

THE SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Sept. 20, Anno Domini (The Year of Our LORD)
2026

✠ Preparation ✠

Welcome and Connection Cards

Stand

Opening Hymn - Spirit Song

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

L In the Name of the Father and of the ✠ Son
and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

L 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.

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

L 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.

L 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

Psalm 116:12–13, 15–16; antiphon: v. 17

I will offer to you the sacrifice of thanksgiving
and call on the Name of the LORD.

What shall I render to the LORD
for all his benefits to me?

I will lift up the cup of salvation
and call on the Name of the LORD.

Precious in the sight of the LORD
is the death of his saints.

O LORD, I am your servant;

I am your servant, the son of your maidservant.
You have loosed my bonds.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son

and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and will be forever. Amen.

I will offer to you the sacrifice of thanksgiving
and call on the Name of the LORD.

Kyrie

LSB 227



C Lord, have mer-cy; Christ, have mer-cy; Lord, have mer-cy.

This Is the Feast

LSB 155



C This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



1 — Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose
2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and
3 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and
4 Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to
5 For the Lamb — who was slain has be -



blood set us free to be peo - ple of God. *Refrain*
hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are His. *Refrain*
join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: *Stanza 4*
God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men. *Refrain*
gun His reign. Al - le - lu - ia. *Final Refrain*



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

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

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Psalm

Psalm 27:1-9; antiphon: v. 4a

¹The LORD is my light and my salvation;
whom shall I fear?

The LORD is the stronghold of my life;
of whom shall I be afraid?

²When evildoers assail me
to eat up my flesh,
my adversaries and foes,
it is they who stumble and fall.

³Though an army encamp against me,
my heart shall not fear;
though war arise against me,
yet I will be confident.

⁴One thing have I asked of the LORD,
that will I seek after:
that I may dwell in the house of the LORD
all the days of my life,
to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD
and to inquire in his temple.

⁵For he will hide me in his shelter
in the day of trouble;
he will conceal me under the cover of his tent;
he will lift me high upon a rock.

⁶And now my head shall be lifted up
above my enemies all around me,
and I will offer in his tent
sacrifices with shouts of joy;
I will sing and make melody to the LORD.

⁷Hear, O LORD, when I cry aloud;
be gracious to me and answer me!

⁸You have said, "Seek my face."

My heart says to you,
"Your face, LORD, do I seek."

⁹Hide not your face from me.

Turn not your servant away in anger,
O you who have been my help.
Cast me not off; forsake me not,
O God of my salvation!

Epistle Reading

Philippians 1: 12 - 14, 19 - 30

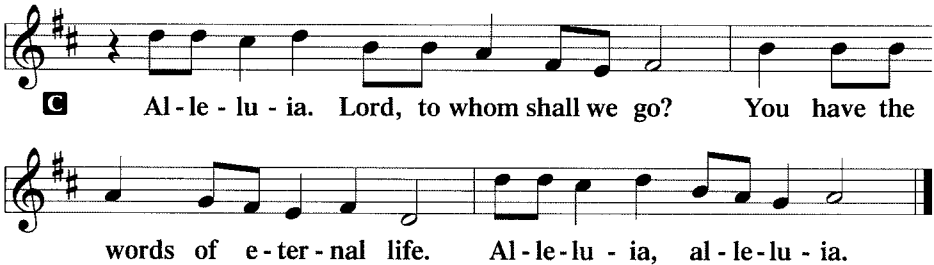
L This is the Word of the LORD.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Alleluia and Verse

LSB 156



C Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Holy Gospel

Matthew 20: 1 - 16

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

C Glory to You, O LORD.

L/P This is the Gospel of the LORD.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Sit

Hymn of the Day - Spirit of God Descend upon My Heart

Sermon *"He Gave Gifts"*
 Ephesians 4:1-12

Stand

Apostles' Creed

**All: 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.**

Prayer of the Church

Pax Domini

LSB 180

P The peace of the LORD be with you always.

C Amen.

The congregation now greets one another in the Name of the LORD, saying, "Peace be with you," as a sign of reconciliation and of the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace (Matt. 5:22–24; Eph. 4:1–3).

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Connection Cards

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Offering and Offertory



C What shall I ren-der to the Lord for all His ben-e-fits to
me? I will of - fer the sac-ri-fice of thanks-giv - ing and will
call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of sal-
va - tion and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my
vows to the Lord now in the pres-ence of all His peo-ple, in the



courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Je - ru - sa - lem.

Benediction

LSB 166

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.

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Announcements

Stand

Closing Hymn - Holy Spirit Ever Dwelling