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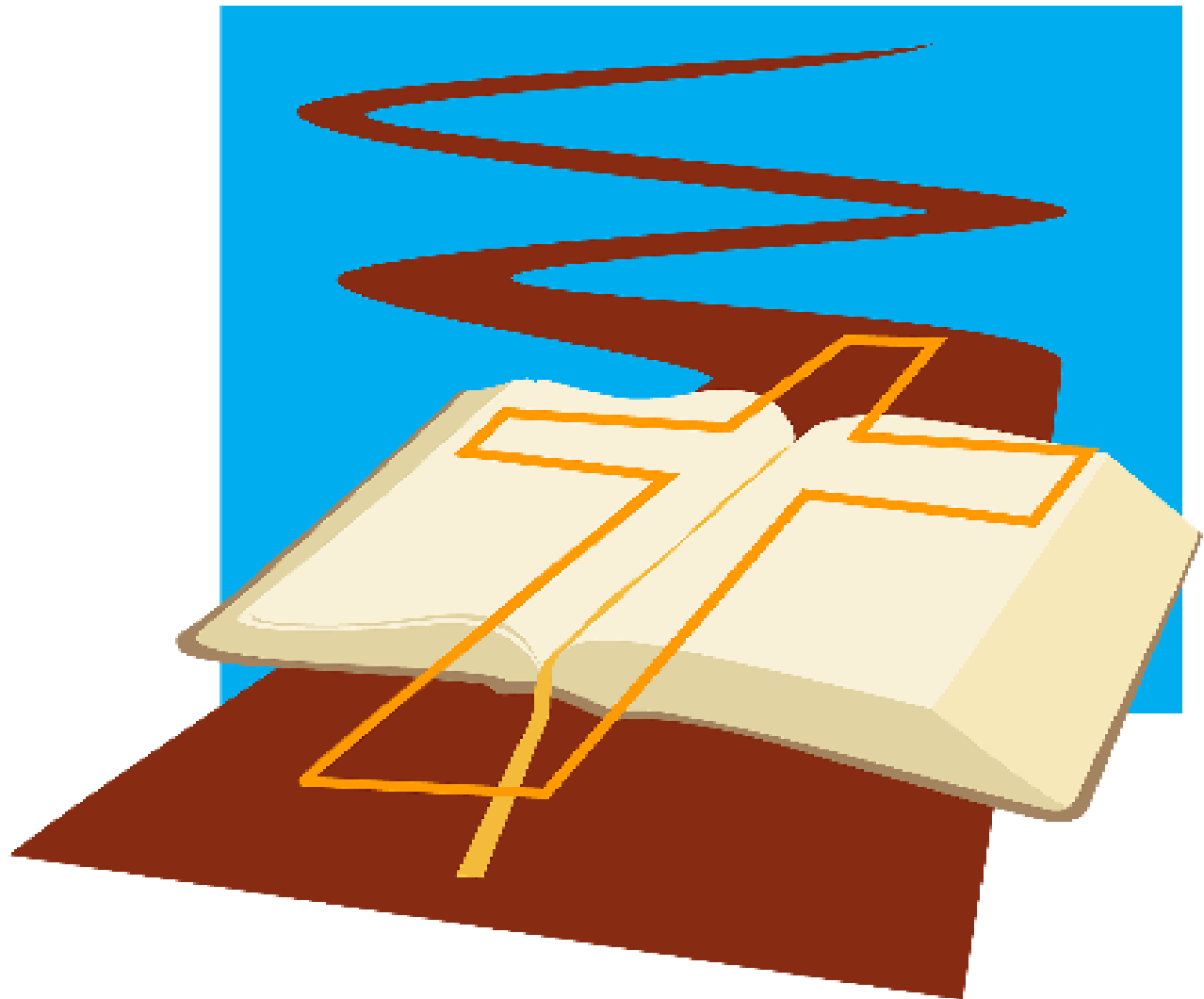
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# **Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost**

## **September 27<sup>th</sup>, 2020**



## HOLY COMMUNION IS CELEBRATED AT OUR 9:00AM SERVICE

Oneness at communion presupposes oneness in doctrine. For this reason we practice close communion, and ask guests desiring to commune to speak with the pastor before the service. To those communicants with dietary needs we offer gluten free wafers.

### AS WE GATHER

We always want to know why. The rulers of the people wanted to know why Jesus was saying what He said and doing what He did. But Jesus challenged them with His Word and with the prophetic voice of John the Baptist. Why did they not listen, and why did they not repent? Why do we not listen and repent? Jesus told a parable of two sons—one whose words were yes but his heart was no, and the other whose words were no but whose heart said yes. We are called to listen. Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and we shall be saved.

### SERVICE OF PRAYER AND PREACHING

<b>WORDS OF WELCOME</b>		Elder of the Day
<b>OPENING HYMN</b>	<i>“Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”</i>	LSB 802
<b>OPENING VERSICLES</b> [Common]		LSB page 260
<b>O.T. CANTICLE</b>	<i>“God’s Word Is Our Great Heritage”</i>	LSB 582

### ‡ READINGS FROM HOLY SCRIPTURE ‡

#### **OLD TESTAMENT READING** *Ezekiel 18:1–4, 25–32*

The word of the Lord came to me: “What do you mean by repeating this proverb concerning the land of Israel, ‘The fathers have eaten sour grapes, and the children’s teeth are set on edge’? As I live, declares the Lord God, this proverb shall no more be used by you in Israel. Behold, all souls are Mine; the soul of the father as well as the soul of the son is Mine: the soul who sins shall die. “Yet you say, ‘The way of the Lord is not just.’ Hear now, O house of Israel: Is My way not just? Is it not your ways that are not just? When a righteous person turns away from his righteousness and does injustice, he shall die for it; for the injustice that he has done he shall die. Again, when a wicked person turns away from the wickedness he has committed and does what is just and right, he shall save his life. Because he considered and turned away from all the transgressions that he had committed, he shall surely live; he shall not die. Yet the house of Israel says, ‘The way of the Lord is not just.’ O house of Israel, are My ways not just? Is it not your ways that are not just? “Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, every one according to his ways, declares the Lord God. Repent and turn from all your transgressions, lest iniquity be your ruin. Cast away from you all the transgressions that you have committed, and make yourselves a new heart and a new spirit! Why will you die, O house of Israel? For I have no pleasure in the death of anyone, declares the Lord God; so turn, and live.”

**Leader:** This is the Word of the Lord.

**People:** **Thanks be to God.**

## EPISTLE READING

*Philippians 2:1–18*

So if there is any encouragement in Christ, any comfort from love, any participation in the Spirit, any affection and sympathy, complete my joy by being of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others. Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, who, though He was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied Himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form, He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Therefore God has highly exalted Him and bestowed on Him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Therefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed, so now, not only as in my presence but much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling, for it is God who works in you, both to will and to work for His good pleasure. Do all things without grumbling or disputing, that you may be blameless and innocent, children of God without blemish in the midst of a crooked and twisted generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world, holding fast to the word of life, so that in the day of Christ I may be proud that I did not run in vain or labor in vain. Even if I am to be poured out as a drink offering upon the sacrificial offering of your faith, I am glad and rejoice with you all. Likewise you also should be glad and rejoice with me.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

Leader: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 21st chapter.

**People: Glory to You, O Lord.**

## GOSPEL READING

*Matthew 21:23–32*

And when He entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came up to Him as He was teaching, and said, “By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?” Jesus answered them, “I also will ask you one question, and if you tell Me the answer, then I also will tell you by what authority I do these things. The baptism of John, from where did it come? From heaven or from man?” And they discussed it among themselves, saying, “If we say, ‘From heaven,’ He will say to us, ‘Why then did you not believe him?’ But if we say, ‘From man,’ we are afraid of the crowd, for they all hold that John was a prophet.” So they answered Jesus, “We do not know.” And He said to them, “Neither will I tell you by what authority I do these things. What do you think? A man had two sons. And he went to the first and said, ‘Son, go and work in the vineyard today.’ And he answered, ‘I will not,’ but afterward he changed his mind and

went. And he went to the other son and said the same. And he answered, 'I go, sir,' but did not go. Which of the two did the will of his father?" They said, "The first." Jesus said to them, "Truly, I say to you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes go into the kingdom of God before you. For John came to you in the way of righteousness, and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him. And even when you saw it, you did not afterward change your minds and believe him."

Leader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to You, O Christ.**

**RESPONSORY** [Common]

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**The Second Article [Redemption]**

Pastor: And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead. *What does this mean?*

**All: I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the virgin Mary, is my Lord, who has redeemed me, a lost and condemned person, purchased and won me from all sins, from death, and from the power of the devil; not with gold or silver, but with His holy, precious blood and with His innocent suffering and death, that I may be His own and live under Him in His kingdom and serve Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness, just as He is risen from the dead, lives and reigns to all eternity. This is most certainly true.**

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**LORD'S PRAYER**

**SERMON HYMN**

*"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"*

LSB 809

**SERMON**

*"A Change of Heart and Mind"*

*Matthew 21:28-32*

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

**Pastor:** As You have promised, Lord, hear Your people when they call, and answer us according to Your mercy. Almighty Father, You take no pleasure in the death of anyone.

**People:** **As John the Baptist once called a people to repentance and faith, so raise up voices within Your Church today to call a world to turn from their sins and live through faith in Christ.**

**Pastor:** Almighty Father, You have given to us the saving name of Jesus. Continue to bless us with faithful pastors who will preach Jesus Christ and His salvation, and bestow upon us faithful church workers who will serve us in Your name.

**People:** **Bless those now preparing for vocations as pastors, deaconesses, teachers, and all other offices as Your Church has established.**

**Pastor:** Almighty Father, Your power continues to uphold all things. Give Your blessing to our president, Congress, governor, and state legislature.

**People:** **Guide all who make, administer, and judge our laws that they be in accord with Your commands and give protection to the unborn, the aged, and the oppressed.**

**Pastor:** Almighty Father, You know our enemies and those whose purpose is set against Yours. Give Your blessing to all who defend our nation here and abroad and to all emergency personnel and disaster workers who come to our aid in time of need.

**People:** **Guide the nations in the paths of peace and deliver us from terror and violence.**

**Pastor:** Almighty Father, You have given us healing, comfort, and peace in Christ, especially in times of illness, affliction, depression, and sorrow. Hear us on behalf of [names, and] all who suffer any need. Grant them grace sufficient to sustain them in their hour of trouble and at last deliver them into the perfect rest of Your eternal presence. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People:** **hear our prayer.**

**Pastor:** *(Special petitions that end in, "Lord, in Your mercy").*

**People:** **Hear our prayer.**

**Pastor:** Almighty Father, You give good gifts to Your people. Keep us from ingratitude and guide us to use the resources entrusted to us for the good of the Kingdom.

**People:** **Accept the tithes and offerings we bring to You this day with the worship of our praise and thanksgiving.**

**Pastor:** Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

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

## OFFERING

**\*\*5:30PM SATURDAY EVENING SERVICE\*\***

**HYMN**

**“As the Deer”**

**CCS 4**

*by Martin Nystrom*

1. As the deer panteth for the water, so my soul longeth after Thee.  
You alone are my heart’s desire,  
and I long to worship Thee. **CHORUS**

**CHORUS:**

**You alone are my strength, my shield;  
To You alone may my spirit yield.  
You alone are my heart’s desire, and I long to worship Thee.**

2. You’re my friend and You are my brother,  
even though You are a King.  
I love You more than any other,  
so much more than anything. **CHORUS**
3. I want You more than gold or silver,  
only You can satisfy.  
You alone are the real joy giver  
and the apple of my eye. **CHORUS**

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**COLLECT OF THE DAY**

Pastor: Let us pray.

**All: O God of life and hope, You have given rescue to sinners in despair of their sins and to those marked for death. Turn our attention to Your mercy that we learn to rejoice in Your good will, that all would be saved and come to the knowledge of Christ our Savior; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

**COLLECT FOR THE WORD**

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**LUTHER’S EVENING PRAYER**

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**NEW TESTAMENT CANTICLE “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”** LSB 805

**BLESSING**

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**CLOSING HYMN**

**“O Bless the Lord, My Soul”**

LSB 814



**\*\*9:00AM SUNDAY SERVICE\*\***

**‡ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT ‡**

**CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION**

**WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

**DISTRIBUTION HYMNS:**

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**HYMN**

**“Let Us Break Bread Together”**

CCS 27

*Written by: Roy Ringwald CCLI#: 896318*

1. Let us break bread together on our knees;  
Let us break bread together on our knees.  
*Refrain:* When I fall down on my knees, With my face to the rising sun,  
O Lord, have mercy on me.
2. Let us drink wine together on our knees;  
Let us drink wine together on our knees. *Refrain.*
3. Let us praise God together on our knees;  
Let us praise God together on our knees. *Refrain.*

**HYMN**

**“Earth and All Stars”**

LSB 817

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**BLESSING**

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**CLOSING HYMN**

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**OUR WORSHIP ASSISTANTS**

**5:30PM WORSHIP**

**Jeff Derksen**  
Elder  
**Sarah Peterson**  
Organist

**9:00AM WORSHIP**

**Rick Melius**  
Elder  
**Cailey Van Ruler**  
**James Peterson**  
Acolytes  
**Sarah Peterson**  
Organist

**Mike Beyer**  
Congregational Chairman  
**Rick Melius**  
Head Elder