



The Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost
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DIVINE SERVICE

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Lutheran Service Book

Disciples Live in Their Vocations by Grace through Faith in Christ

Those who are sent as “laborers for his vineyard” (Matt. 20:1) depict the wide diversity of vocations to which the disciples of Christ Jesus are called. Whatever our particular stations in life may be, we are called to live and serve by faith in His promises. Our labors do not merit anything before Him, for He is already generous to one and all without partiality. In mercy, He has chosen to bear “the burden of the day and the scorching heat” on our behalf, to make us equal to Himself and to give us what belongs to Him, that is, the kingdom of heaven (Matt. 20:12-15). This way of the Lord is foolishness to the world and foreign to our thoughts, but He draws near, so that “he may be found” (Is. 55:6), “have compassion” and “abundantly pardon” (Is. 55:7). So it is that we are found in Christ Jesus, and He is honored in our bodies, “whether by life or by death” (Phil. 1:20), by “fruitful labor” (Phil. 1:22) or by suffering. It is by faith in His forgiveness that our works are “worthy of the gospel” (Phil. 1:27).

Ringing of the Bells

Welcome

Confession and Absolution

Stand

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.
C **Amen.**

Exhortation

LSB 151

- 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 151

- 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

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- 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.**

816 From All That Dwell Below the Skies

Service of the Word

Kyrie

A In peace let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.

A For the peace from above and for our salvation 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 unity 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 worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.

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



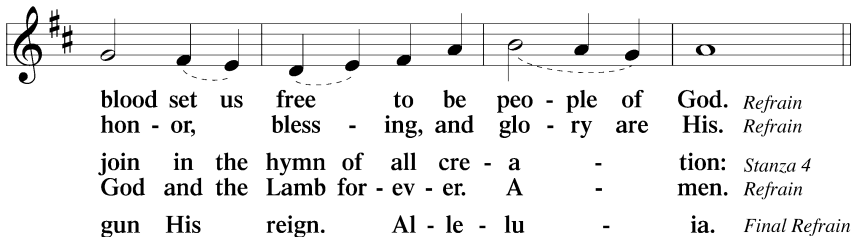
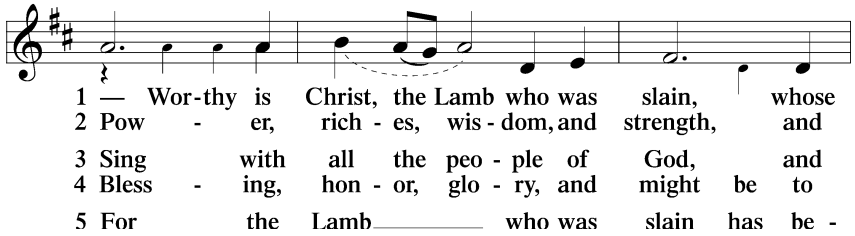
C A - men.

This Is the Feast

LSB 155



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



Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.



G And al - so with you.

P Let us pray.

Lord God, heavenly Father, since we cannot stand before You relying on anything we have done, help us trust in Your abiding

grace and live according to Your Word; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Sit

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 55:6–9

- A** The Old Testament Reading for The Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost is from the fifty-fifth chapter of the prophecy of Isaiah.

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.”

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

C **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 27

- P** The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?
C **The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?**
P When evildoers assail me to eat up my flesh,
C **my adversaries and foes, it is they who stumble and fall.**
P Though an army encamp against me, my heart shall not fear;
C **though war arise against me, yet I will be confident.**
P One thing have I asked of the LORD, that will I seek after:

- C** that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD and to inquire in his temple.
- P** For he will hide me in his shelter in the day of trouble;
- C** he will conceal me under the cover of his tent; he will lift me high upon a rock.
- P** And now my head shall be lifted up above my enemies all around me, and I will offer in his tent sacrifices with shouts of joy;
- C** I will sing and make melody to the LORD.
- P** Hear, O LORD, when I cry aloud;
- C** be gracious to me and answer me!
- P** You have said, "Seek my face."
- C** My heart says to you, "Your face, LORD, do I seek."
- P** Hide not your face from me. Turn not your servant away in anger,
- C** O you who have been my help. Cast me not off; forsake me not, O God of my salvation!
- P** For my father and my mother have forsaken me,
- C** but the LORD will take me in.
- P** Teach me your way, O LORD,
- C** and lead me on a level path because of my enemies.
- P** Give me not up to the will of my adversaries;
- C** for false witnesses have risen against me, and they breathe out violence.
- P** I believe that I shall look upon the goodness of the LORD
- C** in the land of the living!
- P** Wait for the LORD;
- C** be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait for the LORD!
- C** 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.

Stand

Alleluia and Verse

LSB 156

C Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the



Holy Gospel

Matthew 20:1–16

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



¹[Jesus said:] "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."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C Praise to You, O Christ.

Sit

716 I Walk in Danger All the Way

sts. 1–4

Sermon: “Speak Up! Listen Up!” Based on Psalm 27

716 I Walk in Danger All the Way

sts. 5–6

Stand

Apostles’ Creed

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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 everlasting. Amen.

Sit

Gathering of Tithes & Offerings

If you are submitting a prayer request on a prayer card, kindly hand it directly to the usher. Do not place it into the offering plate.

Stand

Prayer of the Church

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P . . . Lord, in Your mercy,
C hear our prayer.

Service of the Sacrament

Preface

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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 (Full)

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. 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 161



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.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

LSB 161

- 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

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- 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

- 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."

Pax Domini

LSB 163

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



C A - men.

Agnus Dei

LSB 163

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.

Sit

Distribution of Christ's Body and Blood



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.



Benediction

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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.



725 Children of the Heavenly Father

Silent Prayer

Announcements

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Meeting Jesus at The Communion Table

When he was at the table with them, he took bread, gave thanks, broke it and began to give it to them. Luke 24:30

Just before Jesus went to the cross, He instituted what has become known as 'The Lord's Supper', or Holy Communion. He said that the cup was His shed blood and the bread was His broken body. Then He ended by saying: *'Do this in remembrance of Me'* (Luke 22:19).

Now fast-forward to the house of Cleopas and his companion, following the resurrection. Jesus had walked and talked with them on the Emmaus road, explaining to them that all that had happened was a fulfillment of prophecy. *‘They constrained Him, saying, “Abide with us, for it is toward evening, and the day is far spent.” And He went in to stay with them. Now it came to pass, as He sat at the table with them, that He took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened and they knew Him’ (Luke 24:29-31).*

In a sense, this too was a communion service. But notice what happened to the people who attended it. 1) Jesus met with them there. 2) Their eyes were opened and they recognized Him in a way they never had before. 3) They were deeply moved. *‘Did not our heart burn within us while He talked with us’ (v. 32).* 4) Then they went out and told others. *‘They rose up that very hour and returned to Jerusalem, and found the eleven and those who were with them gathered together, saying, “The Lord is risen indeed”’ (vv. 33-34).* If you have ever wondered how you’re supposed to *feel* or *think* when you take communion, now you know.

PRAYER

Heavenly Father, help me remember Your Real Presence each day in my life as I share You with those I meet with acts of care and compassion. In Jesus’ Name, Amen

Daily Devotion by Tim Hetzner



The Glad Spirit St. Paul Ev. Lutheran Church

September 24, 2023

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

ST. PAUL'S FAMILY

Bev Oaks
Jennifer Olson
Micci & Brian Orth, Family Taylor, Payton
Adeline Ovalle, Family Blake
Jessica Ovalle

BIRTHDAYS

Dana Krieger, 9/25
Louis Sella, 9/25
Alec Schassburger, 9/26

BAPTISM ANNIVERSARIES

Melanie Hudson, 9/26

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Richard & Janice Reichert, 9/27

SPECIAL CONCERNS

Pray for Diane Akers, Gene Allen, Janice Abel, Sondra Budde, Jay Carey, Carmen Dampier, Judy Diekleman, Latricia Harris, Judy Peterson, Violet Rich, Dolly Tagenhorst, Dorothy Van Mynen, Warren Van Mynen, Gene Wiltjer.

Serving in the Military – Austin Brandy, David Capodagli, James Fluechtling, Nathan Lopez, and Robert Wisely.

Serving as First Responders – David Allen, Dave Bloom, Nathan Conway, Brianne Giba, Melanie Hudson, Brian Orth, Dana Tatgenhorst, Taylor VanDommelen and Dan Zander.

NEWS UPDATE



St. Paul Book Club will meet Wednesday October 11, to review *Kitty My Rib* by E. Jane Mall. We usually meet at 10am on the second Wednesday of the month and always welcome new members. Book Club is in person and thru FB chat. Please let Deb know in advance so she can link you in.

Christ For You this week on KFUE.org: Study Leviticus 23-27 on "The Holiness of God" on Sharper Iron (weekdays at 8:00 a.m. CT), study Joshua 7-11 on Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11:00 a.m. CT), and dig into Good Works in the Augsburg Confession on Concord Matters (9/30 at 10:00 a.m. CT). Find your favorite programs on demand at kfuo.org or the KFUE Radio app!

Law & Gospel Series... What does St. Paul mean when he writes about "rightly handling the word of truth?" Issues, Etc., a radio talk show and podcast produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL, has an in-depth series with Pr. Will Weedon based on "The Proper Distinction Between Law & Gospel" by C.F.W. Walther. You can listen to the entire series at your convenience at issuesetc.org/lawandgospel

Word of Hope offers free and confidential counseling to women and men struggling with an abortion experience. If you would like more information on how Word of Hope can help you or someone you love, visit our website at www.word-of-hope.org. You can be healed.

We'd love to see you in worship. Our worship services are every Sunday at 9:30 AM. If you are unable to attend it can be viewed on Facebook live at <https://www.facebook.com/splcms/videos>. A previous recording is also available. Bulletins for the services are available for viewing or download on our website at <https://www.splcms.org/worship>.

"Every human life meets us as gift and privilege, created and redeemed and called by our Lord as His own precious treasure from fertilization to forever. And our life-affirming witness and service is surrounded and celebrated by a magnificent multitude of like-minded saints gone before, yet to come, and the world over." Pastor Michael Salemink, Lutherans For Life – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org

Vineyard Workers

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paid	paymaster	evening	three	twelve
early	nine	worth	field	standing
marketplace	silver	workers	vineyard	people
hire	morning	land	kingdom	

GOD'S PEOPLE IN ACTION

ATTENDANCE AND OFFERINGS



September 17th Attendance 20, 18 Communed, 0 Online

Basket	\$27.00	Weekly Missions	\$20.00
Envelopes	706.00	Luth. Church Charity	20.00
		Church Maint	10.00
		Social Ministry	55.00
Budgeted Total	733.00	Non-budgeted Total	\$105.00
Offering Needed	1,233.00		
Short	\$-500.00		



THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

Today	9:30 am	Worship Service
	10:30 am	Coffee &...
	11:00 am	Church Picnic
Monday		
Tuesday		
Wednesday		
Thursday		
Friday		
Saturday		
Sunday	9:30 am	Worship Service
	10:30 am	Coffee &...

SERVANT SCHEDULE

	Sun, Sep 24, 9:30 AM	Sun, Oct 1, 9:30 AM
Pastor	Pastor Buss	Pastor Dobberstein
Usher	Bill Sommer	Dave Bloom
Lay Reader	Mary Sella	Dave Bloom

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FOOD PANTRY



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