

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY after PENTECOST

September 27, 2020



DIVINE SERVICE, *Setting Four* Confession and Absolution

Hymn of Invocation ~ 900 *Jesus! Name of Wondrous Love*

- 1 Jesus! Name of wondrous love, / Name all other names above,
Unto which must ev'ry knee / Bow in deep humility.
- 2 Jesus! Name decreed of old, / To the maiden mother told,
Kneeling in her lowly cell, / By the angel Gabriel.
- 3 Jesus! Name of priceless worth / To the fallen of the earth
For the promise that it gave, / "Jesus shall His people save."
- 4 Jesus! Name of mercy mild, / Given to the holy Child
When the cup of human woe / First He tasted here below.
- 5 Jesus! Only name that's giv'n / Under all the mighty heav'n
Whereby those to sin enslaved / Burst their fetters and are saved.
- 6 Jesus! Name of wondrous love, / Human name of God above;
Pleading only this, we flee / Helpless, O our God, to Thee.

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P In the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C **Amen.**

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,
C **who made heaven and earth.**

P If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?
C **But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.**

P Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

C **Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**

P Almighty God, merciful Father, in Holy Baptism You declared us to be Your children and gathered us into Your one, holy Church, in which You daily and richly forgive us our sins and grant us new life through Your Spirit. Be in our midst, enliven our faith, and graciously receive our prayer and praise; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C **Amen.**

Service of the Word

Introit

Psalm 147:1-5; antiphon: v. 6

The LORD lifts up the humble;

he casts the wicked to the ground.

Praise the LORD! For it is good to sing praises to our God;

for it is pleasant, and a song of praise is fitting.

The LORD builds up Jerusalem;

he gathers the outcasts of Israel.

He heals the brokenhearted

and binds up their wounds.

He determines the number of the stars;

he gives to all of them their names.

Great is our Lord, and abundant in power;

his understanding is beyond measure.

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.

The LORD lifts up the humble;

he casts the wicked to the ground.

Kyrie

LSB 204

C **Lord, have mercy;**

Christ, have mercy;

Lord, have mercy.

Gloria in Excelsis

LSB 204

C **1 To God on high be glory / And peace to all the earth;**

Goodwill from God in heaven / Proclaimed at Jesus' birth!

We praise and bless You, Father; / Your holy name, we sing—

Our thanks for Your great glory, / Lord God, our heav'nly King.

2 To You, O sole-begotten, / The Father's Son, we pray;

O Lamb of God, our Savior, / You take our sins away.

Have mercy on us, Jesus; / Receive our heartfelt cry,

Where You in pow'r are seated / At God's right hand on high—

3 For You alone are holy; / You only are the Lord.

Forever and forever, / Be worshiped and adored;

You with the Holy Spirit / Alone are Lord Most High,

In God the Father's glory. / "Amen!" our glad reply.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also 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 **Amen.**

Old Testament Reading

Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32

After the reading:

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm

Psalm 25:1-10; antiphon: v.4

¹To you, LORD,
I lift up my soul.

²O my God, in you I trust;
let me not be put to shame;
let not my enemies exult over me.

³Indeed, none who wait for you shall be put to shame;
they shall be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous.

⁴Make me to know your ways, O LORD;
teach me your paths.

⁵Lead me in your truth and teach me,
for you are the God of my salvation;
for you I wait all the day long.

⁶Remember your mercy, O LORD, and your steadfast love,
for they have been from of old.

⁷Remember not the sins of my youth or my transgressions;
according to your steadfast love remember me,
for the sake of your goodness, O LORD!

⁸Good and upright is the LORD;
therefore he instructs sinners in the way.

⁹He leads the humble in what is right,
and teaches the humble his way.

¹⁰All the paths of the LORD are steadfast love and faithfulness,
for those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.

Epistle

Philippians 2:1-18

After the reading:

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Alleluia and Verse

C **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

These things are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Holy Gospel

Matthew 21:23-32

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

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

After the reading:

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

Hymn of the Day ~ 655 Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word

- 1 Lord, keep us steadfast in Your Word; / Curb those who by deceit or sword
Would wrest the kingdom from Your Son / And bring to naught all He has done.
- 2 Lord Jesus Christ, Your pow'r make known, / For You are Lord of lords alone;
Defend Your holy Church that we / May sing Your praise eternally.
- 3 O Comforter of priceless worth, / Send peace and unity on earth;
Support us in our final strife / And lead us out of death to life.

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Sermon ~ "Sharing His Righteousness" Matthew 21:23-32

Apostles' Creed

C **I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.**

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.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life T everlasting. Amen.

Prayer of the Church

After each petition:

P Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

Offering (*Online giving is available on the website.*)

Service of the Sacrament

Preface

LSB 208

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also 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, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new 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:

Sanctus

LSB 208

C **Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth adored;
Heav'n and earth with full acclaim shout the glory of Your name.
Sing hosanna in the highest, sing hosanna to the Lord;
Truly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!**

Prayer of Thanksgiving

- P Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

In Your righteous judgment You condemned the sin of Adam and Eve, who ate the forbidden fruit, and You justly barred them and all their children from the tree of life. Yet, in Your great mercy, You promised salvation by a second Adam, Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, and made His cross a life-giving tree for all who trust in Him.

We give You thanks for the redemption You have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may faithfully eat and drink of the fruits of His cross and receive the blessings of forgiveness, life, and salvation that come to us in His body and blood.

Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

Lord's Prayer

- 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 T 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 T blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Pax Domini

- P The peace of the Lord be with you always.
C **Amen.**

Agnus Dei

LSB 210

- C 1 **O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, / You take the sin of the world away;
O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, / Have mercy on us, Lord, we pray.**
- 2 **O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, / You take the sin of the world away;
Have mercy on us, Jesus Christ, / And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.**

Distribution in Sanctuary

Nunc Dimittis

LSB 211

- C 1 **O Lord, now let Your servant / Depart in heav'nly peace,
For I have seen the glory / Of Your redeeming grace:
A light to lead the Gentiles / Unto Your holy hill,
The glory of Your people, / Your chosen Israel.**
- 2 **All glory to the Father, / All glory to the Son,
All glory to the Spirit, / Forever Three in One;
For as in the beginning, / Is now, shall ever be,
God's triune name resounding / Through all eternity.**

Post-Communion Collect

- A 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.
- C **Amen.**

Benedicamus

LSB 212

- A Let us bless the Lord.
C **Thanks be to God.**

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 T give you peace.
C **Amen.**

Hymn to Depart ~ 807 *When Morning Gilds the Skies*

- 1 When morning gilds the skies,
My heart, awaking, cries,
“May Jesus Christ be praised!”
When evening shadows fall,
This rings my curfew call:
“May Jesus Christ be praised!”
- 2 When mirth for music longs,
This is my song of songs:
“May Jesus Christ be praised!”
God’s holy house of prayer
Hath none that can compare
With “Jesus Christ be praised!”
- 3 No lovelier antiphon
In all high heav’n is known
Than “Jesus Christ be praised!”
There to the _eternal Word
The _eternal psalm is heard:
“May Jesus Christ be praised!”
- 4 Ye nations of mankind,
In this your concord find:
“May Jesus Christ be praised!”
Let all the earth around
Ring joyous with the sound:
“May Jesus Christ be praised!”
- 5 Sing, suns and stars of space,
Sing, ye that see His face,
Sing, “Jesus Christ be praised!”
God’s whole creation o’er,
Both now and evermore
Shall Jesus Christ be praised!

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