

## Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost



Holy Trinity Lutheran Church

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**Prelude** (\*Prelude music credits at end of bulletin)

**Laura Reames, Musician**

*I Will Lift Up Mine Eyes; Brethren, We Have Met to Worship; and The Prayer of St Patrick (solo: Brenda Hrivnak)*

### Confession and Forgiveness

<sup>8</sup>If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. <sup>9</sup>If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

**1 John 1:8-9**

**P** God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of ✝ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

**C Amen.**

### THE GREETING

**P** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C And also with you.**

### THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C And also with you.**

**P** Let us pray.

**C O God, our teacher and guide, you draw us to yourself and welcome us as beloved children. Help us to lay aside all envy and selfish ambition, that we may walk in your ways of wisdom and understanding as servants of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

### Song of Preparation for the Word

For the fruit of all creation,  
thanks be to God.  
For these gifts to ev'ry nation,  
thanks be to God.  
For the plowing, sowing, reaping,  
silent growth while we are sleeping,  
future needs in earth's safekeeping,  
thanks be to God.

### For the Fruit of All Creation

In the just reward of labor,  
God's will is done.  
In the help we give our neighbor,  
God's will is done.  
In our worldwide task of caring  
for the hungry and despairing,  
in the harvests we are sharing,  
God's will is done

Text: Fred Pratt Green

For the harvests of the Spirit,  
thanks be to God.  
For the good we all inherit,  
thanks be to God.  
For the wonders that astound us,  
for the truths that still confound us,  
most of all, that love has found us,  
thanks be to God.

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### WORD

#### First Reading: Jeremiah 11:18-20

*Today's reading tells of the suffering of the prophet Jeremiah, who announced God's word to Judah but was met with intense opposition and persecution. Jeremiah continues to trust in God in the midst of his suffering.*

<sup>18</sup>It was the Lord who made it known to me, and I knew; then you showed me their evil deeds. <sup>19</sup>But I was like a gentle lamb led to the slaughter. And I did not know it was against me that they devised schemes, saying, "Let us destroy the tree with its fruit, let us cut him off from the land of the living, so that his name will no longer be remembered!" <sup>20</sup>But you, Lord of hosts, who judge righteously, who try the heart and the mind, let me see your retribution upon them, for to you I have committed my cause.

### **Psalm: Psalm 54**

*God is my helper; it is the Lord who sustains my life. (Ps. 54:4)*

<sup>1</sup>Save me, O God, I by your name; in your might, defend my cause.

<sup>2</sup>**Hear my prayer, O God; give ear to the words of my mouth.**

<sup>3</sup>For strangers have risen up against me, and the ruthless have sought my life, those who have no regard for God.

<sup>4</sup>**Behold, God is my helper; it is the Lord who sustains my life. R**

<sup>5</sup>Render evil to those who spy on me; in your faithfulness, destroy them.

<sup>6</sup>**I will offer you a freewill sacrifice and praise your name, O Lord, for it is good.**

<sup>7</sup>For you have rescued me from every trouble, and my eye looks down on my enemies. **R**

### **Second Reading: James 3:13--4:3, 7-8a**

*The wisdom God gives unites our hearts and minds. Instead of living to satisfy our own wants and desires, we manifest this wisdom in peace, gentleness, mercy, and impartiality toward others.*

<sup>13</sup>Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom. <sup>14</sup>But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be boastful and false to the truth. <sup>15</sup>Such wisdom does not come down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish. <sup>16</sup>For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind. <sup>17</sup>But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. <sup>18</sup>And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace.<sup>4</sup>

<sup>1</sup>Those conflicts and disputes among you, where do they come from? Do they not come from your cravings that are at war within you? <sup>2</sup>You want something and do not have it; so you commit murder. And you covet something and cannot obtain it; so you engage in disputes and conflicts. You do not have, because you do not ask. <sup>3</sup>You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, in order to spend what you get on your pleasures. <sup>7</sup>Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. <sup>8a</sup>Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you.

### **THE HOLY GOSPEL: Mark 9:30-37**

**P** The holy gospel according to St. Mark, the ninth chapter.

**C** **Glory to you, O Lord.**

*Jesus' teaching and action in this text are directed to the church whenever it is seduced by the world's definition of greatness: prestige, power, influence, and money. The antidote to such a concern for greatness is servanthood.*

<sup>30</sup>[Jesus and the disciples went on] and passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it;<sup>31</sup>for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, "The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again." <sup>32</sup>But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him.

<sup>33</sup>Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, "What were you arguing about on the way?" <sup>34</sup>But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest. <sup>35</sup>He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, "Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all." <sup>36</sup>Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, <sup>37</sup>"Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me."

P The gospel of the Lord.

**C Praise to you, O Christ.**

## THE SERMON

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### Hymn of the Day

### *Children of the Heavenly Father*

Music: Swedish folk tune

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| 1 Children of the heav'nly Father<br>safely in his bosom gather;<br>nestling bird nor star in heaven<br>such a refuge e'er was given.                  | 3 Neither life nor death shall ever<br>from the Lord his children sever;<br>unto them his grace he showeth,<br>and their sorrows all he knoweth. |
| 2 God his own doth tend and nourish,<br>in his holy courts they flourish.<br>From all evil things he spares them,<br>in his mighty arms he bears them. | 4 Though he giveth or he taketh,<br>God his children ne'er forsaketh;<br>his the loving purpose solely<br>to preserve them pure and holy.        |

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## THE APOSTLES' CREED

P We have been made God's people through our baptism into Christ. Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

**C I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## THE PRAYERS

**AT THE OFFERTORY Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow**

(words are on the website)

### OFFERING PRAYER

P God of abundance, you cause streams to break forth in the desert and manna to rain from the heavens. Accept the gifts you have first given us. Unite them with the offering of our lives to nourish the world you love so dearly; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C Amen.**

## Holy Communion - Words of Institution

### The Lord's Prayer

## BLESSING

P People of God, you are Christ's body, bringing new life to a suffering world. The holy Trinity, ☩ one God, bless you now and forever. **C Amen.**

## SENDING HYMN

### *My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less*

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| 1 My hope is built on nothing less<br>than Jesus' blood and righteousness;<br>no merit of my own I claim,<br>but wholly lean on Jesus' name. <b>Refrain</b>   | 3 His oath, his covenant, his blood<br>sustain me in the raging flood;<br>when all supports are washed away,<br>he then is all my hope and stay. <b>Refrain</b>           |
| 2 When darkness veils his lovely face,<br>I rest on his unchanging grace;<br>in ev'ry high and stormy gale<br>my anchor holds within the veil. <b>Refrain</b> | 4 When he shall come with trumpet sound,<br>oh, may I then in him be found,<br>clothed in his righteousness alone,<br>redeemed to stand before the throne! <b>Refrain</b> |

### **Refrain**

On Christ, the solid rock, I stand;  
all other ground is sinking sand.

Text: Edward Mote, Music: John B. Dykes
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## THE DISMISSAL

P Go in peace. The living Word dwells in you.

**C Thanks be to God.**

P WE ARE HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

**C Helping Transform Lives in Christ**

## Drive-Thru Holy Communion

As you receive the bread and wine today, may the body and blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ, strengthen you and keep you in His grace. Amen.

**Postlude:** (\*\*Postlude music credits at end of bulletin)

*Will You Let Me Be Your Servant; All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly; In The Cross of Christ I Glory*

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## Flowers:

Today the flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Brady Owen Nussman and in support of Childhood Cancer Awareness Month and all families struggling with childhood cancers by the Nussman and Reames families.

**Assisting Minister:** Dick Orr / **Meals on Wheels - COOKS:** Brett & Sabrina Steel **DRIVERS: BLUE-**Nitschke; **RED-**Peters; **GREEN -**Kleven; **GOLD-**Perry