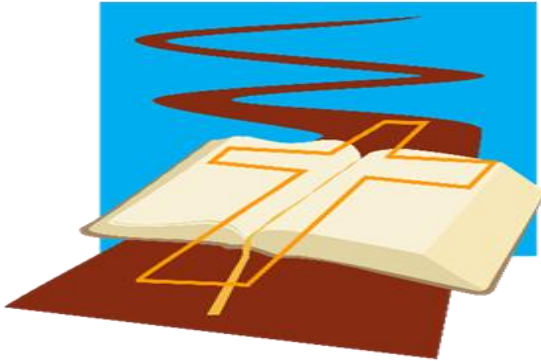


THE SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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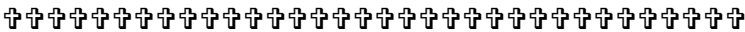
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AS WE GATHER - It has become commonplace to speak of God as responsible for determining life and death for us. So we wonder where is God's justice when the innocent suffer or His mercy when tragedy strikes. But the Lord insists He has no pleasure in the death of anyone—not even the sinner who deserves his punishment. God's good and gracious will is that all would be saved and come to the knowledge of His Son. Think how differently we would approach the troubles and trials that affect us and the greater disasters of the world if we took the Lord at His Word and trusted in His will. of all sorts from the world, if we but hear and understand, we will certainly bear fruit for our heavenly Father.

Opening Versicles

L This is the day which the Lord has made;

C **let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

L From the rising of the sun to its setting,

C **the name of the Lord is to be praised.**

L Better is one day in Your courts than a thousand elsewhere;

C **I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of the wicked.**

L Make me to know Your ways, O Lord.

C **Teach me Your paths.**

L Sanctify us in You truth.

C **Your Word is truth.**

L From the rising of the sun to its setting,

C **the name of the Lord is to be praised.**

C **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.

The Law of God Is Good and Wise

Sit - **Old Testament Reading**

Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32

¹The word of the LORD came to me: ²“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’? ³As I live, declares the Lord GOD, this proverb shall no more be used by you in Israel. ⁴Behold, 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. ²⁵“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? ²⁶When 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. ²⁷Again, when a wicked person turns away from the wickedness he has committed and does what is just and right, he shall save his life. ²⁸Because he considered and turned away from all the transgressions that he had committed, he shall surely live; he shall not die.

²⁹Yet 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?' ³⁰'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. ³¹Cast 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? ³²For I have no pleasure in the death of anyone, declares the Lord GOD; so turn, and live."

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle

Philippians 2:1-4, 14-18

¹So if there is any encouragement in Christ, any comfort from love, any participation in the Spirit, any affection and sympathy, ²complete my joy by being of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. ³Do nothing from rivalry or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. ⁴Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others. ¹⁴Do all things without grumbling or questioning, ¹⁵that 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, ¹⁶holding 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. ¹⁷Even 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. ¹⁸Likewise you also should be glad and rejoice with me.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Holy Gospel

Matthew 21:23-32

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

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

²³ 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?" ²⁴Jesus 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. ²⁵The 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?' ²⁶But if we say, 'From man,' we are afraid of the crowd, for they all hold that John was a prophet."

²⁷So they answered Jesus, "We do not know." And he said to them, "Neither will I tell you by what authority I do these things. ²⁸"What do you think? A man had two sons. And he went to the first and said, 'Son, go and work in the vineyard today.' ²⁹And he answered, 'I will not,' but afterward he changed his mind and went. ³⁰And he went to the other son and said the same. And he answered, 'I go, sir,' but did not go. ³¹Which of the two did the will of his father?" They said, "The first." Jesus said to them, "Truly, I say to you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes go into the kingdom of God before you. ³²For John came to you in the way of righteousness, and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him. And even when you saw it, you did not afterward change your minds and believe him.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

Responsory

P Forever, O Lord, Your Word is firmly set in the heavens.

C **Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.**

P Blessed are those who hear the Word of God and keep it.

C **Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.**

P Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

C **Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.**

Catechism - Ten Commandments

C **You shall have no other gods.**

**You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God.
Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy.**

Honor your father and your mother.

You shall not murder.

You shall not commit adultery.

You shall not steal.

You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.

You shall not covet your neighbor's house.

You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his manservant or maidservant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

Apostles Creed, Lord's Prayer *(As found in the back cover of the Hymnal)*

Sit - "As Surely as I Live," God Said

LSB 614

Sermon

Stand - Praise and Thanksgiving

LSB 789

Prayer

P In peace let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For the gift of divine peace and of pardon, with all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For the holy Christian Church, here and scattered throughout the world, and for the proclamation of the Gospel and the calling of all to faith, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For this nation, for our cities and communities, and for the common welfare of us all, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For seasonable weather and for the fruitfulness of the earth, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For those who labor, for those whose work is difficult or dangerous, and for all who travel, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For all those in need, for the hungry and homeless, for the widowed and orphaned, and for all those in prison, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For the sick and dying and for all those who care for them, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P Finally, for these and for all our needs of body and soul, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.**

Collect of the Day

P 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.**

Collect for the Word

P Blessed Lord, You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning. Grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn, and take them to heart that, by the patience and comfort of Your holy Word, we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives on reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Morning Prayer

C **I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.**

Sit - **The Gospel Shows the Father's Grace**

LSB 580

Blessing

P Let us bless the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

P The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the T Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve you.

C **Amen.**

“Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word”

LSB 655

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Attendance last Sunday: 42

Vacancy Officiant: *Pastor Brian Roehrborn*

Organist: *Christ Cutts*

Elder: *Brian Brazil*

Ushers:

Altar Guild: *Karen Tesch*

SPECIAL VOTERS MEETING will be on **Sunday, October 4th** after service.

ADULT BIBLE CLASS: Will continue with “*Christianity The First Three Centuries.*” Please come and join us as we learn more about our Christian Heritage on Sunday mornings 9:15am.

FOR THE SAFETY OF CHRIST LUTHERAN SCHOOL STUDENTS please follow signage on School/Church doors when entering the building during school hours.

CONFIRMATION CLASS will be from 6-8pm, the next class is October 7th.

CHRIST LUTHERAN SUNDAY SCHOOL has started for the year. The time of Sunday School will change with the church time changing from 8:30am to 10:30am. Please see Narthex Announcement Board or church website for Sunday School dates. If you can bring snack for any of these dates, please see sign-up sheet in Narthex.

Thank you for your time and support.

Christ Lutheran School is looking for a small SWING SET: This will allow the younger grades to be able to swing and still social distance from the other students.

THIS WEEK:

SUNDAY-September 27

9:15am Bible Class

10:30am Worship Service

WEDNESDAY- October 1

1:00pm Chapel service

SUNDAY- October 4

9:15am Bible Class

10:30am Worship Service w/ Holy Communion

Voters meeting after worship service

CHRIST LUTHERAN SCHOOL FALL FESTIVAL: Anyone interested in donating candy, small trinkets, pencils etc. for the students Fall Festival gift bags, please leave the donations under the table in the Narthex by October 22. Thank you for your donation!

CELC Prayer List— Verona Lipke (healing & strength); Mary Gray (hospice); Tim Rohan (cancer), Sonny Bauer’s son in law; Samuel Cartwright; Bob Buchholtz; Michael Felske, CarrieAnn Rohm’s Father; Megan Morissey (healing) Goddaughter of Jim & Sue Boshers; Ron Lund (hospice) father of Jeremy & Ronnie Lund; Raymond Pagel (healing & strength).

In the Military: Kolden Baehman, Grandson of Jim & Mary Jane Baehman, in the Marines

Our Shut Ins: Mary Grambsch, Lisa Liepert, Stanley Behm, Lynnette Hannemann, Esther Nehring, Sam & Betty Cartwright, Karen Pagel

For those who mourn—that God would grant them comfort in their time of sorrow and encourage them with the hope of everlasting life with those whom they loved who have departed this life in faith, especially, the Bauer family as they mourn the recent death of Arlyn “Sonny” Bauer. Amen

For an emergency please contact.....

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