



Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

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

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

Gathering Song

"Your River O God"

Refrain

Your riv - er, O God, is full of wa - ter, wa - ter a -
live with jus - tice and grace. Your riv - er, O God, it
flows with mer - cy for ev' - ry child through ev' - ry
time and place.

Verse

Ev' - ry birth on this earth speaks the
Come and hear on all who fear, you are
As we grow may we know waves of
mys - ter - y. Ev' - ry heart,
not a - lone. Come and see,
hope sur - round. As we live
to Refrain

from the start, light for all to see.
be set free, rest here in your home.
may we give love that has no bounds.

Welcome and Announcements

Please stand.

Invocation: From the Latin term, invocatio "to call upon." And so it is that we begin our worship, calling upon God to be present with and for us.

Invocation

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

Pastor Katherine Olson

Opening Song

"Messiah"

Some - one's shout - ing from the des - ert.
 Some - one's shout - ing from the cit - y,
 Some - one's shout - ing I am brok - en.

Some - one's shout - ing from the sea. Some - one's shout - ing from the
 I am young I am cold. Some - one's shout - ing from the
 Some - one's shout - ing make me whole. Some - one's shout - ing come and

moun - tain.
 coun - try,
 change me.

Some - one's shout - ing from the
 I am lone - ly I am
 Some - one's shout - ing save my

val - ley. Mes - si - ah,
 old.
 soul.

come and be our King. Mes - si - ah,

come and be our King.

Opening Song

"Kyrie Christe Eleison"

Ky-ri-e e - le - i - son. Lord, have mer - cy. Chris - te e -

le - i - son. Christ, have mer - cy for all the times we fall a - part, for
 for those who strug - gle day to day, for
 for all who fear the dark of night, for
 for all cre - a - tion, west to east, for

eve - ry life, for eve - ry heart.
 all the times we turn a - way. Ky - ri - e Chris - te e - le - i - son.
 all to be held in the light.
 all the world to live in peace.

Confession and Forgiveness

A Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence for reflection.

A Gracious God,

C have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and are held by the power of sin. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, that we may be given faith, and live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

A God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

C Amen.

Prayer

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.

Psalms 116:1-9 (*read responsively*)

I love the Lord, who has heard my voice,
and listened to my supplication,
for the Lord has given ear to me
whenever I called.

The cords of death entangled me; the anguish of the grave came upon me;
I came to grief and sorrow.

Then I called upon the name of the Lord:
"O Lord, I pray you, save my life."

Gracious is the Lord and righteous;
our God is full of compassion.

The Lord watches over the innocent;
I was brought low, and God saved me.

Turn again to your rest, O my soul.
for the Lord has dealt well with you.

For you have rescued my life from death,
my eyes from tears, and my feet from stumbling;

I will walk in the presence of the Lord
in the land of the living.

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.

Second Reading James 3:1-12

NT page 220 in the pew Bible

L Word of God, Word of Life.

C Thanks be to God.

Children's Message

Elias Youngquist

Gospel Acclamation**"Hallelujah"****Gospel Announcement**

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

G Glory to you, O Lord.

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.

Gospel Mark 8:27-38

NT page 41 in the pew Bible

Gospel Response

P The Gospel of the Lord.

G Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

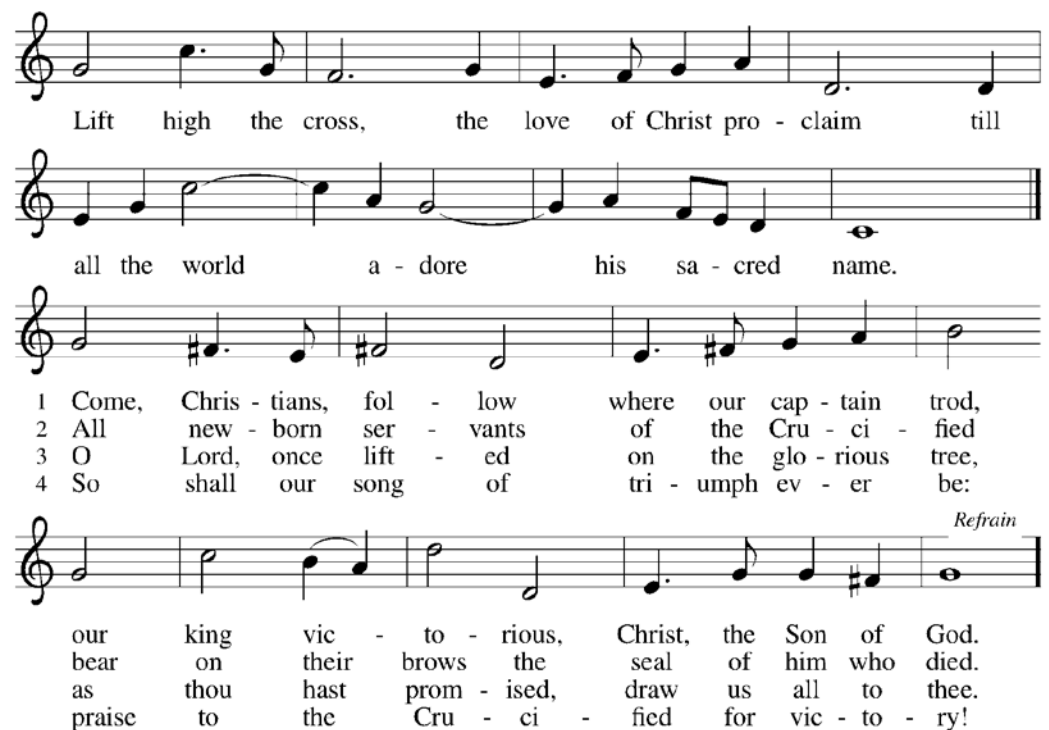
Sermon

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

Pastor John Christopherson

Silence for reflection.

Please stand.

Hymn of the Day**"Lift High the Cross"**

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.*

Apostles' Creed

- A** With the whole church, let us confess our faith.
- C** 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

- A** 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:

- A** Lord, in your mercy,
C hear our prayer.

The prayers conclude:

- A** Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in
your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.
C Amen.

Sharing of the Peace

- A** The peace of the Lord be with you always.
C And also with you.

As we share the peace, parents will come forward to give the Bible to their child.

Please be seated.

3rd Grade Bible Milestone

A There is no greater gift to give than sharing God's living Word. This Bible is given to you today as a gift from your church, your family who has promised to place the Holy Scriptures in your hands, and from God who gives you His Word today that you would fear, love, and trust God above all things. As you read, study, and pray, this Bible will be a blessing in faith to you.

C We give thanks to God for His Holy Word, given to us in Jesus Christ. We give you this Bible to know and trust God's promises. Amen.

Offering: Offering envelopes are available in the pews. Please sign the fellowship register and pass it to those sitting next to you. Children may bring their offering forward at this time.

Offering

Offering Song

"All Thanks To You"

Refrain



All thanks to you, O Love and Light,
for all the blessings of the night.

Verse



Through - out all time the stars have shown
With - in the earth dark soils sur - round;
Still - ness of sleep, prom - ise of peace

to Refrain



that with - out dark light is not known.
here life takes root and cir - cles 'round.
for wear - y souls that love does keep.

Please stand.

The Lord's Prayer

A 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.

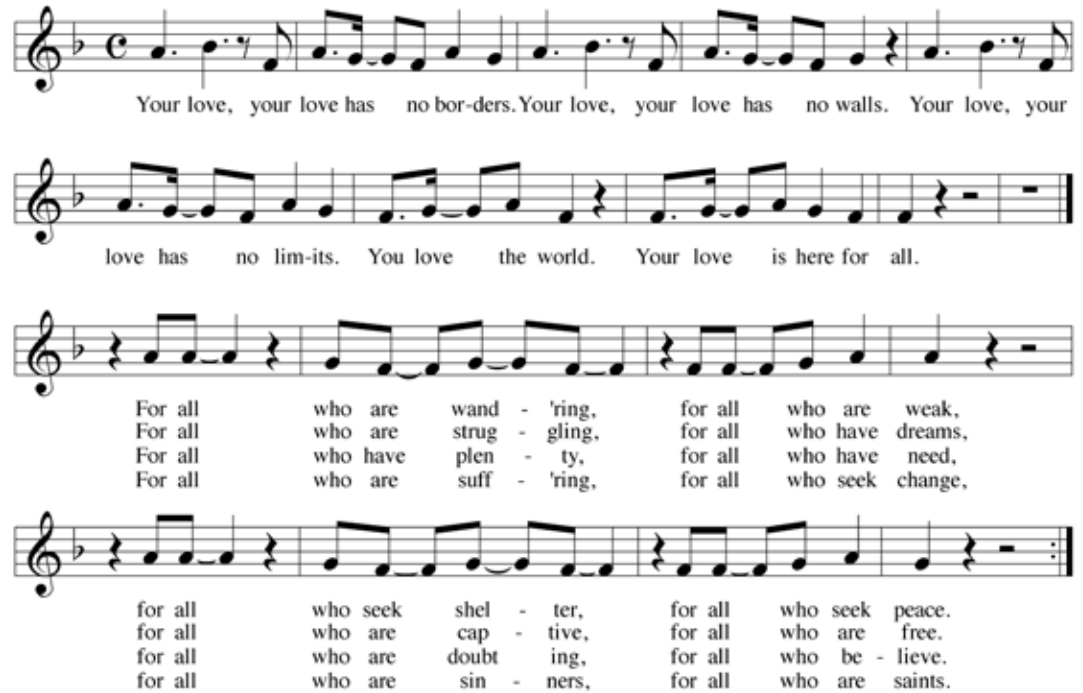
Benediction

A 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 Song

"For All"



Your love, your love has no bor-ders. Your love, your love has no walls. Your love, your

love has no lim-its. You love the world. Your love is here for all.

For all who are wand - 'ring, for all who are weak,
 For all who are strug - gling, for all who have dreams,
 For all who have plen - ty, for all who have need,
 For all who are suff - 'ring, for all who seek change,

for all who seek shel - ter, for all who seek peace.
 for all who are cap - tive, for all who are free.
 for all who are doubt ing, for all who be - lieve.
 for all who are sin - ners, for all who are saints.

Dismissal

- ☒ A Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
- ☐ C Thanks be to God!

Welcome to worship

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- Assistance with wheelchair seating
- Personal listening device
- For a large print bulletin
- If you are a physician or nurse who is willing to help in an emergency.

Children are welcome in worship

- Children's bulletins for ages 3-6 and 7-12 and children's activity bags may be picked up in the Welcome Center.
- If your child becomes restless you may view the service on the screen in the Welcome Center.
- Nursery is available on Sundays from 7:45 AM – 12:15 PM.

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