# The Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost September 15, 2024



But when Jesus saw it, he was indignant and said to them, "Let the children come to me; do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of God. Mark 10:14b

# **The Divine Service**

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## **AS WE GATHER**

In today's Gospel, the father of a possessed boy says, "If you can do anything . . ." As God in the flesh, Jesus can do anything—and He wants to! His concern is never an "if," but an "always." When our troubles increase, their resolution awaits not God's intention but our waffling faith in His concern. Few of us have the resolve and bravado of Isaiah in the Old Testament Reading. Seldom do we recognize how we use our tongues for both good and evil. Today the Scriptures encourage us to turn from relying on ourselves to putting our faith-borne trust in Him alone.

## Prelude

## Invocation

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

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

C Amen.

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. Let us confess our sin to God who is faithful and just and who has promised to forgive our sin and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

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

## **Confession and Absolution**

- **P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
- Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.
- With Joy, I proclaim to you that Almighty God, rich in mercy, abundant in love, forgives you all your sin and grants you newness of life in name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.



#### Processional Hymn

"Come Now Is The Time to Worship"

#### Chorus

Come now is the time to worship Come now is the time to give your heart Come just as you are to worship Come just as you are before your God Come

## Verse 1

One day every tongue Will confess You are God One day every knee will bow Still the greatest treasure remains For those who gladly choose You now

#### Verse 2

Willingly we choose to surrender our lives Willingly our knees will bow With all our heart soul mind and strength We gladly choose You now

## Ending

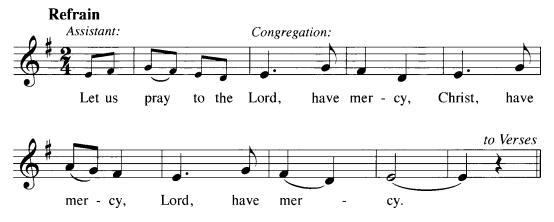
Come come just as you are come come

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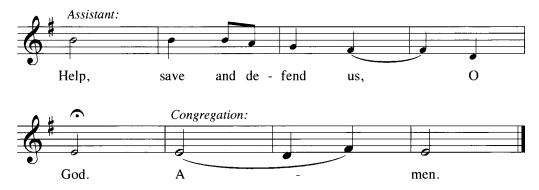


## Kyrie

**A** In peace, in peace...



- A For the reign of God, and for peace throughout the world, for the unity of all, let us pray to the... Refrain
- A For your people here, who have come to give you praise, for the strength to live your Word, let us pray to the... Refrain



### Hymn of Praise:

"Now the Feast"



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## Salutation

**P** The Lord be with you.

**G** And also with you.

## **Prayer of the Day**

- Let us pray. Lord Jesus Christ, our support and defense in every need, continue to preserve Your church in safety, govern her by Your goodness, and bless her with Your peace; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C Amen.

## **The Old Testament Reading**

<sup>4</sup> The word of the Lord came to me, saying, <sup>5</sup> "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, before you were born, I set you apart; I appointed you as a prophet to the nations. <sup>6</sup> "Alas, Sovereign Lord," I said, "I do not know how to speak; I am too young." <sup>7</sup> But the Lord said to me, "Do not say, 'I am too young.' You must go to everyone I send you to and say whatever I command you. <sup>8</sup> Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you and will rescue you," declares the Lord.

- A This is the Word of the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

## Epistle

1 Corinthians 13: 1-13

If I speak in the tongues of men or of angels, but do not have love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal.<sup>2</sup> If I have the gift of prophecy and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have a faith that can move mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing.<sup>3</sup> If I give all I possess to the poor and give over my body to hardship that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing.<sup>4</sup> Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. <sup>5</sup> It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. <sup>6</sup> Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth.<sup>7</sup> It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. <sup>8</sup> Love never fails. But where there are prophecies, they will cease; where there are tongues, they will be stilled; where there is knowledge, it will pass away.<sup>9</sup> For we know in part and we prophesy in part, <sup>10</sup> but when completeness comes, what is in part disappears. <sup>11</sup> When I was a child, I talked like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I put the ways of childhood behind me. <sup>12</sup> For now we see only a reflection as in a mirror; then we shall see face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I am fully known. <sup>13</sup> And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love.

- A This is the Word of the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

#### **Alleluia and Verse**



## **Holy Gospel**

Mark 10:13-16

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- **P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the tenth chapter.
- Glory to You, O Lord.

<sup>13</sup> People were bringing little children to Jesus for him to place his hands on them, but the disciples rebuked them. <sup>14</sup> When Jesus saw this, he was indignant. He said to them, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. <sup>15</sup> Truly I tell you, anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it." <sup>16</sup> And he took the children in his arms, placed his hands on them and blessed them.

- **P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- **G** Praise to You, O Christ.



## Hymn of the Day

## "Mighty To Save"

#### Verse 1

Everyone needs compassion Love that's never failing Let mercy fall on me Everyone needs forgiveness The kindness of a Savior The hope of nations

#### Chorus

Savior, He can move the mountains My God is mighty to save He is mighty to save Forever Author of salvation He rose and conquered the grave Jesus conquered the grave

#### Verse 2

So take me as You find me All my fears and failures Fill my life again I give my life to follow Everything I believe in Now I surrender

#### Bridge

Shine your light and let the whole world see We're singing For the glory of the risen King Jesus Shine your light and let the whole world see We're singing For the glory of the risen King

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#### Sermon

### **Apostles' Creed**

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead. 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.

#### **Prayer of the Church**

Petitions end, "Lord, in your mercy..." Congregation responds, "Hear our prayer"

## Offering

"Still Waters"

Kelsie Gonzalez

## **Offertory Prayer**

God of mercy and grace, the eyes of all wait upon you, and you open your hand in blessing. Receive now these gifts you have first given and fill us with good things at your table, that we might joyfully and generously share all you have given us, through Jesus Christ, our Redeemer and Lord. Amen.

A word about Holy Communion We are about to receive the Lord's Supper. Before you receive, you might consider the following questions: Do you believe you are a sinner? Do you believe Jesus Christ died for you and shed his blood for you on the cross for the forgiveness of your sins? Do you believe that in the Lord's Supper he gives you his true body and blood for the forgiveness of all your sins and strengthens your faith in him and your love for others? If you are a baptized Christian and share these Biblical truths, please come! Those who have not yet received instruction may come forward for a blessing, crossing their arms over their chest to indicate they are not receiving the elements.



#### Service of the Sacrament

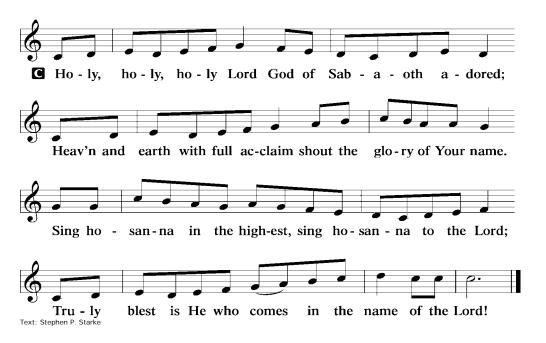
## Preface

- **P** The Lord be with you.
- **G** And also with you.
- **P** Lift up your hearts.
- **G** We lift them to the Lord.
- **P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- **G** It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

#### **Proper Preface**

#### Sanctus

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#### **The Lord's Prayer**

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

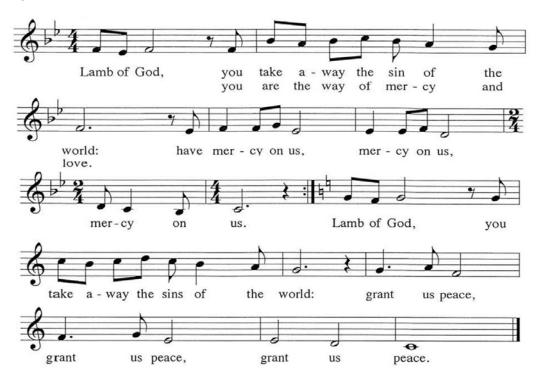
#### Words of Institution

#### The Peace of the Lord

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

(The congregation and minister may greet each other with the peace of the Lord)

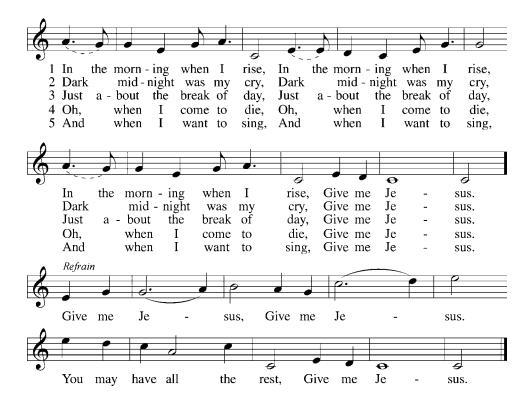
#### **Agnus Dei**



Hymns during Distribution

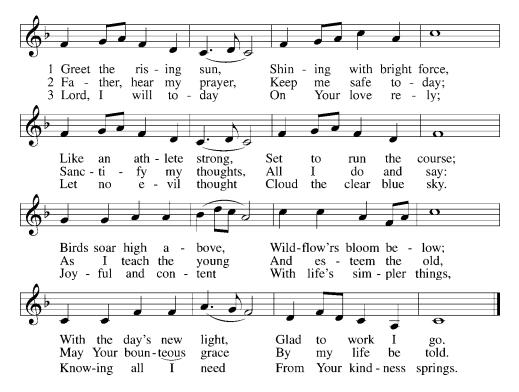
"Give Me Jesus"

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#### "Greet the Rising Sun"



#### **Closing of the Table**



#### **Post-communion canticle**



#### **Post-Communion Prayer**

I Let us pray. We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life; and we pray that in your mercy you would strengthen us, through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## **Installation of Teachers**

#### Sixth Grade Catechism Gifting

#### Announcements

#### Benediction

**Recessional Hymn** 

"He Is Exalted"

#### Verse

He is exalted The King is exalted on high I will praise Him He is exalted forever exalted And I will praise His name

#### Chorus

He is the Lord Forever His truth shall reign Heaven and earth Rejoice in His holy name He is exalted The King is exalted on high

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## Dismissal

- **P** Lord Jesus you lead us! Now we go as....
- **Disciples making disciples.**
- **P** Go in peace and serve the Lord.
- **G** Thanks be to God!

# Mark Your Calendars!

September 17, 2024	<b>Small Groups Leadership Meeting</b> – Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m.
September 17, 2024	Grief Share Tuesday nights from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
September 18, 2024	Sixth Grade Confirmation Wednesday nights at 6:30 p.m.
September 18, 2024	High School Spirit Night – Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m.
September 19, 2024	Choir Rehearsal – Thursdays at 7:30 p.m.
September 21, 2024	Senior Youth Ice Skating Night.
September 25, 2024	Care Ministry Meeting at 6:00 p.m.
October 4, 2024	Middle School Teen Ice Skating Night
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