

September 27, 2020 – Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

HYMN LINKS:

LSB 512 - At the Name of Jesus

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KKDOOf-shPQ>

LSB 812 - Come, Let Us Join our Cheerful Songs

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wkzseQqwWM>

LSB 549 - All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=G-N9_SdxW4c

(contemporary version)

LSB 614 - "As Surely As I Live," God Said

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FVeXJr-YTq4>

FOR THOSE PRESENT IN THE SANCTUARY: Please deposit your offerings and prayer cards in the container at the back as you enter or leave the church. If you need to leave your seat for any reason, please avoid crossing in front of others in your pew. **Out of concern for spreading the coronavirus to any at-risk attendees, we ask that you refrain from speaking the usual "congregation" responses.** They will be read by designated readers as indicated.

WELCOME

P This is the day that the Lord has made.

L Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

MEDITATION MUSIC

All hail the pow'r of Jesus' name!

Let angels prostrate fall;

Bring forth the royal diadem

And crown Him Lord of all.

Bring forth the royal diadem

And crown Him Lord of all.

Crown Him, ye martyrs of our God,

Who from His altar call;

Extol the stem of Jesse's rod

And crown Him Lord of all.

Extol the stem of Jesse's rod

And crown Him Lord of all.

Ye seed of Israel's chosen race,

Ye ransomed from the fall,

Hail Him who saves you by His grace

And crown Him Lord of all.

Hail Him who saves you by His grace

And crown Him Lord of all.

Meditation on Three Tunes, arr. S. Stromberg

Sinners, whose love can ne'er forget

The wormwood and the gall,

Go, spread your trophies at His feet

And crown Him Lord of all.

Go, spread your trophies at His feet

And crown Him Lord of all.

Let ev'ry kindred, ev'ry tribe,

On this terrestrial ball

To Him all majesty ascribe

And crown Him Lord of all.

To Him all majesty ascribe

And crown Him Lord of all.

Oh, that with yonder sacred throng

We at His feet may fall!

We'll join the everlasting song

And crown Him Lord of all.

We'll join the everlasting song

And crown Him Lord of all.

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CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

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

† INVOCATION

P In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

L Amen.

† EXHORTATION

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

L 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.

† CONFESSION OF SINS

P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

L 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.

† ABSOLUTION

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.

L Amen.

SERVICE OF THE WORD

† KYRIE

P In peace let us pray to the Lord.

L Lord, have mercy.

P For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.

L Lord, have mercy.

P For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.

L Lord, have mercy.

P For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.

L Lord, have mercy.

P Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

L Amen.

† GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

P Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His people on earth.

L Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father:

We worship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God:
You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
You are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive our prayer.
For You alone are the Holy One, You alone are the Lord,
You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

† SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

L 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.

L Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Ezekiel 18:1–4, 25–32

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

²⁵“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? ²⁶When 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. ²⁷Again, when a wicked person turns away from the wickedness he has committed and does what is just and right, he shall save his life. ²⁸Because he considered and turned away from all the transgressions that he had committed, he shall surely live; he shall not die. ²⁹Yet 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?

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

R This is the Word of the Lord.

L Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Psalm 25:1–10; antiphon: v. 4

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

R ¹To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul.

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

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

- L** ⁴Make me to know your ways, O LORD; teach me your paths.
- R** ⁵Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation;
for you I wait all the day long.
- L** ⁶Remember your mercy, O LORD, and your steadfast love, for they have been from of old.
- R** 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!
- L** ⁸Good and upright is the LORD; therefore he instructs sinners in the way.
- R** ⁹He leads the humble in what is right, and teaches the humble his way.
- L** ¹⁰All the paths of the LORD are steadfast love and faithfulness,
for those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.
- R** ⁴Make me to know your ways, O LORD; teach me your paths.
- L** 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.

EPISTLE

Philippians 2:1–18

¹If there is any encouragement in Christ, any comfort from love, any participation in the Spirit, any affection and sympathy, ²complete my joy by being of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. ³Do nothing from rivalry or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. ⁴Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others. ⁵Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, ⁶who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, ⁷but made himself nothing, taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. ⁸And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. ⁹Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

¹²Therefore, 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, ¹³for it is God who works in you, both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

¹⁴Do all things without grumbling or questioning, ¹⁵that 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, ¹⁶holding 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. ¹⁷Even 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. ¹⁸Likewise you also should be glad and rejoice with me.

R This is the Word of the Lord.

L Thanks be to God.

† ALLELUIA AND VERSE

Matthew 28:18b

L Alleluia. All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Alleluia.

† HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 21:23–32

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

L Glory to You, O Lord.

²³When [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?"
²⁴Jesus 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. ²⁵The 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?' ²⁶But if we say, 'From man,' we are afraid of the crowd, for they all hold that John was a prophet." ²⁷So they answered Jesus, "We do not know." And he said to them, "Neither will I tell you by what authority I do these things.

²⁸"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.' ²⁹And he answered, 'I will not,' but afterward he changed his mind and went. ³⁰And he went to the other son and said the same. And he answered, 'I go, sir,' but did not go. ³¹Which 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. ³²For 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.

L Praise to You, O Christ.

SPECIAL MUSIC

"At the Name of Jesus," arr. D. Cherwien

At the name of Jesus
 Ev'ry knee shall bow,
 Ev'ry tongue confess Him
 King of glory now.
 'Tis the Father's pleasure
 We should call Him Lord,
 Who from the beginning
 Was the mighty Word.

At His voice creation
 Sprang at once to sight,
 All the angel faces,
 All the hosts of light,
 Thrones and bright dominions,
 Stars upon their way,
 All the heav'nly orders
 In their great array.

In your hearts enthrone Him;
 There let Him subdue
 All that is not holy,
 All that is not true:
 Crown Him as your captain
 In temptation's hour;
 Let His will enfold you
 In its light and pow'r.

Christians, this Lord Jesus
 Shall return again
 In His Father's glory,
 With His angel train;
 For all wreaths of empire
 Meet upon His brow,
 And our hearts confess Him
 King of glory now.

Glory then to Jesus,
 Who, the Prince of light,
 To a world in darkness
 Brought the gift of sight;
 Praise to God the Father;
 In the Spirit's love
 Praise we all together
 Him who reigns above.

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SERMON

† APOSTLES' CREED

L 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 † everlasting. Amen.

† PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

[PIC Prayer List](#)

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

† PREFACE

- P** The Lord be with you.
L And also with you.
P Lift up your hearts.
L We lift them to the Lord.
P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
L 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:

† SANCTUS

- L** Holy, holy, holy Lord God of power and might: Heaven and earth are full of Your glory.
Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest!

† 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.

- L** 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.”

† PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST

P As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord’s death until He comes.

L Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

P O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

† LORD’S PRAYER

L 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.

† PAX DOMINI

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

L Amen.

† AGNUS DEI

L Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.

DISTRIBUTION

“As Surely as I live,’ God Said”

Please approach the Table one at a time, as directed by an Usher, keeping at least six feet between you and anyone outside your household. After the Pastor says the Words of Distribution, please take the Elements and move past the table to the side, where you may briefly remove your mask to consume them. After you finish and deposit your containers in the waste can provided, please replace your mask before returning to your seat.

“As surely as I live,” God said,
“I would not see the sinner dead.
I want him turned from error’s ways,
Repentant, living endless days.”

And so our Lord gave this command:
“Go forth and preach in ev’ry land;
Bestow on all My pard’ning grace
Who will repent and mend their ways.”

“All those whose sins you thus remit
I truly pardon and acquit,
And those whose sins you will retain
Condemned and guilty shall remain.

“What you will bind, that bound shall be;
What you will loose, that shall be free;
To My dear Church the keys are giv’n
To open, close the gates of heav’n.”

The words which absolution give
Are His who died that we might live;
The minister whom Christ has sent
Is but His humble instrument.

Praise God the Father and the Son
And Holy Spirit, Three in One,
As was, is now, and so shall be
World without end, eternally!

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† DISMISSAL

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart † in peace.

L Amen.

† THANK THE LORD

L Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell everyone what He has done. Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and proudly bear His name. He recalls His promises and leads His people forth in joy with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia, alleluia.

† 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.

L Amen.

† 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.

L Amen.

Please wait for the Ushers to dismiss you; they will begin at the back of the Sanctuary.

MUSIC TO DEPART

"Nun Danket All," arr. F. Peeters

Come, let us join our cheerful songs
With angels round the throne;
Ten thousand thousand are their tongues,
But all their joys are one.

“Worthy the Lamb that died,” they cry,
“To be exalted thus!”
“Worthy the Lamb,” our lips reply,
“For He was slain for us!”

Jesus is worthy to receive
Honor and pow'r divine;
And blessings more than we can give
Be, Lord, forever Thine.

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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