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17th Sunday after Pentecost ~ September 19, 2021 ~ 9:45 am

Prelude

Welcome / Announcements

Confession and Forgiveness

P: Blessed be the Father, and the +Son, and the Holy Spirit, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

C: Amen

P: Let us confess our sins in the presence of God and one another.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

P: God of love and forgiveness,

C: We confess to you and to one another that we fall far short of your expectations. We have not responded well to your gracious act of dying on the cross for our forgiveness. We have neglected you, and have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are a sinful people. Please free us from the guilt and power of our sinfulness. Please help us see more clearly your love for us, and respond appropriately. Amen

P: Purely by God's grace, through Jesus on the cross, all your sins are forgiven. Now may you be strengthened daily to believe in Jesus and to live the joy and freedom his forgiveness brings.

C: Amen

This is the day

This is the day, this is the day that the Lord has made, that the Lord has made;

We will rejoice, we will rejoice and be glad in it, and be glad in it.

This is the day that the Lord has made; we will rejoice and be glad in it.

This is the day, this is the day that the Lord has made.

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.

P: Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth. Worship the Lord with gladness; come before him with joyful songs.

C: Know that the Lord is God. It is He who made us, and we are His people, the sheep of His pasture.

P: Enter His gates with thanksgiving and His courts with praise; give thanks to Him and praise His name.

C: For the Lord is good and His love endures forever; His faithfulness continues through all generations.

Opening Hymn – He’s Got the Whole World in His Hands

He’s got the whole world in His hands, He’s got the whole wide world in His hands,
He’s got the whole world in His hands, He’s got the whole world in His hands.

He’s got the wind and the rain in His hands, He’s got the sun and the moon in His hands,
He’s got the wind and the rain in His hands, He’s got the whole world in His hands.

He’s got the tiny little baby in His hands, He’s got the tiny little baby in His hands,
He’s got the tiny little baby in His hands, He’s got the whole world in His hands.

He’s got you and me, brother, in His hands, He’s got you and me, sister, in His hands,
He’s got you and me, brother, in His hands, He’s got the whole world in His hands.

Prayer of the Day

P: 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.

C: Amen

Scripture Readings

Without God, where would you be now?

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Without God.

First Reading: Psalm 1

A: We will read Psalm 1 responsively.

Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked,
nor lingered in the way of sinners,
nor sat in the seats of the scornful!

**²Their delight is in the law of the LORD,
and they meditate on his law day and night.**

³They are like trees planted by streams of water,
bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither;
everything they do shall prosper.

**⁴It is not so with the wicked;
they are like chaff which the wind blows away.**

⁵Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment
comes, nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.

**⁶For the LORD knows the way of the righteous,
but the way of the wicked is doomed.**

A: Here ends the reading.

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.

A: A reading from the 3rd and 4th chapters of James.

Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom. ¹⁴But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be boastful and false to the truth. ¹⁵Such wisdom does not come down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish. ¹⁶For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind. ¹⁷But 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. ¹⁸And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace.

^{4:1}Those conflicts and disputes among you, where do they come from? Do they not come from your cravings that are at war within you? ²You 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. ³You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, in order to spend what you get on your pleasures. ⁷Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. ^{8a}Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you.

A: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

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Gospel– Mark 9:30-37

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 9th chapter.

Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.

[Jesus and the disciples went on] and passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it; ³¹for 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.” ³²But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him.

³³Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, “What were you arguing about on the way?” ³⁴But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest. ³⁵He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, “Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all.” ³⁶Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, ³⁷“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.

Sermon – Pastor Amy

Hymn – Make me a servant

Make me a servant, humble and meek. Lord, let me lift up those who are weak.

And may the prayer of my heart always be:

Make me a servant, make me a servant, make me a servant today.

Apostles' Creed

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

He descended into hell.

On the third day he rose again.

**He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

He will come again 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.**

Prayers

P: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

Lord, listen to your children praying, Lord, send your Spirit in this place;

Lord, listen to your children praying, send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace.

The Pastor will offer prayers for the whole Church, the nations, those in need, the parish, and special concerns.

P: +Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen

Lord, listen to your children praying, Lord, send your Spirit in this place;

Lord, listen to your children praying, send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace.

Offertory – Create in me

Create in me a clean heart, O God, that I might serve you; create in me a clean heart, O God, that I might be renewed. So fill me and heal me, and bring me back to you. Create in me a clean heart, O God, that I might serve you.

Offertory Prayer

P: Gracious God,

C: in the abundance of your steadfast love, you call us from death to life, from silence to speech, from idleness to action. With these gifts we offer ourselves to you, and with the Church through all the ages we give thanks for your saving love in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Communion Prayer

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: We are so grateful God that you welcome us to this table.

C: We have done nothing to earn your gifts,

P: we cannot claim to deserve your favor,

C: but in your mercy, you welcome us freely.

We lift our hearts in thanksgiving.

Words of Institution

P: Blessed are you, Lord of heaven and earth. In mercy for our fallen world you gave your only Son, that all those who believe in Him should not perish, but have eternal life.

For this we give you thanks. We ask you to send your Holy Spirit into our hearts, that we may receive our Lord with a living faith in this holy supper.

C: Amen. Come Lord Jesus.

P: In the night in which He was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven,

**hallowed be your name, your kingdom come,
your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.**

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins

as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial

and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,

now and forever. Amen

Invitation to Communion

P: This is the true bread which came down from heaven and gave life to the world. Whoever eats this bread will live forever.

One bread, one body

*One bread, one body, one Lord of all; one cup of blessing which we bless,
And we, though many throughout the earth, we are one body in this one Lord.*

The Meal

Please receive the bread and wine as the pastor speaks the words:

The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you.

C: Amen

MUSIC AS WE SHARE COMMUNION

Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound, That saved a wretch like me!

I once was lost, but now am found; Was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, And grace my fears relieved;

How precious did that grace appear The hour I first believed!

Through many dangers, toils, and snares I have already come;

'Tis grace has brought me safe thus far, And grace will lead me home.

The Lord has promised good to me; His Word my hope secures;
He will my shield and portion be As long as life endures.

Post Communion Blessing

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C: Amen

Post Communion Canticle – Give Thanks

*Give thanks with a grateful heart, give thanks to the Holy One,
Give thanks because he's given Jesus Christ, his Son.*

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Give thanks because he's given Jesus Christ, his Son.*

*And now let the weak say, "I am strong," let the poor say, "I am rich,"
because of what the Lord has done for us.*

*And now let the weak say, "I am strong," let the poor say, "I am rich,"
because of what the Lord has done for us. Give thanks.*

Prayer

P: God of abundance, with this bread of life and cup of salvation you have united us with Christ, making us one with all your people. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: Amen

Blessing

P: May you be strengthened with the power of God, + the love of Jesus, and the help of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen

Closing Hymn – I will sing, I will sing

I will sing, I will sing a song unto the Lord. I will sing, I will sing a song unto the Lord.

I will sing, I will sing a song unto the Lord. Alleluia, glory to the Lord. *Refrain*

Refrain: Allelu, alleluia, glory to the Lord. Allelu, alleluia, glory to the Lord.

Allelu, alleluia, glory to the Lord. Alleluia, glory to the Lord.

We will come, we will come as one before the Lord. We will come, we will come as one before the Lord.

We will come, we will come as one before the Lord. Alleluia, glory to the Lord. *Refrain*

If the Son, if the Son shall make you free, if the son, if the Son shall make you free,

If the Son, if the Son shall make you free, you shall be free indeed. *Refrain*

They that sow in tears shall reap in joy. They that sow in tears shall reap in joy.

They that sow in tears shall reap in joy. Alleluia, glory to the Lord. *Refrain*

Ev'ry knee shall bow and ev'ry tongue confess, ev'ry knee shall bow and ev'ry tongue confess,

Ev'ry knee shall bow and ev'ry tongue confess, that Jesus Christ is Lord. *Refrain*

In his name, in his name we have the victory. In his name, in his name we have the victory.

In his name, in his name we have the victory. Alleluia, glory to the Lord. *Refrain*

Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God

Postlude

OPPORTUNITIES AT CHRIST LUTHERAN

Today

8:30-Traditional Worship

9:45-Contemporary Worship

11:00-Traditional Worship

2:00-5:00-Youth Event 6th-12th graders

Monday-9:00-Quilters/Sewers

Tuesday-2:00-Bible Study / 5:30-Council

Thursday-6:30-Traditional Choir Practice

Friday-9:00-3:00-Communion Kits Available

FUTURE MINISTRIES

Mon-Sept 27-9:00-Quilters/Sewers

Tues-Sept 28-2:00-Bible Study

Thurs-Sept 30-6:30-Traditional Choir Practice

Fri-Oct 1-9:00-3:00-Communion Kits Available

Next Sunday's Gospel: Mark 9:38-50

Attendance last week: Sun Worship: 8:30-57; 9:45-74; 11:00-28; SCS-17

The flowers in the chancel vases have been presented to the Glory of the Lord and in honor of Don, Shawn & Stephanie on their Birthdays by Don & Brenda Amblod.

Youth Event for 6th through 12th graders TODAY, 2 to 5 p.m. in our pavilion. Friends are welcome! Please sign up on the posted sheet in the narthex or by seeing Pastor Amy.

Sunday School . . . next Sunday September 26 at 9:45. This fall our students are learning about Worship!

Pentecost Season Devotions: Part Two of "Pursuit of Happiness: the Seven Deadly Sins and the Heavenly Virtues which Remedy Them," a follow-up to our summer preaching series with a review and deeper dive into the topic. Devotions are available in the narthex and can be downloaded from our website.

Mission of the Month: Lutheran Disaster Response: U.S. Wildfires: The 2021 wildfire season is devastating the western United States. Lutheran Disaster Response is working to develop a coordinated response, including immediate and long-term needs. If you would like to make a financial gift to the Lutheran Disaster Response, please use the pew envelopes, and write "Disaster Response" in the "other" line. Checks may be made payable to Christ Lutheran Church. Thank you.

Altar Flowers . . . each Sunday the flowers located behind the altar are donated in loving memory or in honor of someone by members of our church family. If you would like to donate flowers, please sign up in the Altar Flower Book, located on the table in the narthex. **There are many Sundays available this fall!** The cost of both vases is \$30. Thank You.

Food Pantry Items for September are Ketchup and/or Mustard.