

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

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WELCOME

PRELUDE

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Come, Holy Traveler

Patricia Lou Harris

Please stand as you are able.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

Amen.

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Most merciful God,

we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. 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. 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.

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.

Amen.

GATHERING HYMN

All Are Welcome

ELW 641 (vv. 1, 4, 5)

1 Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safely live, a place where saints and children tell how hearts learn to forgive. Built of hopes and dreams and visions, rock of faith and vault of grace; here the love of Christ shall end divisions:

Refrain

All are welcome, all are welcome,
all are welcome in this place.

4 Let us build a house where hands will reach beyond the wood and stone to heal and strengthen, serve and teach, and live the Word they've known. Here the outcast and the stranger bear the image of God's face; let us bring an end to fear and danger: **Refrain**

5 Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and visions heard and loved and treasured, taught and claimed as words within the Word. Built of tears and cries and laughter, prayers of faith and songs of grace, let this house proclaim from floor to rafter: **Refrain**

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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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God, our teacher and guide, you draw us to yourself and welcome us as beloved children. Help us to lay aside all envy and selfish ambition, that we may walk in your ways of wisdom and understanding as servants of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

The assembly is seated.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

WORD

FIRST READING

Jeremiah 11:18-20

It was the LORD who made it known to me, and I knew; then you showed me their evil deeds. But I was like a gentle lamb led to the slaughter. And I did not know it was against me that they devised schemes, saying, "Let us destroy the tree with its fruit, let us cut him off from the land of the living, so that his name will no longer be remembered!" But you, O LORD of hosts, who judge righteously, who try the heart and the mind, let me see your retribution upon them, for to you I have committed my cause.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Read responsively; congregation reads bold verses

Psalm 54

Save me, O God, by your name;
in your might, defend my cause.

**Hear my prayer, O God;
give ear to the words of my mouth.**

For strangers have risen up against me, and the ruthless have sought my life,
those who have no regard for God.

**Behold, God is my helper;
it is the Lord who sustains my life.**

Render evil to those who spy on me;
in your faithfulness, destroy them.

**I will offer you a freewill sacrifice
and praise your name, O LORD, for it is good.**

For you have rescued me from every trouble,
and my eye looks down on my enemies

SECOND READING

James 3:13--4:3, 7-8a

Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom. But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be boastful and false to the truth. Such wisdom does not come down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish. For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind. But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace. Those conflicts and disputes among you, where do they come from? Do they not come from your cravings that are at war within you? You want something and do not have it; so you commit murder. And you covet something and cannot obtain it; so you engage in disputes and conflicts. You do not have, because you do not ask. You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, in order to spend what you get on your pleasures. Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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

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

GOSPEL

Mark 9:30-37

The Holy Gospel according to Mark.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus and the disciples went on and passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it; for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, "The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again." But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him. Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, "What were you arguing about on the way?" But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest. He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, "Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all." Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, "Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

The assembly is seated.

SERMON

Please stand as you are able.

HYMN OF THE DAY

Children of the Heavenly Father

ELW 781

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| 1 Children of the heav'nly Father safely in his bosom gather; nestling bird nor star in heaven such a refuge e'er was given. | 2 God his own doth tend and nourish, in his holy courts they flourish. From all evil things he spares them, in his mighty arms he bears them. |
| 3 Neither life nor death shall ever from the Lord his children sever; unto them his grace he showeth, and their sorrows all he knoweth. | 4 Though he giveth or he taketh, God his children ne'er forsaketh; his the loving purpose solely to preserve them pure and holy. |

(Text: Carolina Sandbell Berg, 1832-190; tr. Ernst W. Olson, 1870-1958; Music: Swedish folk tune; Text © 1925 Board of Publication, Lutheran Church of America)

APOSTLES' CREED

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

After each petition Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

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

We offer each other a sign of God's peace. Afterwards, the assembly is seated.

MEAL

OFFERTORY MUSIC

Devotion

Michael Shae

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*An offering is gathered for the mission and ministry of God's Church.
Please stand as you are able.*

OFFERING HYMN

We Give Thee but Thine Own

ELW 686 (vv. 1, 2)

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| 1 We give thee but thine own, whate'er the gift
may be; all that we have is thine alone,
a trust, O Lord, from thee. | 2 May we thy bounties thus as stewards true
receive, and gladly, as thou blessest us,
to thee our firstfruits give. |
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(Text: William W. How, 1832-1897, alt.; Music: L. Mason and G. Webb, Cantica Lauda)

OFFERING PRAYER

God of all creation, all you have made is good, and your love endures forever. You bring forth bread from the earth and fruit from the vine. Nourish us with these gifts, that we might be for the world signs of your gracious presence in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. **And al - so with you.**

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

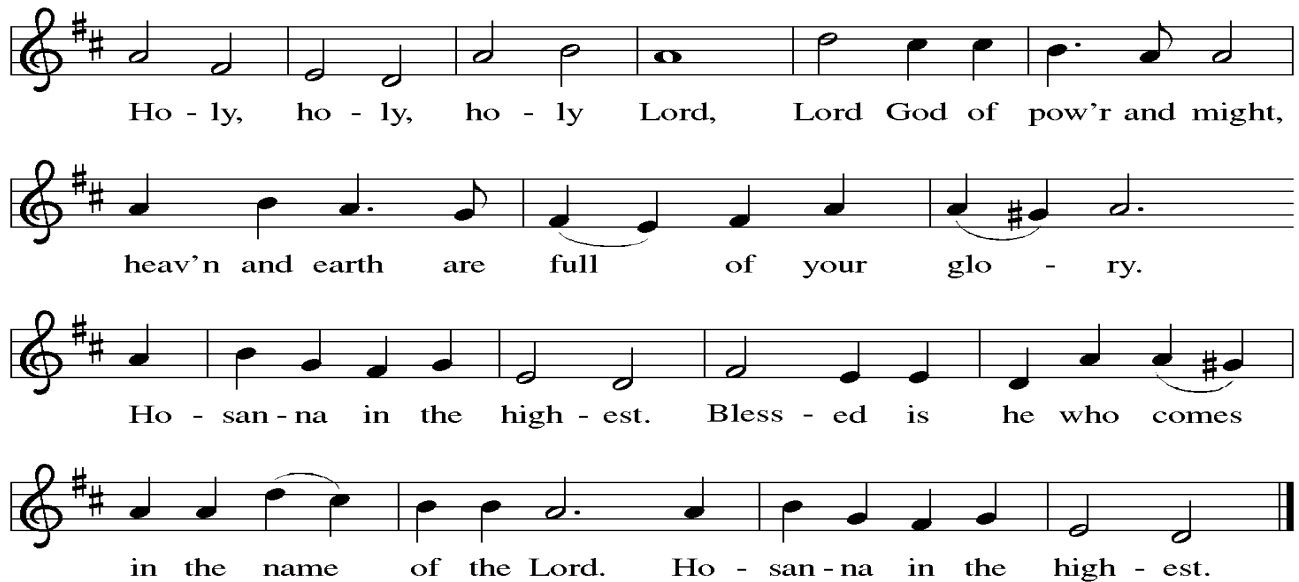
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



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.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord, heaven and earth are full of your glory. In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son, who reached out to heal the sick and suffering, who preached good news to the poor, and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me. Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension, we await his coming in glory.

Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food, the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord; to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever. **Amen.**

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

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.

FRACTURE

The breaking of the bread.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Christ has set the table with more than enough for all. Come!

COMMUNION

The body and Christ, given for you.

The blood of Christ, shed for you.

Amen.

The assembly is seated.

COMMUNION HYMN*Will You Let Me Be Your Servant**ELW 659*

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| 1 Will you let me be your servant, let me be as Christ to you? Pray that I may have the grace to let you be my servant, too. | 2 We are pilgrims on a journey, we are trav'lers on the road; we are here to help each other walk the mile and bear the load. |
| 3 I will hold the Christ-light for you in the nighttime of your fear; I will hold my hand out to you, speak the peace you long to hear. | 4 I will weep when you are weeping; when you laugh I'll laugh with you. I will share your joy and sorrow till we've seen this journey through. |
| 5 Will you let me be your servant, let me be as Christ to you? Pray that I may have the grace to let you be my servant, too. | |

(Text and Music: Richard Gillard; arr. Betty Pulkingham; Text and music © 1977 Scripture In Song, admin, Integrity Music)

Please stand as you are able.

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

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 in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

SENDING**BLESSING**

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.

Amen.

SENDING HYMN*Lord, You Give the Great Commission**ELW 579 (vv. 1, 5)*

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| 1 Lord, you give the great commission: "Heal the sick and preach the word." Lest the church neglect its mission, and the gospel go unheard, help us witness to your purpose with renewed integrity: | Refrain
With the Spirit's gifts empow'r us
for the work of ministry. |
| 5 Lord, you bless with words assuring: "I am with you to the end." Faith and hope and love restoring, may we serve as you intend and, amid the cares that claim us, hold in mind eternity: Refrain | |

(Text: Jeffrey Rowthorn; Music: Cyril V. Taylor, 1907-1991; Music © 1942, ren. 1970 Hope Publishing Company)

Announcements

September Worship Schedule – 10 am - In-person & live streamed worship



The beautiful flowers gracing our worship service today are given in memory of my grandfather, Rudolph F. Fischer, Sr. on his birthday by Rachel Hills and family.



The remaining date available for altar flowers for 2021 is October 10th.



Join us for a night of Halloween family fun on Saturday, October 23rd starting at 5 pm on the parking lot. You will have the opportunity to participate in trunk-or-treating and a vehicle decorating contest. We will also be showing a movie with free popcorn, beverages and s'mores, while supplies last!

2022 Budget Requests are due by Sunday, September 26th. Please email your Budget Request to Lee Smith at leesmith3@verizon.net or drop it off at the church office.



Social Ministry is kicking off our "Food For Thought Program" With your help, we will be providing weekend take home food bags for children in need. This program would not be possible without the help of our congregation and community. Information about the program and the approved food list can be found on the third floor counters.

We are starting our collections for the Veterans Counseling Center. This center provides counseling to Veterans suffering from PTSD and their families. The funding they receive from the Federal Government is inadequate to meet their needs, so we felt called to help. Needed items are: coffee, sugar and sugar substitute packets, individual creamers and hot cups. There are donation bins in the 2nd and 3rd floor stairwells. Thank you for your help!



Do you know that if you are a member of Thivent, you are eligible to receive two grants per year. These grants can be used to purchase items for church activities. You simply have to fill out the information on the Thivent website to request the grant. If you would like to obtain a grant to help with our upcoming church activities and are not sure how to apply, contact Chris Hills or Claire Miller for help. Every little bit helps!



We will be sending Care Packages to our youth who are away at college to let them know that their church family is thinking of them and praying for them. If you know someone who we should send a package to, contact the church office. We are also accepting donations for the students. Donations needed are Target, Walmart or Weis gift cards (any denomination) and \$10 gift cards for Dunkin, McDonalds, Subway or Chick-Fil-A. Thank you for supporting our youth!



We are excited to announce the tentative return of our Annual Christmas Bazaar on Saturday, November 13, 2021 from 9 am – 2 pm. Mark your calendar. We are hopeful that the conditions will remain stable to allow us to proceed with the event. We will keep you updated in the coming months.

Our clothing shed is open. All donations must be bagged. Acceptable donations are: All clothing, shoes, belts, purses, blankets, sheets, pillowcases, drapes, and stuffed toys. Thanks for your cooperation.



Are you doing any online shopping? Is so, support St. John's when you shop. Go to: smile.amazon.com/ch/52-6012034 and Amazon donates to Saint John's Evangelical Lutheran Church of Parkville Inc

Don't forget to support Victor's Vittles, the food pantry at Christus Victor Lutheran Church. You can drop off your donations to St. John's. Items needed are cereal, spaghetti, spaghetti sauce and instant mashed potatoes, can potatoes, taco kits, hamburger helper and tuna helper meals.



DISMISSAL

Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

I Will Exalt in the Lord

Lani Smith

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This week's schedule	
Today	9 am Handbell Choir Rehearsal (Music Room) 10 am Live & Online Worship 11 am Memorial Committee Meeting (Fellowship Hall)
Mon.	7 pm Council Meeting (Smith Building)
Tues.	7 pm Men in Mission (Youth Room) 7 pm Altar Guild Meeting (Smith Building)
Wed.	9 am Busy Bee's (Smith Building) 6:45 pm Hand chimes Rehearsal (Music Room) 7:45 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal (Music Room)
Thurs.	
Fri.	
Sat.	

Those Serving Today	10 am
Assisting Minister	Claire Miller
Crucifer	Abby Schwartz-Mitchell
Acolyte (s)	Eva Schwartz-Mitchell, James White
Lector	Michelle Alkire
Communion Assistant	Michelle Alkire

Prayer List



Please remember the following individuals in your prayers.

For health & healing: Bett Murphy, Laurie Krieger, Kim Townsley, Cam Houston, Mike McDonough, Julie Hastings, Dave Kocan, Debbie Miller, Pat Denk, Sandy Scott, John McLaughlin, Tony Jasinski, Patty Schwab, Ardi Scarborough and Vickie Jasinski

For family & friends: Anna Meyers, Norma Weber, Lou Ermer, Ralph Clark, Jackson Clark, Helen Marcomin, Mary Macreadie, Rosemay Balmos, Roberta Wiessner, Helen & Don Bender, Doug Adams, Linda Asplin, Karen Ehrenberg and Linda Fliegel

For the military and their families: Seaman E-3 Carson Anthony Bowser, Jacob Verble, Lance Corporal Justin Ferro, Sgt. Stephen Peck, Staff Sgt. Brandan Hartmann, Michael Anthony Tucker, Chaplain A. J. Striffler and all those in harm's way

For those grieving family & friends of: Robert Scott, Sr.

For St. John's Caring Friends: Trudy Anderson, Agatha Biensach-Daniels, Gladys Downs, Margaret Eubert, June Franz, Betty Glassband, Betty Hedgespeth, Leroy Hohne, Philip Kramer, Audrey Lentz, John Lotterer, Patrick O'Connell, Arthur Pulket, Mary Ann Reek, Janet Roth, Patricia Sollanek, Cass Tracey, Emma Volz, Doris Warfield, and Clara Westphal

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