



September 24, 2023
Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

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All that we have belongs to God. Today we are challenged to consider how to best live a Godly life of Godly giving. Our Epistle ends with the familiar words “it is more blessed to give than receive.” As we have been truly blessed by God, how do we in turn bless others?

Good Morning and Welcome!

Guests, we are so glad you are here. Please fill out the yellow “Connection Card” in the pew and place in the offering basket or give to the usher or the pastor as you leave. *Sound Assistance and staffed nursery available.*

SERVICE OF WORSHIP
LBW Setting 2 with the Lord's Supper

* *Please stand as you are able*

PRELUDE: "Thanks Be to Thee" (Handel)

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

*BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION and FORGIVENESS

Blessed be God, the one who forms us, † Jesus who bears the cross, the Spirit who makes our joy complete.

Amen.

Let us bow before God in humility, confessing our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Steadfast and faithful God,

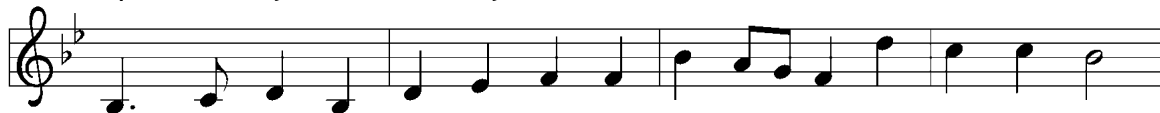
you have revealed the ways of justice, yet we fail to follow you. We are overwhelmed by the world's violence and suffering. We are afraid to risk what we have for the sake of others. For the harm we have caused, known and unknown, forgive us. For the unjust demands we place on others and your creation, forgive us. For the ways we turn away from you and our neighbor, forgive us. Lead us back to you and set us on the right path; in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

Beloved in Christ, God's justice stretches beyond all understanding. God's compassion is beyond compare. In Jesus, God is always making a new way for us. In † Christ, you are already and always forgiven.

Amen.

*HYMN: "Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty"

LBW 250/ELW 533



1 O - pen now thy gates of beau - ty, Zi - on, let me en - ter there,
2 Gra - cious God, I come be - fore thee; come thou al - so un - to me;
3 Here thy praise is glad - ly chant - ed, here thy seed is du - ly sown;
4 Thou my faith in - crease and quick - en, let me keep thy gift di - vine;
5 Speak, O God, and I will hear thee, let thy will be done in - deed;



where my soul in joy - ful du - ty waits for God who an - swers prayer.
where we find thee and a - dore thee, there a heav'n on earth must be.
let my soul, where it is plant - ed, bring forth pre - cious sheaves a - lone,
how - so - e'er temp - ta - tions thic - ken, may thy word still o'er me shine
may I un - dis - turbed draw near thee while thou dost thy peo - ple feed.



Oh, how bless - ed is this place, filled with so - lace, light, and grace!
To my heart, oh, en - ter thou, let it be thy tem - ple now!
so that all I hear may be fruit - ful un - to life in me.
as my guid - ing star through life, as my com - fort in all strife.
Here of life the foun - tain flows; here is balm for all our woes.

Text: Benjamin Schmolck, 1672–1737; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878, alt.
Music: UNSER HERRSCHER, Joachim Neander, 1650–1680

*THE GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

*THE KYRIE



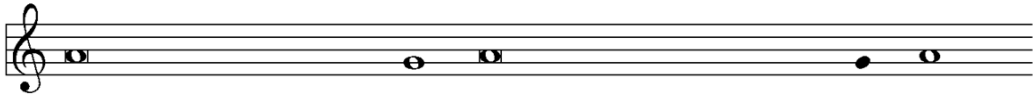
A In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **C** Lord, have mer - cy.



A For the peace from a - bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



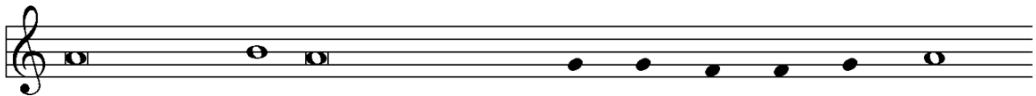
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



and for the u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



A For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor - ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. **C** Lord, have mer - cy.



A Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord. **C** A - - men

*THE HYMN OF PRAISE



A This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia.



B Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



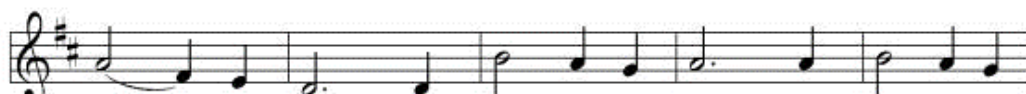
free to be peo-ple of God. Pow-er and rich-es and wis-dom and



strength, and hon-or and bless-ing and glo-ry are his.



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia.



Sing with all the peo-ple of God and join in the



hymn of all cre-a-tion: Bless-ing and hon-or and glo-ry and



might be to God and the Lamb for-ev-er. A-men.

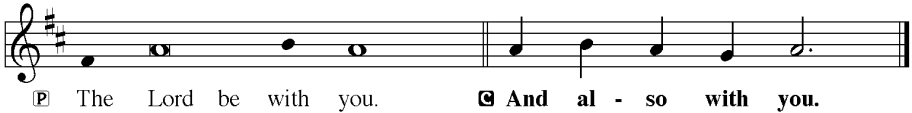


This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain



has be-gun his reign. Al-le-lu-ia. Al-le-lu-ia.

*THE SALUTATION



*THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

TEMPLE TALK “Plan”

Tim Pitchko

THE FIRST LESSON

1 Chronicles 29:10-14

¹⁰ David praised the Lord in the presence of the whole assembly, saying, “Praise be to you, Lord, the God of our father Israel, from everlasting to everlasting.

¹¹ Yours, Lord, is the greatness and the power and the glory and the majesty and the splendor, for everything in heaven and earth is yours. Yours, Lord, is the kingdom; you are exalted as head over all.

¹² Wealth and honor come from you; you are the ruler of all things. In your hands are strength and power to exalt and give strength to all.

¹³ Now, our God, we give you thanks, and praise your glorious name.

¹⁴ “But who am I, and who are my people, that we should be able to give as generously as this? Everything comes from you, and we have given you only what comes from your hand.

THE PSALM

Psalms 24

¹ The earth is the LORD’s, and everything in it,
the world, and all who live in it;

² **for he founded it on the seas
and established it on the waters.**

³ Who may ascend the mountain of the LORD?
Who may stand in his holy place?

⁴ **The one who has clean hands and a pure heart,
who does not trust in an idol
or swear by a false god.**

⁵ They will receive blessing from the LORD
and vindication from God their Savior.

⁶ **Such is the generation of those who seek him,
who seek your face, God of Jacob.**

⁷ Lift up your heads, you gates;
be lifted up, you ancient doors,
that the King of glory may come in.

⁸ **Who is this King of glory?
The LORD strong and mighty, the LORD mighty in battle.**

⁹ Lift up your heads, you gates;
lift them up, you ancient doors,
that the King of glory may come in.

¹⁰ **Who is he, this King of glory?
The LORD Almighty— he is the King of glory.**

THE SECOND LESSON

Acts 20:32-35

³²“Now I commit you to God and to the word of his grace, which can build you up and give you an inheritance among all those who are sanctified. ³³I have not coveted anyone’s silver or gold or clothing. ³⁴You yourselves know that these hands of mine have supplied my own needs and the needs of my companions. ³⁵In everything I did, I showed you that by this kind of hard work we must help the weak, remembering the words the Lord Jesus himself said: ‘It is more blessed to give than to receive.’”

CHILDREN’S SERMON

Pastor Bill Schroeder

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: “Alleluia, Lord to Whom Shall We Go”

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

*THE GOSPEL ANNOUNCEMENT

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 6th chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

*THE GOSPEL

Luke 6:37-38

³⁷“Do not judge, and you will not be judged. Do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven. ³⁸Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you.”

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

THE SERMON



1 Come, you thank-ful peo - ple, come; raise the song of har - vest home.
 2 All the world is God's own field, fruit un - to his praise to yield.
 3 For the Lord our God shall come and shall take his har - vest home;
 4 E - ven so, Lord, quick - ly come to your fi - nal har - vest home.



All is safe - ly gath - ered in ere the win - ter storms be - gin.
 Wheat and tares to - geth - er sown, un - to joy or sor - row grown.
 From his field shall in that day all of - fens - es purge a - way,
 Gath - er all your peo - ple in, free from sor - row, free from sin,



God, our mak - er, does pro - vide for our wants to be sup - plied.
 First the blade, and then the ear, then the full corn shall ap - pear.
 give his an - gels charge at last in the fire the tares to cast,
 there, for - ev - er pu - ri - fied, in your gar - ner to a - bide.



Come to God's own tem - ple, come, raise the song of har - vest home.
 Lord of har - vest, grant that we whole - some grain and pure may be.
 but the fruit - ful ears to store in his gar - ner ev - er - more.
 Come, with all your an - gels, come, raise the glo - rious har - vest home!

Text: Henry Alford, 1810–1871, alt.

Music: ST. GEORGE'S, WINDSOR, George J. Elvey, 1816–1893

*THE APOSTLES' CREED

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit, and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again 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

***THE PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

***THE SHARING OF THE PEACE**

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

THE OFFERING

Piano Solo (8:30): “Prayer,’ Op. 48, No. 1” (Beethoven)

Choir Anthem (11:00): “A Vineyard Grows” (Scott)

***THE OFFERTORY: “Let the Vineyards”**

Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of
bless-ing. Gath-er a har-vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be
fed with the bread of life. Gath-er the hopes and dreams of all; u -
nite them with the prayers we of - fer. Grace our ta - ble with your
pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

The musical score consists of five staves of music in a single system. The key signature has two flats (B-flat and E-flat), and the time signature is common time (C). The melody is written on a treble clef staff. The lyrics are printed below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

***THE OFFERTORY PRAYER**

God of power, God of plenty,

all things belong to you. We bring your gifts to the table, that all might be fed.

Form us into the body of your Beloved, Jesus Christ, our Savior.

Amen

***THE GREAT THANKSGIVING and THE PREFACE**

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

*THE SANCTUS

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might:
Heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.
Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

*THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

*THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread; Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us; Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen

THE AGNUS DEI: "Lamb of God"

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.
Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.
Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world;
grant us peace, grant us peace.

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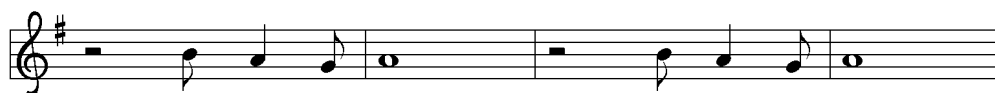
One bread, one bod-y, one Lord of all; one cup of



bles-sing which we bless, and we, though man-y



through-out the earth, we are one bod - y in this one Lord.



1	Gen - tile	or Jew,	ser - vant	or free,
2	Man - y	the gifts,	man - y	the works,
3	Grain for	the fields,	scat - tered	and grown,



wom - an	or man,	no	more.
one in	the Lord	of	all.
gath - ered	to one	for	all.

Refrain

Text: John Foley, sr, b. 1939

Music: ONE BREAD, ONE BODY, John Foley, sr

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1 All who hun-ger, gath-er glad-ly; ho-ly man-na is our bread.
 2 All who hun-ger, nev-er strang-ers; seek-er, be a wel-come guest.
 3 All who hun-ger, sing to - geth - er, Je - sus Christ is liv - ing bread.



Come from wil-der - ness and wan - d'ring. Here in truth we will be fed.
 Come from rest-less - ness and roam - ing. Here in joy we keep the feast.
 Come from lone - li - ness and long - ing. Here in peace we have been fed.



You that yearn for days of full-ness, all a-round us is our food.
 We that once were lost and scat-tered in com-mu-nion's love have stood.
 Blest are those who from this ta - ble live their days in grat-i - tude.



Taste and see the grace e - ter - nal. Taste and see that God is good.
 Taste and see the grace e - ter - nal. Taste and see that God is good.
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Text: Sylvia G. Dunstan, 1955–1993

Music: HOLY MANNA, W. Moore, *Columbian Harmony*, 1825

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*POST COMMUNION CANTICLE



☩ Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell ev-'ry-one what he has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - jice and proud-ly bear his name.



He re - calls his prom - is - es and leads his peo - ple forth in joy with



shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

*POST COMMUNION PRAYER

*THE BLESSING



1 Lord, dis - miss us with your bless-ing, fill our hearts with joy and peace;
 2 Thanks we give and ad - o - ra - tion for your gos - pel's joy - ful sound.
 3 Sav - ior, when your love shall call us from our strug - gling pil - grim way,



let us each, your love pos - sess-ing, tri - umph in re - deem-ing grace.
 May the fruits of your sal - va - tion in our hearts and lives a - bound.
 let no fear of death ap - pall us, glad your sum - mons to o - bey.



Oh, re - fresh us; oh, re - fresh us, trav - 'ling through this wil - der - ness.
 Ev - er faith - ful, ev - er faith - ful to your truth may we be found.
 May we ev - er, may we ev - er reign with you in end - less day.

Text: attr. John Fawcett, 1740–1817, sts. 1–2, alt.; Godfrey Thring, 1823–1903, st. 3, alt.
 Music: SICILIAN MARINERS, Sicilian, 18th cent.

THE DISMISSAL

THE POSTLUDE: “O Worship the King” (arr. Berry)

WE REMEMBER IN THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH TODAY

THE FLOWERS today are given to the glory of God from Joanne Weber in memory of her dad and Jeannette and Greg Beamer is celebration of their 35th Wedding Anniversary.

A NURSERY, staffed by Katrina Strand, is through the double doors in the Narthex leading to the Sunday School classrooms. Newborns, toddlers, and children up to Pre-K are welcome.

ALL ARE INVITED to have coffee in the Parish Hall after the first service and the Fellowship Hall following the second service. Love the smell of fresh coffee brewing? Come join the Fellowship Coffee team! A coordinator is still needed. Interim coordinator: Bobbey Huwaldt.

TOWN HALL MEETING - TODAY at 9:45 AM (Parish Hall) MLC's Task Force for Calling a Deacon or Pastor of Faith Formation will be there to provide updates, answer questions, and encourage input and ideas on the process.

CELEBRATION & COMMITMENT SUNDAY is Sunday, October 1. Please bring your 2024 Plan for Giving estimate cards to worship and come forward to the basket during the offering.

"ARMOR OF GOD" SEPTEMBER ADULT BIBLE STUDY with Pr. Bill Schroeder concludes this Wednesday, Sep 27 at 6:00 p.m. Room 11/12. Come equip yourself with God's good Word!

"SANCTUARY" THE DINNER THEATER IS THIS SATURDAY SEP 30 Tickets are \$15 for persons (12+) and \$5 for children under 12. Great seats are still available but going fast! Cash, Check or Credit Cards accepted. Stop by the Fellowship Hall to purchase. The dinner is a fundraiser to help build a new kitchen for a school recently accepted into the *Lunches for Learning* program.

MUSIC AT MESSIAH PRESENTS "THE BROPHY SISTERS" at 7 p.m. on Saturday, October 14. The concert is free, and the public is invited. Linnea (violin) and Maeve (piano) will be presenting works by Bach, Amy Beach, Prokofiev and H. Leslie Adams. Donations at the door support the Series along with sponsorships and program advertising. The Series is a music outreach initiative of MLC's Worship & Music Ministry. Please visit the Welcome Center for more information.

<u>Pastor</u>	Kristine Schroeder	<u>Acolytes</u>	Olivia Sullivan (8:30)
<u>Music & Choir Director</u>	Randall Fields		Ryan Federick (11:00)
<u>Director of Outreach Ministries</u>	Claire Strand	<u>Greeters</u>	Dagmar Miller (8:30)
<u>Communication & Tech Director</u>	Meredith Kilby		(11:00)
<u>Office Managers</u>	Bobbey Huwaldt	<u>Lectors</u>	Pastor Bill Schroeder (8:30 & 11:00)
	Meredith Kilby	<u>Ushers</u>	Susan and Virgil Burrer (8:30)
<u>Nursery Attendant</u>	Katrina Strand		Bill Holbrook, Bruce Machamer (11:00)
		<u>Cantor</u>	Martin Campbell
		<u>Altar Guild</u>	Linda Peirce (8:30)
			Debbie Neely (11:00)
		<u>Stream Team</u>	Meredith Kilby (8:30)
			Stephen Strand, Glen Long (11:00)
		<u>Flower Guild</u>	Janice Aldaco, Jan Murphy

Pastor Kris Schroeder

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****CHURCH CALENDAR****

Sunday, September 24

- 9:45 a.m. - Sunday School for all Ages
- 9:45 a.m. - Town Hall Meeting - Faith Formation Call
- 10:00 a.m. - Dinner Theater Rehearsal
- 5:00 p.m. - Jr./Sr. Youth 4th Sunday Dinner—Taco Bar

Monday, September 25

- 7:00 p.m. - Dinner Theater Rehearsal
- 6:30 p.m. - Women's Book & Social Club @ Zesinger Home

Tuesday, September 26

- 5:30 p.m. - Men of Messiah (MoMs) meet @ Yellowhammer Brewing
- 9:00 a.m. - Comforters
- 7:00 p.m. - Dinner Theater Rehearsal

Wednesday, September 27

- 5:00 p.m. - Confirmation Class - Youth Room
- 5:30 p.m. - Wednesday Night Dinner - Menu: Chicken Fingers
- 6:00 p.m. - Armor of God Bible Study (Rm 11/12)
- 6:00 p.m. - Cherub Choir (Pre-K-Gr.1) with Claire Strand (Rm 6)
- 6:00 p.m. - Seraph Choir (Gr.2-6) with Laura Simeone (Rm 4)
- 6:30 p.m. - Notabella (Gr.7-Adult) with Rhonda Gaede (Fellowship Hall)
- 7:30 p.m. - Messiah Choir (Gr.7-Adult) with Randall Fields (Sanctuary)

Saturday, September 30

- 6:00 p.m. - MLC Dinner Theater Fundraiser for *Lunches for Learning* (Kitchen Project)

Sunday, October 1

- 8:30 a.m. - Worship: *WOV Bread of Life* with the Lord's Supper
- 9:45 a.m. - Sunday School for all Ages / Dinner Theater Rehearsal
- 9:45 a.m. - Town Hall Meeting - Faith Formation Call
- 11:00 a.m. - Worship & Livestream: *WOV Bread of Life* with the Lord's Supper
- 5:00 p.m. - Jr./Sr. Youth

LOOKING AHEAD

October 14 - Music at Messiah Concert Series presents the Brophy Sisters

October 21 & 22 - Handmade Market for *Lunches for Learning*

October 22 - Acolyte Training

Attendance:

September 10 Online: - 54 September 17 In-Person: 8:30 a.m. - 99, 11:00 a.m. - 44

Offerings Counted September 17, 2023

Church Ministries
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