



**OUR SAVIOUR LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
**Southern Pines, North Carolina**

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**17th Sunday after Pentecost – October 2, 2022**

## **PRELUDE**

## **WELCOME**

## **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

*Pastor:* Blessed be the Holy Trinity, (+) one God,  
the strength of our ancestors,  
the host of our celebration,  
and the builder of the city that is to come.

**Amen.**

If we have died with Christ, we will also live with Christ. Let us confess our sin to the one who is faithful.

*People:* **We confess the many ways  
we have failed to live as your disciples,  
we have not finished what you began.  
We have feasted with friends but ignored those unlike us.  
We have been captivated by our possessions.  
Lift our burdens, gracious God.  
Revive our hearts for faith and forgive our sin.  
Raise us to the new life you have chosen for us  
that we might live by Kingdom values  
in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.  
Amen.**

*Pastor:* There is rejoicing in heaven when sinners repent.  
Put your trust in these promises:  
God will never leave you or forsake you  
even when you fall.  
You who were lost have been found  
and the way home is open to you through Christ Jesus, Our Lord.  
For the sake of (+) Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven.  
Rejoice with the angels at this good news!  
**Amen.**

**THE GATHERING SONG** – *All Are Welcome ELW 641*

## **THE APOSTOLIC GREETING**

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

*People:* **And also with you.**

## THE HYMN OF PRAISE - *ELW p. 139*

*Pastor:* Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth.

*People:* **Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

## THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

*Pastor:* Benevolent, merciful God: When we are empty, fill us. When we are weak in faith, strengthen us. When we are cold in love, warm us, that with fervor we may love our neighbors and serve them for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

## THE FIRST READING: Ecclesiastes 4:9-12

<sup>9</sup> Two are better than one because they have a good reward for their toil. <sup>10</sup> For if they fall, one will lift up the other, but woe to one who is alone and falls and does not have another to help. <sup>11</sup> Again, if two lie together, they keep warm, but how can one keep warm alone? <sup>12</sup> And though one might prevail against another, two will withstand one. A threefold cord is not quickly broken.

Here ends the reading. Word of God, Word of Life...

*People:* **Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm 25:1-10 (*Read responsively by half verse.*)

<sup>1</sup> To you, O LORD, **I lift up my soul.**

<sup>2</sup> O my God, in you I trust;

**do not let me be put to shame;**

**do not let my enemies exult over me.**

<sup>3</sup> Do not let those who wait for you be put to shame;

**let them be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous.**

<sup>4</sup> Make me to know your ways, O LORD;

**teach me your paths.**

<sup>5</sup> Lead me in your truth and teach me,

**for you are the God of my salvation;**

**for you I wait all day long.**

<sup>6</sup> Be mindful of your mercy, O LORD,

**and of your steadfast love,**

**for they have been from of old.**

<sup>7</sup> Do not remember the sins of my youth or my transgressions;

**according to your steadfast love remember me,**

**for the sake of your goodness, O LORD!**

<sup>8</sup> Good and upright is the LORD;

**therefore he instructs sinners in the way.**

<sup>9</sup> He leads the humble in what is right

**and teaches the humble his way.**

<sup>10</sup> All the paths of the LORD are steadfast love and faithfulness,

**for those who keep his covenant and his decrees.**

## **THE SECOND READING: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11**

<sup>1</sup> Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. <sup>2</sup> For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. <sup>3</sup> When they say, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! <sup>4</sup> But you, brothers and sisters, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; <sup>5</sup> for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. <sup>6</sup> So, then, let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober, <sup>7</sup> for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. <sup>8</sup> But since we belong to the day, let us be sober and put on the breastplate of faith and love and for a helmet the hope of salvation. <sup>9</sup> For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>10</sup> who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. <sup>11</sup> Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

Here ends the reading. Word of God, Word of Life...

People: **Thanks be to God.**

## **THE CHILDREN'S SERMON - Heather Lussier**

### **THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION – *How Firm a Foundation, verse 1 – ELW 796***

**How firm a foundation, you saints of the Lord,  
Is laid for your faith in His excellent Word!  
What more can He say than to you He has said,  
To you who for refuge to Jesus have fled? Amen.**

## **THE HOLY GOSPEL: John 15:12-17**

<sup>12</sup> "This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. <sup>13</sup> No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. <sup>14</sup> You are my friends if you do what I command you. <sup>15</sup> I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing, but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. <sup>16</sup> You did not choose me, but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. <sup>17</sup> I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.

*Pastor:* The Gospel of the Lord

*People:* **Thanks be to God!**

**THE SERMON:** *Living Kingdom Values: Relationships*

**THE HYMN OF THE DAY** – *God of Grace and God of Glory – ELW 705*

**THE APOSTLES' CREED** - ELW p. 104

*People:* **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 OF INTERCESSION**

**THE PEACE**

**THE OFFERING**

**OFFERING MUSIC** – *As We Come Together - Adult Choir*

**THE OFFERING HYMN** – *The Doxology*

**THE OFFERTORY PRAYER**

God our provider,  
we bring nothing into this world  
and we can take nothing out of it.  
Accept the gifts you have first given us,  
which we bring to your table,  
and with them the offering of our lives.  
Nourish us now with the life that really is life,

revealed to us in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.  
**Amen.**

### **THE GREAT THANKSGIVING** - ELW p. 144

*Pastor:* The Lord be with you.

*People:* **And also with you.**

*Pastor:* Lift up your hearts.

*People:* **We lift them to the Lord.**

*Pastor:* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People:* **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

### **THE PREFACE** (*Sung by Pastor*)

### **THE SANCTUS**

**Holy, holy, holy Lord. God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

### **THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

### **THE LORD'S PRAYER** (*Spoken*)

**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.**

### **INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

Jesus welcomes sinners and eats with them.  
Come, take your place at the feast.

### **COMMUNION SONGS:**

*Lamb of God / Organ*

## **Lamb of God**

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;  
have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;  
have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;  
grant us peace, grant us peace.

## **THE COMMUNION PRAYER**

God of blessing,  
at this table we have seen you face to face,  
and in the gift of Christ's body and blood,  
our hearts have been refreshed.  
Send us now to shine with your goodness  
and bear witness to the one we have received:  
Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **THE BLESSING**

Guard the good treasure entrusted to you,  
With the help of the Holy Spirit living in us.  
Almighty God (+) bless you with grace, mercy, and peace,  
Now and forever.

**Amen.**

**THE SENDING SONG** – *They Will Know We are Christians By Our Love*

### **THE DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Live in love as Christ loved us.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **POSTLUDE**