

The Seventeenth Sunday After Pentecost

Saturday – September 26, 2020 – 5:30 pm. Worship
Sunday – September 27, 2020 – 8:15 am. & Live-Streamed
10:45 am. Worship



“... Every Knee Shall Bow and Every Tongue Confess ...”

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† Call to Worship †

Hymn # 807 “When Morning Gilds the Skies”



1 When morn-ing gilds the skies, My heart, a - wak - ing, cries,
2 When mirth for mu - sic longs, This is my song of songs:
3 No love-lier an - ti - phon In all high heav'n is known
4 Ye na - tions of man - kind, In this your con - cord find:
5 Sing, suns and stars of space, Sing, ye that see His face,



“May Je - sus Christ be praised!” When eve - ning shad - ows fall,
“May Je - sus Christ be praised!” God’s ho - ly house of prayer
Than “Je - sus Christ be praised!” There to the e - ter - nal Word
“May Je - sus Christ be praised!” Let all the earth a - round
Sing, “Je - sus Christ be praised!” God’s whole cre - a - tion o’er,



This rings my cur - few call: “May Je - sus Christ be praised!”
Hath none that can com - pare With “Je - sus Christ be praised!”
The e - ter - nal psalm is heard: “May Je - sus Christ be praised!”
Ring joy - ous with the sound: “May Je - sus Christ be praised!”
Both now and ev - er - more Shall Je - sus Christ be praised!

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

Invocation

LSB 203 Matthew 28:19b; [18:20]

- P** In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C Amen.

Exhortation

LSB 203 Psalm 124:8; Psalm 130:3–4; Luke 18:13

- P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,
C **who made heaven and earth.**
P If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?
C **But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.**
P Since we are gathered to hear God’s Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

Confession of Sins

LSB 203

- C** **Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**

Absolution

LSB 203 [John 20:19–23]

- 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 †

Psalm 68:19-35

P ¹⁹Blesséd be the Lord, who daily bears us up;
C **God is our salvation.**

P ²⁰Our God is a God of salvation,
C **and to GOD, the Lord, belong deliverances from death.**

P ²¹But God will strike the heads of his enemies,
C **the hairy crown of him who walks in his guilty ways.**

P ²²The Lord said, *“I will bring them back from Bashan,*
C *I will bring them back from the depths of the sea,*

P ²³*that you may strike your feet in their blood,*
C **that the tongues of your dogs may have their portion from the foe.”**

P ²⁴Your procession is seen, O God,
C **the procession of my God, my King, into the sanctuary—**

P ²⁵the singers in front, the musicians last,
C **between them virgins playing tambourines:**

P ²⁶*“Bless God in the great congregation,*
C *the LORD, O you who are of Israel’s fountain!”*

P ²⁷There is Benjamin, the least of them, in the lead,
C **the princes of Judah in their throng,**

P the princes of Zebulun,
C **the princes of Naphtali.**

P ²⁸Summon your power, O God,
C **the power, O God, by which you have worked for us.**

P ²⁹Because of your temple at Jerusalem
C **kings shall bear gifts to you.**

P ³⁰Rebuke the beasts that dwell among the reeds,
C **the herd of bulls with the calves of the peoples.**

P Trample underfoot those who lust after tribute;
C **scatter the peoples who delight in war.**

P ³¹Nobles shall come from Egypt;
C **Cush shall hasten to stretch out her hands to God.**

P ³²O kingdoms of the earth, sing to God;
C **sing praises to the Lord,**

P ³³to him who rides in the heavens, the ancient heavens;
C **behold, he sends out his voice, his mighty voice.**

P ³⁴Ascribe power to God, whose majesty is over Israel,
C **and whose power is in the skies.**

P ³⁵Awesome is God from his sanctuary;
C **the God of Israel—he is the one who gives power and strength to his people.**

ALL **Blesséd be God!**

**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.**

Hymn # 942 “Kyrie! God, Father”



Ky-ri - e! God, Fa-ther in heav'n a-bove, You a-bound in gra-cious love,



Of all things the mak-er and pre-serv - er. E - le - i-son! E - le - i - son!

Ky-ri - e! O Christ, our king, Sal-va - tion for all You came to bring.

O Lord Je-sus, God's own Son, Our me-di - a-tor at the heav'n-ly throne:

Hear our cry and grant our sup-pli-ca - tion. E - le - i - son! E - le - i - son!

Ky - ri - e! O God the Ho - ly Ghost, Guard our faith, the

gift we need the most, And bless our life's last hour, That we leave this

sin-ful world with glad - ness. E - le - i - son! E - le - i - son!

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Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C 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.

C Amen.

Old Testament Reading: Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32

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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.”***

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle: Philippians 2:1-15

¹So if 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,

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Alleluia and Verse

LSB 205 John 20:31



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



C These things are writ - ten that you may be - lieve that



Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.



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

Holy Gospel: Matthew 21:23-32

Matthew 21:23-32

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

C Glory to You, O Lord.

²³ 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?*”

²⁴ 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.*” ²⁵ *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?’*” ²⁶ *But if we say, ‘From man,’ we are afraid of the crowd, for they all hold that John was a prophet.*” ²⁷ 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.*”

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.
- C** Praise to You, O Christ.

Hymn # 670 “Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones”

LSB 670 sts. 1, 3

1 Ye watch - ers and ye ho - ly ones, Bright
 3 Re - spond, ye souls in end - less rest, Ye
 5 Un - til that day we hear His voice, Who

ser - aphs, cher - u - bim, and thrones, Raise the glad strain:
 pa - tri - archs and proph - ets blest: "Al - le - lu - ia,
 prayed for us up - on the cross, Al - le - lu - ia,

"Al - le - lu - ia!" Cry out, do - min - ions, prince - doms,
 al - le - lu - ia!" Ye ho - ly Twelve, ye mar - tyrs
 al - le - lu - ia! Ex - ult - ing in His Church set

pow'rs, Vir - tues, arch - an - gels, an - gels'
 strong, All saints tri - um - phant, raise the
 free, Sing - ing sal - va - tion's vic - to -

choirs: "Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -
 song: "Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -
 ry! "Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -

lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!"
 lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!"
 lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!"

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Sermon “The Procession of Praise” Philippians 2:5-11 & Psalm 68:24-29

Apostles' Creed

LSB 207

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

Prayer of the Church

Responses:

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

Final Petition:

P Hear us Father for we pray in the name of Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, who
lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever,
C Amen.

Lord's Prayer

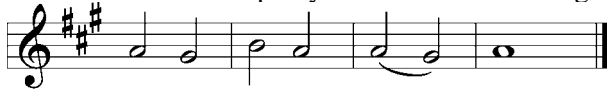
Matthew 6:9–13 LSB 209

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.

Benediction

LSB 212

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, a-men, a - men.

Hymn "Just a Closer Walk With Thee"

Chorus: **Just a closer walk with Thee**
 Grant it, Jesus, is my plea,
 Daily walking close to Thee
 Let it be, dear Lord, let it be.

- 1. I am weak, but Thou art strong;**
Jesus, keep me from all wrong;
I'll be satisfied as long
As I walk, dear Lord, close to Thee.
- 2. Through this world of toil and snares,**
If I falter, Lord, who cares?
Who with me my burden shares?
None but Thee, dear Lord, none but Thee. Chorus
- 3. When my feeble life is o'er.**
Time for me will be no more;
On that bright eternal shore
I will walk, dear Lord, close to Thee. Chorus

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