

The 17th Sunday After Pentecost

Saturday – September 18, 2021 – 5:30 pm. Worship

Sunday – September 19, 2021 – 9:30 am. Worship & Live-Streamed

10:30 am. Bible Class



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† Call to Worship †

Hymn “Beneath the Cross of Jesus”

1. Beneath the cross of Jesus I fain would take my stand –
The shadow of a mighty Rock Within a weary land;
A home within the wilderness, A rest upon the way,
From the burning of the noontide heat, And the burden of the day.
2. Upon that cross of Jesus Mine eye at times can see
The very dying form of One Who suffered there for me;
And from my smitten heart with tears Two wonders I confess –
The wonders of redeeming love And My unworthiness.
3. I take, O cross, thy shadow For my abiding place;
I ask no other sunshine than The sunshine of His face;
Content to let the world go by, To know no gain or loss,
My sinful self my only shame, My glory all the cross.

Stand

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 151 1 John 1:8–9

- 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.

Confession of Sins

LSB 292 (Alt.)

- P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
C I, a poor sinner, plead guilty before God of all sins.
In many different ways I have not responded to God’s grace.
I have lived as if God did not matter and as if I mattered most.
My Lord’s name I have not honored as I should;
my worship and prayers have faltered.
I have not let His love form my heart and guide my life,
and so my love for others has failed.
There are those whom I have hurt, and those whom I have failed to help.
In my thoughts and desires I have followed my own sinful ways.
I want to desire God’s ways and want to do better.
But even there I fail. I do not understand myself.
God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

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 46

- P** ¹God is our refuge and strength,
a very present help in trouble.
- C** ²**Therefore we will not fear though the earth gives way,**
P though the mountains be moved into the heart of the sea,
³though its waters roar and foam,
C **though the mountains tremble at its swelling.**
- P** ⁴There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,
C **the holy habitations of the Most High.**
- P** ⁵God is in the midst of her; she shall not be moved;
C **God will help her when morning dawns.**
- P** ⁶The nations rage,
C **the kingdoms totter;**
P he utters his voice,
C **the earth melts.**
- P** ⁷The LORD of hosts is with us;
C **the God of Jacob is our fortress.**
- P** ⁸Come, behold the works of the LORD,
C **how he has brought desolations on the earth.**
- ⁹**He makes wars cease to the end of the earth;**
P he breaks the bow and shatters the spear;
C **he burns the chariots with fire.**
- P** ¹⁰*“Be still, and know that I am God.*
C *I will be exalted among the nations,*
I will be exalted in the earth!”
- P** ¹¹The LORD of hosts is with us;
C **the God of Jacob is our fortress.**
- All** **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.

This Is the Feast

Revelation 5:12–13; 19:5–9 LSB 155

Refrain



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



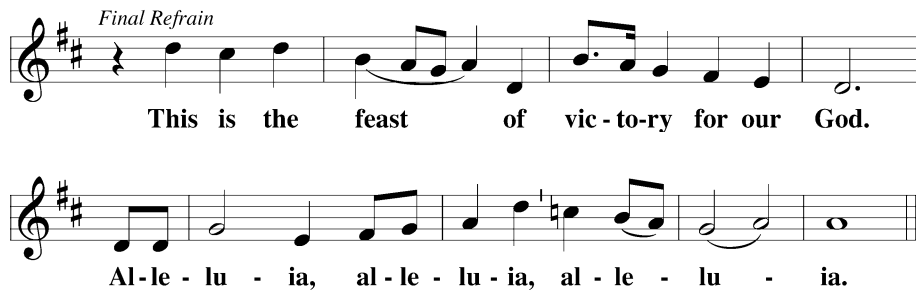
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



1 — Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose
2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and
3 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and
4 Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to
5 For the Lamb who was slain has be -



blood set us free to be peo - ple of God. *Refrain*
hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are His. *Refrain*
join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: *Stanza 4*
God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men. *Refrain*
gun His reign. Al - le - lu - ia. *Final Refrain*



Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.



C And al - so with you.

P Let us pray.
O God, whose strength is made perfect in weakness, grant us humility and childlike faith that we may please You in both will and deed; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C A - men.

Sit

Old Testament Reading: Jeremiah 11:18-20

¹⁸The LORD made it known to me and I knew;
then you showed me their deeds.

¹⁹But I was like a gentle lamb
led to the slaughter.

I did not know it was against me
they devised schemes, saying,

“Let us destroy the tree with its fruit,
let us cut him off from the land of the living,
that his name be remembered no more.”

²⁰But, O LORD of hosts, who judges righteously,
who tests the heart and the mind,
let me see your vengeance upon them,
for to you have I committed my cause.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle: James 3:13–4:10 (*Alt.*)

¹³Who is wise and understanding among you? By his good conduct let him show his works in the meekness of wisdom. ¹⁴But if you have bitter jealousy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not boast and be false to the truth. ¹⁵This is not the wisdom that comes down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, demonic. ¹⁶For where jealousy and selfish ambition exist, there will be disorder and every vile practice. ¹⁷But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, open to reason, full of mercy and good fruits, impartial and sincere. ¹⁸And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace.

A This is the Word of the Lord.
C Thanks be to God.

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

C Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

³⁵And he sat down and called the twelve. And he said to them, ***"If anyone would be first, he must be last of all and servant of all."*** ³⁶And he took a child and put him in the midst of them, and taking him in his arms, he said to them, ³⁷***"Whoever receives one such child in my name receives me, and whoever receives me, receives not me but him who sent me."***

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Sit

Hymn "Are You Weary, Are You Troubled"

(Tune: LSB 729)



- 1 Are you wear-y, are you trou-bled, Are you sore dis-tressed?
- 2 Has He marks to lead me to Him If He be my Guide?
- 3 Has He di-a - dem, as Mon-arch, That His brow a - dorns?
- 4 If I find Him, if I fol - low, What His boun - ty here?
- 5 If I still hold close - ly to Him, What has He at last?



- "Come to Me," says One, "and com- ing, Be at rest."
 "In His feet and hands are wound-prints, And His side."
 "Yes, a crown of no - ble roy'l - ty, But of thorns."
 "Man - y a sor - row, man - y a la - bor, Man - y a tear."
 "Sor - row van-quished, la - bor end - ed, Jor - dan passed."

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| <p>6 If I ask Him to receive me, Will He turn away? "He will lead me to the realms of Endless Day."</p> | <p>7 Finding, following, keeping, struggling, Is He sure to bless? Saints, apostles, prophets, martyrs Answer, "Yes!"</p> |
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Sermon "The Christ of the Cross" Mark 9:30-37

Stand

Nicene Creed

- C** 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 \pm of the world to come. Amen.

Sit

Offertory

Psalm 116:12-13, 17-19 LSB 159



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.

Stand

Prayer of the Church

Responses:

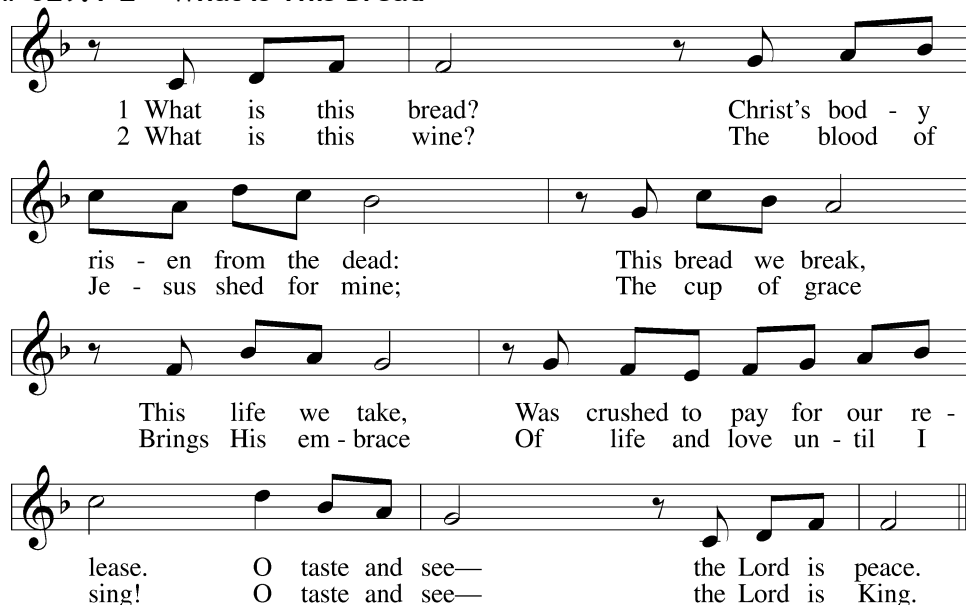
- P** Lord, in Your mercy,
C hear our prayer.

Final Petition:

- P** Hear us Father for we pray in the name of Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, risen, ascended and glorious, who has taught us to pray:

† Service of the Sacrament †

Hymn # 629:1-2 "What Is This Bread"



1 What is this bread? Christ's bod - y
2 What is this wine? The blood of
ris - en from the dead: This bread we break,
Je - sus shed for mine; The cup of grace
This life we take, Was crushed to pay for our re -
Brings His em - brace Of life and love un - til I
lease. O taste and see— the Lord is peace.
sing! O taste and see— the Lord is King.

Proper Preface

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, 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:

Hymn # 629:3 “What Is This Bread”

3 So who am I, That I should
live and He should die Un - der the rod?
My God, my God, Why have You not for - sak - en
me? O taste and see— the Lord is free.

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Prayer of Thanksgiving

P Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

In Your righteous judgment You condemned the sin of Adam and Eve, who ate the forbidden fruit, and You justly barred them and all their children from the tree of life. Yet, in Your great mercy, You promised salvation by a second Adam, Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, and made His cross a life-giving tree for all who trust in Him.

We give You thanks for the redemption You have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may faithfully eat and drink of the fruits of His cross and receive the blessings of forgiveness, life, and salvation that come to us in His body and blood.

Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

Lord's Prayer

Matthew 6:9–13 LSB 162

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

LSB 162

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

John 20:19 LSB 163

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.



C A - men.

Hymn # 629:4-5 “What Is This Bread”

4 Yet is God here? Oh, yes! By
5 Is this for me? I am for -

Word and prom - ise clear, In mouth and soul
giv - en and set free! I do be - lieve

He makes us whole— Christ, tru - ly pres - ent in this
That I re - ceive His ver - y bod - y and His

meal. O taste and see— the Lord is real.
blood. O taste and see— the Lord is good.

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Thanksgiving

LSB 200

A O give thanks to the Lord, for He is good,

C and His mercy endures forever.

Thank the Lord

[Psalm 105:1–3, 42–43]; [1 Chronicles 16:8–10] LSB 164

C Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev-'ry-one what He has done.

Let all who seek 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

A Let us pray.

Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which has no end; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



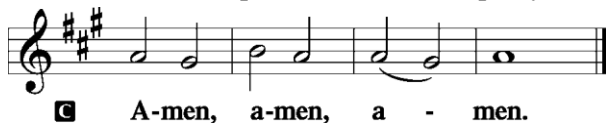
Benediction

Numbers 6:24–26 LSB 202

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.

The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.



Hymn # 832 “Jesus Shall Reign”



1 Je - sus shall reign wher - e'er the sun Does its suc -
 2 To Him shall end - less prayer be made, And end - less
 3 Peo - ple and realms of ev - 'ry tongue Dwell on His
 4 Bless - ings a - bound wher - e'er He reigns: The pris - 'ners
 5 Let ev - 'ry crea - ture rise and bring Hon - ors pe -



ces - sive jour - neys run; His king - dom stretch from
 prais - es crown His head; His name like sweet per -
 love with sweet - est song; And in - fant voic - es
 leap, un - loose their chains, The wea - ry find e -
 cu - liar to our King; An - gels de - scend with



shore to shore Till moons shall wax and wane no more.
 fume shall rise With ev - 'ry morn - ing sac - ri - fice.
 shall pro - claim Their ear - ly bless - ings on His name.
 ter - nal rest, And all who suf - fer want are blest.
 songs a - gain, And earth re - peat the loud a - men.

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