



Traditional Worship Service

17th Sunday after Pentecost

Saturday, September 26, 2020 5:30 p.m.

Sunday, September 27, 2020 8:30 a.m.

MESSIAH
LUTHERAN CHURCH



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

P: Almighty God, our maker and redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto You that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against You by thought, word, and deed. Wherefore we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

C: O most merciful God, who has given Your only-begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Your Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of You and of Your will and true obedience to Your Word, to the end that by Your grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

P: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and has given His only Son to die for us and for His sake forgives us all our sins. To those who believe on His name He gives power to become the children of God and has promised them His Holy Spirit. He that believes and is baptized shall be saved. Grant this, Lord, unto us all.

C: Amen.

THE INTROIT

Psalm 25:1-10

(Meaning "entrance" as we begin our worship)

P: To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul; in you I trust, O my God.

C: Do not let me be put to shame, nor let my enemies triumph over me.

P: No one whose hope is in you will ever be put to shame, but they will be put to shame who are treacherous without excuse.

C: Show me your ways O Lord, teach me your paths; guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are God my Savior, and my hope is in you all day long.

P: Remember, O Lord, your great mercy and love, for they are from of old.


C: Remember not the sins of my youth and my rebellious ways; according to your love remember me, for you are good, O Lord.

P: Good and upright is the Lord; therefore, he instructs sinners in his ways.

C: He guides the humble in what is right and teaches them his way.

P: All the ways of the Lord are loving and faithful for those who keep the demands of his covenant.

GLORIA PATRI



☐ Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther and to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost;

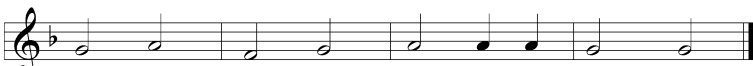


as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men.

KYRIE *(Asking God to help us in our daily living)*




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




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

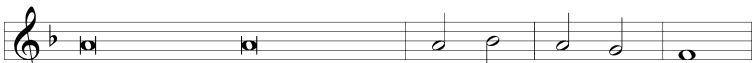
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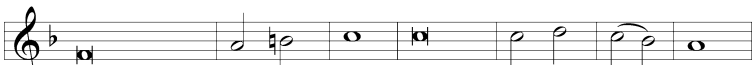
☐ Glory be to God on high: ☐ and on earth peace, good - will toward



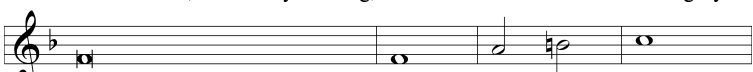
men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor - ship Thee,



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

(Prayer of the Day)

P The Lord be with you.
Q And with thy spir - it.
P Let us pray.

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 Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



OLD TESTAMENT

Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32

(Reading about God's relationship with His people)

P: The Old Testament Reading for the 17th Sunday after Pentecost is from the 18th chapter of Ezekiel.

The word of the LORD came to me: "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'? As I live, declares the Lord GOD, this proverb shall no more be used by you in Israel. 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. "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? 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. 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. Because he considered and turned away from all the transgressions that he had committed, he shall surely live; he shall not die. 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? "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. 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? For I have no pleasure in the death of anyone, declares the Lord GOD; so, turn and live."

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

THE EPISTLE

Philippians 2:1-4, 14-18

(Reading of God's Word in action, accomplishing what it says)

P: The Epistle Reading is from the second chapter of Philippians. So, if there is any encouragement in Christ, any comfort from love, any participation in the Spirit, any affection and sympathy, complete

my joy by being of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from rivalry or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others. Do all things without grumbling or questioning, 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, 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. 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. Likewise, you also should be glad and rejoice with me.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA



Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.

HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 21:23-27

(Reading of an account of Jesus and His ministry)

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 21st chapter.



Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

And when he 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?" 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. 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?' But if we say, 'From man,' we are afraid of the crowd, for they all hold that John was a prophet." 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 the Lord.



APOSTLES CREED

(Brief statement of what we believe and teach)

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 everlasting.
Amen.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

HYMN

"He is Lord"

#34

He is Lord, He is Lord! He is risen from the dead and He is Lord!
Every knee shall bow, every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord.

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MESSAGE

"Being Christlike in Our Witness"

(We learn what our reading means for us today)

VOLUNTARY

(5:30)

"Faith"

Cathy Carson

(8:30)

"Finlandia"

Bob Tanis and Steve Bow

FINLANDIA written 1899-1900 Jean Sibelius
Be still, and know that I am God. Psalm 46:10

Be still, my soul

The Christian [hymn](#) "Be still, my soul", written in German in 1752 by [Katharina Amalia Dorothea von Schlegel](#) (1697–1768) and translated into English in 1855 by [Jane Laurie Borthwick](#) (1813–1897), is often sung to this tune:

First Verse from Lutheran Service Book 752:

Be still, my soul, the Lord is on thy side;
Bear patiently the cross of grief or pain.
Leave to your God to order and provide;
In every change He, faithful, will remain.
Be still, my soul, your best, your heavenly friend
Through thorny ways leads to a joyful end.

THE PRAYERS

P: Lord, in your mercy...

C: **hear our prayer.**

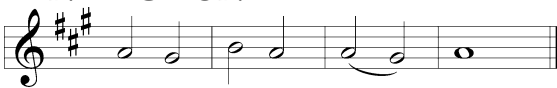
LORD'S PRAYER *(The prayer taught to us by Jesus)*

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.

BENEDICTION



♩ A-men, a-men, a - men.

CLOSING HYMN

“Fairest Lord Jesus”

#87 v. 1 & 4

Fairest Lord Jesus; Ruler of all nature,
O Thou of God and man the Son.
Thee will I cherish; Thee will I honor,
Thou my soul’s glory, joy, and crown.

Beautiful Savior! Lord of the nations!
Son of God and Son of man!
Glory and honor, praise, adoration,
Now and forevermore be Thine!

POSTLUDE

“O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing”

Dorian