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## **17<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost**

The Advance of the Gospel

Sept. 24, 2023

**Divine Service**



## **PRE-SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**9:55 am**

## **ORGAN VOLUNTARY**

**SERVANT PROCESSIONAL 10:00 am**

## **As We Gather**

When the Apostle Paul wrote to his co-worker Timothy that he was "bound with chains as a criminal" (2 Timothy 2:9), he knew well the situation that he was in.

The Bible also relates the time that Paul was thrown into jail in Philippi without the benefit of a trial. He was later jailed in Jerusalem and then Caesarea and

finally at Rome, where he was under a type of 'house arrest' for two years. The final chapter of the Book Acts finds Paul as a captive one more time, accepting this imprisonment as a prelude to his death. Paul writes to Timothy "the time of my departure has come" (2 Timothy 4:6). In the centuries since Paul gave his prison witness, countless Christian men and women have been imprisoned for their Gospel witness. We are encouraged to be faithful witnesses in our time by Paul, who writes to his young associate Timothy: "Pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, steadfastness, gentleness. Fight the good fight of the faith" (1 Timothy 6:11–12a). Paul's words from prison are good instruction for every situation. Because the Gospel of Jesus Christ cannot be imprisoned, contained or 'locked up' in any way. Our God has put 'GO' into the GOspel!

## **Confession and Absolution**

### **Hymn of Invocation: 660 Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus**

- 1 Stand up, stand up for Jesus,  
     Ye soldiers of the cross.  
 Lift high His royal banner;  
     It must not suffer loss.  
 From vict'ry unto vict'ry  
     His army He shall lead  
 Till ev'ry foe is vanquished,  
     And Christ is Lord indeed.

2 Stand up, stand up for Jesus;  
 The trumpet call obey;  
 Stand forth in mighty conflict  
 In this His glorious day.  
 Let all His faithful serve Him  
 Against unnumbered foes;  
 Let courage rise with danger  
 And strength to strength oppose.

3 Stand up, stand up for Jesus;  
 Stand in His strength alone.  
 The arm of flesh will fail you,  
 Ye dare not trust your own.  
 Put on the Gospel armor;  
 Each piece put on with prayer.  
 Where duty calls or danger,  
 Be never wanting there.

4 Stand up, stand up for Jesus;  
 The strife will not be long;  
 This day the din of battle,  
 The next the victor's song.  
 The soldiers, overcoming,  
 Their crown of life shall see  
 And with the King of Glory  
 Shall reign eternally.

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## *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?

**G 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, 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*

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

**P** Almighty God, merciful Father, in Holy Baptism You declared us to be Your children and gathered us into Your one, holy Church, in which You daily and richly forgive us our sins and grant us new life through Your Spirit. Be in our midst, enliven our faith, and graciously receive our prayer and praise; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C Amen.**

*Stand*

## Service of the Word

### Introit

**L** I will offer to you the sacrifice of  
thanksgiving  
and call on the name of the LORD.

**C**  
**What shall I render to the LORD  
for all his benefits to me?**

**L** I will lift up the cup of salvation  
and call on the name of the LORD.

**C Precious in the sight of the LORD  
is the death of his saints.**

**L** O LORD, I am your servant;  
I am your servant, the son of your  
maidservant. You have loosed my  
bonds.

**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.**

**L** I will offer to you the sacrifice of  
thanksgiving  
and call on the name of the LORD.

**KYRIE**

*LSB 204*

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

**C** 1 To God on high be glory  
 And peace to all the earth;  
 Goodwill from God in heaven  
 Proclaimed at Jesus' birth!  
 We praise and bless You, Father;  
 Your holy name, we sing—  
 Our thanks for Your great glory,  
 Lord God, our heav'nly King.

2 To You, O sole-begotten,  
 The Father's Son, we pray;  
 O Lamb of God, our Savior,  
 You take our sins away.  
 Have mercy on us, Jesus;  
 Receive our heartfelt cry,  
 Where You in pow'r are seated  
 At God's right hand on high—

3 For You alone are holy;  
 You only are the Lord.  
 Forever and forever,  
 Be worshiped and adored;  
 You with the Holy Spirit  
 Alone are Lord Most High,  
 In God the Father's glory.  
 "Amen!" our glad reply.

Text: Stephen P. Starke

## Salutation and Collect of the Day

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**P** Let us pray.

Lord God, heavenly Father, since we cannot stand before You relying on anything we have done, help us trust in Your abiding grace and live according to Your Word; 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** *Isaiah 55:6–9*

<sup>6</sup>“Seek the LORD while he may be  
found;

call upon him while he is near;

<sup>7</sup>let the wicked forsake his way,  
and the unrighteous man his  
thoughts;

let him return to the LORD, that he may  
have compassion on him,  
and to our God, for he will  
abundantly pardon.

<sup>8</sup>For my thoughts are not your  
thoughts,

neither are your ways my ways,  
declares the LORD.

<sup>9</sup>For as the heavens are higher than  
the earth,

so are my ways higher than your  
ways

and my thoughts than your  
thoughts.”

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

**C Thanks be to God.**

# Psalm

## The LORD Is My Light and My Salvation

**L**<sup>1</sup>The LORD is my light and my salvation;  
whom shall I fear?

The LORD is the stronghold of my life;  
of whom shall I be afraid?

**C**<sup>2</sup>**When evildoers assail me  
to eat up my flesh,  
my adversaries and foes,  
it is they who stumble and fall.**

**L**eft side <sup>3</sup>Though an army encamp  
against me,  
my heart shall not fear;  
though war arise against me,  
yet I will be confident.

**R**ight side <sup>4</sup>One thing have I asked of  
the LORD,  
that will I seek after:  
that I may dwell in the house of the  
LORD  
all the days of my life,  
to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD  
and to inquire in his temple.

**C**<sup>5</sup>**For he will hide me in his shelter  
in the day of trouble;  
he will conceal me under the cover of  
his tent;  
he will lift me high upon a rock.**

**L**<sup>6</sup>And now my head shall be lifted up  
above my enemies all around me,  
and I will offer in his tent  
sacrifices with shouts of joy;



I will sing and make melody to the  
LORD.

**☐ <sup>7</sup>Hear, O LORD, when I cry aloud;  
be gracious to me and answer me!**

**<sup>8</sup>You have said, “Seek my face.”**

**My heart says to you,**

**“Your face, LORD, do I seek.”**

**<sup>9</sup>Hide not your face from me.**

**Turn not your servant away in anger,**

**O you who have been my help.**

**Cast me not off; forsake me not,**

**O God of my salvation!**

**Epistle**     *Philippians 1:12–14, 19–30*

### **The Advance of the Gospel**

<sup>12</sup>I want you to know, brothers, that what has happened to me has really served to advance the gospel, <sup>13</sup>so that it has become known throughout the whole imperial guard and to all the rest that my imprisonment is for Christ. <sup>14</sup>And most of the brothers, having become confident in the Lord by my imprisonment, are much more bold to speak the word without fear. . . .

<sup>19</sup>for I know that through your prayers and the help of the Spirit of Jesus Christ this will turn out for my deliverance, <sup>20</sup>as it is my eager expectation and hope that I will not be at all ashamed, but that with full courage now as always Christ will be honored in my body, whether by life or by death. <sup>21</sup>For to me to live is Christ, and

to die is gain. <sup>22</sup>If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me. Yet which I shall choose I cannot tell. <sup>23</sup>I am hard pressed between the two. My desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better. <sup>24</sup>But to remain in the flesh is more necessary on your account. <sup>25</sup>Convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with you all, for your progress and joy in the faith, <sup>26</sup>so that in me you may have ample cause to glory in Christ Jesus, because of my coming to you again.

<sup>27</sup>Only let your manner of life be worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that whether I come and see you or am absent, I may hear of you that you are standing firm in one spirit, with one mind striving side by side for the faith of the gospel, <sup>28</sup>and not frightened in anything by your opponents. This is a clear sign to them of their destruction, but of your salvation, and that from God. <sup>29</sup>For it has been granted to you that for the sake of Christ you should not only believe in him but also suffer for his sake, <sup>30</sup>engaged in the same conflict that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

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

**G** Thanks be to God.

*Stand*

**ALLELUIA AND VERSE**

**C Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**These things are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God.**

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**Holy Gospel**

*Matthew 20:1–16*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twentieth chapter.

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

### **Laborers in the Vineyard**

<sup>1</sup>[Jesus said:] “The kingdom of heaven is like a master of a house who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. <sup>2</sup>After agreeing with the laborers for a denarius a day, he sent them into his vineyard. <sup>3</sup>And going out about the third hour he saw others standing idle in the marketplace, <sup>4</sup>and to them he said, ‘You go into the vineyard too, and whatever is right I will give you.’ <sup>5</sup>So they went. Going out again about the sixth hour and the ninth hour, he did the same. <sup>6</sup>And about the eleventh hour he went out and found others standing. And he said to them, ‘Why do you stand here idle all day?’ <sup>7</sup>They said to him, ‘Because no one has hired us.’ He said to them, ‘You go into the vineyard too.’ <sup>8</sup>And when evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his foreman, ‘Call the laborers and pay them their wages,

beginning with the last, up to the first.’  
 9And when those hired about the eleventh hour came, each of them received a denarius. 10Now when those hired first came, they thought they would receive more, but each of them also received a denarius. 11And on receiving it they grumbled at the master of the house, 12saying, ‘These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.’ 13But he replied to one of them, ‘Friend, I am doing you no wrong. Did you not agree with me for a denarius? 14Take what belongs to you and go. I choose to give to this last worker as I give to you. 15Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or do you begrudge my generosity?’ 16So the last will be first, and the first last.”

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

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

## Apostles’ Creed

**C I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
 maker of heaven and earth.**

**And 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.**

**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.**

*Sit*

## **Kid's Sermon: Stop and Go**

*Isaiah 55:6*

## **Hymn of the Day: 828 We Are Called to Stand Together**

1 We are called to stand together  
With the saints of ages past,  
With the patriarchs and prophets  
In the faith they once held fast;  
Promises and hopes they treasured  
Now we find fulfilled at last!

2 Those whom Jesus called apostles  
 Journeyed with Him side by side,  
 Heard His teaching, felt His power,  
 Saw the way He lived and died;  
 Then the news of resurrection  
 They delivered far and wide.

3 Through the intervening ages  
 Round the world the Gospel spread:  
 Faithful heralds took the message,  
 Guided where the Spirit led;  
 So the body grew in stature,  
 Serving Christ, the living head.

4 Now in many tongues and cultures  
 Songs of celebration ring;  
 Millions who confess our Savior  
 Honor Him as Lord and King  
 And, for courage, grace and guidance  
 Ev'ry day their prayers they bring.

5 To each coming generation  
 Tell the truth, persuade, explain,  
 Till the time when time is ended,  
 Till the Savior comes again—  
 Till the saints are all united  
 Under Christ's eternal reign!

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**Sermon: "The GO in the GOspel"**

*Philippians 1:12-14*

## Offering

### Offertory Hymn: 806 Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart

1 Give thanks with a grateful heart,  
 Give thanks to the Holy One,  
 Give thanks because He's given  
 Jesus Christ His Son.  
 Give thanks with a grateful heart,  
 Give thanks to the Holy One,  
 Give thanks because He's given  
 Jesus Christ His Son.

And now let the weak say "I am strong,"  
 Let the poor say "I am rich,"  
 Because of what the Lord has done for us.  
 And now let the weak say "I am strong,"  
 Let the poor say "I am rich,"  
 Because of what the Lord has done for us.  
 Give thanks, give thanks.

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## Prayer of the Church

*Following the prayers, the people may greet one another in the name of the Lord, saying, "Peace be with you," as a sign of reconciliation and of the*

*unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace (Matt. 5:22–24; Eph. 4:1–3).*

*Stand*

## Lord's Prayer

**☩** 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.

*Sit*

**Benedicamus**

*LSB 212*

**A** Let us bless the Lord.

**☩** 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  
 ✠ give you peace.



**C Amen.**

## **Hymn to Depart: Mighty to Save**

### **C Verse 1**

Ev'ryone needs compassion  
Love that's never failing  
Let mercy fall on me  
Ev'ryone needs forgiveness  
The kindness of a Saviour  
The hope of nations

### *Chorus*

Saviour He can move the mountains  
My God is mighty to save  
He is mighty to save  
Forever Author of salvation  
He rose and conquered the grave  
Jesus conquered the grave

### *Verse 2*

So take me as You find me  
All my fears and failures  
Fill my life again  
I give my life to follow  
Ev'rything I believe in  
Now I surrender

### *Bridge*

Shine your light and let the whole world  
see  
We're singing  
For the glory of the risen King  
Jesus

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We're singing  
For the glory of the risen King

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**HOW TO FORGIVE** Last Sunday we looked at five biblical suggestions for forgiving someone who has hurt us deeply:

(1) Let go (leave behind) the pain (2) Forgiveness supports my good health (3) Lighten up! None of us are 'perfect' either (4) Avoid having a 'short fuse' that is easily offended (5) Act quickly (no 'festering') to forgive. Speak with your pastor if you are having trouble in this area. Let's be healthy! Thank you!

**LUTHERAN WOMENS' MISSIONARY LEAGUE (LWML) FALL RALLY** starts at 9:30 am at Living Water Lutheran Church in Whitmore Lake on **Saturday, September 30.**

**CALLING ALL USHERS AND GREETERS.** We will have a short meeting **after the church service on Sunday, Oct 8.** Please try to attend.

**CHRISTMAS OUTING** The Posse's annual Christmas outing will be to the Boar's

Head Festival at Concordia, Ann Arbor on Saturday, **December 2nd, at 7:30 PM.** Tickets will be between \$10 and \$16 per person (we will find out an exact cost soon). All members of your family are invited to join us. Lois Brumm will purchase the tickets on October 1st so all ticket money should be given to her no later than Sunday, September 24th. Information can be found at the following link

<https://www.cuaa.edu/life/kreft-arts/boars-head.html>

## **CHARTING OUR COURSE**

Attendance week of September 17, 2023,

10:00 am Worship In Person: 49/ Online Views: 46

9:00 am Kids Sunday school In Person: 10 / Rally Day

9:00 am Adult Bible Class In Person: 16/ Online Views: 45

**ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY** It's fall and with it comes Adopt-a-Highway. Beginning **September 23-30**, we will be picking up along a two-mile stretch on either side of the Highway. See Greg Eppler for more information.

**LIFE CHAIN** starts at the Pinckney Town Square **October 1 from 2 to 3 p.m.**

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

Sun Sept 24

9 am Sunday School  
9 am Adult Bible Study:  
Revelation  
10 am Worship  
Arcadia Women's  
Retreat  
Adopt-a-Highway

Mon Sept 25

6:30 pm Confirmation  
Instr.  
Adopt-a-Highway

Tues Sept 26

10 am Tuesday Bible  
Study -Encouragement  
11 am Prayer Warriors  
7 pm Stewardship  
Adopt-a-Highway

Wed Sept 27

6:30 pm Adult  
Instruction  
Adopt-a-Highway

Thu Sept 28

Adopt-a-Highway

Fri Sept 29

Adopt-a-Highway

<b>Sat Sept 30</b> Adopt-a-Highway
<b>Sun Oct 1</b> 9 am Sunday School 9 am Adult Bible Study: Revelation 10 am Worship

Stewardship and evangelism meeting  
has moved this month to **Tuesday,**  
**September 26**

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