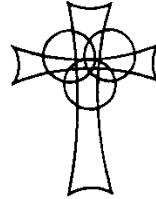


" Which of the two  
did the will of  
his father?"

Matthew 21:31, NRSV



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**Seventeenth Sunday After Pentecost**

**September 27, 2020**

***WELCOME TO WORSHIP!!!***

In the Name of Jesus Christ, Welcome! As the seasons change and time continues to run its appointed course, people are always confronted with how change-filled our lives can be. The Pastor and People of Trinity are happy that you have come to worship with us this morning and to receive strength for daily life and living through God's holy Word and Sacraments. We hope and pray that as you go back into the change-filled world we live in, the changeless Christ that we proclaim in this place will go with you.

***A PRAYER AS WE GATHER***

God of love, Giver of life, You know our frailties and failings. Give us Your grace to overcome them, keep us from those things that harm us, and guide us in the way of salvation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.



## The Divine Service of Word and Sacrament

*Divine Service, Setting Two  
Lutheran Service Book, Page 167ff*

✠ *In the Name of Jesus Christ* ✠

### ✠ **The Preparation** ✠

The Prelude

“Come, Let Us Join Our Cheerful Songs”

The Words of Welcome

*The Congregation rises.*

The Opening Hymn

*Lutheran Service Book Hymn # 812*

“Come, Let Us Join Our Cheerful Songs”

- 1** Come, let us join our cheerful songs  
With angels round the throne;  
Ten thousand thousand are their tongues,  
But all their joys are one.
- 2** “Worthy the Lamb that died,” they cry,  
“To be exalted thus!”  
“Worthy the Lamb,” our lips reply,  
“For He was slain for us!”
- 3** Jesus is worthy to receive  
Honor and pow’r divine;  
And blessings more than we can give  
Be, Lord, forever Thine.
- 4** Let all creation join in one  
To bless the sacred name  
Of Him who sits upon the throne  
And to adore the Lamb.

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The Invocation:

*The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.*

- P** In the Name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**C** Amen.

The Confession of Sins:

- P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.  
**C** **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

*Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.*

- P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.  
**C** **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy Name. Amen.**
- P** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the Name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**C** **Amen.**

✠ **The Service of the Word** ✠

The Introit of the Day

*Psalm 147:1-5; antiphon: verse 6*

- P** The LORD lifts up the humble;  
he casts the wicked to the ground.  
**C** **Praise the LORD! For it is good to sing praises to our God;  
for it is pleasant, and a song of praise is fitting.**
- P** The LORD builds up Jerusalem;  
he gathers the outcasts of Israel.  
**C** **He heals the brokenhearted  
and binds up their wounds.**
- P** He determines the number of the stars;  
he gives to all of them their names.  
**C** **Great is our Lord, and abundant in power;  
his understanding is beyond measure.**
- C** **Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**
- P** The LORD lifts up the humble;  
he casts the wicked to the ground.

**A** Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to His peo-ple on earth.

**C** Lord God, heav - en - ly king, al - might - y God and  
 Fa - ther: We wor - ship You, we give You thanks, we  
 praise You for Your glo - ry. Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly  
 Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God: You  
 take a-way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on  
 us. You are seat - ed at the right hand of the  
 Fa-ther; re - ceive our prayer. For You a-lone are the  
 Ho - ly One, You a-lone are the Lord, You a-  
 lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it,  
 in the glo - ry of God the Fa-ther. A - men.

The Salutation and Collect of the Day:



**P** The Lord be with you.



**C** And al - so with you.

**P** Let us pray.

Almighty God, You exalted Your Son to the place of all honor and authority. Enlighten our minds by Your Holy Spirit that, confessing Jesus as Lord, we may be led into all truth; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



**C** A - men.

*The Congregation is seated.*

The Old Testament Reading

*Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32*

<sup>1</sup>The word of the LORD came to me: <sup>2</sup>“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’? <sup>3</sup>As I live, declares the Lord GOD, this proverb shall no more be used by you in Israel. <sup>4</sup>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. ...

<sup>25</sup>“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? <sup>26</sup>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. <sup>27</sup>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. <sup>28</sup>Because he considered and turned away from all the transgressions that he had committed, he shall surely live; he shall not die. <sup>29</sup>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?

<sup>30</sup>“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. <sup>31</sup>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? <sup>32</sup>For I have no pleasure in the death of anyone, declares the Lord GOD; so turn, and live.”

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

<sup>1</sup>If there is any encouragement in Christ, any comfort from love, any participation in the Spirit, any affection and sympathy, <sup>2</sup>complete my joy by being of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. <sup>3</sup>Do nothing from rivalry or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. <sup>4</sup>Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others. . . .

<sup>14</sup>Do all things without grumbling or questioning, <sup>15</sup>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, <sup>16</sup>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. <sup>17</sup>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. <sup>18</sup>Likewise you also should be glad and rejoice with me.

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

*The Congregation rises.*

The Gradual and Verse

*Psalms 91:11; 103:1; John 10:27*

**P** He will command his angels concerning you  
to guard you in all your ways.

**C** **Bless the LORD, O my soul,  
and all that is within me, bless his holy name!**

**P** Alleluia. My sheep hear My voice, says the Lord;

**C** **I know them, and they follow Me. Alleluia.**

The Holy Gospel

*Matthew 21:23-32*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-first chapter.

**C** **Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>23</sup>When [Jesus] 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?” <sup>24</sup>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. <sup>25</sup>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?’ <sup>26</sup>But if we say, ‘From man,’ we are afraid of the crowd, for they all hold that John was a prophet.” <sup>27</sup>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.

<sup>28</sup>“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.’ <sup>29</sup>And he answered, ‘I will not,’ but afterward he changed his mind and went. <sup>30</sup>And he went to the other son and said the same. And he answered, ‘I go, sir,’ but did not go. <sup>31</sup>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. <sup>32</sup>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.”

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** Praise to You, O Christ.

*The Congregation is seated.*

The Hymn of the Day

*Lutheran Service Book Hymn # 611*

“Chief of Sinners Though I Be”

- 1 Chief of sinners though I be,  
Jesus shed His blood for me,  
Died that I might live on high,  
Lives that I might never die.  
As the branch is to the vine,  
I am His, and He is mine.**
- 2 Oh, the height of Jesus’ love,  
Higher than the heav’ns above,  
Deeper than the depths of sea,  
Lasting as eternity!  
Love that found me—wondrous thought!  
Found me when I sought Him not.**
- 3 Only Jesus can impart  
Balm to heal the wounded heart,  
Peace that flows from sin forgiv’n,  
Joy that lifts the soul to heav’n,  
Faith and hope to walk with God  
In the way that Enoch trod.**

*The Hymn continues on the next page...*

- 4 Chief of sinners though I be,  
Christ is all in all to me;  
All my wants to Him are known,  
All my sorrows are His own.  
He sustains the hidden life  
Safe with Him from earthly strife.**
- 5 O my Savior, help afford  
By Your Spirit and Your Word!  
When my wayward heart would stray,  
Keep me in the narrow way;  
Grace in time of need supply  
While I live and when I die.**

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The Sermon

Do the Right Thing

*The Congregation rises.*

The Nicene Creed:

- ☩ I believe in one God,  
the Father Almighty,  
Maker of heaven and earth  
and of all things visible and invisible.  
And in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the only-begotten Son of God,  
begotten of His Father before all worlds,  
God of God, Light of Light,  
very God of very God,  
begotten, not made,  
being of one substance with the Father,  
by whom all things were made;  
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven  
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary  
and was made man;  
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.  
He suffered and was buried.  
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures  
and ascended into heaven  
and sits at the right hand of the Father.  
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,  
whose kingdom will have no end.**



**And I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord and Giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,  
who spoke by the prophets.  
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,  
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,  
and I look for the resurrection of the dead  
and the life † of the world to come. Amen.**

#### The Prayer of the Church

- P** Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.
- P** Almighty God, You invite us to die to sin each day through our Baptism and to rise to new life with You, through Your life-giving Son and Spirit. Knowing that You desire the repentance and conversion of all, cause us to rejoice in Your gifts and testify to Your goodness that welcomes every outcast and sinner into Your kingdom for the sake of Jesus. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Almighty God, as You watch over Your Church and all Christians with Your holy angels, continue to guard us from all evil, that no affliction or temptation would cause us to depart from the places where You deliver Your gifts of faith and forgiveness: the altars, fonts and pulpits where You make and keep us Your own. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Almighty God, by Your mercy lavished upon us in Holy Baptism, You have made us Your children. Because You desire to draw all people to Yourself eternally through Your Word and Sacraments, use us, Your children, as lights in the world to cause others to see our hope and good works and desire to know You, our merciful Father. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Almighty God, Your Word is near to the hearts of Your people. Grant them courage that they may faithfully speak the Gospel before the world and that those who hear may confess Jesus Christ and be saved. Remember our brothers and sisters who endure persecution for the Name of Christ, and strengthen them for a bold witness. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Almighty God, all authority that exists derives from You. Bless those whom You have placed into positions of public authority, that by their good works they might bring about justice, defend the helpless, punish evildoers and provide for the welfare of all people. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**

- P** Almighty God, Your Son humbled Himself to the point of shameful death on the cross for our eternal good. Until the day of His return, You provide for all our needs of body and soul. In mercy, abide with those who suffer afflictions of mind or body, who suffer pain, sorrow, depression, anxiety or other maladies. Remember [*especially* \_\_\_\_\_ *and*] all who have requested our prayers. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Almighty God, as Your Son rested in the grave until His glorious resurrection from the dead, and as He is now the repose of the blessed dead who died trusting in Him for forgiveness of sins, give comfort to those who mourn, *especially to* \_\_\_\_\_. Keep them confident of the covenant You make with us in the waters of Holy Baptism. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Almighty God, accept our grateful thanks for all Your goodness to us. Especially we praise You for the joy You have brought into the lives of \_\_\_\_\_. Teach us to treasure Your blessings and open our mouths to speak about Your constant care in our lives. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Almighty God, You care for every child of Your creating. Hear the prayers of Your children for all of the needs and concerns we have, especially for \_\_\_\_\_, as well as the requests of those who have asked for our prayers, which we present to You from the things unspoken and hidden in our hearts.... And we pray You to hear and accept our prayers, granting us all things that seem best for us according to Your good and gracious will. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Almighty God, You have given Jesus the Name that is above all other names, at which we bow the knee and confess that He is our Lord and God. At His Supper, give us reverent devotion and inspire in us true worship of Him who comes humbly — hidden beneath the forms of bread and wine — to give us His Body and Blood for our forgiveness, life and salvation. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Almighty God, You are the Giver of life. We praise You for the lives of Your faithful who lived and died with faith and trust in You. Give us the same grace to live our lives with our eyes firmly fixed on You that we too may come to be in that place where with all Your saints we will behold You face to face. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- 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.**

The Sharing of the Peace:

**P** “Where two or three are gathered together in My Name,” says the Lord, “there am I in the midst of them.”

The Peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C** **And also with you.**

*The Congregation is seated.*

**✠ The Service of the Sacrament ✠**

The Hymn of Preparation

*Lutheran Service Book Hymn # 636*

“Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness”

- 1** **Soul, adorn yourself with gladness,  
Leave the gloomy haunts of sadness,  
Come into the daylight’s splendor,  
There with joy your praises render.  
Bless the One whose grace unbounded  
This amazing banquet founded;  
He, though heav’nly, high, and holy,  
Deigns to dwell with you most lowly.**
  
- 2** **Hasten as a bride to meet Him,  
And with loving rev’rence greet Him.  
For with words of life immortal  
He is knocking at your portal.  
Open wide the gates before Him,  
Saying, as you there adore Him:  
Grant, Lord, that I now receive You,  
That I nevermore will leave You.**
  
- 3** **He who craves a precious treasure  
Neither cost nor pain will measure;  
But the priceless gifts of heaven  
God to us has freely given.  
Though the wealth of earth were proffered,  
None could buy the gifts here offered:  
Christ’s true body, for you riven,  
And His blood, for you once given.**

*The Hymn continues on the next page...*



**4 Now in faith I humbly ponder  
 Over this surpassing wonder  
 That the bread of life is boundless  
 Though the souls it feeds are countless:  
 With the choicest wine of heaven  
 Christ's own blood to us is given.  
 Oh, most glorious consolation,  
 Pledge and seal of my salvation!**

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*The Congregation rises.*

The Preface Dialogue:

**P** The Lord be with you.



**C** And al-so with you.

**P** Lift up your hearts.



**C** We lift them to the Lord.

**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



**C** It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

**P** It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who on this day overcame death and the grave and by His glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious Name, evermore praising You and saying:



The *Sanctus*:

**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of  
pow'r and might: Heav'n and earth are full of Your  
glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.  
Bless - ed is He who comes in the name  
of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The Prayer of Thanksgiving:

- P** Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

- C** Amen.

The Lord's Prayer:

- P** Lord, remember us in Your kingdom, and teach us to pray:  
**C** **Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy Name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

The Words of Our Lord:

- P** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: “Take, eat; this is My ✠ Body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me.”  
In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: “Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠ Blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

The *Pax Domini*:

- P** The Peace of the Lord be with you always.



**C** A - men.

The *Agnus Dei*:



**C** Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the world;



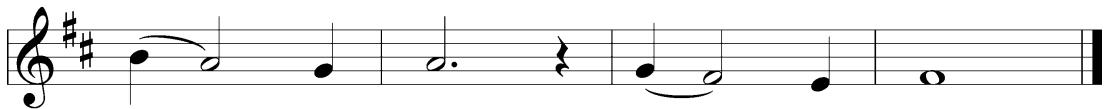
have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a - way the



sin of the world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of



God, You take a - way the sin of the world;



grant us peace, grant us peace.

*The Congregation is seated.*

## The Distribution of Holy Communion:

*Lutherans believe that in this Sacrament the very Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ are present in, with, and under the physical elements of bread and wine. And this Sacrament is distributed to the Baptized of the Church who believe in the Presence of Christ in the Sacrament, sincerely repent of their sins, and desire to receive God's forgiveness in this Holy Meal. Those who are present at this celebration who are baptized, have been instructed in the meaning of this Supper, and believe likewise are welcome to commune with us at this Altar today.*

*Holy Communion is distributed to the congregation in a continuous manner in front of the altar. Please follow the direction of the ushers to make your way to the Altar. The Sacrament is distributed in the following way...Please extend your hand to the Pastor to receive the Body of Christ. Christ's Blood is then received from individual cups from the assistant (wine and white grape juice are available). After receiving, please place your empty cup into the tray at the end of the communion rail and return to your seat by way of the side aisle. Children and those not wishing to receive the Sacrament are welcome to come forward to receive a blessing from the Pastor.*

*After all have communed, the Pastor continues:*

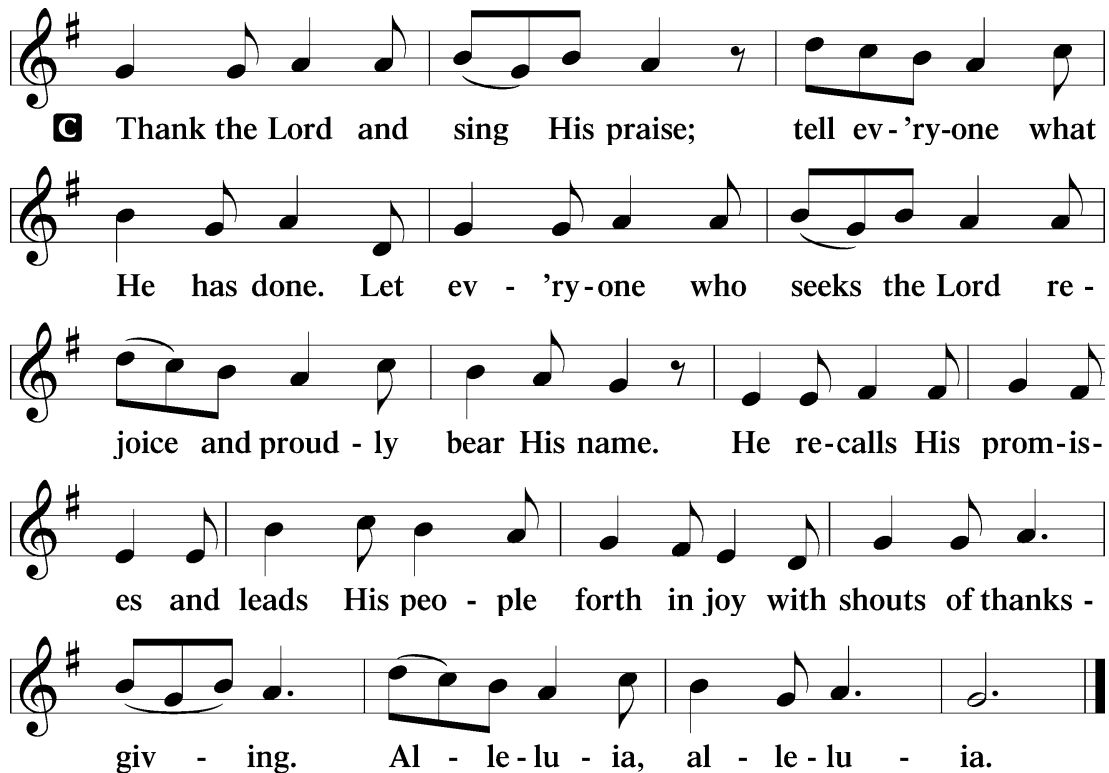
## The Eucharistic Blessing:

- P** The Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart ✠ in peace.
- C** Amen.

*The Congregation rises.*

## The Post-Communion Canticle:

*Thank the Lord*



**C** Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev-'ry-one what  
He has done. Let ev - 'ry-one who seeks the Lord re -  
joice and proud - ly bear His name. He re-calls His prom-is-  
es and leads His peo - ple forth in joy with shouts of thanks -  
giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

The Post-Communion Collect:

**P** Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

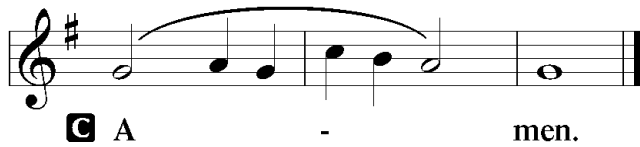


The Benediction:

**P** The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.



The Hymn to Depart

*Lutheran Service Book Hymn # 854*

“Forth in Thy Name, O Lord, I Go”

- 1** Forth in Thy name, O Lord, I go,  
My daily labor to pursue,  
Thee, only Thee, resolved to know  
In all I think or speak or do.
- 2** The task Thy wisdom has assigned,  
O let me cheerfully fulfill;  
In all my works Thy presence find,  
And prove Thy good and perfect will.
- 3** Thee may I set at my right hand,  
Whose eyes my inmost substance see,  
And labor on at Thy command,  
And offer all my works to Thee.
- 4** Give me to bear Thine easy yoke,  
And ev’ry moment watch and pray,  
And still to things eternal look,  
And hasten to Thy glorious day.

*The Hymn continues on the next page...*



**5 For Thee delightfully employ  
Whate'er Thy bounteous grace has giv'n,  
And run my course with even joy,  
And closely walk with Thee to heav'n.**

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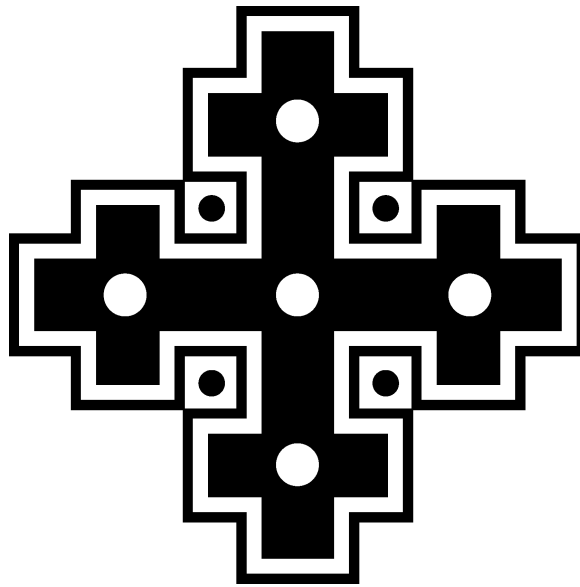
The Silent Worship

The Parish Announcements

The Postlude

“Forth in Thy Name, O Lord, I Go”

✠ *To God All Praise and Glory!* ✠



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## NOTES AND NEWS

The flowers on the altar are presented to the Glory of God by Sylvia Royal in honor of Brant McNear's birthday.

*PORTALS OF PRAYER...* The October – December 2020 Portals of Prayer are available on the literature table in the back of the sanctuary.

*PERSONAL SCRIPTURE STUDY ...* Even though we will be taking our study opportunities on a summer break doesn't mean that you can't continue to be "in the Word" on your own. Pastor has provided parts of our Bible Study guide, "A Longer Look at the Lessons", for your use during the month of September. These materials are posted on the church website, and can be found at: <http://tlcmr.org/our-ministries/christian-education/online-bible-study-materials/> (The link can also be accessed off of our church website home page.)

*THE LUTHERAN HOUR...* New Series "Households of Faith". Listen to the Lutheran Hour next Sunday, September 27, 2020, for this message by Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. Jason Broge, "Room at the Table", on WMZQ 98.7 FM at 7:00 AM or on Sundays at 1:30 PM and 6:30 PM on WFX 1220 AM. If you are out of the radio station's range you may listen on line to WFX worldwide at WFX.com.

*LUTHERAN WITNESS SUBSCRIPTIONS...* It is that time again when you need to renew your subscription to *The Lutheran Witness* or to become a new subscriber. The current rate for 2021 is **\$12.95** per subscription. The Lutheran Witness has timely, informative articles about the faith life of fellow Missouri Synod Lutherans. If you wish to renew or subscribe, please make your check payable to Trinity Lutheran Church with the notation, Lutheran Witness, and place them in the offering plate. Deadline for ordering is October 18<sup>th</sup>.

*OUR PRAYER LIST ...* The weekly "O Christ, Hear Us" page in the bulletin is a listing of those we remember in prayer during worship at Trinity and for whom you are invited to pray for in your own personal prayers during the week. In the version of the weekly bulletin that is published online, we only list the persons we are praying for by their first names because of privacy concerns and laws, while we continue to lift them up by full name in our spoken prayers. Pastor continues to keep the list current and invites you to send him by email any new prayer requests, or to let him know of any changes or deletions which need to be made. The "full text" version of the Prayer List, as it would ordinarily be found in the bulletin, can be made available to Trinity members who request one by sending an email to Pastor.

*ALTAR FLOWERS ...* If you had scheduled a Sunday to donate Altar Flowers during the time when we were away from our church building, and have already paid for them in advance, we would like to still honor your gift by purchasing those flowers for a Sunday service now that we've returned. Please let the church office know which Sunday you would like to sponsor. We also welcome other donors for other available Sundays as well. If you have any questions, please contact Rona by calling the church office or by email ([trinity-elc-office@verizon.net](mailto:trinity-elc-office@verizon.net)).

*MIDWEEK BIBLE STUDY ...* This Wednesday at 4:00 PM, Pastor will be livestreaming Devotions and Bible Study from Trinity on Facebook Live. You are welcome to join him either live or by viewing the archived video available on the church Facebook Page. We will revisit our “delivery” of this study opportunity over the coming weeks so that we can be responsive in the best way to our members and friends.

Our opening study for this year will be on the Book of Ecclesiastes. In these days when many are looking for wisdom, we will look at this part of the wisdom literature of the Old Testament to gain insight into God’s wisdom and how we might apply it to our own life and living. We hope that you will join us!

*FROM YOUR CHURCH’S PUBLISHER ...* Concordia Publishing House is assisting congregations and their members with materials to help sustain us spiritually during this time of quarantine that many find ourselves in. Please visit [www.cph.org](http://www.cph.org) and check out the new and free content available on their homepage which contains many free resources for devotion, learning, and worship.

*COMPASSION CENTER NEWS...* Plans have been made for the opening of our Compassion Center, beginning on September 14<sup>th</sup>. Please see the full page announcement in the bulletin for more information. Thank you all for your help and support and prayers during this time and as we move forward to continue to help our clients as we resume our food and clothing ministry for them.

Elma Pervaiz, Coordinator, LMS Compassion Center, Hyattsville, MD

*FOOD DISTRIBUTION ...* As we move towards the reopening of the Compassion Center, Trinity and Redeemer have chosen to continue our food distribution ministry through September. We will be offering food on Saturdays, September 12<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>, and 26<sup>th</sup>, from 10 AM to Noon at the center with limited contact between workers and clients.

In an effort to keep the cupboards full at the Compassion Center during this time of great need in our community we will be collecting food on the 1st and 3rd Sunday of this month from 12-2 at the Compassion Center. All non-perishable foods are welcome, and especially needed items include:

Peanut Butter; Pasta; Pasta Sauce; Macaroni & Cheese; Canned Tuna and Chicken;  
Canned Fruit; Soup.

There is also a need for diapers, especially sizes 4, 5, and 6.

Donations can also be left at church, and we will make sure that it is delivered to the Compassion Center. Thank you for your loving and generous support.

*PREPARING FOR NEXT SUNDAY ...*

The Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost, October 4, 2020

Scripture Readings: Isaiah 5:1-7; Philippians 3:4b-14; Matthew 21:33-46



## **Hyattsville Compassion Center**

*A shared ministry of  
Redeemer & Trinity Congregations  
and the Lutheran Mission Society*

**Ms. Elma Pervaiz, Center Coordinator**  
**Center Phone Number: 301-277-2302, ext. 23**

*We are happy to announce that our Compassion Center has reopened!*

Our operating hours will be:

**Monday: 10 AM – 4 PM**

**Tuesday: 10 AM – 4 PM**

**Wednesday: 10 AM – 2 PM**

Food and Clothing Ministry is available by appointment  
during the center's open hours.

Please call Elma to make arrangements for us to assist you.

The thrift center will be open during our operating hours  
with the following safety guidelines:

- Masks must be worn at all times
- Please observe social distancing
- Number of persons in the center at a time will be limited

In-Kind Donations for the thrift center are limited at this time  
owing to reduced staffing at the center.

If you have donations, please contact Elma at the center  
before bringing your items during center hours.

## **Trinity Stay-Safe Rules**

- ❖ If you are sick, PLEASE STAY HOME, and please get under a doctor's care.
- ❖ If you are over 65 or immunocompromised, please be careful, follow the rules here at church, or feel free to stay home with God's blessing and ours. (We'll be here when you are ready to come back to worship.)
- ❖ While in the church building, please wear a mask as much as possible for the sake of your neighbors.
- ❖ Please spread out in church in order to do the recommended distancing (six feet). In addition to the pews in the nave, you may also be seated in the balcony or church overflow. Of course, families who reside together may sit together.
- ❖ Wash your hands often. 20 seconds with soap and water. Hand sanitizer is available for you to use as well. Try not to touch your face.
- ❖ Cough and sneeze into a tissue or into your elbow.
- ❖ Please, no handshaking. Use an elbow bump or wave for now.
- ❖ Limit your socializing indoors after the service; or better yet, use distanced visiting with one another outside.
- ❖ All Worship materials are printed for each service. As we will not be reusing them, please take them home with you to recycle.
- ❖ Offerings will not be collected during the service. Please place your offering in the basket on the table in the rear of the nave, or continue to mail in your offering to the church office.
- ❖ Holy Communion will be distributed in a continuous fashion using individual wafers and cups. Please follow the direction of the usher to go forward and receive the Sacrament, and please keep a distance in line between persons.

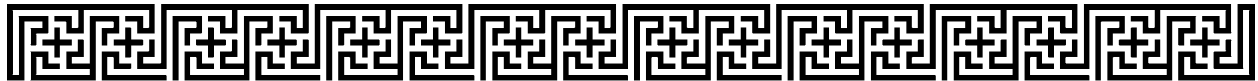
**PARISH CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 27 – OCTOBER 4**  
*May Be Subject to Change*

<b>Today</b>	<i>The Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost</i>	
	9:30 AM	Worship Service with Holy Communion (at church in person and via Facebook Live)
<b>Monday</b>	10:00 AM – 4:00 PM	Compassion Center Open
<b>Tuesday</b>	9 AM—Noon	Church Office Open
	10:00 AM – 4:00 PM	Compassion Center Open
<b>Wednesday</b>	10:00 AM – 2:00 PM	Compassion Center Open
	4:00 PM	Midweek Devotions and Bible Study (via Facebook Live)
<b>Thursday</b>	9 AM—Noon	Church Office Open
<b>Next Sunday</b>	<i>The Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost</i>	
	9:30 AM	Worship Service with Holy Communion (at church in person and via Facebook Live)

**CHURCH STATISTICS**

Sunday, September 20, 2020

Worship Attendance: 21; Communed: 18.



✠ O Christ, Hear Us! ✠

Intercessions for the Week of September 27, 2020

**Prayers for Continued Healing and Help**

*For Members of Our Trinity Family:*

John, Diane, Julie & Kenny, Elizabeth, Joseph, Diane, Evelyn, Waymond, Alan, August, Clara, David, Robert, Ernie, Paul, Sylvia, Angela, Priscilla, and David, Sr.

*For Those Who Have Asked of Our Prayers:*

Luke, grandson of Charlie & Jean; John, relative of Pastor; Dina, niece of Sylvia; Betty, mother of Helen; Susan, relative of Gus & Betty; Joe, friend of Cullen; Britnany, niece of Lynda; Juliet, mother of Ras-I; Kristie, co-worker of Joyce; Giovanna, co-worker of Joyce; Linda, daughter of Gus & Betty; Sue, co-worker of Joyce; Rosemary, sister-in-law of Sylvia; Nicole & daughter, Anya, co-worker of Joyce; Eric, homeless; Mary, cousin of Pastor; Alan, cousin of Kim; Danielle, neighbor of Kim; Shirley, aunt of Kim; Eric, son of Sylvia; Lisa, neighbor of Peter & Kim; Dennis & Caron, former Concordia Teachers; Tasha, and her son Layton, friends of Kristina; Bill, brother of Peter

All those affected by or who are in fear of the Coronavirus Outbreak.

For our Medical Community, First Responders, and other Workers who aid us in this time.

**Thanksgivings and Blessings**

Brant McNear, who celebrates his birthday this week.

David & Joyce Varona, and William & Claudette Mayes, who celebrate their wedding anniversaries this week.

**Those Who Mourn**

The Family of Charles Garrett, uncle of Peter Schiebel, who passed away September 21<sup>st</sup>.

**We Keep In Our Prayers**

- ✠ Our Trinity family, our ministries, and our mission.
- ✠ For Pastor Gugssa Biru and the people of the Ethiopian Evangelical Church Mekane Yesus in Maryland
- ✠ For the Lord to continue to move the hearts of our Trinity members to a deeper realization of our part in His mission to the world and to be *Ablaze!* with a desire to tell the Good News about Jesus with those whom we come into contact in our lives.
- ✠ For Elma Pervaiz, our Center Coordinator, and for the work of our Compassion Center.
- ✠ Our government leaders, and for the members of our armed forces.
- ✠ For peace and justice among the residents of our nation's cities and towns where there is unrest from fear and distrust.
- ✠ For all those still affected and recovering from the effects of natural disasters.
- ✠ For our brothers and sisters in Christ who suffer persecution for the faith and Name of Jesus, even to the point of the shedding of their blood.
- ✠ Prayers for peace in our world, especially in those places that are affected by war, oppression, or by acts of terror, and for those who find themselves in harm's way in the war on terrorism.
- ✠ All those we know who are sick, who grieve, and who are in any need of prayer.