

# SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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5:00 pm Saturday Worship  
8:15 am Sunday Worship  
9:45 am Sunday School and Bible Class  
11:00 am Sunday Worship (Contemporary Music)

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## AS WE GATHER

Separated for a time due to COVID, perhaps we have gained a deeper appreciation for life together in Christian community. As we gather together in worship, we are reminded that we find our sense of identity, belonging, and community first in Christ, and then in one another. A Lutheran understanding of worship celebrates that worship is not primarily about us and what we do, but rather it's God loving, forgiving, and serving us. As we gather for worship, rejoice in the gift of life together!

## PRELUDE

## WELCOME

### OPENING SONG: 10,000 REASONS

*Redman*

CHORUS: Bless the Lord O my soul. O my soul  
Worship His holy name  
Sing like never before. O my soul  
I'll worship Your holy name

The sun comes up it's a new day dawning  
It's time to sing Your song again  
Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me  
Let me be singing when the evening comes CHORUS

You're rich in love and You're slow to anger  
Your name is great and Your heart is kind  
For all Your goodness I will keep on singing  
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find CHORUS

And on that day when my strength is failing  
The end draws near and my time has come  
Still my soul will sing Your praise unending  
Ten thousand years and then forevermore CHORUS X2

Worship Your holy name  
Lord I'll worship Your holy name

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*(Please stand)*

## INVOCATION

*Matthew 28:19b; 18:20*

**P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

## OPENING SENTENCES

**P** I was glad when they said to me,  
**C** “Let us go to the house of the LORD!” Psalm 122:1

**P** Let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works,  
**C** **not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some,**  
**P** but encouraging one another,  
**C** **and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.** Hebrews 10:24

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

**P** Since we are gathered to hear God’s Word and call upon Him in prayer and praise, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

**C** **Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**

*[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.**

(or)

**A** In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for His sake God forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ He gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. May the Lord, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**C** **Amen**

## SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** **And also with you.**

**P** Father in Heaven, you have given us the gift of life together as brothers and sisters in Christ.

**C** **Grant that we always treasure the gift of Christian community, so that we find joy as members of the body of Christ;**

**P** through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** **Amen.**

*(Please be seated)*

**OLD TESTAMENT READING**

*Psalms 139:1-4, 13-15*

<sup>1</sup>O LORD, you have searched me and known me!

<sup>2</sup>You know when I sit down and when I rise up;  
you discern my thoughts from afar.

<sup>3</sup>You search out my path and my lying down  
and are acquainted with all my ways.

<sup>4</sup>Even before a word is on my tongue,  
behold, O LORD, you know it altogether.

<sup>13</sup>For you formed my inward parts;  
you knitted me together in my mother's womb.

<sup>14</sup>I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made.

Wonderful are your works;  
my soul knows it very well.

<sup>15</sup>My frame was not hidden from you,  
when I was being made in secret,  
intricately woven in the depths of the earth.

<sup>1</sup> हे परमप्रभु, तपाईंले मलाई जाँचु भयो। तपाईं मेरो बारेमा सबै जान्नुहुन्छ।

<sup>2</sup> म कहिले बस्छु र म कहिले उठ्छु तपाईं सबै जान्नुहुन्छ। धेरै टाढाबाट नै तपाईं मेरो विचारहरू बुझ्नुहुन्छ।

<sup>3</sup> परमप्रभु, म कहाँ गईरहेको हुन्छ, र कहिले लम्पसार हुन्छ भन्ने सबै कुरा तपाईं जान्नुहुन्छ। मैले गर्ने प्रत्येक कुरा तपाईं जान्नुहुन्छ।

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<sup>15</sup> तपाईं मेरो बारेमा सारा कुराहरू जान्नुहुन्छ। जब मेरो शरीरले आफ्नो रूप लिँदै बढ्दै गयो तपाईंले मेरो हड्डीहरू नियाल्नु भयो जुन मेरो आमाको गर्भमा लुकेको थियो।

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

**EPISTLE**

*2 Corinthians 5:17-21*

<sup>17</sup>Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. <sup>18</sup>All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation; <sup>19</sup>that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation. <sup>20</sup>Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. <sup>21</sup>For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

<sup>17</sup> यदि कोही ख्रीष्टमा छ भने त्यो नयाँ मानिस बनिएको छ। पुराना कुराहरू बितेर गए, हरेक कुरो नयाँ छ।

<sup>18</sup> यी सब परमेश्वरबाटै हुन्। ख्रीष्टद्वारा, परमेश्वरले हामी र उहाँको माझमा शान्ति बनाउनु भयो। परमेश्वरले हामीलाई मानिसहरू बीच र उहाँसित शान्ति ल्याउने काम दिनु भयो।

<sup>19</sup> मेरो भन्नुको तात्पर्य संसार र आफू माझा शान्ति बनाउँदै परमेश्वर ख्रीष्टमा हुनुहुन्थ्यो। ख्रीष्टमा परमेश्वरले मानिसहरूलाई तिनीहरूको पापहरूक निम्ति दोषी ठहराउनु भएन। अनि उहाँले मानिसहरूलाई भन्नु हामीलाई यो शान्ति समाचार दिनु भयो।

<sup>20</sup> यसर्थ हामी ख्रीष्टको पक्षमा बोल्न पठाइएका छौं। यो मानिसहरूलाई परमेश्वरले हामी मार्फत बोलाउनु भएको जस्तै हो। हामी ख्रीष्टको निम्ति बोल्छौं अनि परमेश्वरसित शान्ति कायम गर्न तिमीहरूलाई विन्ती गर्छौं।

<sup>21</sup> ख्रीष्टमा पाप थिएन। तर परमेश्वरले उहाँलाई पापी बनाउनु भयो। परमेश्वरले यो हाम्रो लागि गर्नुभयो ताकि हामीहरू ख्रीष्टमा परमेश्वरसित धार्मिक रहन सकौं।

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

*(Please stand)*

## HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 5:17–26

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the fifth chapter.

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

<sup>17</sup>On one of those days, as he was teaching, Pharisees and teachers of the law were sitting there, who had come from every village of Galilee and Judea and from Jerusalem. And the power of the Lord was with him to heal. <sup>18</sup>And behold, some men were bringing on a bed a man who was paralyzed, and they were seeking to bring him in and lay him before Jesus, <sup>19</sup>but finding no way to bring him in, because of the crowd, they went up on the roof and let him down with his bed through the tiles into the midst before Jesus. <sup>20</sup>And when he saw their faith, he said, “Man, your sins are forgiven you.” <sup>21</sup>And the scribes and the Pharisees began to question, saying, “Who is this who speaks blasphemies? Who can forgive sins but God alone?” <sup>22</sup>When Jesus perceived their thoughts, he answered them, “Why do you question in your hearts? <sup>23</sup>Which is easier, to say, ‘Your sins are forgiven you,’ or to say, ‘Rise and walk’? <sup>24</sup>But that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins”—he said to the man who was paralyzed—“I say to you, rise, pick up your bed and go home.” <sup>25</sup>And immediately he rose up before them and picked up what he had been lying on and went home, glorifying God. <sup>26</sup>And amazement seized them all, and they glorified God and were filled with awe, saying, “We have seen extraordinary things today.”

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**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

### THIRD ARTICLE OF THE APOSTLES' CREED

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

**P** What does this mean?

**C** I believe that I cannot by my own reason or strength believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to Him; but the Holy Spirit has called me by the Gospel, enlightened me with His gifts, sanctified and kept me in the true faith.

In the same way He calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian Church on earth, and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith.

In this Christian Church He daily and richly forgives all my sins and the sins of all believers.

On the Last Day He will raise me and all the dead, and give eternal life to me and all believers in Christ.

This is most certainly true.

*(Please be seated)*

### CHILDREN'S MESSAGE AND SONG VERSE: JESUS LOVES ME LSB 588 st. 1 8:15 and 11:00 am

Jesus loves me! This I know,  
For the Bible tells me so.

Little ones to Him belong;  
They are weak, but He is strong. Refrain

Yes, Jesus loves me!  
Yes, Jesus loves me!  
Yes, Jesus loves me!  
The Bible tells me so.

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### SONG OF THE DAY: WE BELIEVE

*Hooper/Fike/Ryan*

In this time of desperation, When all we know is doubt and fear.  
There is only one foundation. We believe, we believe.  
In this broken generation, When all is dark, You help us see.  
There is only one salvation. We believe, we believe.

CHORUS: We believe in God the Father, We believe in Jesus Christ,  
We believe in the Holy Spirit, And He's given us new life,  
We believe in the crucifixion. We believe that He conquered death.  
We believe in the resurrection, And He's coming back (again. We believe.)

So let our faith be more than anthems. Greater than the songs we sing.  
In our weakness and temptations. We believe, we believe. CHORUS

Let the lost be found and the dead be raised. In the here and now let love invade.  
Let the church live loud our God we'll say, We believe, we believe.  
And the gates of hell will not prevail. For the pow'r of God has torn the veil.  
Now we know Your love will never fail. We believe, we believe. CHORUS

He's coming back again, He's coming back again, We believe, we believe.

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## SERMON

*(Please stand)*

### PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

**P** Father in heaven, we thank you for the gift of life together in Christian community. Let our worship be full of joy as our ears hear your Word, our mouths sing your praise, and our hearts cleansed by your forgiveness.

**C** LSB 649 st. 1



1 Blest be the tie that binds Our hearts in Chris - tian love;



The fel - low - ship of kin - dred minds Is like to that a - bove.  
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**P** By Your Holy Spirit, protect us this day from the assaults of the devil. Equip us with the full armor of God, that we may be clothed in truth, righteousness, peace, faith and salvation, bearing the sword of the spirit, which is Your Word. Keep us all in safety and security from the forces of the evil one.

**C** LSB 649 st. 2



2 Be - fore our Fa - ther's throne We pour our ar - dent prayers;



Our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, Our com-forts and our cares.  
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**P** Lord of life, bring health and healing to Your people. We pray for everyone in need of Your mercy today [*including* \_\_\_\_\_]. Strengthen them with Your Word of grace, that they would look to You for comfort in the midst of suffering and pain.

**C** LSB 649 st. 3



3 We share our mu - tual woes, Our mu - tual bur - dens bear,



And of - ten for each oth - er flows The sym - pa - thiz - ing tear.  
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**P** All this we pray through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior;

**C** Amen.

*(Please be seated)*

## OFFERING

Due to COVID-19 we will not be passing an offering plate. Please place gifts and offerings in the wooden box in the narthex. You can also give online as a one-time gift or reoccurring donation. Simply click "Online Giving" at [www.ascensionstl.com](http://www.ascensionstl.com).

"Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver." 2 Corinthians 9:7

### OFFERTORY: GIVE THANKS WITH A GRATEFUL HEART

LSB 806

The musical score is written in a single system with ten staves. The key signature has one flat (B-flat), and the time signature is 4/4. The melody is primarily in the soprano range. The lyrics are printed below the notes, with some words underlined to indicate phrasing. The score concludes with a double bar line.

Give thanks with a grate - ful heart, Give thanks to the

Ho - ly One, Give thanks \_\_\_\_\_ be - cause He's giv - en\_\_ Je - sus

Christ His Son. Give thanks with a grate - ful heart, Give

thanks to the Ho - ly One, Give thanks \_\_\_\_\_ be - cause He's giv - en\_\_

Je - sus Christ His Son. And now let the weak say "I am

strong," Let the poor say "I am rich," \_\_\_\_\_ Be - cause of

what the Lord has done for us. And now let the

weak say "I am strong," Let the poor say "I am

rich," \_\_\_\_\_ Be - cause of what the Lord has done for us.

Give thanks, \_\_\_\_\_ give thanks. \_\_\_\_\_

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## ✠ SACRAMENT ✠

*We believe Holy Communion is the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ under the bread and wine, instituted by Christ Himself for us Christians to eat and to drink. If you are a communicant member of a Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod congregation, please feel free to commune with us. If not, please speak with the pastor before receiving the Lord's Supper.*

*How should we each examine ourselves before coming to Holy Communion?*

- 1. Be aware of our sins and be sorry for them*
- 2. Believe in our Savior, Jesus Christ, and in His words in the Sacrament*
- 3. Intend, by the help of the Holy Spirit, to live as God's forgiven people walking in newness of life*

*(Please stand)*

### PREFACE

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**P** Lift up your hearts.

**C** We lift them to the Lord.

**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C** It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

### LORD'S PRAYER

**P** Taught by our Lord and trusting His promises, we are bold to pray:

**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.

प्रभुले सिकाउनुभएको प्रार्थना (मत्ती ६:९-१३)

हे हाम्रा पिता, जो स्वर्गमा बस्नुहुन्छ,

तपाईंको नाउँ पवित्र होस्।

तपाईंको राज्य आओस्,

तपाईंको इच्छा स्वर्गमा जस्तो छ त्यस्तै यस पृथ्वीमा पूरा होस्।

हामीलाई आज हाम्रो दैनिक भोजन दिनुहोस्।

हाम्रा अपराध क्षमा गर्नुहोस्,

जसरी हामीले पनि आफ्ना अपराधीहरूलाई क्षमा गरेका छौं।

हामीलाई परीक्षामा पर्न नदिनुहोस्,

तर दुष्टबाट छुटाउनुहोस्।

किनभने राज्य, पराक्रम र महिमा सदासर्वदा तपाईंकै हुन्। आमिन्।

**C** Amen.

## THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

**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

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

**C** Amen.

*(Please be seated)*

## ✠ DISTRIBUTION SONGS ✠

### SONG: YOU ARE GOD ALONE (NOT A GOD)

*Footnote*

You are not a god created by human hands.  
You are not a god dependent on any mortal man.  
You are not a god in need of anything we can give.  
By Your plan, that's just the way it is.

You are God alone — from before time began  
You were on Your throne; You are God alone.  
And right now, in the good times and bad,  
You are on Your throne. You are God alone.

You're unchangeable. You're unshakable. You're unstoppable. That's what You are.  
You're unchangeable. You're unshakable. You're unstoppable. That's what You are.

You're the only God whose power none can contend.  
You're the only God whose name and praise will never end.  
You're the only God who's worthy of ev'rything we can give.  
You are God —that's just the way it is.

You are God alone — from before time began  
You were on Your throne; You are God alone.  
And right now, in the good times and bad,  
You are on Your throne. You are God alone.

You're unchangeable. You're unshakable. You're unstoppable. That's what You are.  
You're unchangeable. You're unshakable. You're unstoppable. That's what You are.

You are God alone — from before time began  
You were on Your throne; You are God alone.  
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## SONG: MY VICTORY

Mulligan/Crowder/Cash/Bentley

You came for criminals And ev'ry Pharisee  
You came for hypocrites Even one like me

You carried sin and shame The guilt of ev'ry man  
The weight of all I've done Nailed into Your hands

CHORUS: Oh Your love bled for me  
Oh Your blood in crimson streams  
Oh Your death is Hell's defeat  
A cross meant to kill is my victory

Oh Your amazing grace I've seen and tasted it  
It's running through my veins I can't escape its grip  
In You my soul is safe You cover ev'rything CHORUS

Behold the Lamb of God Who takes away our sin Who takes away our sin  
The holy Lamb of God Makes us alive again Makes us alive again  
REPEAT BRIDGE, CHORUS

Oh a cross meant to kill is my victory

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*(Please stand)*

## DISMISSAL

**P** The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart † in peace.

**C** Amen.

## BENEDICAMUS

**A** We are people loved by Christ;

**C** Sharing Christ's love.

**A** Let us bless the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God!

## BENEDICTION

**P** The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and † give you peace.

**C** Amen.

## **CLOSING SONG: WHAT A FRIEND**

*Maier, Parker, Palmer, Hein*

Everybody has trials and temptations. Everybody knows heart break isolation  
But we can lay our burdens down. Lay our burdens down

CHORUS: What a friend we have in Jesus.

East to West my sins are gone

I see grace on every horizon

And forever and ever His heart is my home

Everybody has fears everybody got worries. Everybody knows sorrow devastation

But we can lay our burdens down. Lay our burdens down CHORUS

No more betrayal for He is faithful. He fills me up and my cup runneth over

No more betrayal for He is faithful. How He has proven it over and over

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No more betrayal for He is faithful. How He has proven it over and over (over and oh) CHORUS X2

Forever and ever His heart is my home.

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