# Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost September 24/25, 2023



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Prelude

Announcements

**Entrance Hymn** Thy Works, Not Mine, O Christ LSB 565

# Confession and Absolution

Stand

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

P In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C Amen.

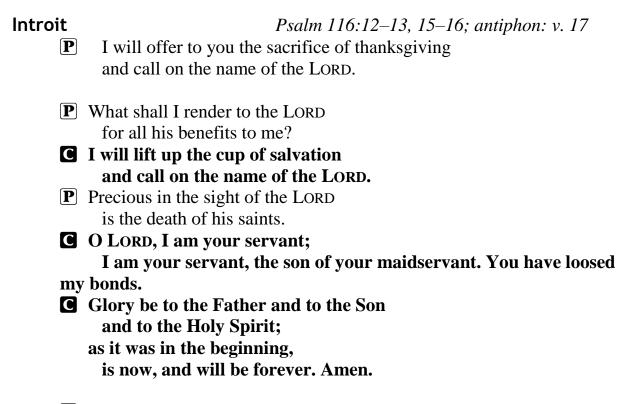
**P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**C** who made heaven and earth.

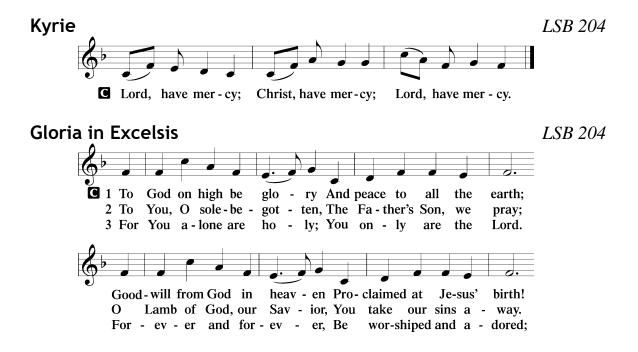
P If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?
C But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.

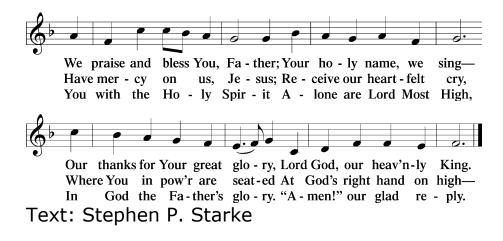
- Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.
- C Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.
- 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.

# Service of the Word



**P** I will offer to you the sacrifice of thanksgiving and call on the name of the LORD.





## 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."

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

#### Gradual and Verse

Psalm 34:9, 19

- Fear the LORD, you his saints, for those who fear him lack nothing!
- C Many are the afflictions of the righteous, but the LORD delivers him out of them all.
- P Alleluia. By grace you have been saved through faith.*Ephesians 2:8* And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God. Alleluia.

#### **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.

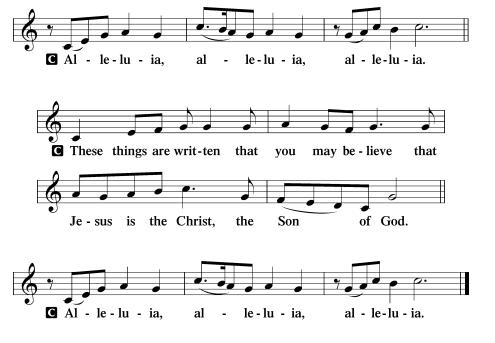
<sup>27</sup>Only let your manner of life be worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that whether I come and see you or am absent, I may hear of you that you are standing firm in one spirit, with one mind striving side by side for the faith of the gospel, <sup>28</sup>and not frightened in anything by your 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.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

Stand

#### Alleluia and Verse



Holy Gospel

*Matthew 20:1–16* 

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

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

## **Nicene Creed**

**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.

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Hymn of the Day Salvation unto Us Has Come LSB 555

Sermon

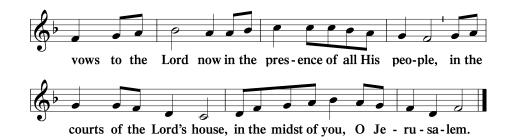
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Prayer of the Church

A Lord, in Your mercy,C hear our prayer.

Offering: Offerings may be placed in the wooden box at the back of the sanctuary.





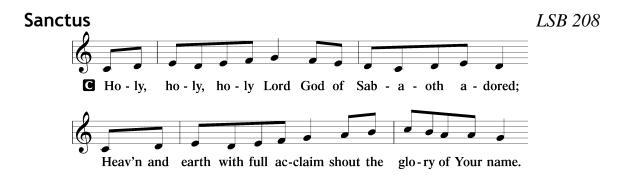
# Service of the Sacrament

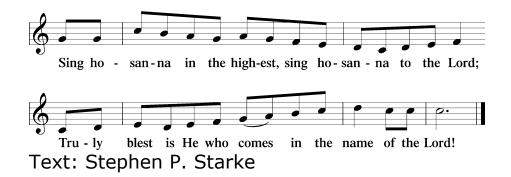
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#### Preface

LSB 208

- 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.
- It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new 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:





#### Prayer of Thanksgiving

P Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

In Your righteous judgment You condemned the sin of Adam and Eve, who ate the forbidden fruit, and You justly barred them and all their children from the tree of life. Yet, in Your great mercy, You promised salvation by a second Adam, Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, and made His cross a life-giving tree for all who trust in Him. We give You thanks for the redemption You have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may faithfully

through Jesus Christ. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may faithfully eat and drink of the fruits of His cross and receive the blessings of forgiveness, life, and salvation that come to us in His body and blood.

Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

#### Lord's Prayer

#### **C** Our Father who art in heaven...

#### The Words of Our Lord

**P** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed...

#### Pax Domini

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

## **C** Amen.



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For the Communion Beliefs and Practices of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, please see the announcements at the back of the bulletin.

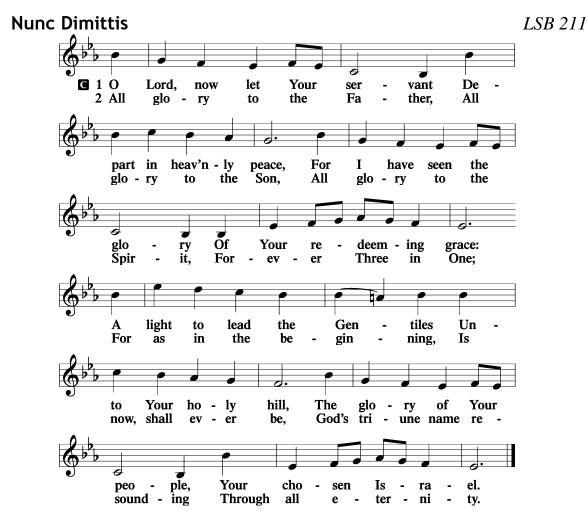
## **Distribution of the Sacrament**

- The ushers will dismiss you to go forward.
- Go to the communion rail on your side.
- If you are able, you may kneel when pastor welcomes you.
- The host will be distributed, followed by the individual cups.
- If you receive the sacrament with an individual cup, please continue to hold the empty cup as pastor comes by with the chalice (common cup).
- The chalice will follow for those wishing to receive the sacrament in this way.
- If you take the common cup, please grasp the base or stem of the chalice and help the pastor tip the cup.

## **Distribution Hymns**

Lord of All Hopefulness	LSB 738
Jesus Christ, Our Blessed Savior	LSB 627
My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less	LSB 575

#### Stand



## **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 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** Amen.

## Benedicamus

A Let us bless the Lord.

# **C** Thanks be to God.

## **Benediction**

**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.

Hymn to Depart Hark, the Voice of Jesus Crying

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Worship Times: Sunday at 9:00 A.M. & Monday at 6:00 P.M.

# **Welcome**

We are glad that you have joined us today as we worship our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. If you have any questions during worship, please feel free to ask an usher at any time.

Small children are part of the Body of Christ. We always welcome them in worship. However, we understand that it may not be easy to remain still or quiet. If a break is needed, "Busy Bags" are hanging up as you enter the Sanctuary.

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Eunice Hrudka & Dorothy Neff

CD Recording Deb Kaczkowski

Altar Flowers

Prayers

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## This Week at Redeemer

Sunday, September 24<sup>th</sup> 9:00 am Worship 10:00 am Sunday School

Monday, September 25<sup>th</sup> 6:00 pm Worship

Tuesday, September 26<sup>th</sup> 7:00 am Men's Bible Study 8:15 am Finance 9:00 am Women's Bible Study

Wednesday, September 27<sup>th</sup> 5:30 pm Catechism

Thursday, September 28<sup>th</sup> 1:00 pm Book Club

Friday, September 29th

Saturday, September 30<sup>th</sup> 9:00 am Book Club

Sunday, October 1<sup>st</sup> 9:00 am Worship 10:00 am Sunday School

Last Week Attendance: 141 Last Week Offering: \$5,081

# Statement on Holy Communion

The Lord's Supper is joyfully received here every weekend and on other holy days. At the altar, our Lord Jesus Christ delivers His true body and blood into our mouths. His gift of body and blood, given in, with, and under the bread and wine, bestows tremendous benefits. His body and blood forgives our sins, strengthens our faith, binds us to the Lord, and unites us with each other. In this is life and salvation.

All members of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod have publicly confessed this sacred gift and its blessings, and so are encouraged to commune. Other guests wishing to join our confession and receive this Holy Sacrament are asked to meet with a pastor before communing for the first time. When you have examined yourself according to Christ's bidding (1 Corinthians 11:17-34), come to His Supper rejoicing, just as Jesus asks, knowing that our Lord meets you at His altar with joy. Those coming to the altar for a blessing rather than the Holy Supper are asked to cross their arms over their chest.

# Call Update

Greetings! Last week we put together the call packet and sent it out to our call candidate, Pastor Jason Holden. He should have received it last Friday. A pastor is asked to respond within two to four weeks, so for now, we will play the waiting game. Once we hear anything back, we will update the congregation as soon as possible. I would also like to thank everyone for attending the voter's meeting on September 10<sup>th</sup>, and for providing your input, comments and opinions. It is all part of the process and everyone and anyone should feel free to speak up in these meetings and challenge the process and issues at hand. Again, thank you. Mike Kaczkowski

# **Bible Study Schedule**

Pastor Brassfield will be hosting Men's Bible Study on Tuesdays at 7:00am and Women's Bible Study on Tuesdays at 9:00am. Bible Study began on Tuesday, September 19<sup>th</sup>. For now, there will not be bible study on Sundays after worship.

## Catechism Update- NEW TIME

Catechism class is on Wednesdays at <u>5:30 p.m</u>. Please talk to Pastor Brassfield if you have questions or need more information.

# Youth Game Nights

Dates for October game nights are Wednesday, October 4th and 18th following Catechism class. Please contact Aaron Utecht to be added to the Facebook messenger group for reminders. Puzzle for October:

> Haiku from parts of John 20: Do not disbelieve, but believe. Thomas answered "My Lord and my \_\_\_\_\_".

# Join us at Sunday School!

Sunday School classes began on Sunday, September 17 but you can still join us! We will meet every week after Sunday morning worship service until about 11:00 am. Sunday School classes are available for ages 3K through Adult!! The whole family can learn every week. Light snack, music, lesson, and craft every Sunday! Registration forms are available at the Welcome Center at Church.

# **Fellowship Sign-Up**

A reminder that there is a Fellowship Sign-Up sheet in the rack. If your family or group would like to host fellowship after worship, please sign up for the week in which you are available to host. There will be cookies supplied in the kitchen.

# **Children's Room**

The CHILDREN'S ROOM is complete and ready to be used. Please check out the former church library's new look as a children's playroom. We hope children and parents find this to be a calming space. Pleae take the opportunity to thank Jerri and Jeff Rathjen and Carissa Luedtke for all their hard work to make this room possible.

## Senior Choir & Handbells

Senior Choir and Handbells are now beginning rehearsals for the fall months. Now is the perfect time for new members to join in the singing and ringing for our upcoming 2023-24 worship services.

Choir Rehearsals are on Sunday mornings from 8:00am to 8:45am prior to Sunday morning service. All rehearsals will take place in the church conference room. The first Sunday rehearsal will be for men only on September 17<sup>th</sup>. The first full choir rehearsal for both men and women will be on Sunday, September 24<sup>th</sup>.

Handbells will meet on Wednesday evenings from 6:30pm to 7:30pm in the church sanctuary beginning on September 20th. All current members should pick up a copy of our first song to mark during the week of September 10<sup>th</sup> from the church office. Also, any instrumentalist or vocalist who would like to be involved in music for special occasions should contact Pastor or Gary Neustadter at 920-242-6489.

# **Kwik Trip Cards**

The Kwik Trip cards are restocked and available for purchase. Cards available are \$25, \$50 and \$100. Thank you for supporting this preschool fundraiser.

# **Book Club**

September book club dates are Thursday, September 28<sup>th</sup> at 1:00pm and Saturday, September 30<sup>th</sup> at 9:00am. Books are available at the Welcome Center.

# Second Time Singles

(All Redeemer ladies invited to attend any STS outings) Our next outing will be Thursday, October 26<sup>th</sup>. We will meet at the Rahr-West Art Museum at 11:00am to view the Tablesetting exhibit and then go out for lunch – restaurant undecided. Please sign up by Sunday October 22<sup>nd</sup> so reservations can be made. Questions to Joanne Thompson.

# Pulaski Park Fall Clean Up

Join us for our Fall Clean-Up on **Saturday October 28th at 9am**. We are looking for volunteers to help us clear away leaves, brush, and trash from our beautiful park. This is a great opportunity to make a positive impact on our community and enjoy the outdoors with your neighbors.

Please bring gloves, comfortable clothes, and sturdy shoes. We will provide tools and refreshments. Let's work together to keep our park clean and safe for everyone to enjoy.

Pulaski Park is located at the corner Division and 17th St. Manitowoc. See you there!



# Sunday, October 29<sup>TH</sup> 4:00 – 5:00 pm

Redeemer will once again host a Trunk or Treat event for our preschool and

neighborhood kids. Trunk or Treat is an alternative to door-to-door trick-or-treating. All you have to do is stand by your car and hand out treats to our little visitors. You can decorate your car if you want to, but it is definitely not a requirement to join in! Please see the sign-up sheet at the Welcome Center if you would like to reserve a spot for your car. We will also be accepting donations of candy, thank you!

You can contact Johanna Harris at 920-901-5803 with questions.