

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY after PENTECOST

**September 27, 2020
8:15 a.m. & 10:45 a.m.**

Welcome to worship at Our Savior's Lutheran Church. Rev. John Freidheim will be leading us in worship today. Welcome, Pastor Freidheim!

Pre-service Music-Bring this service folder and a lighted candle, to your place of worship.

We will be sharing Communion today! Please bring bread or a cracker/wine or juice so that we may all share in God's gift together.

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship

God is here – let us celebrate! Let us express our gratitude and joy in God's presence. Sisters and brothers in Christ, those in person and those joining with us virtually, we are here to worship in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen!

♪ Lord, Whose Love In Humble Service (vs. 1)

Lord, whose love in humble service
bore the weight of human need,
Who upon the cross, forsaken,
worked your mercy's perfect deed:
We, your servants, bring the worship
not of voice alone, but heart;
Consecrating to your purpose
ev'ry gift which you impart.

Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, +one God,
who creates, redeems, and sustains us and all of creation.
Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one
another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Faithful God,

have mercy on us.

**We confess that we are captive to sin
and cannot free ourselves.**

**We turn from your loving embrace
and go our own ways.**

**We pass judgment on one another
before examining ourselves.**

We place our own needs before those of our neighbors.

**We keep your gift of salvation to ourselves.
Make us humble, cast away our transgressions,
and turn us again to life in you
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

God hears the cries of all who call out in need,
and through his death and resurrection,
Christ has made us his own.
Hear the truth that God proclaims:
Your sins are forgiven in the name of +Jesus Christ.
Led by the Holy Spirit, live in freedom and newness
to do God's work in the world.
Amen.

Peace

The Peace of the Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Prayer

Let us pray.
God of love, giver of life, you know our frailties and failings.
Give us your grace to overcome them, keep us from those
things that harm us, and guide us in the way of salvation,
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

Word

A reading from Ezekiel

Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32

18The word of the LORD came to me: ²What do you mean by repeating this proverb concerning the land of Israel, “The parents have eaten sour grapes, and the children’s teeth are set on edge”? ³As I live, says the Lord GOD, this proverb shall no more be used by you in Israel. ⁴Know that all lives are mine; the life of the parent as well as the life of the child is mine: it is only the person who sins that shall die. ²⁵Yet you say, “The way of the Lord is unfair.” Hear now, O house of Israel: Is my way unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair? ²⁶When the righteous turn away from their righteousness and commit iniquity, they shall die for it; for the iniquity that they have committed they shall die. ²⁷Again, when the wicked turn away from the wickedness they have committed and do what is lawful and right, they shall save their life. ²⁸Because they considered and turned away from all the transgressions that they had committed, they shall surely live; they shall not die. ²⁹Yet the house of Israel says, “The way of the Lord is unfair.” O house of Israel, are my ways unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair?

³⁰Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, all of you according to your ways, says the Lord GOD. Repent and turn from all your transgressions; otherwise iniquity will be your ruin. ³¹Cast away from you all the transgressions that you have committed against me, and get 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, says the Lord GOD. Turn, then, and live.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God

♪ **Jesus, Name Above All Names**

Jesus, name above all names;
beautiful Savior, glorious Lord,
Emmanuel, God is with us;
blessed Redeemer, living Word.

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A reading from the 21st chapter of Matthew

Matthew 21:23-32

Glory to you, O Lord.

²³When he entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, "By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?" ²⁴Jesus said to them, "I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. ²⁵Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?" And they argued with one another, "If we say, 'From heaven,' he will say to us, 'Why then did you not believe him?'" ²⁶But if we say, 'Of human origin,' we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet." ²⁷So they answered Jesus, "We do not know." And he said to them, "Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things.

²⁸"What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, 'Son, go and work in the vineyard today.' ²⁹He answered, 'I will not'; but later he changed his mind and went. ³⁰The father went to the second and said the same;

and he answered, 'I go, sir'; but he did not go. ³¹Which of the two did the will of his father?" They said, "The first." Jesus said to them, "Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of 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 after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him.

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

☺ **Children's Message**

Sermon

Response to the Word

♪ Lord, Whose Love In Humble Service (vs. 2 & 3)

Still your children wander homeless;
still the hungry cry for bread;
Still the captives long for freedom;
still in grief we mourn our dead.
As you, Lord, in deep compassion
healed the sick and freed the soul,
By your Spirit send your power
to our world to make it whole.

As we worship, grant us vision,
till your love's revealing light

In its height and depth and greatness
dawns upon our quickened sight,
Making known the needs and burdens
Your compassion bids us bear,
Stirring us to ardent service,
Your abundant life to share.

Prayers

Drawn together in the compassion of God, we pray for the church, the world, and all those in need, responding to each petition with the words “Hear our laments, and receive our prayers.”

A brief silence.

Throughout the globe is the church: many assemblies are postponed by the virus, our songs quieted, our leaders searching for new ways forward.

A brief silence.

That you will continue to inspire all the baptized with the mind of Christ, we pray to you, faithful God.
Hear our laments, and receive our prayers.

Around us nature is strained: polar ice is melting, excessive rains ravage the land, fires consume forests, fields, and homes, and animals are deprived of habitat.

A brief silence.

That you will preserve and protect the earth, we pray to you, mighty God:

Hear our laments, and receive our prayers.

Around us is a needy world: governments allow injustice, violence threatens stability, people experience prejudice, reforms are thwarted, workers are unemployed, medical facilities are strained, children are abused.

A brief silence.

That you will save the people in all the nations of the world, we pray to you, compassionate God:

Hear our laments, and receive our prayers.

In our nation's courts, we see justice delayed and justice denied. Yet we thank you for the life of Ruth Bader Ginsburg and for her passion for equality under the law.

A brief silence.

That you will uphold honest judges and insightful juries throughout our criminal justice system, and that you will assist our nation in its task of filling the Supreme Court, we pray to you, righteous God:

Hear our laments, and receive our prayers.

Around us are the sick: there is starvation, the virus continues, many persons receive no medical attention, our neighbors and dear ones are ill.

A brief silence.

That you will bless all ministries of care and will relieve the suffering of those who are ill in body, mind, or spirit, we pray to you, merciful God.

Hear our laments, and receive our prayers.

Nearby are needs of which we are unaware.

A brief silence.

That you will send your holy angels to uphold all who face personal troubles, we pray to you, benevolent God:

Hear our laments, and receive our prayers.

Inside many hearts there is both joy and sorrow. We pray now for ourselves:

A longer period of silence.

That you will give us new hearts and a new spirit, we pray to you, loving God.

Hear our laments, and receive our prayers.

Before us lived countless of the faithful — the famous and the forgotten, our relatives and strangers. We lament their deaths, and we praise their witness.

A brief silence.

That we may confess Jesus Christ as Lord through our life and at our death, we pray to you, eternal God.
Hear our laments, and receive our prayers.

All these things and whatever else you see that we need, we entrust to your mercy; through Christ our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

Offering: Times are confusing. We are transitioning to a brave new world, trying to live with covid19. We pray that we act wisely. Meanwhile, the work of God's church does not stop because we are the church. Your offerings of financial resources, your creativity, your support for each other and the people of the world are the church at work. Your concern for your families and neighbors is the church at work as well. We want to thank you for your continued support and offerings as we continue to do God's work in our community and in the world.

What have we to offer? What have we to give? Lives, we will live.

Meal

The Lord be with you
And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying; Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

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.

♪ You Satisfy the Hungry Heart (ELW 484)

You satisfy the hungry heart with gift of finest wheat.
Come give to us, O saving Lord, the bread of life to eat.

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(Open your bread packet)

The body of Christ given for you.

(Open your wine cup)

The blood of Christ given for you.

*The body and blood of our Lord Jesus strengthen you and
keep you in his peace.*

Amen

Let us pray.

We give you thanks, gracious God, that you have once again fed us with food beyond compare, the body and blood of Christ. Lead us from this place, nourished and forgiven, into your beloved vineyard to wipe away the tears of all who hunger and thirst, guided by the example of the same Jesus Christ and lead by the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

Amen

Sending

Mothering God, Father, †Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you and lead you into the way of truth and life.

Amen.

♪ Lord, Whose Love In Humble Service (vs. 4)

Called by worship to your service,
forth in your dear name we go,
To the child, the youth, the aged,
love in living deeds to show;
Hope and health, good-will and comfort,
counsel, aid, and peace we give,
That your servants, Lord, in freedom
may your mercy know and live.

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Go in peace. Remember the poor.
Thanks be to God.

Postlude

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[“Enviado: The Lord Now Sends Us Forth”](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=z5JjcYZzE50&feature=youtu.be) (https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=z5JjcYZzE50&feature=youtu.be)

[“Jesus, Feed Us”](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rfugrXu9trg&feature=youtu.be) (https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rfugrXu9trg&feature=youtu.be)

[“May Your Unfailing Love Be with Us”](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gIwfgchR3tg&feature=youtu.be)
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Readings for the Week:

Monday Psalm 28. **Tuesday** (Michael and All Angels) Revelation 12:7-12. **Wednesday** (commemoration of Jerome, translator, teacher, died 420) Judges 16:23-31. **Thursday** Psalm 80:7-15. **Friday** Philippians 2:14-18; 3:1-4a. **Saturday** Jeremiah 6:1-10. **Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost** (commemoration of Francis of Assisi, renewer of the church, died 1226; Theodor Fliedner, renewer of society, died 1864) Isaiah 5:1-7; Psalm 80:7-15; Philippians 3:4b-14; Matthew 21:33-46.