

*Immanuel Lutheran Church, Altamont, Illinois*  
**Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost**  
**Saturday, September 23, 2023 at 6:00 PM**  
**Sunday, September 24 at 8:30 AM**  
*Divine Service Setting One*

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Prelude Music/Ringing of the Bell/Welcome

**SATURDAY OPENING HYMN: 648 GLORIOUS THINGS  
OF YOU ARE SPOKEN**

**SUNDAY BAPTISM HYMN: 592 DEAREST JESUS, WE  
ARE HERE**

*Followed by Sacrament of Holy Baptism, page 268, then Introit. (Baptism  
of August Richard Alwardt)*

*(Stand)*

**INVOCATION**

- P** In the name of the Father and of the  $\text{✠}$  Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**C** Amen.

**EXHORTATION**

LSB 151

- P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not  
in us.  
**C** But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will  
forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

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

**CONFESSION OF SINS**

LSB 151

- P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.  
**C** 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.

## ABSOLUTION

LSB 151

**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  $\text{✠}$  Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

## + SERVICE OF THE WORD +

### INTROIT

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

**P** I will offer to you the sacrifice of thanks- | giving\*  
and call on the name | of the LORD.

**C** What shall I render | to the LORD\*  
for all his bene- | fits to me?

I will lift up the cup of sal- | vation\*  
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 be- | ginning,\*  
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

**P** I will offer to you the sacrifice of thanks- | giving\*  
and call on the name | of the LORD.

### KYRIE

LSB 152

**P** In peace let us pray to the Lord.

**C** Lord, have mercy.

**P** For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.

**C** Lord, have mercy.

**P** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.

**C** Lord, have mercy.

**P** For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.

**C** Lord, have mercy.

**P** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

**C** Amen.

## **THIS IS THE FEAST** 🎵

LSB 155

**C** This is the feast of victory for our God.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God.

This is the feast of victory for our God.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Power, riches, wisdom, and strength, and honor, blessing, and glory are His.

This is the feast of victory for our God.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation:

Blessing, honor, glory, and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.

This is the feast of victory for our God.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

For the Lamb who was slain has begun His reign. Alleluia.

This is the feast of victory for our God.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

## **SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY** 🎵

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**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.

(Sit)

## OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 55:6–9

- <sup>6</sup>“Seek the LORD while he may be found;  
call upon him while he is near;  
<sup>7</sup>let 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.  
<sup>8</sup>For my thoughts are not your thoughts,  
neither are your ways my ways, declares the LORD.  
<sup>9</sup>For as the heavens are higher than the earth,  
so are my ways higher than your ways  
and my thoughts than your thoughts.”

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

## EPISTLE

Philippians 1:12–14, 19–30

<sup>12</sup>I want you to know, brothers, that what has happened to me has really served to advance the gospel, <sup>13</sup>so that it has become known throughout the whole imperial guard and to all the rest that my imprisonment is for Christ. <sup>14</sup>And most of the brothers, having become confident in the Lord by my imprisonment, are much more bold to speak the word without fear. . . .

<sup>19</sup>for I know that through your prayers and the help of the Spirit of Jesus Christ this will turn out for my deliverance, <sup>20</sup>as 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. <sup>21</sup>For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain. <sup>22</sup>If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me. Yet which I shall choose I cannot tell. <sup>23</sup>I am hard pressed between the two. My desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better. <sup>24</sup>But to remain in the flesh is more necessary on your account. <sup>25</sup>Convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with you all, for your progress and joy in the faith, <sup>26</sup>so that in me you may have ample cause to glory in Christ Jesus, because of my coming to you again.

<sup>27</sup>Only 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, <sup>28</sup>and 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. <sup>29</sup>For 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, <sup>30</sup>engaged in the same conflict that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

(Stand)

## ALLELUIA AND VERSE

LSB 156

**G** Alleluia.

Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of eternal life.

Alleluia, alleluia.

## HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 20:1–16

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

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

<sup>1</sup>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. <sup>2</sup>After agreeing with the laborers for a denarius a day, he sent them into his vineyard. <sup>3</sup>And going out about the third hour he saw others standing idle in the marketplace, <sup>4</sup>and to them he said, ‘You go into the vineyard too, and whatever is right I will give you.’ <sup>5</sup>So they went. Going out again about the sixth hour and the ninth hour, he did the same. <sup>6</sup>And about the eleventh hour he went out and found others standing. And he said to them, ‘Why do you stand here idle all day?’ <sup>7</sup>They said to him, ‘Because no one has hired us.’ He said to them, ‘You go into the vineyard too.’ <sup>8</sup>And 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.’ <sup>9</sup>And when those hired about the eleventh hour came, each of them received a denarius. <sup>10</sup>Now when those hired first came, they thought they would receive more, but each of them also received a denarius. <sup>11</sup>And on receiving it they grumbled at the master of the house, <sup>12</sup>saying, ‘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.’ <sup>13</sup>But he replied to one of them, ‘Friend, I am doing you no wrong. Did you not agree with me for a denarius?’ <sup>14</sup>Take what belongs to you and go. I choose to give to this last worker as I give to you. <sup>15</sup>Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or do you begrudge my generosity?’ <sup>16</sup>So the last will be first, and the first last.”

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

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

(Sit)

## CHILDREN’S TALK (On Sunday)

## SERMON HYMN 687 THINE FOREVER, GOD OF LOVE

**SERMON: There’s a Place for You in the Lord’s Vineyard, Matthew 20:1-16.**

*(Stand)*

## **APOSTLES' CREED**

**C** 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  $\dagger$  everlasting. Amen.

## **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

*(Following the prayers, the people may greet one another in the name of the Lord, saying, "Peace be with you," as a sign of reconciliation and of the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace (Matt. 5:22–24; Eph. 4:1–3).)*

*(Sit)*

## **OFFERING**

*(Stand)*

### **OFFERTORY** $\text{♪}$

LSB 159

**C** What shall I render to the Lord for all His benefits to me?  
I will offer the sacrifice of thanksgiving and will call on the  
name of the Lord.  
I will take the cup of salvation and will call on the name of the  
Lord.  
I will pay my vows to the Lord now in the presence of all His  
people,  
in the courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O  
Jerusalem.

## **.+ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT +**

### **PREFACE**

LSB 160

**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.

### **PROPER PREFACE**

LSB 161

**P** It is truly good, right, and salutary . . . evermore praising You and saying:

### **SANCTUS**

LSB 161

**C** Holy, holy, holy Lord God of pow'r 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.

### **PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

LSB 161

### **LORD'S PRAYER**

LSB 162

### **THE WORDS OF OUR LORD**

### **PAX DOMINI**

LSB 163

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

**C** Amen.

### **AGNUS DEI**

LSB 163

**C** 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.

(Sit)

## DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

**783 TAKE MY LIFE AND LET IT BE**

**555 SALVATION UNTO US HAS COME**

(Stand)

**THANK THE LORD** 

LSB 164

**☐** Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev'ryone what He has done.

Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and proudly bear His name.  
He recalls His promises and leads His people forth in joy  
with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia, alleluia.


## POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

**BENEDICTION** 

LSB 166

**☐** 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.

**☐** Amen.

(Standing)

**CLOSING HYMN 742 FOR ME TO LIVE IS JESUS** sts. 1–2

1 For me to live is Jesus,  
To die is gain for me;  
So when my Savior pleases,  
I meet death willingly.

2 For Christ, my Lord, my brother,  
I leave this world so dim  
And gladly seek another,  
Where I shall be with Him.

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