



# Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

We gather this evening to celebrate and proclaim the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Hymns can be found in the red book, Evangelical Lutheran Worship.

**P** = Pastor    **C** = Congregation    **L** = Leader

*Prelude: This Baroque-era prelude is a set of variations based on tonight's Evening Hymn.*

## Prelude

Voluntary on **MACHS MIT MIR, GOTT**  
Johann Gottfried Walther

## Welcome and Announcements

*Please stand.*

## Invocation

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

**C** Amen.

## Service of Light

**L** Je - sus Christ is the light of the world.    **C** the light no darkness can over - come.

**L** Stay with us, Lord, for it is eve - ning.    **C** and the day is almost o - ver.

**L** Let your light scat - ter the dark - ness,    **C** and illumine your Church.

**L** Joy - ous light of glo - - ry:

**C** of the im - mor - tal Fa - ther; heav - en - ly, ho - ly

bles - ed Je - sus Christ. We have come to the

set - ting of the sun, and we look to the eve - ning light.

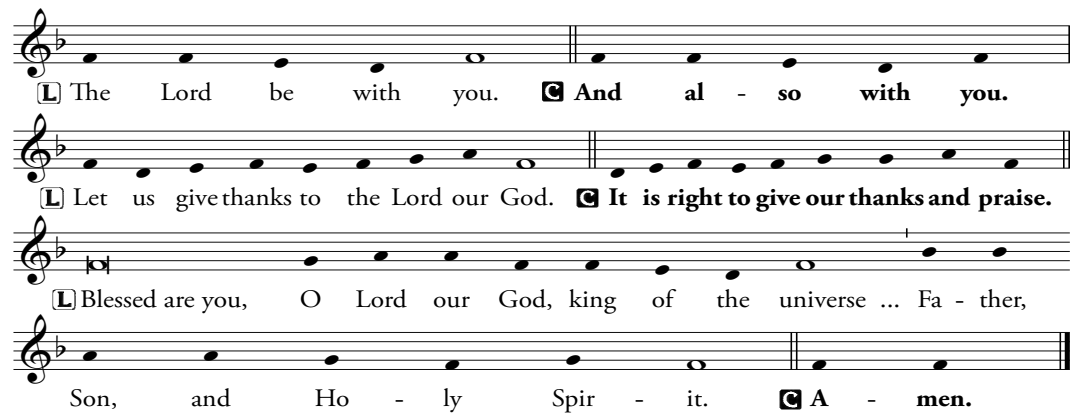
We sing to God, the Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Spir - it:

You are wor - thy of be - ing praised with pure voic - es for -

ev - er. O Son of God, O Giv - er of life:

The u - ni - verse pro - claims your glo - ry.

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### Confession and Forgiveness:

In the book of Romans, St. Paul says, "while we were still sinners Christ died for us" and later "faith comes by hearing." The good news of Christ's forgiveness is spoken again today "for you" and all gathered to hear God's Word of life. Give thanks for this good news!

### Confession and Forgiveness

**P** God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit, that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C** Amen.

*Silence for reflection.*

**P** Most merciful God,

**C** we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. 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. 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** In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

*Please be seated.*

**First Reading:** The image of the servant of the Lord is one of the notable motifs in the book of Isaiah. Today's reading describes the mission of the servant, whom early Christians associated with Jesus. Like Jesus, the servant does not strike back at his detractors but trusts in God's steadfast love.

**First Reading** Isaiah 50:4-9a

OT page 697 in the pew Bible

**L** Word of God, Word of Life.

**C** Thanks be to God.

### Psalm 116

Michel Guimont

*Refrain sung by all; verses sung by choir/cantor.*



**Refrain:** I will walk in the pres-ence of the Lord, in the land of the liv - ing.

1. I love the Lord, for the Lord has heard  
the cry of my appeal.  
The Lord was attentive to me  
in the day when I called.

*Refrain sung by all.*

2. They surrounded me, the snares of death,  
with the anguish of the tomb;  
they caught me, sorrow and distress.  
I called on the Lord's name.  
Oh, Lord, my God, deliver me!

*Refrain sung by all.*

3. How gracious is the Lord, and just;  
our God has compassion.  
The Lord protects the simple hearts;  
I was helpless so God saved me.

*Refrain sung by all.*

4. The Lord has kept my soul from death,  
my eyes from tears, my feet from stumbling.  
I will walk in the presence of the Lord  
in the land of the living.

*Refrain sung by all.*

**Second Reading:** *This text uses various images to illustrate how damaging and hurtful the way we speak to and about others can be. Not only are we to control our speech, but what we say and how we say it are to reflect our faith.*

**Gospel:** *This story provides the turning point in Mark's gospel. Peter is the first human being in the narrative to acknowledge Jesus as the Messiah, but he cannot accept that as the Messiah, Jesus will have to suffer. Moreover, Jesus issues a strong challenge to all by connecting discipleship and the cross.*

**Evening Hymn:** *This paraphrase and commentary of today's gospel reading expands our Lord's command to "take up our cross and follow." In taking the cross, the final stanza tells us we "cling to God's Word" as we are freed from sin and all temptation by the promise given to us in Holy Baptism.*

**Apostles' Creed:** *This is the faith into which all Christians are baptized. As we confess our faith in Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, recall that through God's Word and the Holy Spirit, we are joined to Christ's death and resurrection, and given a promise of life in Him.*

**Second Reading** James 3:1-12

NT page 220 in the pew Bible

☞ Word of God, Word of Life.

☞ Thanks be to God.

*Please stand.*

**Gospel Announcement**

☞ The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the eighth chapter.

☞ **Glory to you, O Lord.**

**Gospel** Mark 8:27-38

NT page 41 in the pew Bible

**Gospel Response**

☞ The Gospel of the Lord.

☞ **Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Please be seated.*

**Sermon**

"The Messianic Secret: (Shh...No Cross Before a Crown)"

Pastor John Christopherson

*Silence for reflection.*

*Please stand.*

**Evening Hymn 799**

"Come, Follow Me, the Savior Spake"

MACHS MITT MIR, GOTT

**Apostles' Creed**

☞ With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

☞ I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.

On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

Amen.

**Prayers of the Church**

☞ With the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

*Following each petition:*

☞ Lord, in your mercy,

☞ hear our prayer.

*The prayers conclude:*

☞ Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

☞ Amen.

**Sharing of the Peace**

☞ The peace of the Lord be with you always.

☞ And also with you.

*Please be seated.*

**Offering:** Offering envelopes are available in the pews. Please sign the fellowship register and pass it to those sitting next to you.

**Offering Voluntary:** As the offering is received, this brief setting for organ is again based on tonight's Evening Hymn.

**Communion:** All who are baptized and trust Christ's word are welcome to the table of this holy supper, where our Lord is truly present, offering his gifts of forgiveness and eternal life. Please come forward at the usher's direction. Grape juice and gluten-free wafers are available.

**Sending Hymn:** This hymn helps us answer Christ's call to follow Him. As we trust that our crucified and resurrected King leads us in His grace, we sing in stanza three that Christ's "cross is lifted o'er us." In all that we do, Christ crucified for us and our sake goes before us.

**Postlude:** This setting of "Lift High the Cross" is by American composer Craig Phillips. Dr. Phillips is a graduate of the Eastman School of Music and one of the leading composers of church music in the world today. This particular setting begins by quoting the first phrase of the hymn. The melody is heard in fragments throughout.

### Worship assistants:

Lector

Jo Ann Olsen

Cantor

Kris Herbst

Usher

Barb Wieczorek

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& Announcements can be  
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## Offering

### Offering Voluntary

Voluntary on MACHS MIT MIR, GOTT

Hans-Heinz Hasse

*Please stand.*

### Offering Presentation

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise him, all  
crea - tures here be - low; praise him a - bove, ye  
heav'n - ly host; praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

## Words of Institution

### The Lord's Prayer

**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.

**P** Come to Christ, broken and poured out for you.

**C** Thanks be to God.

*Please be seated.*

## Communion

*Please stand.*

### Blessing

**P** The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

**C** Amen.

### Benediction

**P** The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you with grace and  
mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace. In the name of the  
Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

### Sending Hymn 805

"Lead On, O King Eternal!"

LANCASHIRE

### Dismissal

**P** Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God!

### Postlude

Voluntary on CRUCIFER

Craig Phillips