

# 9/27/2020 17<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

876 O BLESSED, HOLY TRINITY

LSB 876

- 1 O blessed, holy Trinity,  
Divine, eternal Unity,  
O Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,  
This day Your name be uppermost.
  
- 2 My soul and body keep from harm,  
And over all extend Your arm;  
Let Satan cause me no distress  
Nor bring me shame and wretchedness.
  
- 3 The Father's love shield me this day;  
The Son's pure wisdom cheer my way;  
The Holy Spirit's joy and light  
Drive from my heart the shades of night.
  
- 4 My Maker, hold me in Your hand;  
O Christ, forgiven let me stand;  
Blest Comforter, do not depart;  
With faith and love enrich my heart.

5 Lord, bless and keep me as Your own;  
Lord, look in kindness from Your throne;  
Lord, shine unfailing peace on me  
By grace surrounded; set me free.

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**P** In the name of the Father and of the ✝ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

**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.**

**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.**

**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 ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C Amen.**

*INTROIT* *Ps. 147:1–5; antiphon: Ps. 147:6*

The LORD lifts up the | humble;\*

he casts the wicked | to the ground.

Praise the LORD! For it is good to sing praises | to our God;\*

for it is pleasant, and a song of praise is | fitting.

The LORD builds up Je- | rusalem;\*

he gathers the outcasts of | Israel.  
He heals the broken- | hearted\*  
and binds | up their wounds.  
He determines the number | of the stars;\*  
he gives to all of | them their names.  
Great is our Lord, and abun- | dant in power;\*  
his understanding is beyond | measure.  
**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.**  
The LORD lifts up the | humble;\*  
he casts the wicked | to the ground.

*KYRIE*

*LSB 168*

- A** In peace let us pray to the Lord.
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- A** For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- A** 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.**

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

**C Lord, have mercy.**

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

**C Amen.**

## *HYMN OF PRAISE*

### *THIS IS THE FEAST*

*LSB 171*

**A** This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia.

**C Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God. Power and riches and wisdom and strength and honor and blessing and glory are His. This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia.**

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

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

**This is the feast of victory for our God, for the Lamb who was slain has begun His reign.  
Alleluia, Alleluia.**

*SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY*

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** **And also with you.**

**P** Let us pray.

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.

**C** **Amen.**

*OLD TESTAMENT READING      Ezekiel 18:1–4, 25–32*

<sup>1</sup>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*

*Ps. 91:11; 103:1*

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*

*Philippians 2:1–4, 14–18*

<sup>1</sup>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*

**C** **Alleluia.**

**Lord, to whom shall we go?**

**You have the words of eternal life.**

## Alleluia.

*HOLY GOSPEL*

*Matthew 21:23–27*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-first chapter.

**C** **Glory to You, 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 the Lord.

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

*974 JESUS SINNERS DOTTH RECEIVE*

*LSB 974*

1           Jesus sinners doth receive;  
              Oh, may all this saying ponder  
Who in sin's delusions live  
              And from God and heaven wander!  
Here is hope for all who grieve:  
Jesus sinners doth receive.

2           We deserve but grief and shame,  
              Yet His words, rich grace revealing,  
Pardon, peace, and life proclaim;  
              Here our ills have perfect healing.  
Firmly in these words believe:  
Jesus sinners doth receive.

3           Sheep that from the fold did stray  
              No true shepherd e'er forsaketh;

Weary souls that lost their way  
Christ, the Shepherd, gently taketh  
In His arms that they may live:  
Jesus sinners doth receive.

4 I, a sinner, come to Thee  
With a penitent confession.  
Savior, mercy show to me;  
Grant for all my sins remission.  
Let these words my soul relieve:  
Jesus sinners doth receive.

5 Oh, how blest it is to know:  
Were as scarlet my transgression,  
It shall be as white as snow  
By Thy blood and bitter passion;  
For these words I now believe:  
Jesus sinners doth receive.

6 Now my conscience is at peace;  
From the Law I stand acquitted.  
Christ hath purchased my release

And my ev'ry sin remitted.  
Naught remains my soul to grieve:  
Jesus sinners doth receive.

7 Jesus sinners doth receive;  
Also I have been forgiven;  
And when I this earth must leave,  
I shall find an open heaven.  
Dying, still to Him I cleave:  
Jesus sinners doth receive.

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## *SERMON*

## *NICENE CREED*

**☩ 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.

## *PRAYER OF THE CHURCH*

## *OFFERING*

## *PREFACE*

*LSB 177*

**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*

**P** It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who on this day overcame death and the grave and by His glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

*SANCTUS*

*LSB 178*

**C** Holy, holy, holy Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might:

**Heav'n and earth are full of Your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

*LORD'S PRAYER*

*LSB 179*

**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.**

*THE WORDS OF OUR LORD*

*LSB 179*

**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 ✝ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me.”

**P** 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 ✠ 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*

*LSB 180*

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

**C** Amen.

*AGNUS DEI*

*LSB 180*

**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, grant us peace.

*DISTRIBUTION*

Take, eat; this is the true body of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, given into death for your sins.

**Amen.**

Take, drink; this is the true blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, shed for the forgiveness of your sins.

**Amen.**

**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.**

*744 AMAZING GRACE*

*LSB 744 sts. 1–5*

1           Amazing grace—how sweet the sound—  
              That saved a wretch like me!  
I once was lost but now am found,  
              Was blind but now I see!

2           The Lord has promised good to me,  
              His Word my hope secures;  
He will my shield and portion be  
              As long as life endures.

3           Through many dangers, toils, and snares  
              I have already come;

His grace has brought me safe thus far,  
His grace will lead me home.

4 Yes, when this flesh and heart shall fail  
And mortal life shall cease,  
Amazing grace shall then prevail  
In heaven's joy and peace.

5 When we've been there ten thousand years,  
Bright shining as the sun,  
We've no less days to sing God's praise  
Than when we'd first begun.

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*549 ALL HAIL THE POWER OF JESUS' NAME LSB 549*

1 All hail the pow'r of Jesus' name!

Let angels prostrate fall;

Bring forth the royal diadem

And crown Him Lord of all.

[Bring forth the royal diadem

And crown Him Lord of all.]

2 Crown Him, ye martyrs of our God,  
Who from His altar call;

Extol the stem of Jesse's rod  
And crown Him Lord of all.

[Extol the stem of Jesse's rod  
And crown Him Lord of all.]

3 Ye seed of Israel's chosen race,  
Ye ransomed from the fall,  
Hail Him who saves you by His grace  
And crown Him Lord of all.

[Hail Him who saves you by His grace  
And crown Him Lord of all.]

4 Hail Him, ye heirs of David's line,  
Whom David Lord did call,  
The God incarnate, man divine,  
And crown Him Lord of all.

[The God incarnate, man divine,  
And crown Him Lord of all.]

5 Sinners, whose love can ne'er forget  
The wormwood and the gall,  
Go, spread your trophies at His feet

And crown Him Lord of all.

[Go, spread your trophies at His feet

And crown Him Lord of all.]

6 Let ev'ry kindred, ev'ry tribe,

On this terrestrial ball

To Him all majesty ascribe

And crown Him Lord of all.

[To Him all majesty ascribe

And crown Him Lord of all.]

7 Oh, that with yonder sacred throng

We at His feet may fall!

We'll join the everlasting song

And crown Him Lord of all.

[We'll join the everlasting song

And crown Him Lord of all.]

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*712 SEEK YE FIRST*

*LSB 712*

1 Seek ye first the kingdom of God,

And His righteousness.

And all these things shall be added unto you!

Allelu, alleluia!

2           Ask and it shall be given unto you,  
          Seek and ye shall find,  
          Knock and the door shall be opened unto you,  
          Allelu, alleluia!

3           Man does not live by bread alone,  
          But by ev'ry word  
          That proceeds from the mouth of the Lord,  
          Allelu, alleluia!

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## *POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE*

*THANK THE LORD*

*LSB 181*

**☞ Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell everyone what He has done.  
Let everyone who seeks 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*

**A** Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and 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** Amen.

*BENEDICTION*

*LSB 183*

**P** 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.

**C** Amen.

*664 FIGHT THE GOOD FIGHT*

*LSB 664*

1 Fight the good fight with all your might;  
Christ is your strength, and Christ your right.  
Lay hold on life, and it shall be

Your joy and crown eternally.

- 2 Run the straight race through God's good  
grace;  
Lift up your eyes, and seek His face.  
Life with its way before us lies;  
Christ is the path, and Christ the prize.
- 3 Cast care aside, lean on your guide;  
His boundless mercy will provide.  
Trust, and enduring faith shall prove  
Christ is your life and Christ your love.
- 4 Faint not nor fear, His arms are near;  
He changes not who holds you dear;  
Only believe, and you will see  
That Christ is all eternally.

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