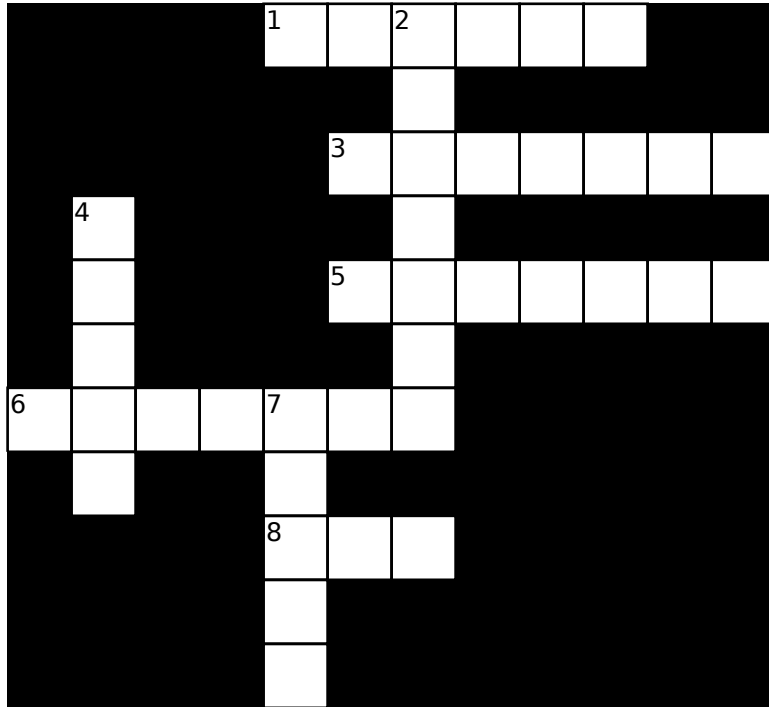


LESSONS FOR LAMBS

THE TWENTY-SECOND WEEK AFTER TRINITY

The color for the Twenty-Second Week after Trinity is green.



Across

- 1 Esther was an _____, and was raised by Mordecai.
3 The servant did not _____ the person who owed him.
5 Jesus says we should forgive _____ times seven.
6 The Master forgave his _____ of his debt.
8 _____ forgives us so we should forgive too.

Down

- 2 God used Esther to _____ the Jewish people.
4 Esther was chosen by the king to become his _____.
7 The Master was _____ with his servant because he didn't forgive.

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What to listen for during the service?

When do we receive forgiveness during the service? What does the pastor say?

Gospel Reading: Matthew 18:21-35

(The Gospel Reading is from the part of the Bible that is about Jesus and his ministry.)

21 Then Peter came up and said to him, "Lord, how often will my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? As many as seven times?" 22 Jesus said to him, "I do not say to you seven times, but seventy times seven.

23 "Therefore the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his servants. 24 When he began to settle, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents. 25 And since he could not pay, his master ordered him to be sold, with his wife and children and all that he had, and payment to be made. 26 So the servant fell on his knees, imploring him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' 27 And out of pity for him, the master of that servant released him and forgave him the debt. 28 But when that same servant went out, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred denarii, and seizing him, he began to choke him, saying, 'Pay what you owe.' 29 So his fellow servant fell down and pleaded with him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' 30 He refused and went and put him in prison until he should pay the debt. 31 When his fellow servants saw what had taken place, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their master all that had taken place. 32 Then his master summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. 33 And should not you have had mercy on your fellow servant, as I had mercy on you?' 34 And in anger his master delivered him to the jailers, until he should pay all his debt. 35 So also my heavenly Father will do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother from your heart."

Questions to talk about with your parents:

- 1) Jesus says we need to forgive others, "seventy times seven" times. That equals 490, does Jesus mean we only need to forgive 490 times? How many times should we forgive other people? How many times does God forgive us?

- 2) Did the master forgive his servant the debt that he owed him?
- 3) What did the servant do when he saw someone who owed him a debt? Did he forgive him?
- 4) Was the master angry with the servant when he found out he didn't forgive the other person? What did he do then?
- 5) Since God has forgiven us all of our sins....and that's a lot of sins....should we forgive others when they sin too?

People of the Bible: Esther

We hear about Esther in the Book of the Bible named after her. Esther was an orphan, meaning her parents were not around to raise her, so her cousin, Mordecai, raised her. Esther was a young Jewish maiden when King Ahasuerus chose her to become his queen. Queen Esther was a good wife to her husband and let him know about plots against him. She also asked the king to protect her people, the Jews, when a man named Haman planned to destroy them. Esther was a faithful queen and God worked through her to protect the Jewish people.

Catechism Corner

Asking a blessing

The children and members of the household shall go to the table reverently, fold their hands, and say:

The eyes of all wait upon Thee, O Lord, and Thou givest them their meat in due season; Thou openest Thine hand and satisfiest the desire of every living thing.

Then shall be said the Lord's Prayer and the following:
Lord God, Heavenly Father, bless us and these Thy gifts which we receive from Thy bountiful goodness, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

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