



Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church & School

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THE SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

*Learning as we worship: (watch for the *** for explanations of the reasons we practice certain parts of the Divine Service):*

+ God Removes our Sin and Guilt +

**** The reason for public confession and absolution is not to drag us down reminding us of sin, but in order that when we gather in the presence of Almighty God we may be honest about our lives and not justify our sins before the face of God who sees all things, including our hearts. When we confess sins, it is not simply for the purpose of confession, although we do receive great blessings in confessing sins. It is ultimately for the purpose of leading us to the perfection and righteousness of Jesus Christ. We stand before God and come boldly to His throne of grace, not because we are able to live perfect lives, but rather, because of our Lord's perfection, given us in our baptism. Therefore, confession and absolution reminds us that our righteousness is not our own, but is the righteousness of another, namely Jesus of Nazareth crucified and risen for the forgiveness of all our sins. His forgiveness inspires us to forgive others in Christ.*

Pastor's Welcome

***Please stand if you're able on the last verse of the hymn*

Opening Hymn

807 When Morning Gilds the Skies

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

P In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

P 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.

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C **who made heaven and earth.**

P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

C **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

P O almighty God, merciful Father,

C **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.**

**** When the pastor speaks Holy absolution in the Divine Service he is simply a mouthpiece of God. He is being used by God so that we might hear a real voice, at a real time, on a real day, at a real address, say that our sins are really forgiven. Hear the pastor as if God is speaking directly to you, for He is serving in the Office*

of the Keys, an office called by God. Go forth undoubting that all our sins are truly forgiven. Jesus bore every single one on the cross. In this we rejoice with joy unceasing!

P 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.

C Amen.

+ God Comes to us in His Holy Word +

Introit

Psalm 116:12–13, 15–16; antiphon: v. 17

I will offer to you the sacrifice of thanksgiving
and call on the name of the LORD.

What shall I render to the LORD
for all his benefits to me?

I will lift up the cup of salvation
and call on the name of the LORD.

Precious in the sight of the LORD
is the death of his saints.

O LORD, I am your servant;

I am your servant, the son of your maidservant. You have loosed my bonds.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son

and to the Holy Spirit;

as it was in the beginning,

is now, and will be forever. Amen.

I will offer to you the sacrifice of thanksgiving
and call on the name of the LORD.

*** The term “Kyrie” is a Koine (Common) Greek word that means “Lord”. This is arguably one of the oldest parts of the our church service, dating back to the 2nd century AD and probably before. Think about it, the Kyrie was probably something the 12 the disciples said with Jesus when He was with them. Amazing!!

Kyrie

LSB 186

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

*** The Church is a singing Church! Some wonder why we sing so much in our church service. The answer? In God’s Word look what happens after major events where God acts on behalf of His people. After the Exodus, what does Moses do once they are safe from Pharaoh’s army? He sings the Song of Moses. Hannah also sings when she realizes God has opened her womb, so does the virgin Mary at the marvelous news she received. We sing because of the great things God has done. Lift your voices to God our heavenly Father for He has done marvelous things in His Son Jesus Christ. Amen.

Gloria in Excelsis

LSB 187

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

P The Lord be with you.

C And with thy spirit.

P Let us pray.

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.**

***Please be seated*

Old Testament Reading

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.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Children's Sermon

The children are invited to the altar

Epistle

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.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

***Please stand if you're able*

****The reason we stand for the reading of the Holy Gospel is simply to show reverence and respect for God's Holy Word when it is read. We read the Gospel reading from the center of the Nave in order to help us remember God's Word is*

with us in our Lord Jesus. Through His Word and Spirit He promises to be with us always.

Alleluia

LSB 190



Holy Gospel

Matthew 20:1–16

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

C **Glory be to Thee, 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 be to Thee, O Christ.

****We confess the creeds; Nicene, Apostle's and Athanasian creeds, not only to state what we believe together, but also to learn by repetition. So often it is challenging to know what to say when someone ask you about your faith. The creeds along with Scripture give us something to commit to memory so that we are ready to give an answer when someone asks us the reason for the hope that is in us.*

Nicene Creed

**C 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.**

***Please be seated*

Sermon Hymn 528 Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

****Early Lutheran Christians understood that when they were looking for an answer to a question or problem in their lives, the best place to get the answer to was to attend Church and listen to the sermon.*

Sermon

Pastor Jason K. Cody

P The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

C Amen.

****In the early church the gifts were brought forward to the altar, and were often not coins or currency, but crops, wool, butter, cheese, etc. Among these gifts were also the unleavened bread and wine to use in the Holy Sacrament for that day!*

Church fellowship is about living life together! What a blessing it is to share a portion of the things God has blessed us with, with one another in Christ!

Offering *We sing as the offerings are collected and presented*
781 We Give Thee But Thine Own

Prayer of the Church

From the altar

+ God Comes to us in His Holy Sacrament +

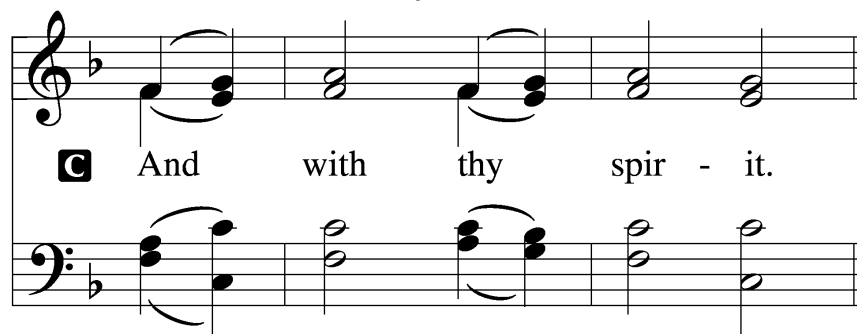
****FROM THE PASTOR: Greetings, dear brothers and sisters in Christ! Jesus Himself won the right for you to take the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper. However, Holy Scripture gives us very specific teachings about when it is proper for a person to commune, and when it is not. If you are not already a member of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod or have not spoken with me, please kindly refrain from communing with us today. If you are not communing this morning, you are welcome to remain comfortably in your pew and use the time for personal prayer. If you would like to come forward to the altar and not commune, please cross your arms across your chest, as a sign that you are not communing, and I will gladly pray with you at the altar. Thanks for being here! Remember Jesus won us the right to commune, but since it was His hard work, let's respect His teaching on when we should and when we should not commune.*

***Please stand if you're able*

Preface

LSB 194

P The Lord be with you.

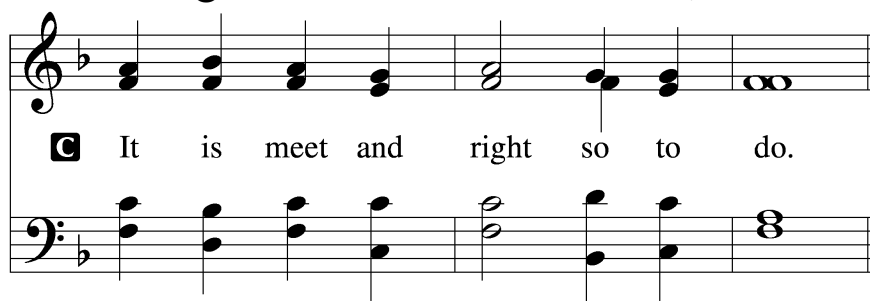


P Lift up your hearts.



C We lift them up un - to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.



C It is meet and right so to do.

P It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who on this day overcame death and the grave and by His glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus

LSB 195



C 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.

Lord's Prayer

LSB 179

P Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us 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. Amen.**

***These sacred words of our Lord Jesus, "The Words of our Lord" or "The Words of Institution" (also known in Latin as the Verba), are meant to be heard and simply believed with all our heart! Many false teachings confuse the simplicity of our Lord's Words here. God said "let there be light and there was light." If the Lord says "this bread is my body or this cup is the new testament in My blood" then it's true. We don't have to understand how it's possible to believe. We don't understand how He created light in Genesis, yet we see because of it. The same performative reality of God's spoken and creative Word exists here in the Holy Sacrament!*

The Words of Our Lord

LSB 197

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

LSB 197

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

Agnus Dei

LSB 198

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



***Please be seated*

****The distribution of the Holy Sacrament is the high point of the Divine Service!!!
When we are blessed to receive the very life of God into our own bodies,
forgiveness, eternal life, all the fruits of our Lord's cross and resurrection, in with
and under the bread and wine. Something to notice is that the liturgical structure of
the service matters greatly because it builds up to this sacred point in the service!
What a blessing!!*

Distribution Hymns

507 Holy, Holy, Holy

sts. 1-4

570 Just as I Am, without One Plea

Nunc Dimittis

LSB 199

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 with - out end. A-men.

Thanksgiving

LSB 200

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

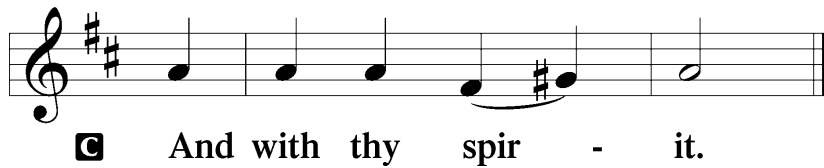
C and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

A Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C A - men.

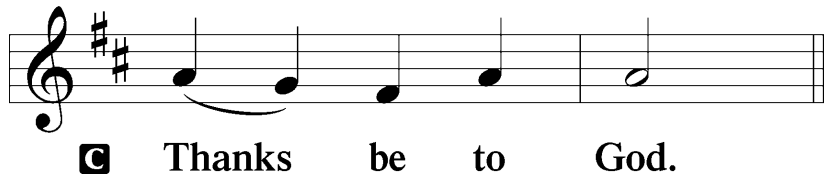
P The Lord be with you.



Benedicamus

LSB 202

A Bless we the Lord.



****Even if we miss the rest of the church service we should still come to hear the Benediction. Within the Benediction is the blessing of God! In Biblical Hebrew the emotions are described by expressions of the face. For example the emotion "angry" in Hebrew is literally "a hot nose." Knowing this helps us understand the Benediction even more! When God's called servant announces to the congregation that God "makes His face shine upon you" it is showing us how He feels towards us in Christ. We have His approval!! He is not angry, but is pleased with us! What a blessing!*

Benediction

LSB 202

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

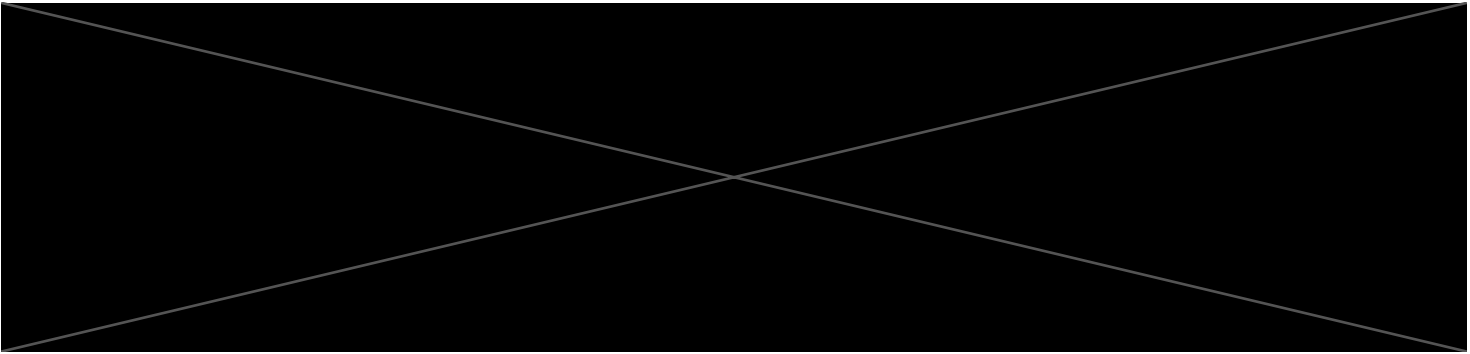
The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.

The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and + give you peace.



789 Praise and Thanksgiving

Organist Allen Stolp



Circuit Prayers:

St. John's, Canon City and Pastor Dan Kletke, Bethany & Our Savior in Pueblo as they await a response from the called pastor, Hope Lutheran in Westcliffe, St. Peter's in Monte Vista.

District Prayers:

St. John in Salt Lake City, Grace in Moab UT, Immanuel in Artesia NM, Grace Lutheran in El Paso, TX, District staff as the Worker's Conference approaches.

Synodical Prayers:

Prayers for President Harrison and staff

Serving on the hospital board:

Jim Ehrlich - St. Peter's, Jan Gay, Karla Hardesty, Kathy Lorenz, Marcie Schulz

Serving in the military:

UNITED STATES NAVY - Chris Keller

UNITED STATES AIR FORCE - Thaddaeus Cody

UNITED STATES AIR FORCE - Kaylin Rice

UNITED STATES ARMY - Eric Lorenz

Important Announcements:

Starting today - Lutheran 101 Join us for a 6 week class as we discuss what it means to be Lutheran in today's world. We will meet after fellowship time.

September 25 - Family & Friends dinner @ IHOP, 6:00. There will be a sign-up sheet on the table or let Judith Gritz know if you plan to attend. Hope to see you there, and don't forget to bone up on your trivia!

September 26 - LWML Picnic lunch, be sure to bring a dish to share.

September 29th - Theology on Tap will meet at the Brewery at 6:00pm.

We need a Sunday School Teacher for our young people.

Please check the bulletin board to **find which student you can be praying for during this school year.**

Prayer Team - How can we pray for you?

Trinity's Prayer Ministry Team is ready to receive your prayer request! You can submit your request directly to one of the team members or through the church website. Please, provide a simple request along with your name and contact info so we can follow up with you. We would love to have updates and praise reports!

Would you like to join the Prayer Ministry team? Or the prayer chain? Contact the Prayer Ministry Team: Cheri Crowder, Jan Gay, Gary Ford, Randy Ristau, Judith and Dick Gritz or Pastor Jason.

We are excited to see how God will work!

TLC Finances:	<u>August 2026</u>	<u>Fiscal Year to date</u>
Giving	\$ 23,544.05	\$ 138,680.82
Expenses	\$ 15,509.56	\$ 37,336.69

Check out our website, and remember, our services are broadcast live every Sunday at 10am. If you can't make it to church you can still join us as we worship.



Acknowledgments

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