB 922, v. 1 & 3*]

CONNECT *Check out our website for all our upcoming events!*

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

SERMON: *Rev. James L. Mueller*
LITURGIST: *Rev. Morgan Hamilton*