

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost – Sept. 20th 2026

The Order of Word and Sacrament

We Gather

Announcements

Invocation

Hymn "Where Charity and Love Prevail" LBW #126

Brief Order for Confession and Forgiveness Pg. 77

Kyrie..... Pg. 78

Prayer of the Day..... Pg. 82

Children's Reflection & Prayer (optional) Pr. Blayne J. Watts

We Hear God's Word

Scriptures:

First Reading Isaiah 55:6-9

Psalm Psalm 27:1-13

Second Reading Philippians 1:12-14, 19-30

Verse: "Alleluia" Pg. 83

+The Holy Gospel Matthew 19:30-20:16

(Glory to you, O Lord/Praise to you, O Christ)

Proclamation of the Word Pr. Blayne J. Watts

We Respond to God's Word

Hymn "We Give Thee But Thine Own" LBW #410

Creed Pg. 84/85

The Peace

Reception of the Offering (Passing of the plate)

Offertory "Create in me a clean heart, O God" Pg. 96

The Lord's Prayer Pg. 97

We Are Sent to our Mission Fields

Benediction – Blessing Pg. 97

Closing Hymn "Lord of Light" LBW #405

Apostolic Sending

-We listen to Christ, respond in faith, are humbly sent in love!

Dismissal

Postlude "The worship has ended, let the service begin!"

First Reading: Isaiah 55:6-9

⁶"Seek the LORD while he may be found; call upon him while he is near; ⁷let 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. ⁸For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, declares the LORD. ⁹For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts."

Psalm 27:1-13* (LBW pg. 227)

Second Reading: Philippians 1:12-14, 19-30

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

¹⁹... {F}or I know that through your prayers and the help of the Spirit of Jesus Christ this will turn out for my deliverance, ²⁰as 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. ²¹For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain. ²²If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me. Yet which I shall choose I cannot tell. ²³I am hard pressed between the two. My desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better. ²⁴But to remain in the flesh is more necessary on your account. ²⁵Convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with you all, for your progress and joy in the faith, ²⁶so that in me you may have ample cause to glory in Christ Jesus, because of my coming to you again. ²⁷Only 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, ²⁸and 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. ²⁹For 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, ³⁰engaged in the same conflict that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

+ Gospel: Matthew 19:30-20:16

³⁰{Jesus said,} “But many who are first will be last, and the last first.

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

Announcements:

- Sunday School started today!
- Council Meeting today.
- Sunday Sept. 27th 4pm Service
- Prayer Requests

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***“For my thoughts are not your thoughts,
neither are your ways my ways,
declares the LORD.”***

Isaiah 55:8