

The Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 23-24, 2023
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Entrance Hymn "Salvation Unto Us Has Come" LSB 555, sts. 1-5, *soloist sts. 2, 4*

Kyrie *Lord, Have Mercy* LSB 943

All **Kyrie, Kyrie eleison. Christe, Christe eleison. Kyrie, Kyrie eleison.**

Gloria LSB 946, *soloist st. 2*

All **Glory to God, we give You thanks and praise;
Of heav'nly joy and earthly peace we sing.
We worship You, to You our hearts we raise,
Lord God, almighty Father, heav'nly King.**

Solo Lord Jesus Christ, the Father's only Son,
You bore for us the load of this world's sin.
O Lamb of God, Your glorious vict'ry won,
Receive our prayer, grant us Your peace within.

All **Alone, O Christ, You only are the Lord,
At God's right hand in majesty most high:
Who with the Spirit worshiped and adored,
With all the heav'nly host we glorify.**

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P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Lord God, heavenly Father, since we cannot stand before You relying on anything we have done, help us trust in Your abiding grace and live according to Your Word; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.** (*sit*)

Old Testament *The Compassion of the Lord* Isaiah 55:6-9

⁶"Seek the LORD while he may be found;

call upon him while he is near;

⁷let the wicked forsake his way,

and the unrighteous man his thoughts;

let him return to the LORD, that he may have compassion on him,

and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

⁸For my thoughts are not your thoughts,

neither are your ways my ways, declares the LORD.

⁹For as the heavens are higher than the earth,

so are my ways higher than your ways

and my thoughts than your thoughts."

Gradual Ps. 34:9, 19, alt.

Fear the LORD, | you his saints,*

for those who fear him lack | nothing!

Many are the afflictions of the | righteous,*

but the LORD delivers him out | of them all.

Epistle *To Live is Christ* Philippians 1:12-14, 19-30

¹²I want you to know, brothers, that what has happened to me has really served to advance the gospel, ¹³so that it has become known throughout the whole imperial guard and to all the rest that my imprisonment is for Christ. ¹⁴And most of the brothers, having become confident in the Lord by my imprisonment, are much more bold to speak the word without fear. . . .

¹⁹for I know that through your prayers and the help of the Spirit of Jesus Christ this will turn out for my deliverance, ²⁰as it is my eager expectation and hope that I will not be at all ashamed, but that with full courage

now as always Christ will be honored in my body, whether by life or by death. ²¹For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain. ²²If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me. Yet which I shall choose I cannot tell. ²³I am hard pressed between the two. My desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better. ²⁴But to remain in the flesh is more necessary on your account. ²⁵Convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with you all, for your progress and joy in the faith, ²⁶so that in me you may have ample cause to glory in Christ Jesus, because of my coming to you again.

²⁷Only let your manner of life be worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that whether I come and see you or am absent, I may hear of you that you are standing firm in one spirit, with one mind striving side by side for the faith of the gospel, ²⁸and not frightened in anything by your opponents. This is a clear sign to them of their destruction, but of your salvation, and that from God. ²⁹For it has been granted to you that for the sake of Christ you should not only believe in him but also suffer for his sake, ³⁰engaged in the same conflict that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

Verse of the Day (*stand*)

Ephesians 2:8

Alleluia. Alleluia.

By grace you have been | saved through faith.*

And this is not your own doing; it is the | gift of God.

Alleluia. Alleluia.

Holy Gospel *Laborers in the Vineyard*

Matthew 20:1-16

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twentieth chapter.

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

¹[Jesus said:] "The kingdom of heaven is like a master of a house who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. ²After agreeing with the laborers for a denarius a day, he sent them into his vineyard. ³And going out about the third hour he saw others standing idle in the marketplace, ⁴and to them he said, 'You go into the vineyard too, and whatever is right I will give you.' ⁵So they went. Going out again about the sixth hour and the ninth hour, he did the same. ⁶And about the eleventh hour he went out and found others standing. And he said to them, 'Why do you stand here idle all day?' ⁷They said to him, 'Because no one has hired us.' He said to them, 'You go into the vineyard too.' ⁸And when evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his foreman, 'Call the laborers and pay them their wages, beginning with the last, up to the first.' ⁹And when those hired about the eleventh hour came, each of them received a denarius. ¹⁰Now when those hired first came, they thought they would receive more, but each of them also received a denarius. ¹¹And on receiving it they grumbled at the master of the house, ¹²saying, 'These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.' ¹³But he replied to one of them, 'Friend, I am doing you no wrong. Did you not agree with me for a denarius?' ¹⁴Take what belongs to you and go. I choose to give to this last worker as I give to you. ¹⁵Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or do you begrudge my generosity?' ¹⁶So the last will be first, and the first last."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

Creed

LSB 953, *soloist st. 2*

All **We all believe in one true God, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
Ever-present help in need, praised by all the heav'nly host;
All He made His love enfolds, all creation He upholds.**

Soloist We all believe in Jesus Christ, Son of God and Mary's son,
Who descended from His throne and for us salvation won;
By whose cross and death are we rescued from all misery.

All **We all confess the Holy Ghost, Who from both in truth proceeds,
Who sustains and comforts us in all trials, fears, and needs.
Blessèd, holy Trinity, praise forever be to Thee!**

Sermon (*sit*) "Bring on the Suffering!"

Philippians 1:12–14, 19–30

Hymn of the Day "Salvation Unto Us Has Come" LSB 555, sts. 6-10, *soloist sts. 7, 9*

All **Since Christ has full atonement made
 And brought to us salvation,
 Each Christian therefore may be glad
 And build on this foundation.
Your grace alone, dear Lord, I plead,
Your death is now my life indeed,
 For You have paid my ransom.**

Solo Let me not doubt, but truly see
 Your Word cannot be broken;
 Your call rings out, "Come unto Me!"
 No falsehood have You spoken.
Baptized into Your precious name,
My faith cannot be put to shame,
 And I shall never perish.

All **The Law reveals the guilt of sin
 And makes us conscience-stricken;
But then the Gospel enters in
 The sinful soul to quicken.
Come to the cross, trust Christ, and live;
The Law no peace can ever give,
 No comfort and no blessing.**

Solo Faith clings to Jesus' cross alone
 And rests in Him unceasing;
And by its fruits true faith is known,
 With love and hope increasing.
For faith alone can justify;
Works serve our neighbor and supply
 The proof that faith is living.

All **All blessing, honor, thanks, and praise
 To Father, Son, and Spirit,
The God who saved us by His grace;
 All glory to His merit.
O triune God in heav'n above,
You have revealed Your saving love;
 Your blessèd name we hallow.**

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Words of Institution

Sanctus LSB 960

**Isaiah, mighty seer in days of old,
the Lord of all in spirit did behold
High on a lofty throne, in splendor bright,
with robes that filled the temple courts with light.
Above the throne were flaming seraphim;
six wings had they, these messengers of Him.
With two they veiled their faces as was right,
with two they humbly hid their feet from sight,
And with the other two aloft they soared;
one to the other called and praised the Lord:**

"Holy is God, the Lord of Sabaoth!

**Holy is God, the Lord of Sabaoth!
Holy is God, the Lord of Sabaoth!
His glory fills the heavens and the earth!"**

**The beams and lintels trembled at the cry,
and clouds of smoke enwrapped the throne on high.**

Pax Domini

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P The peace of the Lord be with you always.
C **Amen.**

Agnus Dei

LSB 434, st. 1

**Lamb of God, pure and holy, who on the cross didst suffer,
Ever patient and lowly, Thyself to scorn didst offer.
All sins Thou borest for us, else had despair reigned o'er us:
Have mercy on us, O Jesus! O Jesus!**

Distribution (*sit*) "'Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus"

LSB 685

Post-Communion Hymn (*stand*) "O Lord, We Praise Thee"

LSB 617, st. 1

**O Lord, we praise Thee, bless Thee, and adore Thee,
In thanksgiving bow before Thee.
Thou with Thy body and Thy blood didst nourish
Our weak souls that they may flourish:
O Lord, have mercy!
May Thy body, Lord, born of Mary,
That our sins and sorrows did carry,
And Thy blood for us plead
In all trial, fear, and need:
O Lord, have mercy!**

Post-Communion Collect (*stand*)

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P We give thanks to You, almighty God ... one God, now and forever.
C **Amen.**

Benediction

congregation responds "Amen"

Closing Hymn "'Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

LSB 700, *soloist st. 2*

Postlude