



Seventeenth Sunday After Pentecost
September 24, 2023

With One Voice – Service of the Word & Prayer
and *Lutheran Book of Worship* – Setting Two

GOD GATHERS US AS HIS HOLY PEOPLE

HYMNS TODAY: 543, 381, & 259

WELCOME! We are glad to have you join us for worship today.

PRELUDE & ANNOUNCEMENTS

In remembrance of Baptism, you may sign a cross on your chest or forehead.

We gather to worship the One true God – the Father, the + Son, and the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS (WOV pp. 49-50)

Build yourselves up on your most holy faith;

pray in the Holy Spirit

Jude 20

Keep yourselves in the love of God;

look forward to the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Jude 21

If anyone is in Christ, he or she is a new creation:

Everything old has passed away;

behold everything has become new!

2 Corinthians 5:17

God has given us the ministry of reconciliation.

Therefore, let us be reconciled to God and to one another.

We keep silence for self-reflection and examination.

Gracious God,

have mercy on us. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone. Uphold us by your Spirit so that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Almighty God has mercy on you, forgives you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthens you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit, keeps you in eternal life. **Amen.**

OFFERING OF PEACE (WOV p. 50)

Sisters and brothers, rejoice!

Mend your ways, encourage one another, agree with one another, live in peace. *2 Corinthians 13:11*

The peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you.**

John 20:19-21

Having been reconciled to God in Christ, we share His peace with others.

GATHERING HYMN: “Praise to the Lord, the Almighty” (LBW #543)

AFFIRMATION OF PURPOSE

Matthew 28:18-20, 22:36-39; Mark 12:30-31

We are Joy Mission Church, missionary-disciples of Jesus Christ.
We love God, love neighbor, and serve with joy in Jesus' name.

APOSTOLIC GREETING (LBW p. 78)

2 Corinthians 13:14

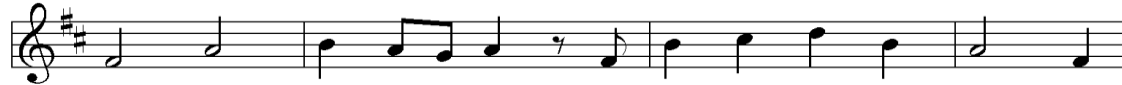
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

HYMN OF PRAISE (LBW pp. 79-80)

Luke 2:9-11, 13-14



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



B 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,

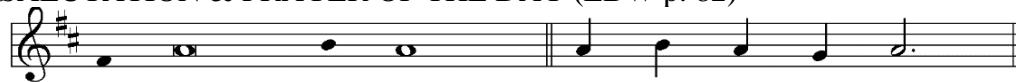


you a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it,



in the glo-ry of God the Fa-ther. A-men

SALUTATION & PRAYER OF THE DAY (LBW p. 82)



A The Lord be with you. **B** And al- so with you.

Ruth 2:4

Let us pray together: **Direct our hearts, O Lord, by your merciful reign, because without your help it is impossible to please you. Grant this, we pray, through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

Please be seated.

GOD SPEAKS TO US IN HIS WORD

FIRST READING: Isaiah 55:6-9

⁶“Seek the Lord while he may be found; call upon him while he is near; ⁷let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; let him return to the Lord, that he may have compassion on him, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. ⁸For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, declares the Lord. ⁹For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.”

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 27:1-13* *Sung responsively between cantor and congregation. (Tone #9)*

¹The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom then | shall I fear?*

the Lord is the strength of my life; of whom then shall I | be afraid?

²**When evildoers came upon me to eat | up my flesh,***

it was they, my foes and my adversaries, who stum- | bled and fell.

³Though an army should en- | camp against me,*

yet my heart shall not | be afraid;

⁴**And though war should rise | up against me,***

yet will I put my | trust in him.

⁵One thing have I asked of the Lord; one | thing I seek;*

that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days | of my life;

⁶**To behold the fair beauty | of the Lord ***

and to seek him | in his temple.

⁷For in the day of trouble he shall keep me safe | in his shelter;*

he shall hide me in the secrecy of his dwelling and set me high up- | on a rock.

⁸**Even now he lifts | up my head***

above my enemies | round about me.

⁹Therefore I will offer in his dwelling an oblation with sounds | of great gladness;*

I will sing and make music | to the Lord.

¹⁰**Hearken to my voice, O Lord, | when I call; ***

have mercy on me and | answer me.

¹¹You speak in my heart and say, | “Seek my face.” *

Your face, Lord, | will I seek.

¹²**Hide not your | face from me, ***

nor turn away your servant | in displeasure.

¹³You have been my helper; cast me | not away; *

do not forsake me, O God of | my salvation.

SECOND READING: Philippians 1:12-14, 19-30

¹²I want you to know, brothers, that what has happened to me has really served to advance the gospel, ¹³so that it has become known throughout the whole imperial guard and to all the rest that my imprisonment is for Christ. ¹⁴And most of the brothers, having become confident in the Lord by my imprisonment, are much more bold to speak the word without fear. ¹⁹... {F} or I know that through your prayers and the help of the Spirit of Jesus Christ this will turn out for my deliverance, ²⁰as it is my eager expectation and hope that I will not be at all ashamed, but that with full courage now as always Christ will be honored in my body, whether by life or by death. ²¹For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain. ²²If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me. Yet which I shall choose I cannot tell. ²³I am hard pressed between the two. My desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better. ²⁴But to remain in the flesh is more necessary on your account. ²⁵Convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with you all, for your progress and joy in the faith, ²⁶so that in me you may have ample cause to glory in Christ Jesus, because of my coming to you again. ²⁷Only let your manner of life be worthy of the gospel of Christ,...

so that whether I come and see you or am absent, I may hear of you that you are standing firm in one spirit, with one mind striving side by side for the faith of the gospel,²⁸ and not frightened in anything by your opponents. This is a clear sign to them of their destruction, but of your salvation, and that from God.²⁹ For it has been granted to you that for the sake of Christ you should not only believe in him but also suffer for his sake,³⁰ engaged in the same conflict that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand as you are able.

VERSE (LBW p. 83)

John 6:68

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?
You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

GOSPEL ANNUNCIATION (LBW p. 83)

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew the twentieth chapter.

Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL READING: Matthew 20:1-16

¹{Jesus said,} ‘For the kingdom of heaven is like a master of a house who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. ²After agreeing with the laborers for a denarius a day, he sent them into his vineyard. ³And going out about the third hour he saw others standing idle in the marketplace, ⁴and to them he said, ‘You go into the vineyard too, and whatever is right I will give you.’ ⁵So they went. Going out again about the sixth hour and the ninth hour, he did the same. ⁶And about the eleventh hour he went out and found others standing. And he said to them, ‘Why do you stand here idle all day?’ ⁷They said to him, ‘Because no one has hired us.’ He said to them, ‘You go into the vineyard too.’ ⁸And when evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his foreman, ‘Call the laborers and pay them their wages, beginning with the last, up to the first.’ ⁹And when those hired about the eleventh hour came, each of them received a denarius. ¹⁰Now when those hired first came, they thought they would receive more, but each of them also received a denarius. ¹¹And on receiving it they grumbled at the master of the house, ¹²saying, ‘These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.’ ¹³But he replied to one of them, ‘Friend, I am doing you no wrong. Did you not agree with me for a denarius? ¹⁴Take what belongs to you and go. I choose to give to this last worker as I give to you. ¹⁵Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or do you begrudge my generosity?’ ¹⁶So the last will be first, and the first last.”

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

GOSPEL RESPONSE (LBW p. 83)

Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

SERMON

GOD INVITES US TO RESPOND IN FAITH

Please stand as you are able.

HYMN OF THE DAY: “Hark, the Voice of Jesus Calling” (LBW #381)

APOSTLES’ CREED (LBW p. 85, WOV p. 49)

In Christ you have heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation.

We believe in him and are marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit. *Ephesians 1:13-14*

Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

Genesis 1-2; John 3:16; Luke 2; Acts 2

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended into hell.

On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the holy catholic Church,

the communion of saints,

the forgiveness of sins,

the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

INTERCESSORY PRAYERS (WOV p. 52)

As God’s people called to love one another,

let us pray for the needs of the Church, the world, and all who are in need.

Each petition ends with these words: Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

The prayers conclude with these words: All of these things and whatever else you see that we need, grant us, O God, for the sake of Christ who died and rose again, and now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. **Amen.**

OFFERING OF TITHES & ADDITIONAL GIFTS with SPECIAL MUSIC as available.

We offer our time, talents, and treasure in gratitude for all of the blessings God has given us.

Please stand as you are able.

OFFERTORY HYMN (LBW p. 86)



Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of



bless-ing. Gath-er a har-vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be



fed with the bread of life. Gath-er the hopes and dreams of all; u -



nite them with the prayers we of - fer. Grace our ta - ble with your
pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

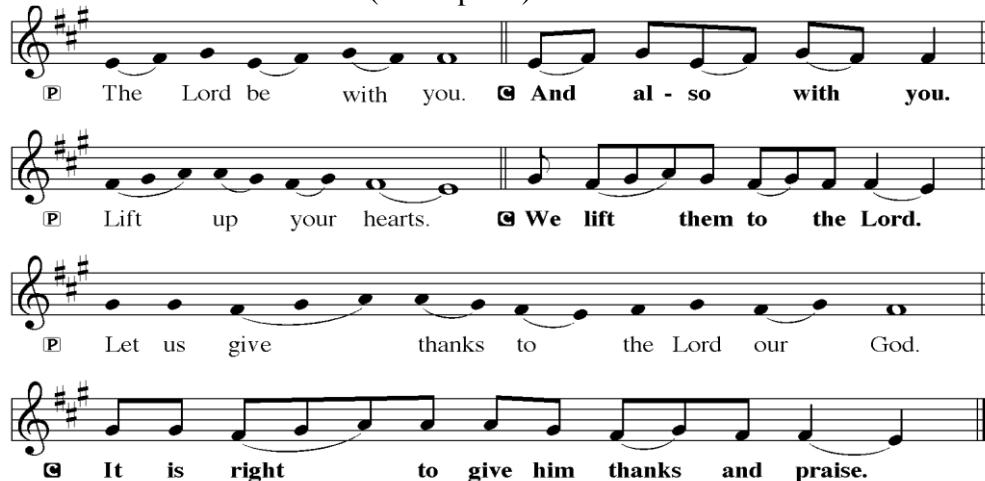
OFFERTORY PRAYER (WOV p. 51)

Let us pray.

God, our Creator, **you open wide your hand and satisfy the desire of every living creature. With these gifts we bless you for your tender nurture and care. Help us to delight in your will and walk in your ways, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Psalm 145:16

GREAT THANKSGIVING (LBW p. 88)



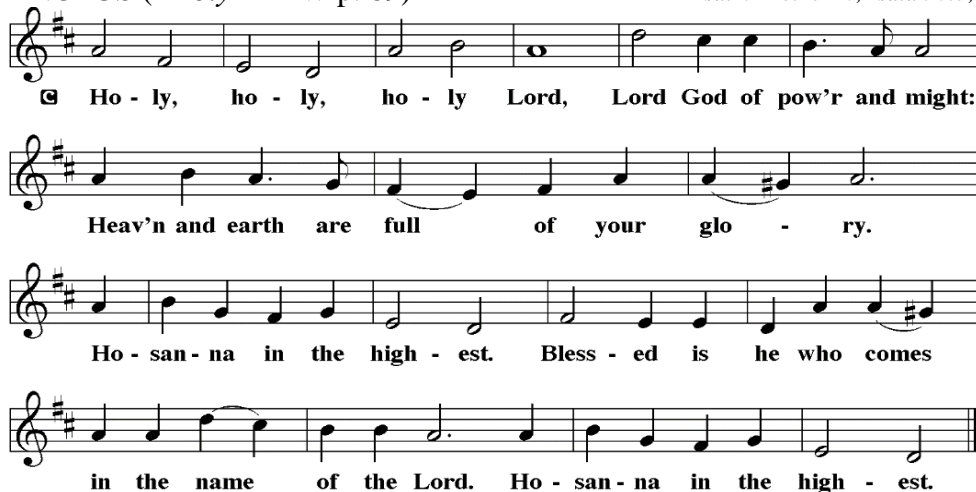
☩ The Lord be with you. ☩ And al - so with you.
☩ Lift up your hearts. ☩ We lift them to the Lord.
☩ Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
☩ It is right to give him thanks and praise.

PREFACE (LBW p. 88) *Sung or spoken by the pastor.*

It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, Holy Father, through Christ our Lord; who on this day overcame death in the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS ("Holy" LBW p. 89)

Psalm 118:25-26; Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9; Mark 11:9



☩ 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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION (LBW p. 90) *1 Corinthians 11:23-26; Matt. 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24; Luke 22:19-20*

Blessed are you, Lord of heaven and earth.

In mercy for our fallen world you gave your only Son,

that all those who believe in him should not perish, but have eternal life.

We give thanks to you for the salvation you have prepared for us through Jesus Christ.

Send now your Holy Spirit into our hearts,

that we may receive our Lord with a living faith as he comes to us in his holy supper.

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread,

and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:

Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,

and gave it for all to drink, saying:

This cup is the new covenant in my blood,

shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this in remembrance of me.

THE LORD'S PRAYER (LBW p. 91)

Matthew 6:9-13; Luke 11:2-4

Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray...

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.

COMMUNION HYMN (LBW p. 92)

John 1:29



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.

Please be seated.

WE RECEIVE THE LORD'S SUPPER

All who are baptized and trust that Christ is truly present in, with, and under the bread and wine may come forward to commune. The usher will direct you and offer hand sanitizer if you so desire.

- *If you require gluten-free wafers or abstain from wine, indicate so to the pastor.*
- *To receive the Sacrament in your seat, notify the usher and it will be brought to you.*
- *If you abstain from the Sacrament, you have full forgiveness of sins by God's Word alone.*

The body of Christ given for you. **Amen.** The blood of Christ shed for you. **Amen.**

After the elements are covered, please stand as you are able.

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING, CANTICLE, & PRAYER (LBW pp. 92-94)

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**



☩ 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.

Let us pray... Pour out the spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of those whom you have fed with one heavenly food; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

BENEDICTION (*"Blessing"* WOV p. 53)

Romans 15

May the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ fill you with every spiritual blessing.

Amen.

May the God of faithfulness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus.

Amen.

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

GOD SENDS US FORTH TO SERVE

SENDING HYMN: "Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing" (LBW #259)

DISMISSAL

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord! **Thanks be to God!**

POSTLUDE

Love God. Love neighbor. Serve with joy in Jesus' name.

As a congregation of the North American Lutheran Church we strive to be:



Christ Centered, Mission Driven, Traditionally Grounded, & Congregationally Focused.

Ministers: Joy Mission Church and all the people of God

Pastor: Rev. Paulette McHugh

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