



Seventeenth  
Sunday after  
Pentecost



*building faith...sharing hope...living love.*

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## The Sacrament of Holy Communion at Grace

The Lord's Supper is celebrated at this congregation in the confession and glad confidence that, as He says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but His very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him and with one another. Our Lord invites to His table those who trust His words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us, that they may show forth His death until He comes. The bread and wine do not symbolize or represent the body and blood of Christ, but are the real presence, as he says of "This is my body. . . This is my blood."

Because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm and because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, and yet desire to receive the Sacrament, are asked to first speak with Pastor Matthews.

For further study, see Matt. 5:23f; 10:32f; 18:15-35; 26:26-29; 1 Cor. 11:17-34.

### **SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

September 27, 2020

Ezekiel 18:1–4, 25–32

Philippians 2:1–4 (5–13) 14–18

Matthew 21:23–27 (28–32)

#### ***The Cross of Christ Opens to Us the Way of Repentance to Life with God***

The way of the Lord is righteous and just: "*the soul who sins shall die*" (Ezek. 18:4). However, because the Lord has "*no pleasure in the death of anyone*" (Ezek. 18:32), He calls sinners to repentance and faith in His gracious forgiveness of sins. The man who is thus turned away from his wickedness, who henceforth lives by the grace of God, "*shall surely live; he shall not die*" (Ezek. 18:28). This way of repentance has been opened for us by the cross of Christ. In the righteousness of faith and love, "*he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death*" (Phil. 2:8), and He was vindicated in His resurrection from the dead. Indeed, "*God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name*" (Phil. 2:9). He has given us this name in our Baptism into Christ, in whom we now "*shine as lights in the world*" (Phil. 2:15). He uses the authority that He has received from His Father (Matt. 21:23–27) to preach a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, by which even "*the tax collectors and the prostitutes go into the kingdom of God*" (Matt. 21:31–32).

+Welcome and Announcements+

+Confession and Absolution+

*Stand*

**539 Christ Is the World's Redeemer**

LSB 539



1 Christ is the world's Re - deem - er, The lov - er of the pure,  
2 Christ has our host sur - round - ed With clouds of mar - tyr's bright,  
3 Down through the realm of dark - ness He strode in vic - to - ry,  
4 Glo - ry to God the Fa - ther, The un - be - got - ten One,



The font of heav'n-ly wis - dom, Our trust and hope se - cure,  
Who wave their palms in tri - umph And fire us for the fight.  
And at the hour ap - point - ed He rose tri - um - phant-ly.  
All hon - or be to Je - sus, His sole - be - got - ten Son,



The ar - mor of His sol - diers, The Lord of earth and sky,  
Then Christ the cross as - cend - ed To save a world un - done  
And now, to heav'n as - cend - ed, He sits up - on the throne  
And to the Ho - ly Spir - it— The per - fect Trin - i - ty.



Our health while we are liv - ing, Our life when we shall die.  
And, suf - f'ring for the sin - ful, Our full re - demp - tion won.  
Whence He had ne'er de - part - ed, His Fa - ther's and His own.  
Let all the worlds give an - swer: A - men! So let it be.

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

**Invocation**

LSB 167

**P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

## Exhortation

LSB 167

- 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.*

## Confession of Sins

LSB 167

- 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.**

## Absolution

LSB 167

- 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.**

+Service of the Word+

## Introit

*Ps. 147:1–5; antiphon: Ps. 147:6*

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 Je- | rusalem;\*  
he gathers the outcasts of | Israel.  
**He heals the broken- | hearted\*  
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 abun- | dant 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 be- | ginning,\***  
**is now, and will be forever. | Amen.**  
 The LORD lifts up the | humble;\*  
 he casts the wicked | to the ground.

**Kyrie**

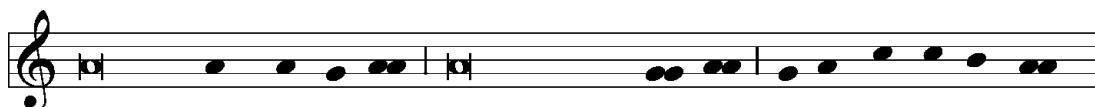
*LSB 168*



**A** In peace let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



**A** For the peace from a-bove and for our sal-va-tion let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



**A** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



and for the uni-ty of all let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



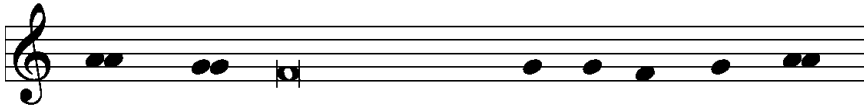
**A** For this holy house and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise



let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



**A** Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.



**C** A - men.

### Hymn of Praise--This is the Feast

LSB 171



**A** This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.



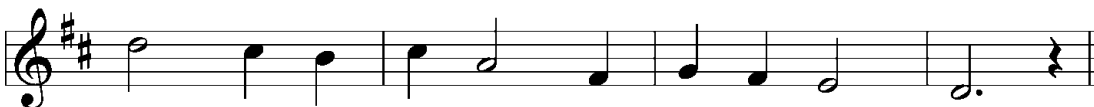
**C** Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,



whose blood set us free to be peo-ple of God.



Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and strength and



hon - or and bless-ing and glo - ry are His.



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al - le -

lu - ia. Sing with all the peo - ple of

God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion:

Bless - ing and hon - or and glo - ry and might be to

God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God,

for the Lamb who was slain has be - gun His reign.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

### 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.



*Sit*

## **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.”

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

**C** Thanks be to God.



## **Psalm**

*Psalm 25:1–10 (antiphon: v. 4)*

To you, | O LORD,\* I lift | up my soul.

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

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

**Make me to know your ways, | O LORD;\*  
teach me | your paths.**

Lead me in your truth and teach me,  
for you are the God of my sal- | vation;\*  
for you I wait all the | day long.

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

Remember not the sins of my youth or my trans- | gressions;\*  
according to your steadfast love remember me,  
for the sake of your goodness, | O LORD!

**Good and upright | is the LORD;\*  
therefore he instructs sinners | in the way.**

He leads the humble in | what is right,\*  
and teaches the humble | his way.

**All the paths of the LORD are steadfast love and | faithfulness,\*  
for those who keep his covenant and his testi- | monies.**

**Glory be to the Father and | to the Son\*  
and to the Holy | Spirit;  
as it was in the be- | ginning,\*  
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.**

## Epistle

*Philippians 2:1–4, 14–18*

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 rivalry 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.

Do all things without grumbling or questioning, 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.

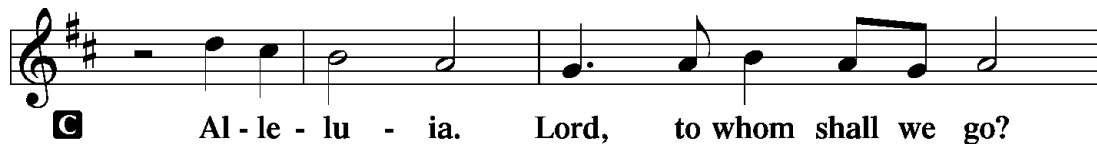
**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

*Stand*

## Alleluia and Verse

*LSB 173*



## Holy Gospel

*Matthew 21:23–27*

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



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?”

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.

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



## 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.**

*Sit*

## 655 Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word

LSB 655



1 Lord, keep us stead - fast in Your Word; Curb those who  
2 Lord Je - sus Christ, Your pow'r make known, For You are  
3 O Com - fort - er of price - less worth, Send peace and



by de - ceit or sword Would wrest the king - dom from Your  
Lord of lords a - lone; De - fend Your ho - ly Church that  
u - ni - ty on earth; Sup - port us in our fi - nal



Son And bring to naught all He has done.  
we May sing Your praise e - ter - nal - ly.  
strife And lead us out of death to life.

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## Sermon

*Stand*

## Prayer of the Church

*Sit*

## Offering

*Stand*

# Offertory

LSB 176



**C** What shall I ren - der to the Lord for all His ben - e-fits to



me? I will of-fer the sac-ri - fice of thanks - giv - ing and will



call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of sal-



va-tion and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my



vows to the Lord now in the pres - ence of all His peo - ple, in the



courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Je - ru - sa - lem.

+Service of the Sacrament+

**Preface**

**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.

**Proper Preface**

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

LSB 178

**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.

## Prayer of Thanksgiving

LSB 178

**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.



## Lord's Prayer

LSB 179

**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

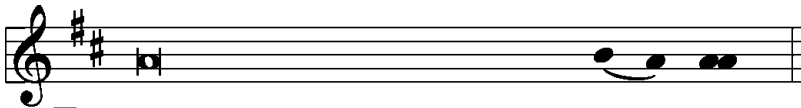
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**P** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

**P** 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."

## Pax Domini

LSB 180



**P** The peace of the Lord be with you al - ways.



**C** A - men.

## Agnus Dei

LSB 180



**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.

*Sit*

## Distribution

Take, eat; this is the true body of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, given into death for your sins.

**Amen.**

Take, drink; this is the true blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, shed for the forgiveness of your sins.

**Amen.**

*In dismissing the communicants, the following is said:*

## The Dismissal

LSB 181

**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.

# 760 What God Ordains Is Always Good

LSB 760



1 What God or - dains is al - ways good: His will is  
 2 What God or - dains is al - ways good: He nev - er  
 3 What God or - dains is al - ways good: His lov - ing  
 4 What God or - dains is al - ways good: He is my



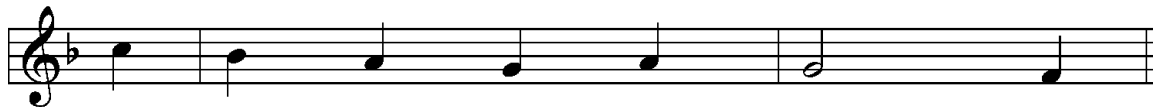
just and ho - ly. As He di - rects my life for me,  
 will de - ceive me; He leads me in His righ - teous way,  
 thought at - tends me; No poi - son can be in the cup  
 friend and Fa - ther; He suf - fers naught to do me harm



I fol - low meek and low - ly. My God in - deed  
 And nev - er will He leave me. I take con - tent  
 That my phy - si - cian sends me. My God is true;  
 Though man - y storms may gath - er. Now I may know



In ev - 'ry need Knows well how He will shield me;  
 What He has sent; His hand that sends me sad - ness  
 Each morn - ing new I trust His grace un - end - ing,  
 Both joy and woe; Some - day I shall see clear - ly



To Him, then, I will yield me.  
 Will turn my tears to glad - ness.  
 My life to Him com - mend - ing.  
 That He has loved me dear - ly.

5 What God ordains is always good:  
 Though I the cup am drinking  
 Which savors now of bitterness,  
 I take it without shrinking.  
 For after grief  
 God gives relief,  
 My heart with comfort filling  
 And all my sorrow stilling.

6 What God ordains is always good:  
 This truth remains unshaken.  
 Though sorrow, need, or death be mine,  
 I shall not be forsaken.  
 I fear no harm,  
 For with His arm  
 He shall embrace and shield me;  
 So to my God I yield me.

# 617 O Lord, We Praise Thee

LSB 617



1 O Lord, we praise Thee, bless Thee, and a - dore Thee,  
2 Thy ho - ly bod - y in - to death was giv - en,  
3 May God be - stow on us His grace and fa - vor



In thanks - giv - ing bow be - fore Thee. Thou with Thy  
Life to win for us in heav - en. No great - er  
That we fol - low Christ our Sav - ior And live to -



bod - y and Thy blood didst nour - ish Our weak souls that  
love than this to Thee could bind us; May this feast there -  
geth - er here in love and u - nion Nor de - spise this



they may flour - ish: O Lord, have mer - cy!  
of re - mind us! O Lord, have mer - cy!  
blest Com - mu - nion! O Lord, have mer - cy!



May Thy bod - y, Lord, born of Mar - y, That our  
Lord, Thy kind - ness did so con - strain Thee That Thy  
Let not Thy good Spir - it for - sake us; Grant that



sins and sor - rows did car - ry, And Thy blood for us plead  
blood should bless and sus - tain me. All our debt Thou hast paid;  
heav'n - ly - mind - ed He make us; Give Thy Church, Lord, to see



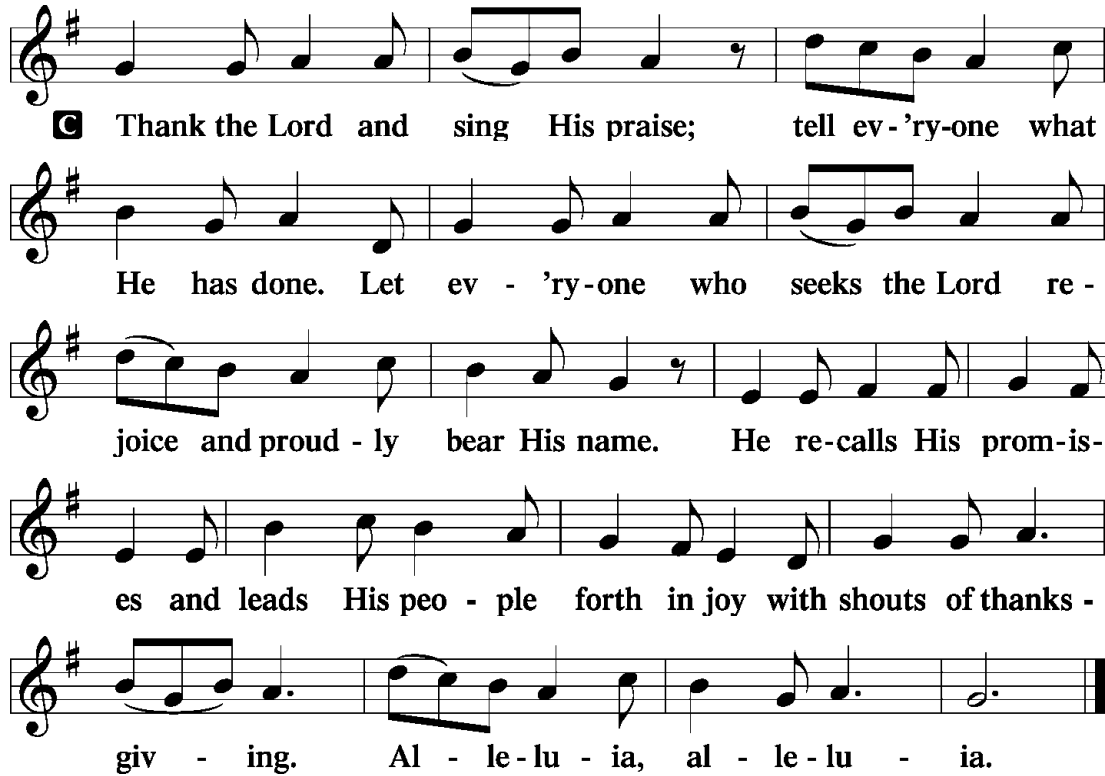
In all tri - al, fear, and need: O Lord, have mer - cy!  
Peace with God once more is made: O Lord, have mer - cy!  
Days of peace and u - ni - ty: O Lord, have mer - cy!

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*Stand*

## Post-Communion Canticle--Thank the Lord

LSB 181



☐ 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.

## Post-Communion Collect

☐ Let us pray.

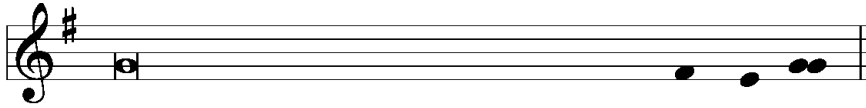
We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and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



☐ A - men.

## Benediction

LSB 183



**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.



**C** A - - - men.

## 919 Abide, O Dearest Jesus

LSB 919



1 A - bide, O dear - est Je - sus, A - mong us with Your grace  
2 A - bide, O dear Re - deem - er, A - mong us with Your Word,  
3 A - bide with heav'n - ly bright - ness A - mong us, pre - cious Light;  
4 A - bide with rich - est bless - ings A - mong us, boun - teous Lord;



That Sa - tan may not harm us Nor we to sin give place.  
And thus now and here - af - ter True peace and joy af - ford.  
Your truth di - rect and keep us From er - ror's gloom - y night.  
Let us in grace and wis - dom Grow dai - ly through Your Word.

5 Abide with Your protection  
Among us, Lord, our strength,  
Lest world and Satan fell us  
And overcome at length.

6 Abide, O faithful Savior,  
Among us with Your love;  
Grant steadfastness and help us  
To reach our home above.

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**P** Go in Peace and Serve the Lord!

**C** Thanks be to God!

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## Life Quote for the week of September 27, 2020

“As Christians, we understand better than most that life is weighted with profound suffering and buoyed by eternal hope. As such, it’s time to raise our children to appreciate what a big, beautiful struggle parenthood is and that it simply cannot happen without offering compassion, love, and grace to children still in the womb and to the mothers and fathers who view the scales more filled with suffering than hope.” *Tawnia Hoehne, Frazee, Minnesota – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • [www.lutheransforlife.org](http://www.lutheransforlife.org)*

## Weekly Worship in-person and via Facebook Live!

We give thanks to God for sustaining us through these trying times. For all who are ill, do not feel comfortable in larger groups, or cannot get to our services, we will continue to stream our worship services using Facebook Live! At our regular Sunday morning worship time (10:45 a.m.) we broadcast the worship service. You can watch the live worship service, or you can view the service later by going to the Grace Lutheran Tacoma Facebook page or Grace’s website ([www.GraceLutheranTacoma.org](http://www.GraceLutheranTacoma.org)) under the about us tab, click on worship. There you will find links to the video of the service, a copy of the bulletin, and a copy of the sermon.

Bulletins for the service are mailed out on Thursday or Friday each week. If you have not received a bulletin by Saturday afternoon, please message Pastor Matthews through the Facebook page (Messenger) and a copy of the service folder will be sent to you in reply.

Your feedback on these services is greatly appreciated. If you are having difficulties accessing the services, or if other difficulties arise, please contact us through the Facebook page or by sending an email to [Pastor@GraceLutheranTacoma.org](mailto:Pastor@GraceLutheranTacoma.org).

## Weekly Bible Study Opportunities

Join us Sunday Mornings at 9:30. When we are able to join together for Bible Study again, we will begin working through the Synod’s program, **Every One His Witness**. This resource will help us feel more comfortable discussing our faith with friends and family. Our Bible Studies are a great way to build understanding of God’s Word and give us tools to survive the challenges of daily living. **We are reviewing options for returning to Sunday Morning Bible Study. Stay tuned for more information on when classes will resume.**



**Midweek Bible Study** meets Thursday mornings. We are continuing our study of the Gospel of Luke. The meeting location has changed to Prince of Peace until the South Tacoma Library lifts its meeting room closure (to avoid the spread of Corona Virus). Our sessions begin at 10:30 and conclude around 11:30.

### **Reading and studying the Lutheran Confessions**

Our Lutheran Confessions reading/study/discussion group is rolling along. We meet the first and third Thursdays of each month. The meetings begin at 7:00 p.m. and last for approximately one and a half hours. The meeting will be in the library at Prince of Peace. **We are reviewing options for returning to our study of the Lutheran Confessions. Stay tuned for more information on when classes will resume.**



### **End Alzheimers Walk**

From Lisa Wolf

As many of you know, my Dad Walter had this cruel disease. More specifically he had Lewy Body Dementia. This is the same disease that took Robin Williams' life. Currently, more than 5 million Americans have Alzheimer's and that number is expected to grow to as many as 16 million by 2050. Our future is at risk unless we can find a way to change the course of this disease.



The end of Alzheimer's disease starts with you. Please make a donation to help the Alzheimer's Association advance research into methods of treatment, prevention and, ultimately, a cure.

Thank you for joining the movement! Thank you for everyone who has supported me! End Alzheimer's Walk September 27, 2020

You can contact me , support by clicking on the link or send a check to Alzheimer's Association- our team is Walter's Memory.

-Lisa

My page: [http://act.alz.org/site/TR?fr\\_id=13727&pg=personal&px=11979187](http://act.alz.org/site/TR?fr_id=13727&pg=personal&px=11979187)



\*Check donations should be made out to the Alzheimer's Association. You can mail a check to the Alzheimer's Association along with the form available on my fundraising page, or send your check donation to me and I can deposit it directly to the Alzheimer's Association through the Walk to End Alzheimer's mobile app.

### **Updated Website for Grace**

During the time of our exile to our homes by order of Governor Inslee, Pastor Matthews has been working on updating our website. The old Grace Lutheran website was not significantly updated since we sold our old building. The new website presents to the world our Lutheran identity as a member of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod, as well as our confessional position embracing the Sacraments for the precious gift that they are.

The site is still undergoing updating, but current information is now available for the public to see regarding our Grace Family. Part of our new presence is a page linking people to our Facebook Live! Services. Bulletins and sermons are available on the site as well. The website address is [www.gracelutherantacoma.org](http://www.gracelutherantacoma.org). When you have a chance, take a look at our digital face to the world. Your comments and ideas are welcome, encouraged, and greatly appreciated. Please let Pastor know what your thoughts are about this new look.

### **Shop on Amazon.com? Support our congregation**

Amazon.com has a program that contributes 0.5% of purchases to a charity of your choosing. AmazonSmile ([smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com)) is the website through which purchases are made and donations to Grace Lutheran Church accrue.

AmazonSmile is a simple and automatic way for you to support Grace every time you shop, at no cost to you.

On your first visit to AmazonSmile, you need to select a charitable organization to receive donations from eligible purchases before you begin shopping. Your selection will be remembered, and then every eligible purchase you make at [smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com) will result in a donation. Grace Lutheran Church has registered as a charitable organization, so you will find us there.

**We have received \$83.63 so far. Thanks to all for supporting us.**

## Prayer Requests

This week we remember in our prayers, members and friends for whom prayers are requested, including:

### Healing

Alda S  
Judy G  
Dan B  
Joan D  
Jeremiah R  
Alethea B  
Jim L  
Chris R  
Charles S  
Kirk D  
Rick L  
Lois W  
All who mourn the death of Michael Schlichting

### Healing/Other

Eric S  
Denes V  
Randy H  
Hank B  
Grant O  
Bonnie S  
Ryan C  
Jennifer Z  
Ray C  
Eric H  
Aletha  
Bobby M and Family

### Cancer

James M  
Gabe T  
Edith L  
Jason  
Jerry M  
Marion B

### Homebound

Doug B  
Karen J

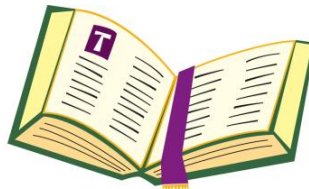


*Prayer*  
Requests

## Prepare for next week

Spend a few minutes this week reading and thinking about the appointed scriptures for next week.

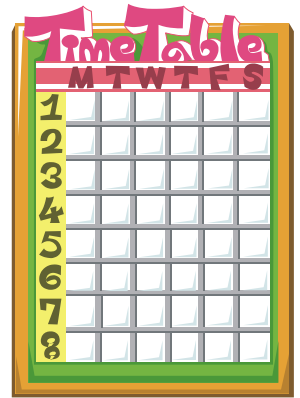
Isaiah 5:1–7  
Philippians 3:4b–14  
Matthew 21:33–46



*Scripture Readings*  
for next week

## **This Week (and next) at Grace**

Today	10:45 a.m.	Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost Worship Service in-person and via Facebook Live!
Sept 29 <sup>th</sup>	10:00 a.m.	Betty Ann Psalm Study
Oct 1 <sup>st</sup>	10:30 a.m.	Mid-week Bible Study – Gospel of Luke
Oct 4 <sup>th</sup>	10:45 a.m.	Eighteenth Sunday After Pentecost Worship Service in-person and via Facebook Live!



PROVIDING ARTILLERY SUPPORT FOR THE CHURCH MILITANT ON THE FRONT LINES... Issues, Etc. is a radio talk show and podcast produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL and hosted by LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken. This week's subjects include: Christian Survivors of Soviet Persecution; The Demolition of the Western Mind; Media Coverage of Religion; The Theological Foundation & Practice of Lutheran Day Schools; and more. You can listen at your convenience at [issuesetc.org](http://issuesetc.org), the LPR mobile app and your favorite podcast provider.

**LUTHER'S SMALL CATECHISM  
THE LORD'S PRAYER**

AS THE HEAD OF THE FAMILY SHOULD TEACH THEM IN A SIMPLE WAY TO THE  
HOUSEHOLD

**THE LORD'S PRAYER**

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 FIFTH PETITION**

**And forgive us our trespasses  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.**

**What does this mean?**

We pray in this petition that our Father in heaven would not look at our sins, or deny our prayer because of them. We are neither worthy of the things for which we pray, nor have we deserved them, but we ask that He would give them all to us by grace, for we daily sin much and surely deserve nothing but punishment. So we too will sincerely forgive and gladly do good to those who sin against us.