

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 19, 2021 | 9:45 am | Ascension Lutheran Church



✠ SERVICE OF THE WORD ✠

Words of Welcome

Opening Sentences

P We begin in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised.

C He is to be held in awe above all gods. (1 Chronicles 16:25)

P What is man that You are mindful of him,

C and the son of man that You care for him? (Psalm 8:4)

P Come, let us worship and bow down.

C Let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker! (Psalm 95:6)

Opening Hymn

LSB 809 | "Great Is Thy Faithfulness"



1 Great is Thy faith - ful - ness, O God my Fa - ther;
2 Sum - mer and win - ter and spring - time and har - vest,
3 Par - don for sin and a peace that en - dur - eth,



There is no shad - ow of turn - ing with Thee.
Sun, moon, and stars in their cours - es a - bove
Thine own dear pres - ence to cheer and to guide;



Thou chang - est not: Thy com - pas - sions, they fail not;
Join with all na - ture in man - i - fold wit - ness
Strength for to - day and bright hope for to - mor - row,



As Thou hast been, Thou for - ev - er wilt be.
To Thy great faith - ful - ness, mer - cy, and love,
Bless - ings all mine, with ten thou - sand be - side!



Great is Thy faith - ful - ness! Great is Thy faith - ful - ness!



Morn - ing by morn - ing new mer - cies I see;



All I have need - ed Thy hand hath pro - vid - ed;



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Confession of Our Sins

P We cannot come to God as we are, for although we call God great, our pride gets in the way. Too often we think we are blessed because we are better than those around us. Too often we shrink from the servanthood to which our Lord calls us. Let us therefore confess our sins to almighty God.

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

P Gracious Lord,

C **look not on our sinful pride and our failure to serve, our jealousy of each other and our selfish ambition. For Jesus' sake forgive our sins, remind us again of His complete sacrifice for us, and by Your Holy Spirit move us to follow our Lord in paths of humble service. Grant us to seek again the wisdom from above that is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, open to reason, full of mercy and good fruits, impartial and sincere (James 3:17). Amen.**

Forgiveness of Our Sins

P For our sake our Lord Jesus became last of all and servant of all. By His death He has atoned for every sin, and by His resurrection has opened heaven to us. The Holy Spirit has worked faith in our hearts so that we may follow in our Lord's paths. 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.

Hymn of Praise

LSB 971 | "There Is a Redeemer"



1 There is a Re - deem - er— Je - sus, God's own Son;
 2 Je - sus, my Re - deem - er, Name a - bove all names;
 3 When I stand in glo - ry, I will see His face;



Pre - cious Lamb of God, Mes - si - ah, Ho - ly One.
 Pre - cious Lamb of God, Mes - si - ah, Hope for sin - ners slain.
 There I'll serve my King for - ev - er In that ho - ly place.



Refrain
 Thank You, O my Fa - ther, For giv - ing us Your Son,



And leav - ing Your Spir - it Till the work on earth is done.

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Prayer of the Day

P Lord, You call us to speak Your Word in a world that would rather not hear it. Fill us with humility and faithfulness in the face of scorn, so that by Your grace we become people who are peaceable, gentle, open to reason, full of mercy and good fruit, impartial and sincere; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Old Testament Reading | Jeremiah 11:18-20

¹⁸The LORD revealed their plot to me so I became aware of it. He showed me what they were doing. ¹⁹I was like a gentle lamb led to the slaughter. I had not realized that they had plotted against me. They were saying: "Let us destroy the tree along with its fruit. Let us cut him off from the land of the living, so that his name will no longer be remembered." ²⁰But, LORD of Armies, You judge righteously. You test the heart and mind. Let me see Your vengeance on them, for I have presented my case to You.

R This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God!

Epistle Reading | James 3:13-4:10

¹³Who among you is wise and intelligent? Let him by his good way of living show that he does things in wise humility. ¹⁴But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your heart, do not boast and lie, contrary to the truth. ¹⁵This is not the wisdom that comes down from above, but it is worldly, unspiritual, and demonic. ¹⁶In fact, where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and every bad practice. ¹⁷But the wisdom that comes from above is first pure, then also peaceful, gentle, reasonable, full of mercy and good fruits, impartial, and sincere. ¹⁸And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace by those who practice peace. ¹Where do conflicts and quarrels among you come from? Don't they come from your cravings for pleasure, which are at war in the parts of your body? ²You want something but do not get it, so you murder. You desire something but cannot obtain it, so you quarrel and fight. You do not have because you do not ask. ³You ask, and yet do not receive, because you ask wrongly, so that you may spend it on what gives you pleasure. ⁴Adulterers, don't you know that friendship with the world means hostility toward God? So whoever wants to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God. ⁵Or, do you think that Scripture has no reason for saying that the Spirit, who lives in us, yearns jealously? ⁶But He gives greater grace! That is why it says, "God opposes the proud, but He gives grace to the humble." ⁷So, submit yourselves to God. Resist the Devil, and he will flee from you. ⁸Come near to God, and He will come near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded people. ⁹Lament, mourn, and weep. Let your laughter be changed into mourning and your joy into gloom. ¹⁰Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and He will lift you up.

R This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God!

Holy Gospel | Mark 9:30-37

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the ninth chapter.



C Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

³⁰They went on from there and passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know this, ³¹because He was teaching His disciples. He told them, "The Son of Man is going to be betrayed into the hands of men, and they will kill Him. But three days after He is killed, He will rise." ³²But they did

not understand the statement and were afraid to ask Him about it. ³³They came to Capernaum. When He was in the house, He asked them, "What were you arguing about on the way?" ³⁴But they remained silent, because on the way they had argued with one another about who was the greatest. ³⁵Jesus sat down, called the Twelve, and said to them, "If anyone wants to be first, he will be the last of all and the servant of all." ³⁶Then He took a little child and placed him in their midst. Taking the child in His arms, He said to them, ³⁷"Whoever welcomes one of these little children in My name welcomes Me. And whoever welcomes Me, welcomes not just Me but also Him who sent Me."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



G Praise to You, O Christ.

Profession of Faith | A Statement of Belief

A *We believe in one God. God the Almighty Father made everything that exists, even those things we cannot see.*

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ. He is the eternal Son of God, and is really God Himself. In order to save us from our sins, He came down from heaven and by the power of the Holy Spirit He was born a man, the child of the virgin Mary. For our sake He was crucified under Pontius Pilate, and died and was buried. As the Bible had foretold, He rose from the dead on the third day. He returned to heaven, and rules there with God the Father. He will come back in glory to judge all people, and He will rule forever.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, who is the giver of life. He is to be worshiped and glorified together with the Father and the Son. He speaks to us in the Bible. We believe that all Christians are called to be members of the Body of Christ, the Church. We believe that our sins are forgiven in Baptism, and we look forward to the resurrection of the dead, and the eternal life promised to us. Amen.

Hymn of the Day

LSB 851 (st. 1-2) | "Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us"

1 Lord of glo - ry, You have bought us With Your
 2 Grant us hearts, dear Lord, to give You Glad - ly,
 life - blood as the price, Nev - er grudg - ing for the
 free - ly of Your own. With the sun - shine of Your
 lost ones That tre - men - dous sac - ri - fice;
 good - ness Melt our thank - less hearts of stone
 And with that have free - ly giv - en Bless - ings
 Till our cold and self - ish na - tures, Warmed by
 count - less as the sand To the un - thank - ful
 You, at length be - lieve That more hap - py

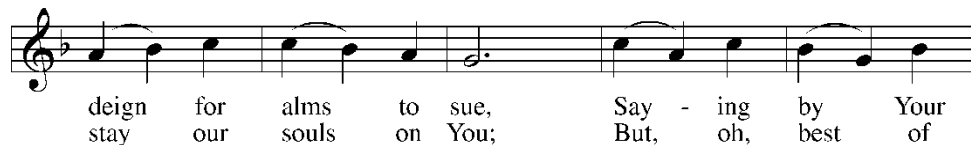


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Message

Response Verses

LSB 851 (st. 3-4) | "Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us"



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Offering

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Special Music | "All Good Things" | Douglas E. Wagner

Prayers of God's People

P Great and mighty Lord, as You have always been the refuge of Your people and their protector in time of trouble, so be our refuge and defender now in these difficult days, that we may not be overcome with fears but trust in Your power to save us. Lord in Your mercy,

G hear our prayer.

P Great and mighty Lord, guide us to seek greatness through the path of servanthood and to raise up the children by our love, protection, and care. We pray especially for the unborn and for the protection and defense of the cause of life against all enemies. Lord in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Great and mighty Lord, bless Your Church and protect her by Your power against all enemies and errors. Give to all pastors, teachers, missionaries, and church workers every grace of Your Spirit that they may fulfill Your bidding and faithfully do the work You have assigned them. Lord in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Great and mighty Lord, bring peace where war, violence, and oppression afflict Your people. Raise up good and honest leaders who will act with justice and integrity, seeking the common good against all threats and dangers. Lord in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Great and mighty Lord, You look with compassion on all Your people, but especially do we plead on behalf of the sick, the suffering, the grieving, and the dying (especially . . .) that in their need You may supply sufficient grace for them, healing and relief according to Your will, and peace that passes all understanding. Lord in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Great and mighty Lord, give us faith to receive Your Son's body and blood, that this communion may strengthen our faith, empower us for Your service, and nourish our souls to everlasting life. Lord in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

(Special petitions may be offered.)

P For these and whatsoever else we should ask, we pray to You in the name of Jesus, that we may rejoice in all good things and be kept from every evil.

C **Amen.**

✠ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT ✠

Prayer before the Meal

P Almighty God, worthy to be held in reverence by all, we give You humble and hearty thanks for all Your blessings, especially for Your saving Word and Holy Sacraments, through which You bestow upon us the fruits of Christ's redeeming work. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may come to Your table trusting in Your mercy and, with sincere repentance, receive Your gifts of forgiveness, life, and salvation.

C **Amen.**

Sanctus | Latin for "Holy, Holy, Holy"

P Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify God's glorious name, evermore praising Him and singing:



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:

Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo-ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -
 san-na. 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 Our Lord | Matthew 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24; Luke 22:19-20; 1 Corinthians 11:23-25

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."

Lord's Prayer

P As we are strangers and pilgrims on earth, help us by true faith and a godly life to prepare for the world to come, doing here the work You have given us to do, and when our last hour comes, support us by Your power and receive us into Your heavenly kingdom, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who has taught us to pray:

A *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.*

Agnus Dei | Latin for "Lamb of God"

G 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.

Distribution Hymns

LSB 725 | "Children of the Heavenly Father"

1 Chil - dren of the heav'n - ly Fa - ther Safe - ly
 2 God His own doth tend and nour - ish; In His
 3 Nei - ther life nor death shall ev - er From the
 4 Though He giv - eth or He tak - eth, God His

in His bos - om gath - er; Nest - ling bird nor star in
 ho - ly courts they flour - ish. From all e - vil things He
 Lord His chil - dren sev - er; Un - to them His grace He
 chil - dren ne'er for - sak - eth; His the lov - ing pur - pose

heav - en Such a ref - uge e'er was giv - en.
 spares them; In His might - y arms He bears them.
 show - eth, And their sor - rows all He know - eth.
 sole - ly To pre - serve them pure and ho - ly.

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LSB 605 | "Father Welcomes All His Children"

Refrain

Fa - ther wel - comes all His chil - dren To His fam - 'ly
 through His Son. Fa - ther giv - ing His sal - va - tion,
 Life for - ev - er has been won.

1 Lit - tle chil - dren, come to Me, For My king - dom
 2 In the wa - ter, in the Word, In His prom - ise,
 3 Let us dai - ly die to sin; Let us dai - ly

is of these. Life and love I have to give,
 be as - sured: Those who are bap - tized and be - lieve
 rise with Him, Walk in the love of Christ our Lord,

Refrain

Mer - cy for your sin.
 Shall be born a gain.
 Live in the peace of God.

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LSB 722 | "Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me"



1 Lord, take my hand and lead me Up - on life's way;
 2 Lord, when the tem - pest ra - ges, I need not fear,
 3 Lord, when the shad - ows length - en And night has come,



Di - rect, pro - tect, and feed me From day to day.
 For You, the Rock of A - ges, Are al - ways near.
 I know that You will strength - en My steps toward home.



With - out Your grace and fa - vor I go a - stray;
 Close by Your side a - bid - ing, I fear no foe,
 Then noth - ing can im - pede me, O bless - ed Friend;



So take my hand, O Sav - ior, And lead the way.
 For when Your hand is guid - ing, In peace I go.
 So take my hand and lead me Un - to the end.

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LSB 525 | "Crown Him with Many Crowns"



1 Crown Him with man - y crowns, The Lamb up - on His throne;
 2 Crown Him the vir - gin's Son, The God in - car - nate born,
 3 Crown Him the Lord of love. Be - hold His hands and side,
 4 Crown Him the Lord of life, Who tri - umphed o'er the grave



Hark how the heav'n - ly an - them drowns All mu - sic but its own.
 Whose arm those crim - son tro - phies won Which now His brow a - dorn:
 Rich wounds, yet vis - i - ble a - bove, In beau - ty glo - ri - fied.
 And rose vic - to - rious in the strife For those He came to save.



A - wake, my soul, and sing Of Him who died for thee, And
 Fruit of the mys - tic rose, Yet of that rose the stem, The
 No an - gels in the sky Can ful - ly bear that sight, But
 His glo - ries now we sing, Who died and rose on high, Who



hail Him as thy match - less king Through all e - ter - ni - ty.
 root whence mer - cy ev - er flows, The babe of Beth - le - hem.
 down - ward bend their won - d'ring eyes At mys - ter - ies so bright.
 died e - ter - nal life to bring And lives that death may die.

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Dismissal

P The body and blood of our risen Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, strengthen you in the true faith and preserve you in His grace to life everlasting. Depart in ☩ peace.

G Amen.

Thanksgiving

P Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good,

G for His mercy endures forever. Amen. (Psalm 118:29)

Benediction | Numbers 6:24-26

P The LORD bless you and keep you. The LORD make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you. The LORD look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace.

G Amen.

Closing Hymn

LSB 919 (st. 1-2, 4-5) | "Abide, O Dearest Jesus



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,
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.
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.

Sending

P Go forth in peace and humility as you serve the Lord and those in need!

G Thanks be to God!

Postlude

☩ TO GOD ALONE BE THE GLORY ☩