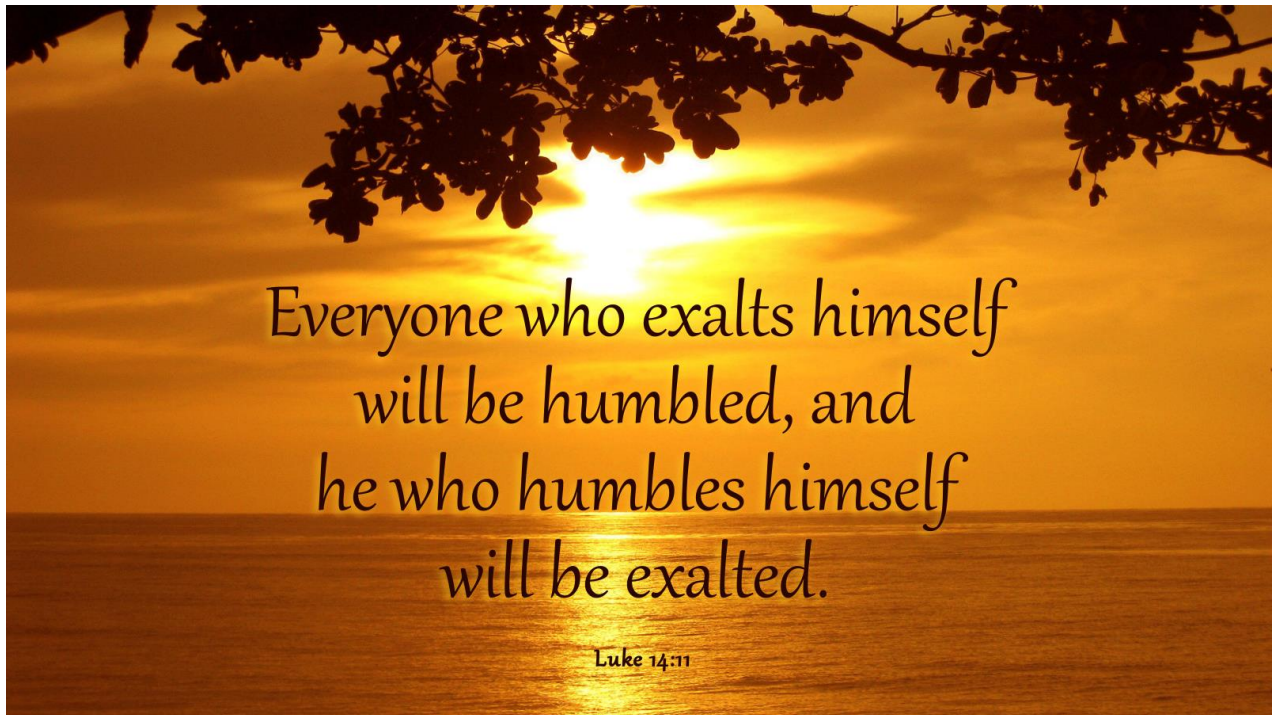


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## The Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity

22 September A✠D 2024  
*Divine Service, Setting IV*

## ✠ Welcome in the name of Jesus! ✠

Today we observe the Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity. On this day, we consider how we should live together as the Church, especially as we come together at the Feast of the Lord. Because of our sin, we are tempted to exalt ourselves over others. However, today we remember the humility of Christ, who took on the form of a servant for us. Following Him, we too should humble ourselves before others, trusting God to exalt us as He sees fit.

If you are a VISITOR here, we'd like to offer you our warmest welcome! We pray that your experience among us is blessed, and that you depart filled with God's peace and life.

Also, toward the end of our service today we will be celebrating Holy Communion, in which we will eat and drink Jesus' body and blood, under bread and wine, for the forgiveness of our sins (Matthew 26:26-28). Therefore, we ask that you would please see the statement titled "On the Sacrament of Holy Communion," printed below, which describes our beliefs and practices regarding this sacred gift.

O Lord, my creator, redeemer, and comforter,  
as I come to worship You in spirit and in truth,  
I humbly pray that You would open my heart  
to the preaching of Your Word so that I may  
repent of my sins, believe in Jesus Christ as my  
only Savior, and grow in grace and holiness.  
Hear me for the sake of His name. Amen.

**ON THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION:** We believe that when we receive Holy Communion together, we are publicly declaring both our unity in Christ and our agreement in doctrine (1 Cor. 10:16-17; 1 Cor. 1:10). We also believe that if we receive this sacrament in unbelief, we risk God's judgment (1 Cor. 11:27-30).

Therefore, communion at this altar is reserved for those who believe and confess the teachings of our church body, The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod. Those who have not been formally instructed in our teachings should wait to commune until completing a course of instruction with us.

If you are a VISITOR and would like to commune with us today, please speak with the pastor before the service. If you will not be communing, you are welcome to kneel at the altar with your arms folded across your chest to receive a blessing, or you may simply remain in your pew.

# Confession and Absolution

*Stand*

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

**P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

**P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**C** who made heaven and earth.

**P** If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

**C** But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.

**P** Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

*Kneel/Stand*

**C** Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.

**P** 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.

Stand

## Hymn of Invocation: 616 Baptismal Waters Cover Me



1 Bap - tis - mal wa - ters cov - er me As I ap -  
2 I look to Christ up - on the tree, His bod - y  
3 Lord, may Your wound - ed hand im - part Your heal - ing  
4 From Your own mouth comes forth a word; Your shep - herd  
5 Bap - tis - mal wa - ters cov - er me; Christ's wound - ed



proach on bend - ed knee; My Fa - ther's mer - cy  
bro - ken there for me; I lay be - fore Him  
to my bro - ken heart; Your love a - lone can  
speaks, but You are heard; Through him Your hand now  
hand has set me free. Held in my Fa - ther's



here I plead, For griev - ous sins of thought and deed.  
all my sin, My dark - est se - crets from with - in.  
form in me A heart that serves You joy - ful - ly.  
stretch - es out, For - giv - ing sin, de - stroy - ing doubt.  
strong em - brace, With joy I praise Him for His grace.

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## Service of the Word

### Introit (*spoken responsively*)

*Psalm 119:1–2, 5–6; antiphon: vv. 137, 124*

- P** Righteous are you, O LORD,  
and right are your just decrees.
- C** Deal with your servant according to your steadfast love,  
and teach me your statutes.
- P** Blessèd are those whose way is blameless,  
who walk in the law of the LORD!
- C** Blessèd are those who keep his testimonies,  
who seek him with their whole heart.
- P** Oh that my ways may be steadfast  
in keeping your statutes!
- C** Then I shall not be put to shame,  
having my eyes fixed on all your commandments.

**All: 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.**

**P** Righteous are you, O LORD,  
and right are your just decrees.

**C** Deal with your servant according to your steadfast love,  
and teach me your statutes.

**Kyrie**

*Mark 10:47*



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

**Gloria in Excelsis**

*Luke 2:14; John 1:29*



**C** 1 To God on high be glo - ry And peace to all the earth;  
2 To You, O sole - be - got - ten, The Fa - ther's Son, we pray;  
3 For You a - lone are ho - ly; You on - ly are the Lord.



Good-will from God in heav - en Pro - claimed at Je - sus' birth!  
O Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, You take our sins a - way.  
For - ev - er and for - ev - er, Be wor - shiped and a - dored;



We praise and bless You, Fa - ther; Your ho - ly name, we sing—  
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus; Re - ceive our heart - felt cry,  
You with the Ho - ly Spir - it A - lone are Lord Most High,



Our thanks for Your great glo - ry, Lord God, our heav'n - ly King.  
Where You in pow'r are seat - ed At God's right hand on high—  
In God the Fa - ther's glo - ry. "A - men!" our glad re - ply.

**Salutation and Collect of the Day**

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**P** Let us pray.

Lord, we implore You, grant Your people grace to withstand the temptations of the devil and with pure hearts and minds to follow You, the only God; 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

*Proverbs 25:6–14*

<sup>6</sup>Do not put yourself forward in the king's presence  
or stand in the place of the great,

<sup>7</sup>for it is better to be told, "Come up here,"  
than to be put lower in the presence of a noble.

What your eyes have seen

<sup>8</sup>do not hastily bring into court,  
for what will you do in the end,  
when your neighbor puts you to shame?

<sup>9</sup>Argue your case with your neighbor himself,  
and do not reveal another's secret,

<sup>10</sup>lest he who hears you bring shame upon you,  
and your ill repute have no end.

<sup>11</sup>A word fitly spoken  
is like apples of gold in a setting of silver.

<sup>12</sup>Like a gold ring or an ornament of gold  
is a wise reprovcr to a listening ear.

<sup>13</sup>Like the cold of snow in the time of harvest  
is a faithful messenger to those who send him;  
he refreshes the soul of his masters.

<sup>14</sup>Like clouds and wind without rain  
is a man who boasts of a gift he does not give.

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

### Gradual (*spoken responsively*)

*Psalms 33:12, 6*

**P** Blessèd is the nation whose God is the LORD,  
the people whom he has chosen as his heritage!

**C** **By the word of the LORD the heavens were made,  
and by the breath of his mouth all their host.**

### Epistle

*Ephesians 4:1–6*

<sup>1</sup>I therefore, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, <sup>2</sup>with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, <sup>3</sup>eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of

peace. <sup>4</sup>There is one body and one Spirit—just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call— <sup>5</sup>one Lord, one faith, one baptism, <sup>6</sup>one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.


**C** Thanks be to God.

*Stand*

## Alleluia and Verse



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



**C** These things are writ-ten that you may be - lieve that



Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.



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

## Holy Gospel

*Luke 14:1–11*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the fourteenth chapter.

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

<sup>1</sup>One Sabbath, when [Jesus] went to dine at the house of a ruler of the Pharisees, they were watching him carefully. <sup>2</sup>And behold, there was a man before him who had dropsy. <sup>3</sup>And Jesus responded to the lawyers and Pharisees, saying, “Is it lawful to heal on the Sabbath, or not?” <sup>4</sup>But they remained silent. Then he took him and healed him and sent him away. <sup>5</sup>And he said to them, “Which of you, having a son or an ox that has fallen into a well on a Sabbath day, will not immediately pull him out?” <sup>6</sup>And they could not reply to these things.

<sup>7</sup>Now he told a parable to those who were invited, when he noticed how they chose the places of honor, saying to them, <sup>8</sup>“When you are invited by someone to a wedding feast, do not sit down in a place of honor, lest someone more distinguished than you be invited by him, <sup>9</sup>and he who invited you both will come and say to you, ‘Give your place to this person,’ and then you will begin with shame to take the lowest place. <sup>10</sup>But when

you are invited, go and sit in the lowest place, so that when your host comes he may say to you, 'Friend, move up higher.' Then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at table with you. <sup>11</sup>For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted."

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

### Nicene Creed

**C** I believe in one God,  
the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth  
and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the only-begotten Son of God,  
begotten of His Father before all worlds,  
God of God, Light of Light,  
very God of very God,  
begotten, not made,  
being of one substance with the Father,  
by whom all things were made;  
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven  
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary  
and was made man;  
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.  
He suffered and was buried.  
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures  
and ascended into heaven  
and sits at the right hand of the Father.  
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,  
whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord and giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,  
who spoke by the prophets.  
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,  
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,  
and I look for the resurrection of the dead  
and the life ✠ of the world to come. Amen.



## Hymn of the Day: 696 O God, My Faithful God



1 O God, my faith - ful God, True foun-tain ev - er flow - ing,  
2 Grant me the strength to do With read - y heart and will - ing  
3 Keep me from say - ing words That lat - er need re - call - ing;  
4 Lord, let me win my foes With kind - ly words and ac - tions,



With - out whom noth - ing is, All per - fect gifts be - stow - ing;  
What - ev - er You com - mand, My call - ing here ful - fill - ing;  
Guard me lest i - dle speech May from my lips be fall - ing;  
And let me find good friends For coun - sel and cor - rec - tion.



Give me a health - y frame, And may I have with - in  
That I do what I should While trust - ing You to bless  
But when with - in my place I must and ought to speak,  
Help me, as You have taught, To love both great and small



A con - science free from blame, A soul un - stained by sin.  
The out - come for my good, For You must give suc - cess.  
Then to my words give grace Lest I of - fend the weak.  
And by Your Spir - it's might To live in peace with all.

- 5 Let me depart this life  
Confiding in my Savior;  
By grace receive my soul  
That it may live forever;  
And let my body have  
A quiet resting place  
Within a Christian grave;  
And let it sleep in peace.
- 6 And on that final day  
When all the dead are waking,  
Stretch out Your mighty hand,  
My deathly slumber breaking.  
Then let me hear Your voice,  
Redeem this earthly frame,  
And bid me to rejoice  
With those who love Your name.

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**Sermon** (If you are so inclined there is a special area at the end of the bulletin to jot down any note you wish to remember regarding the sermon that speaks to you)

*Stand*

## Prayer of the Church

- P** Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

King of kings, Your Son came as a servant to save mankind, receiving all authority at Your right hand. Give Your Church, destined to share His throne, faithful hearts, that we may serve the world in Your name. Lord, in Your mercy,

- C** **hear our prayer.**

- P** King of kings, bless this congregation, its mission and all its people. Grant us the ability to accomplish the work You have given us to do. Most especially, grant us the unity of Your Holy Spirit in the bond of peace. Lord, in Your mercy,

- C** **hear our prayer.**

- P** King of kings, strengthen fathers to devote their households to Your Word and prayer, to bring their children to Christ's font, and faithfully to instruct them in regular attendance at the Divine Service. Lord, in Your mercy,

- C** **hear our prayer.**

- P** King of kings, Your Son teaches authorities to receive their positions with patience and not grasp them for themselves. Raise up humble and wise leaders for the good of all nations. Lord, in Your mercy,

- C** **hear our prayer.**

- P** King of kings, spare those who are ill, suffering or in sorrow [*especially* \_\_\_\_\_]. Comfort them with Your promise of constant care and mercy. Show compassion also to the bereaved. Comfort them with Your promise of a joyful reunion with Christ and their loved ones who have died in the faith. Lord, in Your mercy,

- C** **hear our prayer.**

- P** King of kings, You graciously invite us to join You in the feast of this Sacrament. Grant that we would come, taking the lowest place in repentance and pleading Your mercy, that our hearts may be lifted up to the honor of receiving Christ's very body and blood. Lord, in Your mercy,

- C** **hear our prayer.**

- P** O Lord, heavenly Father, we gratefully remember the sufferings and death of Your dear Son, Jesus Christ, for our salvation. Rejoicing in His victorious resurrection from the dead, we draw strength from His ascension before You, where He ever stands for

us as our own High Priest. Gather us together from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers, deliver and preserve us, for to You alone we give all glory, honor and worship, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C Amen.**

*Sit*

### **Offering**

*During the Offering, we ask that you please sign a black attendance book located in your pew.*

## **Service of the Sacrament**

*Stand*

### **Preface**

*2 Timothy 4:22; [Colossians 3:1]; [Psalm 136]*

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** **And also with you.**

**P** Lift up your hearts.

**C** **We lift them to the Lord.**

**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C** **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

**P** It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. Therefore, with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

## Sanctus

*Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9*



**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth a - dored;



Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.



Sing ho - san-na in the high-est, sing ho-san - na to the Lord;



Tru - ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

## Prayer of Thanksgiving

**P** Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

In Your righteous judgment You condemned the sin of Adam and Eve, who ate the forbidden fruit, and You justly barred them and all their children from the tree of life. Yet, in Your great mercy, You promised salvation by a second Adam, Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, and made His cross a life-giving tree for all who trust in Him.

We give You thanks for the redemption You have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may faithfully eat and drink of the fruits of His cross and receive the blessings of forgiveness, life, and salvation that come to us in His body and blood.

Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

### Lord's Prayer

**C** 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.

### The Words of Our Lord

**P** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

### Pax Domini

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C** Amen.

# Agnus Dei

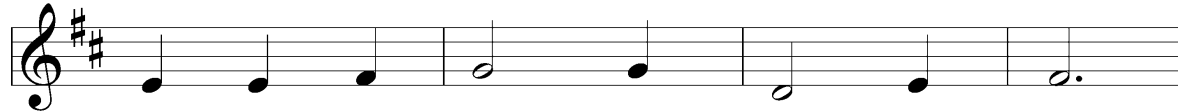
John 1:29



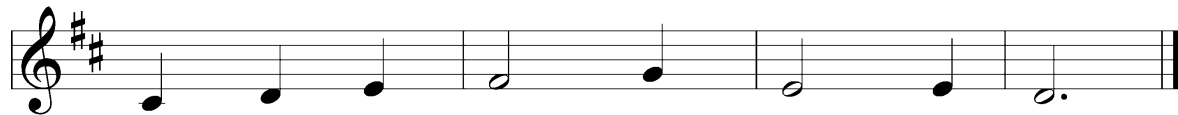
1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,



You take the sin of the world a - way;  
You take the sin of the world a - way;



O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,



Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.  
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

*Sit*

## Distribution

*Visitors – Please see the note on front, inside cover of this service folder regarding our Holy Communion policy.*

# Distribution Hymn: 618 I Come, O Savior, to Thy Table



1 I come, O Sav - ior, to Thy ta - ble, For weak and  
2 Thy heart is filled with fer - vent yearn - ing That sin - ners  
3 Un - wor - thy though I am, O Sav - ior, Be - cause I  
4 Wea - ry am I and heav - y lad - en; With sin my  
5 What high - er gift can we in - her - it? It is faith's



wea - ry is my soul; Thou, Bread of Life, a -  
may sal - va - tion see Who, Lord, to Thee in  
have a sin - ful heart, Yet Thou Thy lamb wilt  
soul is sore op - pressed; Re - ceive me gra - cious -  
bond and sol - id base; It is the strength of



lone art a - ble To sat - is - fy and make me whole:  
faith are turn - ing; So I, a sin - ner, come to Thee.  
ban - ish nev - er, For Thou my faith - ful shep - herd art:  
ly and glad - den My heart, for I am now Thy guest.  
heart and spir - it, The cov - e - nant of hope and grace.



Lord, may Thy bod - y and Thy blood Be for my soul the high - est good!

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## Distribution Hymn: 706 Love in Christ Is Strong and Living



1 Love in Christ is strong and liv - ing, Bind - ing faith - ful  
2 Love is pa - tient and for - bear - ing, Clothed in Christ's hu -  
3 Love in Christ a - bides for - ev - er, Faint - ing not when



hearts in one; Love in Christ is true and giv - ing.  
mil - i - ty, Gen - tle, self - less, kind, and car - ing,  
ills at - tend; Love, for - giv - ing and for - giv - en,



May His will in us be done.  
Reach - ing out in char - i - ty.  
Shall en - dure un - til life's end.

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**Stand**



# Nunc Dimittis

Luke 2:29–32



1 O Lord, now let Your ser - vant De -  
2 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All  
part in heav'n - ly peace, For I have seen the  
glo - ry to the Son, All glo - ry to the  
glo - ry Of Your re - deem - ing grace:  
Spir - it, For - ev - er Three in One;  
A light to lead the Gen - tiles Un -  
For as in the be - gin - ning, Is  
to Your ho - ly hill, The glo - ry of Your  
now, shall ev - er be, God's tri - une name re -  
peo - ple, Your cho - sen Is - ra - el.  
sound - ing Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

## Post-Communion Collect

**P** Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy, You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## Benedicamus

*Psalm 103:1*

**P** Let us bless the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Benediction

**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  $\text{✠}$  give you peace.

**C** Amen.

## Closing Hymn: 794 The Lord, My God, Be Praised



1 The Lord, my God, be praised, My light, my life from heav - en;  
2 The Lord, my God, be praised, My trust, my life from heav - en,  
3 The Lord, my God, be praised, My hope, my life from heav - en,  
△ 4 The Lord, my God, be praised, My God, the ev - er - liv - ing,



My mak - er, who to me Has soul and bod - y giv - en;  
The Fa - ther's own dear Son, Whose life for me was giv - en,  
The Spir - it, whom the Son In love to me has giv - en.  
To whom the heav'n - ly host Their laud and praise are giv - ing.



My Fa - ther, who will shield And keep me day by day  
Who for my sin a - toned With His most pre - cious blood  
His grace re - vives my heart And gives my spir - it pow'r,  
The Lord, my God, be praised, In whose great name I boast,



And make each mo - ment yield New bless - ings on my way.  
And gives to me by faith The high - est heav'n - ly good.  
Help, com - fort, and sup - port In sor - row's gloom - y hour.  
God Fa - ther, God the Son, And God the Ho - ly Ghost.

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## THIS WEEK'S CHURCH CALENDAR

- Sun. 9/22 Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity**
- Divine Service 9:30 a.m.
  - Adult Bible Class 10:45 a.m.

**Thurs. 9/26 Quilting Bee, 10 a.m.**

**Fri. 9/27 Distribution of Newsletter**

**Sat. 9/28 Mission Planning Workshop**

- Sun. 9/29 Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity**
- Blessing of the Quilts**
- Divine Service 9:30 a.m.
  - Adult Bible Class 10:45 a.m.

## TODAY'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADULT BIBLE STUDY – All are invited to attend **this morning's** Adult Bible Class with Pastor starting at **10:45 a.m.** in the basement Fellowship Hall.

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*Thank  
you*

A Thank you note was received and it reads as follows:

*Dear Donor,*

*Thank you so very much for your generosity! Whether you have donated to our food pantry, thrift store, events, and/or monetarily, we cannot begin to thank you enough. Every donation helps us help our neighbors. Open Door Outreach Center continues to provide an array of services to people in need because of donors like you. We appreciate all you do to help your community. "Neighbors helping Neighbors for over 40 years". Sincerely, Open Door Outreach Center*

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**QUILTS:** The bee-autiful Quilts that are on display today are sewn with care by our Quilting Bee and will be on display next week, September 29<sup>th</sup>, where there will be the blessing of the quilts. Today and next Sunday, we will be accepting door offerings to help to defray the cost of shipping our quilts.

Wondering about the background of the quilts: LWR QUILT & KIT SHIPPING FUND – When you make and support Quilts, you join countless other servants of Christ who reach out to people in need around the world through this ministry. Together, L.W.L. distributed an incredible \$18 million worth of quilts in 2023! LWR currently spends about \$1.9 million annually to operate this program. They do their best to steward funds efficiently, but the behind-the-scenes operating costs have increased in recent years. (This is largely due to the significant rise in shipping costs since

2020.) You can ensure LWR has the financial resources they need to distribute quilts where they're needed most by donating to the Quilt & Kit Shipping fund. This is a way for the congregation to support the quilt ministry. The Cost to ship just one quilt is \$2.80. St. Mark's Missionary League is accepting Donations to defray the cost of shipping our quilts. Donations can be made by cash or Check. If you are writing a **check**, please make it out to the **St. Mark's Missionary League**. Please place either type of payment in an envelope found in your pew and have it designated for the Quilt Shipping Fund-Missionary League. Thank you.

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**ANNUAL MISSION PLANNING WORKSHOP** –On **Saturday, September 28**, The **Council and Boards** will be holding our annual Mission Planning Workshop. Anyone from the congregation is invited. On this day, we will gather to pray, give thanks to God, hear His holy Word, and make plans for our congregation for the upcoming year. This workshop will begin at 10 a.m. and will end at 2. Lunch will be provided.

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Is needed on October 13<sup>th</sup>, immediately following the church service, please mark your calendars, it is fall clean-up time. More of a Tidying up... if you can stay and help that would be great. More details to come.

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**REFORMATION DAY AND FALL HARVEST POTLUCK**– On **Sunday, October 29**, the church will observe Reformation day. On this day, we celebrate what the Lord did through Martin Luther and the other Reformers over five centuries ago. By their day, the Roman Catholic Church had fallen into many abuses and errors which obscured and denied the salvation of Christ. However, at the right time the Lord revealed to Martin Luther the Truth to the Church — a blessing which we still enjoy today as we preach that we are saved by **Grace Alone, through Faith alone, as taught in Scripture Alone**. **You are invited to wear red to church that day in celebration**. And following the service, we will be holding our Annual Fall Harvest Potluck! A sign-up sheet will be posted soon where you can list the dish you'll be bringing and the number of people coming with you. Please join us on this special day!

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**ACCEPTING 2025 OFFICER/BOARD NOMINATIONS**– Later in October, we will be accepting nomination for our 2025 elected and non-elected church positions. The elected positions are for a term of 3 years. The non-elected positions aren't for any specific length of time, so you can help for as long you'd like. Watch for a list of open positions to appear in upcoming Sunday bulletins along with nomination forms that will be kept on the table at the back of the sanctuary. You can nominate yourself or someone else! Please consider serving the Lord in this very special way.

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**QUILTING BEE ON THURSDAYS** –Anyone who would like to learn how to quilt, (or even if you already know how to quilt) are welcome to join our Quilting Bee group that meets each Thursday morning at 10:00 a.m. in the upstairs senior youth room. The quilters work pretty much

year 'round to make quilts for Lutheran World Relief (LWR), and then LWR distributes the quilts to needy individuals worldwide. Many hands make for light work, so if you'd like to help, just show up on any Thursday!

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**TOILETRY/HYGIENE DONATIONS FOR THE OPEN DOOR OUTREACH CENTER –**

We continue to receive hygiene & toiletry products year around for the Open Door Outreach Center in Waterford. There are two bins located on the shelves at the bottom of the sanctuary stairs where you can place product donations. The Open Door is a non-profit organization that assists needy families in the Lakes Area. They are ALWAYS in need of toiletry and hygiene items, so **if you can provide any of these throughout the year, it would be appreciated.**

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**WE CONTINUE TO COLLECT** used postage stamps for Wycliffe Bible Translation Ministries, and used eyeglasses for MOST Ministries in the two plastic bins on the shelves at the bottom of the sanctuary stairs. Wycliffe sells the stamps to stamp collectors and then uses the proceeds to fund Bible translation projects throughout the world. MOST Ministries repairs/refurbishes used eyeglasses and distributes them via eyeglass clinics to the needy around the world. If you donate postage stamps, please be sure to leave ¼” of the envelope paper around the stamp.

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**THE FATHER'S HANDS FOOD PANTRY AND CLOTHING CLOSET** here at St. Paul's Community Lutheran Church has been very busy this spring. We served over 300 families in the pantry alone since January. This has led to a depletion of our supplies. We are in urgent need for the following items:

Powdered milk - 1qt envelopes or boxes

Plain pasta - macaroni

Spaghetti Noodles

Spaghetti Sauce

Non-starchy canned vegetables

Peas, Corn or mixed vegetables

Soups

Rice

Baked beans

Protein bars

Instant Potatoes

Canned Tuna or Chicken

Toilet paper, Tooth Paste, Hand sanitizer,

Large bars of soap and diapers (size 5)

**For Larger families we need:**

Family sized shampoo & conditioner

Large cans of baked beans

Large can of fruit

large can of vegetables

Large Rice, dried potatoes or spaghetti noodles

large cans of chicken or meat that will serve 5 or more.

Laundry detergent

Dishwashing soap

Dried soup that serve 8 or more.

We are open for drop off on Tuesdays & Thursdays from 10-4:30 and Wednesdays from Noon - 5pm. We greatly appreciate any and all donations. Address:  
1133 Joslyn Ave, Pontiac, MI 48340

**SAVE THE DATE:**

**OPEN DOOR ADOPT-A-FAMILY – GIVING TREE**

Once more this year, we will be collecting and distributing gifts for Christmas for those families in need. This year's date will be December 6 from 9-1 or 4-6 with family pick up December 12<sup>th</sup>. We need people to assist in this very important outreach. Those who can help through donations and those who can help with the collection and distribution of the gifts here at St. Mark's. Sign – Up sheet will be posted soon.

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**Happy 1<sup>st</sup> Day of Fall!**

# Sermon Notes

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**SERVING THE LORD WITH GLADNESS THIS MORNING**

Presiding Minister	Pastor Mark Arendell, Emeritus
Altar Guild	Jennie Kaufman
Elder on Duty	Darryl Swainson
Greeter(s)	Tom & Debbie LoCascio
Offering Counters	Mary Ann Lockwood & Jean Swainson
Organist	Rob Wheeler
Usher	John Reardon

**SERVING THE LORD WITH GLADNESS NEXT WEEK, SEPTEMBER 29, 2024**

Presiding Minister	Pastor Terry Nelson, Emeritus
Altar Guild	Jennie Kaufman
Elder on Duty	Tom LoCascio
Greeter(s)	Ellen Rentola
Offering Counters	Mary Ann Lockwood & Jean Swainson
Organist	Rob Wheeler
Usher	Matt Maier