

Pastor's Bible Study

September 9, 2026 – Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

LSB 756 – Why Should Cross and Trial Grieve Me



1 Why should cross and tri - al grieve me? Christ is near
2 When life's trou - bles rise to meet me, Though their weight
3 God gives me my days of glad - ness, And I will
4 From God's joy can noth - ing sev - er, For I am
5 Now in Christ, death can - not slay me, Though it might,



With His cheer; Nev - er will He leave me.
May be great, They will not de - feat me.
Trust Him still, When He sends me sad - ness.
His dear lamb, He, my Shep - herd ev - er.
Day and night, Trou - ble and dis - may me.



Who can rob me of the heav - en That God's Son
God, my lov - ing Sav - ior, sends them; He who knows
God is good; His love at - tends me Day by day,
I am His be - cause He gave me His own blood
Christ has made my death a por - tal From the strife



For me won When His life was giv - en?
All my woes Knows how best to end them.
Come what may, Guides me and de - fends me.
For my good, By His death to save me.
Of this life To His joy im - mor - tal!

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Read Genesis 50:15-21:

1. Who are the Josephs you remember from the Bible?
2. What do you remember about this Joseph?
3. How does the brothers' predicament sit with you? Relatable? Manipulative?
4. Why does Joseph weep?
5. How does Joseph show that he knows his place?
6. What assurances does Joseph give to his brothers?

Read Matthew 18:21-35:

1. Why might Peter pick 7 times in his question?
2. What does Jesus' number indicate to us?
3. How do you understand the vast difference between the two servants' debts?
4. What do you make of the question of the first servant?
5. What impact does the first servant's actions have on others around him?
6. Why did the king revoke his forgiveness?
7. What does it mean to forgive from the heart?

Read Romans 14:1-12:

1. When and when aren't we to judge?
2. What always guides our judgments?
3. What are some specific examples that Paul gives?

Devotional Thought:

Jesus teaches that God has forgiven us far more than we will ever be called on to forgive. Our willingness to forgive a brother or sister is grounded in God's abundant mercy toward us. To forgive is to exercise our childlike faith. Pray for such simplicity of heart; trust likewise in the simple, enduring love of your gracious heavenly Father, who daily forgives all your debts (*TLSB*, pg. 1622).

Prayer:

Jesus Your forgiveness for my sin has no limits. Move me likewise to forgive those who sin against me. Amen.