

# The Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity

The Sunday of the Pharisee's Dinner

October 4, 2020



*“Everyone who exalts himself will be humbled,  
And he who humbles himself will be exalted”*

# The Divine Service

†-- congregation stands

## Our Belief and Practice Concerning the Lord's Supper

When life seems oppressive, burdens weigh us down, and we feel alone, unloved, and defeated, the Lord of Life gives His body and blood to us in the Lord's Supper to remind us that we are not alone, that we are deeply loved, and that in Christ we have the victory!

Because we care about the spiritual welfare of all who commune at the Lord's Table, guests desiring to commune today are asked to speak with the pastor before the service.

## The Preparation

### Prelude

### Word of Welcome & Announcements

### Hymn 906 *O Day of Rest and Gladness*



1 O day of rest and glad - ness, O day of joy and light,  
2 This day at earth's cre - a - tion The light first had its birth;  
3 This day, God's peo - ple meet - ing, His Ho - ly Scrip - ture hear;  
4 That light our hope sus - tain - ing, We walk the pil - grim way,



O balm of care and sad - ness, Most beau - ti - ful, most bright;  
This day for our sal - va - tion Christ rose from depths of earth;  
His liv - ing pres - ence greet - ing, Through bread and wine made near.  
At length our rest at - tain - ing, Our end - less Sab - bath day.



This day the high and low - ly, Through a - ges joined to bless,  
This day our Lord vic - to - rious The Spir - it sent from heav'n,  
We jour - ney on, be - liev - ing, Re - newed with heav'n - ly might,  
We sing to Thee our prais - es, O Fa - ther, Spir - it, Son;



Sing, "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly," The tri - une God con - fess.  
And thus this day most glo - rious A three - fold light was giv'n.  
From grace more grace re - ceiv - ing, On this blest day of light.  
The Church her voice up - rais - es To Thee, blest Three in One.

## † Confession and Absolution

In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

Our help is in the name of the Lord,  
**who made heaven and earth.**

I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,  
**and you forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

*Silence for self-examination*

Consider your place in life according to the Ten Commandments. Are you a father, mother, son, daughter, husband, wife, or worker? Have you been disobedient, unfaithful, or lazy? Have you been hot-tempered, rude, or quarrelsome? Have you hurt someone by your words or deeds? Have you stolen, been negligent, wasted anything, or done any harm?

O almighty God, merciful Father,

**I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**



# The Service of the Word

## † Introit *Psalm 119; antiphon: Psalm 119*



Righteous are You, | O LORD,\*  
and right are Your | just decrees.

**Deal with Your servant according to Your | steadfast love,\*  
and teach me Your | statutes.**

Blessèd are those whose way is | blameless,\*  
who walk in the law | of the LORD!

**Blessèd are those who keep His testi- | monies,\*  
who seek Him with their | whole heart.**

Oh that my ways may be | steadfast\*  
in keeping Your | statutes!

**Then I shall not be | put to shame,\*  
having my eyes fixed on all Your com- | mandments.**

**Glory be to the Father and | to the Son\*  
and to the Holy | Spirit;**

**as it was in the be- | ginning,\*  
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.**

Righteous are You, | O LORD,\*  
and right are Your | just decrees.

**Deal with Your servant according to Your | steadfast love,\*  
and teach me Your | statutes.**

## † Kyrie



Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -



on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

## † Gloria in Excelsis



Glory be to God on high: and on earth peace, good - will toward

men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor-ship Thee,  
we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.  
O Lord God, heav'n-ly King, God the Fa-ther Al - mighty.  
O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ;  
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,  
that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up-on us.  
Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re-ceive our prayer.  
Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up-  
on us. For Thou only art holy; Thou on-ly art the Lord.  
Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Ghost,  
art most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

## † Salutation and Collect of the Day

The Lord be with you.



☐ And with thy spir - it.

Let us pray: Lord, we implore You, grant Your people grace to withstand the temptations of the devil and with pure hearts and minds to follow You, the only God; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



☐ A - men.

## Old Testament Reading

*Proverbs 25:6–14*

*In those days, Solomon said:* Do not put yourself forward in the king's presence or stand in the place of the great, for it is better to be told, "Come up here," than to be put lower in the presence of a noble. What your eyes have seen do not hastily bring into court, for what will you do in the end, when your neighbor puts you to shame? Argue your case with your neighbor himself, and do not reveal another's secret, lest he who hears you bring shame upon you, and your ill repute have no end. A word fitly spoken is like apples of gold in a setting of silver. Like a gold ring or an ornament of gold is a wise reprover to a listening ear. Like the cold of snow in the time of harvest is a faithful messenger to those who send him; he refreshes the soul of his masters. Like clouds and wind without rain is a man who boasts of a gift he does not give.

This is the Word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God.**

## Gradual

*Psalm 33*



Blessèd is the nation whose God | is the LORD,\*

the people whom He has chosen as His | heritage!

**By the Word of the LORD the heav- | ens were made,\***

**and by the Breath of His mouth | all their host.**

## Epistle

*Ephesians 4:1-6*

*Brethren,* I Paul, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one



## † Nicene Creed

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 ☩ of the world to come. Amen.

## Hymn of the Day *TLH 385 stanzas 1-4 Now I Have Found the Firm Foundation*



1 Now I have found the firm foun - da - tion Which holds mine  
2 It is that mer - cy nev - er end - ing, Which hu - man  
3 Our ru - in God hath not in - tend - ed, For our sal -  
4 O depth of love, to me re - veal - ing The sea where



an - chor ev - er sure; 'Twas laid be - fore the  
wis - dom far tran - scends, Of Him who, lov - ing  
- va - tion He hath yearned; For this His Son to  
my sins dis - ap - pear! In Christ my wounds find



world's cre - a - tion In Christ my Sav - ior's  
arms ex - tend - ing, To wretch - ed sin - ners  
earth de - scend - ed And then to heav'n a -  
per - fect heal - ing, There is no con - dem -





wounds se - cure;                      Foun - da - tion which un -  
 con - de - scends;                      Whose heart with pit - y  
 - gain re - turned;                      For this so pa - tient  
 - na - tion here;                      For Je - sus' blood thro'



- moved shall stay      When heav'n and earth will pass a - way.  
 still doth break      Wheth - er we seek Him or for - sake.  
 ev - er - more      He knock - eth at our heart's closed door.  
 earth and skies      For - ev - er "Mer - cy! Mer - cy!" cries.

### Sermon

#### † Offertory



☐ Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -



new a right spir - it with - in me.      Cast me not a -



way from Thy pres - ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it



from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -



tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir - it.      A - men.

#### † Prayer of the Church

*After each petition: ...let us pray to the Lord.*

**Lord, have mercy.**

*At the conclusion: ... one God, now and forever.*

**Amen.**

# The Service of the Sacrament of the Altar

## † Preface and Sanctus

The Lord be with you.



☐ And with thy spir - it.

Lift up your hearts.



☐ We lift them up un - to the Lord.

Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.



☐ It is meet and right so to do.

It is truly meet, right, and salutary ... evermore praising You and saying:



☐ Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;



heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,



ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He,



bless - ed is He, bless - ed is He that com - eth in the name of the Lord.



Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

## † The Lord's Prayer

## † Words of Our Lord

### † Pax Domini

The peace of ☩ the Lord be with you always.



☩ A - men.

### † Agnus Dei



☩ O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the



world, have mer-cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that



tak-est a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy up - on us.



O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the



world, grant us Thy peace. A - men.

Guests who have not previously received Holy Communion from Pastor Gerike are kindly asked to speak with him before approaching the altar for the first time.

Communicants may receive the Body of Christ either in the hand or directly in the mouth. Those who receive the Blood of Christ from the chalice are encouraged to take the bottom of the chalice with a hand to help guide it to their mouths.

*Communicants are invited to pray the following before receiving the Sacrament:*

O Lord, I am not worthy that You should enter under my roof;  
but speak only Your Word, and my soul will be healed.

What shall I render to the Lord for all His benefits to me?

I will take the Cup of Salvation and call upon the Name of the Lord.

5 I never will forget this crying;  
 In faith I'll trust it all my days,  
 And when o'er all my sins I'm sighing,  
 Into the Father's heart I'll gaze;  
 For there is always to be found  
 Free mercy without end and bound.

6 Though I be robbed of every pleasure  
 That makes my soul and body glad  
 And be deprived of earthly treasure  
 And be forsaken, lone, and sad,  
 Though my desire for help seem vain,  
 His mercy shall with me remain.

7 Though earthly trials should oppress me  
 And cares from day to day increase;  
 Though earth's vain things should sore  
 distress me  
 And rob me of my Savior's peace;  
 Though I be brought down to the dust,  
 Still in His mercy I will trust.

8 When all my deeds I am reviewing,  
 The deeds that I admire the most,  
 I find in all my thought and doing  
 That there is naught whereof to boast,  
 Yet this sweet comfort shall abide—  
 In mercy I can still confide.

9 Let mercy cause me to be willing  
 To bear my lot and not to fret.  
 While He my restless heart is stilling,  
 May I His mercy not forget!  
 Come weal, come woe, my heart to test,  
 His mercy is my only rest.

10 I'll stand upon this firm foundation  
 As long as I on earth remain;  
 This shall engage my meditation  
 While I the breath of life retain;  
 And then, when face to face with Thee,  
 I'll sing of mercy, great and free.

637 *Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord*

1 Draw near and take the body of the Lord,  
 And drink the holy blood for you outpoured;  
 Offered was He for greatest and for least,  
 Himself the victim and Himself the priest.

2 He who His saints in this world rules and shields,  
 To all believers life eternal yields;  
 With heav'nly bread He makes the hungry whole,  
 Gives living waters to the thirsting soul.

3 Come forward then with faithful hearts sincere,  
 And take the pledges of salvation here.  
 O Lord, our hearts with grateful thanks endow  
 As in this feast of love You bless us now.

587 *I Know My Faith Is Founded*



1 I know my faith is found - ed On Je - sus Christ, my  
 2 In - crease my faith, dear Sav - ior, For Sa - tan seeks by  
 3 In faith, Lord, let me serve You; Though per - se - cu - tion,



God and Lord; And this my faith con - fess - ing, Un -  
 night and day To rob me of this trea - sure And  
 grief, and pain Should seek to o - ver - whelm me, Let



moved I stand on His sure Word. Our rea - son can - not  
 take my hope of bliss a - way. But, Lord, with You be -  
 me a stead - fast trust re - tain; And then at my de -



fath - om The truth of God pro - found; Who trusts in hu - man  
 side me, I shall be un - dis - mayed; And led by Your good  
 par - ture, Lord, take me home to You, Your rich - es to in -



wis - dom Re - lies on shift - ing ground. God's Word is  
 Spir - it, I shall be un - a - fraid. A - bide with  
 her - it As all You said holds true. In life and



all - suf - fi - cient, It makes di - vine - ly sure; And  
 me, O Sav - ior, A firm - er faith be - stow; Then  
 death, Lord, keep me Un - til Your heav'n I gain, Where



trust - ing in its wis - dom, My faith shall rest se - cure.  
 I shall bid de - fi - ance To ev - 'ry e - vil foe.  
 I by Your great mer - cy The end of faith at - tain.

## † Dismissal

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul unto life everlasting. Depart ✠ in peace.

Amen.

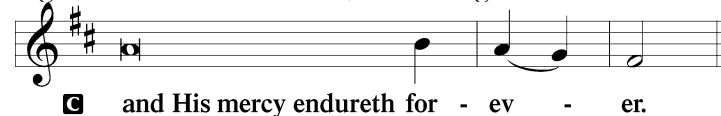
## † Nunc Dimittis



Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de - part in peace ac -  
cord - ing to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,  
which Thou hast pre - pared be - fore the face of all people,  
a light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of Thy  
peo - ple Is - ra - el. Glo - ry be to the Father and  
to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the beginning,  
is now, and ev - er shall be, world without end. A - men.

## † Post-Communion Collect

O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good.



and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

Let us pray. ... one God, now and forever.



☐ A - men.

† **Salutation, Benedicamus, and Benediction**

The Lord be with you.



☐ And with thy spir - it.

Bless we the Lord.



☐ Thanks be to God.

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.



☐ A-men, a-men, a - men.

**Hymn 644**    *The Church's One Foundation*

1 The Church's one foundation  
Is Jesus Christ, her Lord;  
She is His new creation  
By water and the Word.  
From heav'n He came and sought her  
To be His holy bride;  
With His own blood He bought her,  
And for her life He died.

2 Elect from ev'ry nation,  
Yet one o'er all the earth;  
Her charter of salvation:  
One Lord, one faith, one birth.  
One holy name she blesses,  
Partakes one holy food,  
And to one hope she presses  
With ev'ry grace endued.

*Hymn continues on next page*

- 3    Though with a scornful wonder  
       The world sees her oppressed,  
 By schisms rent asunder,  
       By heresies distressed,  
 Yet saints their watch are keeping;  
       Their cry goes up, "How long?"  
 And soon the night of weeping  
       Shall be the morn of song.
- 4    Through toil and tribulation  
       And tumult of her war  
 She waits the consummation  
       Of peace forevermore  
 Till with the vision glorious  
       Her longing eyes are blest,  
 And the great Church victorious  
       Shall be the Church at rest.
- 5    Yet she on earth has union  
       With God, the Three in One,  
 And mystic sweet communion  
       With those whose rest is won.  
 O blessèd heav'nly chorus!  
       Lord, save us by Your grace  
 That we, like saints before us,  
       May see You face to face.

The first Sunday in October is traditionally used to celebrate the work of the LWML. Our Women's Guild is a part of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League. This year's theme for the LWML is based on Jesus' words in Matthew 21:43, that "The kingdom of God will be...given to a people producing its fruits." As people of the kingdom of God, God graciously nurtures us and generously gives us everything we need to produce fruit for the kingdom during the fruit-bearing season of our lives.

The coronavirus pandemic has put a damper on a lot of our activities. The most disappointing was the cancellation of the Nebraska North District Convention that was to have been held in Columbus back in June. A big part of the convention is the voting for the Board of Directors and for the distribution of mission grants. We are sorry that we missed out on the festivities and camaraderie of a convention, but we did have two members who were able to vote via the internet.

Some of our members are wearing purple today, which is the color generally associated with the LWML. We are finally able to start our after church social hour again today. Please join us for coffee and a special cake!

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# Today's Notices

The October Newsletter was emailed out this past week. Printed copies are available in the narthex.

After church coffee hour resumes today with the following guidelines:

Food is to be plated and beverages pre-poured (no self-serve)

If you desire a refill, please take a new cup

Servers are asked to wear a mask and gloves while preparing food and beverages

Food is to be prepared on the back kitchen counters and not the serving counter

Project Hope is gathering food for 500 families for Thanksgiving. Mt. Calvary has been asked to collect 100 (15 oz.) cans of fruit for the Jell-O. This will provide Jell-O salad for 100 families! We have already collected 50 cans, so we're halfway there! Please help us participate in this project as we share our gifts and Christ's kindness with others!

The Lutheran Thrift Shop, located at 24<sup>th</sup> & Leavenworth, is always taking donations. Books and magazines are popular items.

Mount Calvary is one of a number of organizations whose account with Amazon Smile is affected by a discrepancy between Amazon and the IRS. Current users of Amazon Smile are still able to support their charitable organization of choice, however, new users are not able to choose Mount Calvary, and no funds from current users are able to be disbursed. Amazon expects the discrepancy to be resolved by the end of October. The Board of Finance will monitor the situation and update the congregation.

We have two counters unable to attend and assist with counting offerings. If you are interested in being a new temporary or permanent counter, please contact Carrie Rhine in person, by phone 402.218.6541 or by email [willowclem@yahoo.com](mailto:willowclem@yahoo.com).

A 4'x6' white board is still available. If interested, see Garry Gernandt.

Prayer Requests: *Our homebound members*: Ken & Joanne Jones, Susan Lutz, Raymond Stevens, Louise Sullivan; *Our missionaries*: David & Valerie Federwitz & family, Rev. Daniel, Kathy, & Ana Conrad, Rev. Steven Braun; *All others in need*: Paul Luedeman, Stephen Grobeck, Don Bruckner, Barb Grage, Maxine Ashton, Joanne Dobrusky, Juliana Cloeter, Terry Maher, Clifford Doll, Marleen Muenster, Dick Chappell, Tom Fiala, Evan Kerr, Richard Marunda, Mary Kier, Pat Koch, Char Emmanuel, those affected by the pandemic, the work of the LWML





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## **Our Service Schedule throughout the year:**

Holy Communion is offered on 1<sup>st</sup> 3<sup>rd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Sundays of the month, on every Sunday in the Advent, Christmas, Epiphany, Lent, and Easter seasons, and on holy days as announced. During Advent and Lent, midweek services are held on Wednesdays at 6:30pm

**Pastoral Care and Guests at the Lord's Supper:** We care about the spiritual welfare of all who commune at the Lord's Table. If you are a guest and desire to commune, please speak to Pastor Gerike before the service. Our altar is open to those who confess oneness with us in doctrine, are members of our congregation or of a sister congregation of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, and are not under church discipline in another congregation.

**Adult Christian Education** is taught every Sunday morning at 8:45 in the church basement.

**Sunday School** for children ages 3-12 is from September through May. Lessons are Bible-story based and activities are designed to reinforce the biblical lesson.

**Pastoral Consultation** based on the Holy Scriptures is available from the Pastor by appointment

**The Sick and Homebound** are visited regularly by the Pastor with the Scriptures and Sacrament of the Altar. Please contact the Church Office if you know of any parishioner in need of pastoral visitation.

<p><b>Officiant</b> – The Reverend Andrew Gerike <b>Organist</b> – Rosalie Soodsma <b>Altar Care</b> – Alta Lambrecht &amp; Nancy Reynolds <b>Elder</b> – Glen Rademacher <b>Trustee</b> – Don Schamber <b>Counters</b> – Carlene Lange &amp; Carrie Rhine</p>
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