

# 17<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

## DIVINE SERVICE III SEPTEMBER 27, 2020 9:00 A.M.

### PRELUDE & ANNOUNCEMENTS

**PRAYER ON ENTERING CHURCH:** “LORD, I love the habitation of Your House and the place where Your Glory Dwells. In the multitude of Your Tender Mercies prepare my heart that I may enter Your House to worship and confess Your Holy Name; through Jesus Christ, my God and LORD.” (145)

**BEFORE WORSHIP:** “O LORD, our Creator, Redeemer, and Comforter, as we come together to worship You in Spirit and in Truth, we humbly pray that You would open our hearts to the preaching of Your Word so that we may repent of our sins, believe in Jesus Christ as our only Savior, and grow in Grace and Holiness. Hear us for His sake, Amen.” (146)

OPENING HYMN: “O Jesus, King Most Wonderful” . . . . . [LSB: 554]

**1.**  
O Jesus, King Most Wonderful!  
O Conqueror renowned!  
O Source of Peace ineffable,  
In Whom all Joys are found:

**2.**  
When once You visit darkened hearts,  
Then Truth begins to shine,  
Then earthly vanity departs,  
Then kindles Love Divine.

**3.**  
O Jesus, Light of all below,  
The Fount of Life and Fire,  
Surpassing all the joys we know,  
All that we can desire:

**4.**  
May ev’ry heart confess Your Name,  
Forever You adore,  
And, seeking You, itself inflame  
To seek You more and more!

**5.**  
Oh, may our tongues forever bless, May we love You Alone  
And ever in our lives express The Image of Your Own!

## ✠ SERVICE OF CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION ✠

INVOCATION (*Please Stand*) . . . . . [LSB: pg. 184]

**P** In the Name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit. *Matthew 28:19b; [18:20]*  
**C** Amen.

EXHORTATION . . . . . [LSB: pg. 184]

**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. *[Hebrews 10:22]*  
**C** Who made heaven and earth. *Psalm 124:8*

**P** I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the LORD,  
**C** And You forgave the iniquity of my sin. *Psalm 32:5*

CONFESSION OF SINS . . . . . [LSB: pg. 184]

**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.

ABSOLUTION . . . . . [LSB: pg. 185]

**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. Son and of the Holy Spirit. *John 20:19-23*  
**C** Amen.

## ✠ SERVICE OF THE WORD ✠

PSALMODY: *Psalm 25:1-10*



- P** <sup>1</sup> To You, | O LORD,\*  
I lift | up my soul.  
<sup>2</sup> O my God, in You I trust; let me not be | put to shame;\*  
let not my enemies exult | over me.
- L** <sup>3</sup> Indeed, none who wait for You shall be | put to shame;\*  
they shall be ashamed who are wantonly | treacherous.  
<sup>4</sup> Make me to know Your Ways, | O LORD;\*  
teach me | Your Paths.
- P** <sup>5</sup> Lead me in Your Truth and Teach me, for You are the God of My Sal- | vation;\*  
for You I wait all the | day long.  
<sup>6</sup> Remember Your Mercy, O LORD, and Your | Steadfast Love,\*  
for they have been | from of old.
- L** <sup>7</sup> Remember not the sins of my youth or my trans- | gressions;\*  
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.
- P** <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 Testi- | monies.

GLORIA PATRE ≈ *Glory be to the Father* ..... [LSB: pg. 186]

**C** *(Sung)* **Glory be to the Father and to the Son  
and to the Holy Ghost;  
as it was in the beginning,  
is now, and ever shall be, world without end, Amen.**

KYRIE ≈ *LORD, Have Mercy* ..... [LSB: pg. 186]

**C** **LORD, have Mercy upon us.  
Christ, have Mercy upon us.  
LORD, have Mercy upon us.**

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS ≈ ..... [LSB: pg. 187]

**P** Glory be to God on High,  
**P** **and on earth Peace, Goodwill toward men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee. we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy Great Glory. O LORD God, Heav'nly King, God the Father Almighty. O LORD, the Only-Begotten Son, Jesus Christ; O LORD God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sin of the world, have Mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sin of the world, receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have Mercy upon us. For Thou only art Holy; Thou only art the LORD. Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most High in the Glory of God the Father. Amen.**

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY ..... [Pg. 189]

**P** *(Sung)* The LORD be with you. *2 Timothy 4:22*  
**C** **And with thy spirit.**

**P** Almighty God, You Exalted Your Son to the place of all Honor and Authority. Enlighten our minds by Your Holy Spirit that, confessing Jesus as LORD, we may be led into all Truth; through the same Jesus

**C** Christ, our LORD, ✠ Who Lives and Reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and Forever.  
**Amen.**

FIRST READING: *Ezekiel 18:1-4; 25-32*

*“The Word of the LORD came to me: <sup>2</sup> ‘What do you mean by repeating this proverb concerning the*

*land of Israel, ‘The fathers have eaten sour grapes, and the children’s teeth are set on edge’? <sup>3</sup> As I live, declares the LORD GOD, this proverb*

shall no more be used by you in Israel. <sup>4</sup> Behold, all souls are mine; the soul of the father as well as the soul of the son is mine: the soul who sins shall die . . . <sup>25</sup> Yet you say, 'The Way of the LORD is not Just.' Hear now, O House of Israel: Is My Way not Just? Is it not your ways that are not just? <sup>26</sup> When a Righteous person turns away from his Righteousness and does injustice, he shall die for it; for the injustice that he has done he shall die. <sup>27</sup> Again, when a wicked person turns away from the wickedness he has committed and does what is Just and Right, he shall save his life. <sup>28</sup> Because he considered and turned away from all the transgressions that he had committed, he shall

surely live; he shall not die. <sup>29</sup> Yet the House of Israel says, 'The Way of the LORD is not Just.' O House of Israel, are My Ways not Just? Is it not your ways that are not Just? <sup>30</sup> Therefore I will Judge you, O House of Israel, every one according to his ways, declares the LORD GOD. Repent and turn from all your transgressions, lest iniquity be your ruin. <sup>31</sup> Cast away from you all the transgressions that you have committed, and make yourselves a new heart and a new spirit! Why will you die, O House of Israel? <sup>32</sup> For I have no pleasure in the death of anyone, declares the LORD GOD; so turn, and live."

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL:

**R** He will Command His angels con- | cerning You\*  
to Guard You in | all Your Ways.  
Bless the LORD, | O my soul,\*  
and all that is within me, bless His | Holy Name!

EPISTLE READING: *Philippians 2:1-4; 14-18*

"So if there is any encouragement in Christ, any Comfort from Love, any participation in the Spirit, any affection and sympathy, <sup>2</sup> complete my joy by being of the same mind, having the same Love, being in full accord and of one mind. <sup>3</sup> Do nothing from rivalry or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. <sup>4</sup> Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others . . . <sup>14</sup> Do all things without grumbling or questioning, <sup>15</sup> that you may

be blameless and innocent, Children of God without blemish in the midst of a crooked and twisted generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world, <sup>16</sup> holding fast to the Word of Life, so that in the day of Christ I may be proud that I did not run in vain or labor in vain. <sup>17</sup> Even if I am to be poured out as a drink offering upon the Sacrificial offering of your Faith, I am glad and rejoice with you all. <sup>18</sup> Likewise you also should be glad and rejoice with me."

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA AND VERSE *John 6:68* ..... [LSB: pg. 190]

**C** Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

HOLY GOSPEL: *Matthew 21:23-27* (Please Stand)

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty first chapter.  
**C** Glory be to Thee, O LORD.

"<sup>23</sup> When [Jesus] entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came up to Him as He was teaching, and said, 'By what Authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this Authority?' <sup>24</sup> Jesus answered them, 'I also will ask you one question, and if you tell Me the answer, then I also will tell you by what Authority I do these things. <sup>25</sup> The baptism of John, from where did it come? From Heaven or from

man?' And they discussed it among themselves, saying, 'If we say, 'From Heaven,' he will say to us, 'Why then did you not believe him?' <sup>26</sup> But if we say, 'From man,' we are afraid of the crowd, for they all hold that John was a prophet.' <sup>27</sup> So they answered Jesus, 'We do not know.' And He said to them, 'Neither will I tell you by what Authority I do these things.'"

**P** This is the Gospel of our LORD.

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

NICENE CREED (Please stand as we confess our faith) ..... (Page 191)

**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.

HYMN OF THE DAY: "LORD, keep us Steadfast in Your Word" ..... [LSB: 655]

**1.**  
LORD, keep us Steadfast in Your Word;  
Curb those who by deceit or sword  
Would wrest the Kingdom from Your Son And  
bring to naught all He has Done.

**2.**  
LORD Jesus Christ, Your Pow'r make known,  
For You are LORD of lords Alone; Defend Your  
Holy Church that we May sing Your praise  
Eternally.

**3.**  
O Comforter of Priceless Worth, Send Peace and Unity on earth;  
Support us in our final strife And lead us out of death to Life.

SERMON

OFFERTORY ..... [LSB: pg. 192]  
*Psalm 51:10-12*

**C** (Sung) Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.  
Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.  
Restore unto me the joy of Thy Salvation, and uphold me with Thy Free Spirit. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH [I Timothy 2:1-4] ..... [LSB: pg. 193]

☩ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT ☩

PREFACE (Sung) ..... [LSB: pg. 194]

**P** The LORD be with you. *2 Timothy 4:22*  
**C** And with thy spirit.

**P** Lift up your hearts. *Colossians 3:1*  
**C** We lift them up unto the LORD.

**P** Let us give thanks unto the LORD our God. *Psalm 136*  
**C** It is meet and right so to do.

PROPER PREFACE ..... [LSB: pg. 194]

**P** It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places ... To You alone, O Father,  
be all Glory, Honor, and Worship, with the Son ☩ and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and Forever.  
**C** Amen.

SANCTUS ≈ Holy, Holy, Holy ..... [LSB: pg. 195]

**C** <sup>7</sup> Holy, Holy, Holy LORD God of Sabaoth; Heav'n and earth are full of Thy Glory. Hosanna,  
hosanna, hosanna in the Highest. Blessed is He, blessed is He, blessed is He that cometh in the  
Name of the LORD. Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest. *Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9*

LORD'S PRAYER ..... [LSB: pg. 196]

**P** (Sung) 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. *Matthew 6:9-13*

**C** For Thine is the Kingdom and the Power and the Glory forever and ever. Amen.

THE WORD'S OF OUR LORD ..... [LSB: pg. 197]  
*Matthew 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24 Luke 22:19-20; I Corinthians 11:23-25*

**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  $\Phi$  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  $\Phi$  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 *~ The Peace of the LORD* ..... [LSB: pg. 197]

**P** The Peace of the LORD be with you always. *John 20:19*  
**C** (Sung) Amen.

AGNUS DEI *~ Lamb of God* ..... [LSB: pg. 198]  
*John 1:29*

**C** (Sung) **O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have Mercy upon us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have Mercy upon us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us Thy Peace. Amen.**

DISTRIBUTION HYMN: “*Look, ye Saints, the Sight is Glorious*” ..... [LSB: 495]

**1.**  
Look, ye Saints, the sight is Glorious;  
See the Man of Sorrows now!  
From the Fight returned Victorious,  
Ev’ry knee to Him shall bow.  
Crown Him! Crown Him! (3X)  
Crowns become the Victor’s Brow. (2X)

**2.**  
Crown the Savior! Angels, Crown Him!  
Rich the Trophies Jesus brings;  
On the Seat of Pow’r Enthroned Him  
While the Vault of Heaven Rings.  
Crown Him! Crown Him! (3X)  
Crown the Savior King of kings. (2X)

**3.**  
Sinners in derision Crowned Him,  
Mocking thus the Savior’s claim;  
Saints and angels crowd around Him,  
Own His Title, praise His Name.  
Crown Him! Crown Him! (3X)  
Spread abroad the Victor’s Fame. (2X)

**4.**  
Hark, those bursts of acclamation!  
Hark, those loud triumphant chords!  
Jesus takes the Highest Station;  
Oh, what Joy the sight affords!  
Crown Him! Crown Him! (3X)  
King of kings and LORD of LORDs! (2X)

DISTRIBUTION HYMN: “*At the Name of Jesus*” ..... [LSB: 512]

**1.**  
At the Name of Jesus  
Ev’ry knee shall bow,  
Ev’ry tongue confess Him  
King of Glory now.  
'Tis the Father’s Pleasure  
We should call Him LORD,  
Who from the Beginning  
Was the Mighty Word.

**2.**  
At His voice creation  
Sprang at once to sight,  
All the angel faces,  
All the hosts of Light,  
Thrones and bright dominions,  
Stars upon their way,  
All the Heav’nly orders  
In their great array.

**3.**  
Humbled for a season,  
To receive a name  
From the lips of sinners  
Unto whom He came,  
Faithfully He bore it  
Spotless to the last,  
Brought it back Victorious  
When from death He passed;

**4.**  
Bore it up Triumphant  
With its human Light,  
Through all ranks of creatures  
To the central height,  
To the Throne of Godhead,  
To the Father’s breast,  
Filled it with the Glory  
Of that Perfect Rest.

**5.**  
In your hearts Enthroned Him;  
There let Him subdue  
All that is not Holy,  
All that is not True:  
  
Crown Him as your Captain  
In temptation’s hour;  
Let His Will enfold you  
In its Light and Pow’r.

**6.**  
Christians, this LORD Jesus  
Shall Return again  
In His Father’s Glory,  
With His angel train;  
For all Wreaths of Empire  
Meet upon His brow,  
And our hearts confess Him  
King of Glory now.

7.  
**Glory then to Jesus, Who, the Prince of Light, To a world in darkness  
Brought the Gift of Sight; Praise to God the Father; In the Spirit's Love  
Praise we all together Him Who Reigns Above.**

THE DISMISSAL ..... [LSB: pg. 199]

- 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.

NUNC DIMITTIS ..... [LSB: pg. 199]

- C** *(Sung)* LORD, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in Peace according to Thy Word, for mine eyes have seen Thy Salvation, which Thou hast prepared before the face of all people, a Light to lighten the Gentiles and the Glory of Thy people Israel. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost, as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

THANKSGIVING ..... [LSB: pg. 200]

- A** O give thanks unto the LORD, for He is Good,  
**C** *(Sung)* and His Mercy endureth Forever. *Psalm 107:1*

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT ..... [LSB: pg. 201]

- P** Let us pray ... We give thanks to You, Almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this Salutory 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** *(Sung)* Amen.

CONCLUDING COLLECT ..... [LSB: pg. 201]

- P** Blessed LORD, You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning. Grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn, and take them to heart that, by the patience and comfort of Your Holy Word, we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed Hope of Everlasting Life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our LORD, ☩ Who Lives and Reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and Forever.  
**C** *(Sung)* Amen.

SALUTATION AND BENEDICAMUS ..... [LSB: pg. 201]

- P** The LORD be with you. *2 Timothy 4:22*  
**C** *(Sung)* And with thy spirit.  
**P** Bless we the LORD. *[Psalm 103:1]*  
**C** *(Sung)* Thanks be to God.

BENEDICTION ..... [LSB: pg. 202]  
*Numbers 6:24-26*

- 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.  
**C** *(Sung)* Amen. Amen. Amen.

CLOSING HYMN: "Praise be to Christ" ..... [LSB: 538]

1.

**Praise be to Christ in whom we see  
The image of the Father shown,  
The firstborn Son revealed and known,  
The truth and grace of deity;  
Through whom creation came to birth,  
Whose fingers set the stars in place,  
The unseen pow'rs, and this small earth, The  
furthest bounds of time and space.**

2.

**Praise be to Him whose sov' reign sway  
And will upholds creation's plan;  
Who is, before all worlds began  
And when our world has passed away:  
LORD of the Church, its life and head,  
Redemption's price and source and theme,  
Alive, the firstborn from the dead, To reign as  
all-in-all supreme.**

3.  
**Praise be to Him who, LORD Most High, The fullness of the Godhead shares;  
And yet our human nature bears, Who came as man to bleed and die.  
And from His cross there flows our peace Who chose for us the path He trod,  
That so might sins and sorrows cease And all be reconciled to God.**

POSTLUDE

**THANKSGIVING AFTER RECEIVING THE SACRAMENT:** Almighty and Everlasting God, we thank and praise You for Feeding us the Life-Giving Body and Blood of Your Beloved Son, Jesus Christ. Send us Your Holy Spirit that, having with our mouths received the Holy Sacrament, we may by Faith obtain and Eternally enjoy Your Divine Grace, the Forgiveness of sins, Unity with Christ, and Life Eternal, through Jesus Christ, our LORD. (158)

**FOR BLESSING ON THE WORD:** LORD God, bless Your Word wherever it is proclaimed. Make it a Word of Power and Peace to Convert those not yet Your Own and to Confirm those who have come to Saving Faith. May Your Word pass from the ear to the heart, from the heart to the lip, and from the lip to the life that, as You have Promised, Your Word may achieve the Purpose for which You Send it; through Jesus Christ, our LORD. (150)

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