
☞ SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST ☞

ORDER OF WORSHIP • SEPTEMBER 15, 2024 • 9:00 AM

✠ *Indicates the congregation should stand as able.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS & WELCOME

✠ GATHERING HYM OPEN NOW THY GATES OF BEAUTY
LBW #250

✠ INVOCATION

WL: In the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All: **Amen.**

✠ CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

WL: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God, who forgives all our sin,
whose mercy endures forever.

All: **Amen.**

WL: Let us confess our sin and come to God for healing.

Silence for reflection

WL: Gracious God,

All: **have mercy on us. We confess that we have honored you with our lips, but have harmed our neighbors with our tongues. The cravings at war within us cause conflicts and disputes. In our desire to be first we make distinctions among ourselves. We place the needs of the poor and the suffering last. In your great mercy, forgive us our sins. Draw near to us with grace in time of need, and turn us to follow in the way of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

WL: Beloved children of God, God promises to forgive our iniquity and to remember our sin no more. By grace you have been saved. In the name of ✠ Jesus Christ, the source of eternal healing, your sins are forgiven. Go now in faith to boldly share the love of Christ.

All: **Amen.**

✠ PRAYER OF THE DAY

WL: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

WL: Let us pray. O God, through suffering and rejection you bring forth our salvation, and by the glory of the cross you transform our lives. Grant that for the sake of the gospel we may turn from the lure of evil, take up our cross, and follow your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

All: Amen.

FIRST LESSON

ISAIAH 50:4-10

R: Our first lesson on this Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost is from the 50th chapter of Isaiah.

The Sovereign Lord has given me a well-instructed tongue,
to know the word that sustains the weary.

He wakens me morning by morning,
wakens my ear to listen like one being instructed.

The Sovereign Lord has opened my ears;
I have not been rebellious,
I have not turned away.

I offered my back to those who beat me,
my cheeks to those who pulled out my beard;
I did not hide my face from mocking and spitting.

Because the Sovereign Lord helps me, I will not be disgraced.

Therefore have I set my face like flint,
and I know I will not be put to shame. He who vindicates me is near.

Who then will bring charges against me? Let us face each other!

Who is my accuser? Let him confront me!

It is the Sovereign Lord who helps me.

Who will condemn me?

They will all wear out like a garment;
the moths will eat them up.

Who among you fears the Lord
and obeys the word of his servant?

Let the one who walks in the dark,
who has no light,

trust in the name of the Lord
and rely on their God.

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SECOND LESSON

JAMES 3:1-12

R: The Second lesson is from the third chapter of James.

Not many of you should become teachers, my fellow believers, because you know that we who teach will be judged more strictly. We all stumble in many ways. Anyone who is never at fault in what they say is perfect, able to keep their whole body in check.

When we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we can turn the whole animal. Or take ships as an example. Although they are so large and are driven by strong winds, they are steered by a very small rudder wherever the pilot wants to go. Likewise, the tongue is a small part of the body, but it makes great boasts. Consider what a great forest is set on fire by a small spark. The tongue also is a fire, a world of evil among the parts of the body. It corrupts the whole body, sets the whole course of one's life on fire, and is itself set on fire by hell.

All kinds of animals, birds, reptiles and sea creatures are being tamed and have been tamed by mankind, but no human being can tame the tongue. It is a restless evil, full of deadly poison.

With the tongue we praise our Lord and Father, and with it we curse human beings, who have been made in God's likeness. Out of the same mouth come praise and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this should not be. Can both fresh water and salt water flow from the same spring? My brothers and sisters, can a fig tree bear olives, or a grapevine bear figs? Neither can a salt spring produce fresh water.

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

✠ VERSE

ALLELUIA, LORD TO WHOM SHALL WE GO?

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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

MARK 9:14-29

R: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the ninth chapter.

All: Glory to you, O Lord!

When they came to the other disciples, they saw a large crowd around them and the teachers of the law arguing with them. As soon as all the people saw Jesus, they were overwhelmed with wonder and ran to greet him.

“What are you arguing with them about?” he asked.

A man in the crowd answered, “Teacher, I brought you my son, who is possessed by a spirit that has robbed him of speech. Whenever it seizes him, it throws him to the ground. He foams at the mouth, gnashes his teeth and becomes rigid. I asked your disciples to drive out the spirit, but they could not.”

“You unbelieving generation,” Jesus replied, “how long shall I stay with you? How long shall I put up with you? Bring the boy to me.”

So they brought him. When the spirit saw Jesus, it immediately threw the boy into a convulsion. He fell to the ground and rolled around, foaming at the mouth.

Jesus asked the boy’s father, “How long has he been like this?”

“From childhood,” he answered. “It has often thrown him into fire or water to kill him. But if you can do anything, take pity on us and help us.”

“If you can?” said Jesus. “Everything is possible for one who believes.”

Immediately the boy’s father exclaimed, “I do believe; help me overcome my unbelief!”

When Jesus saw that a crowd was running to the scene, he rebuked the impure spirit. “You deaf and mute spirit,” he said, “I command you, come out of him and never enter him again.”

The spirit shrieked, convulsed him violently and came out. The boy looked so much like a corpse that many said, “He’s dead.” But Jesus took him by the hand and lifted him to his feet, and he stood up.

After Jesus had gone indoors, his disciples asked him privately, “Why couldn’t we drive it out?”

He replied, “This kind can come out only by prayer.”

R: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ!

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

TODAY'S MESSAGE

✠ MESSAGE HYMN

MY HOPE IS BUILT ON NOTHING LESS

LBW #294

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

The Introduction of the New Members

The Confession of Faith

Pastor: Do you believe in God the Father Almighty?

ALL: Yes, I do. I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

Pastor: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son?

ALL: Yes, I do. I believe 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.

Pastor: Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

ALL: Yes, I do. 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

Pastor: Do you accept and confess that the teachings of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, as you have learned to know them in the Connections New Member Class, are faithful and true to the Word of God?

New Members: I do.

Pastor: As a member of this congregation, do you intend to continue in the confession of this Church, attend corporate worship, hear the Word of God and receive the Lord's Supper faithfully?

New Members: I do, by the grace of God.

Pastor: Do you intend to live according to the Word of God as a follower of Jesus, remaining true to God in faith, word, and deed?

New Members: I do, by the grace of God.

Our Oneness in Christ

Pastor: “The body is a unit, though it is made up of many parts; and though all of its parts are many,

ALL: they form one body.

Pastor: “So it is with Christ,

ALL: For we were all baptized by one Spirit into one body—

Pastor: whether Jews or Greeks slave or free—and we were all given the one Spirit to drink.” (1 Corinthians 12:12-13)

Our Unity in Mission

Pastor: As members of the body of Christ, we bind ourselves to work together to accomplish the work He has given us. He has called us to bring the news of His love to our family members, friends, neighbors, those we work with, and each person we encounter. His mission is the mission of every member of Prince of Peace/Príncipe de Paz.

God’s Word tells us: “Then Jesus came to them and said, ‘All authority in heaven and earth has been given to me.

ALL: Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, by baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,

Pastor: and by teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you.

ALL: And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”
(Matthew 28:18-20)

Pastor: As a member of this church God is calling you to walk with Jesus and reach out with His love. Will you devote yourself to prayer, faithfully searching out God’s ministry call to you? Will you use the blessings God has given to you—your time, your spiritual gifts, your talents, and your treasure—to support the mission of Jesus Christ and this church?

New Members: I will with God’s help.

Pastor: Upon this your promise, we welcome you as members of Prince of Peace/Príncipe de Paz Orlando and the Lutheran Church. I invite you to a ministry of renewal and transformation and to participate in all the other blessings of salvation which God has given to his Church, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

ALL: Amen.

The Prayer of Welcome (*spoken by the pastor.*)

The Word of Encouragement

Pastor: "Therefore, my dear brothers and sisters, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain."
(1 Corinthians 15:58)

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

*Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.***

GATHERING OF TITHES & OFFERINGS

OFFERING MUSIC

AMMON PERRY BRATT
and DR. SUN-A PARK

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

✠ PREFACE

WL: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

WL: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord.

WL: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

✠ THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

✠ THE LORD'S PRAYER

WL: Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

**All: 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.**

✠ PAX DOMINI

WL: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

All: Amen.

DISTRIBUTION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

COMMUNION MUSIC

AMMON PERRY BRATT
and DR. SUN-A PARK

✝ THE DISMISSAL

WL: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting.

All: **Amen.**

✝ CLOSING PRAYER

WL: Let us pray. God of abundance, with this bread of life and cup of salvation you have united us with Christ, making us one with all your people. Now send us forth, renewed by the power of your Spirit, that we may faithfully proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

All: **Amen.**

✝ BLESSING

WL: 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.

All: **Amen.**

✝ HYMN

LORD, DISMISS US WITH YOUR BLESSING
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✝ SENDING

WL: Go in peace! Serve the Lord!

All: **Thanks be to God.**

TO GOD ALONE BE THE GLORY

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