

St. Andrew Lutheran Church

New Bern, North Carolina

A Congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

Saturday, September 26, 2020 – 5:00 p.m. (Videotape)

Sunday, September 27, 2020 – 11:00 a.m.

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost – *Evangelical Lutheran Worship, Setting 2*

Pastor – The Rev. Dr. Theodore H. Rust

WELCOME BY PASTOR

PRELUDE

*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, † and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer, we poor sinners confess to you, that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against you with our thoughts, words, and deeds. This is why we seek refuge in your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring your grace, for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

C: Amen.

P: O most merciful God,

C: **You have given your only Son to die for us, have mercy upon us, and for his sake grant us forgiveness for all of our sin; and by your Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of you and your will, and true obedience to your Word, that by your grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

P: Almighty God, our heavenly Father loves us. God has mercy upon us, and has given his only Son to die for us and for his sake forgives us all our sins. To them that believe on his name, God give power to become children of God, and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. The one that believes, and baptized, shall be saved. Grant this, O Lord, unto us all.

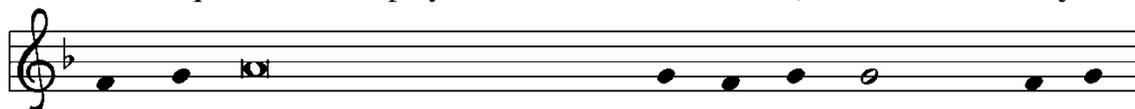
C: Amen.

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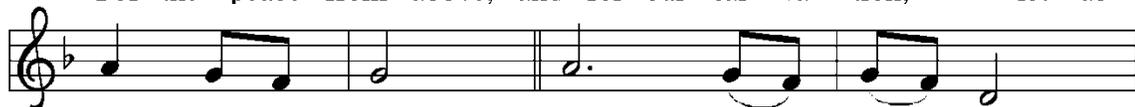
*KYRIE



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



For the peace from above, and for our sal-va-tion, let us



pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer-cy.**

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.
Lord, have mer - cy.

For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,
let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.
Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.
A - men.

***CANTICLE OF PRAISE**

Refrain

This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God. Al - le -
lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.
| Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us
free to be peo - ple of God. Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and
strength, and hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.

Refrain

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

2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and join in the
 hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and
 might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

Final refrain

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, al - le - lu - ia.

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P: God of love, giver of life, you know our frailties and failings. Give us your grace to overcome them, keep us from those things that harm us, and guide us in the way of salvation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

SPECIAL MUSIC By J. T. Ellenberger

FIRST READING

Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32

The first reading appointed for the 17th Sunday after Pentecost is from the book of Ezekiel chapter 18.

¹The word of the LORD came to me: ²What do you mean by repeating this proverb concerning the land of Israel, "The parents have eaten sour grapes, and the children's teeth are set on edge"? ³As I live, says the Lord GOD, this proverb shall no more be used by you in Israel. ⁴Know that all lives are mine; the life of the parent as well as the life of the child is mine: it is only the person who sins that shall die.

²⁵Yet you say, "The way of the Lord is unfair." Hear now, O house of Israel: Is my way unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair?

²⁶When the righteous turn away from their righteousness and commit iniquity, they shall die for it; for the iniquity that they have committed they shall die. ²⁷Again, when the wicked turn away from the wickedness they have committed and do what is lawful and right, they shall save their life. ²⁸Because they considered and turned away from all the transgressions that they had committed, they shall surely live; they shall not die. ²⁹Yet the house of Israel says, "The way of the Lord is unfair." O house of Israel, are my ways unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair?

³⁰Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, all of you according to your ways, says the Lord GOD. Repent and turn from all your transgressions; otherwise iniquity will be your ruin. ³¹Cast away from you all the transgressions that you have committed against me, and get yourselves a new heart and a new spirit! Why will you die, O house of Israel? ³²For I have no pleasure in the death of anyone, says the Lord GOD. Turn, then, and live.

L: Word of God; word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Psalms 25:1-9

¹To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul.

²My God, I put my trust in you; let me not be put to shame,
nor let my enemies triumph over me.

³Let none who look to you be put to shame;
rather let those be put to shame who are treacherous.

⁴Show me your ways, O LORD,
and teach me your paths.

⁵Lead me in your truth and teach me,
for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all the day long.

⁶Remember, O LORD, your compassion and love,
for they are from everlasting.

⁷Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions;
remember me according to your steadfast love and for the sake of your goodness, O LORD.

⁸You are gracious and upright, O LORD;
therefore you teach sinners in your way.

⁹You lead the lowly in justice
and teach the lowly your way.

SECOND READING

Philippians 2:1-13

¹If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, ²make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. ³Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. ⁴Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. ⁵Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, ⁶who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God

as something to be exploited, ⁷but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form,

⁸he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross.

⁹Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth,

¹¹and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord,

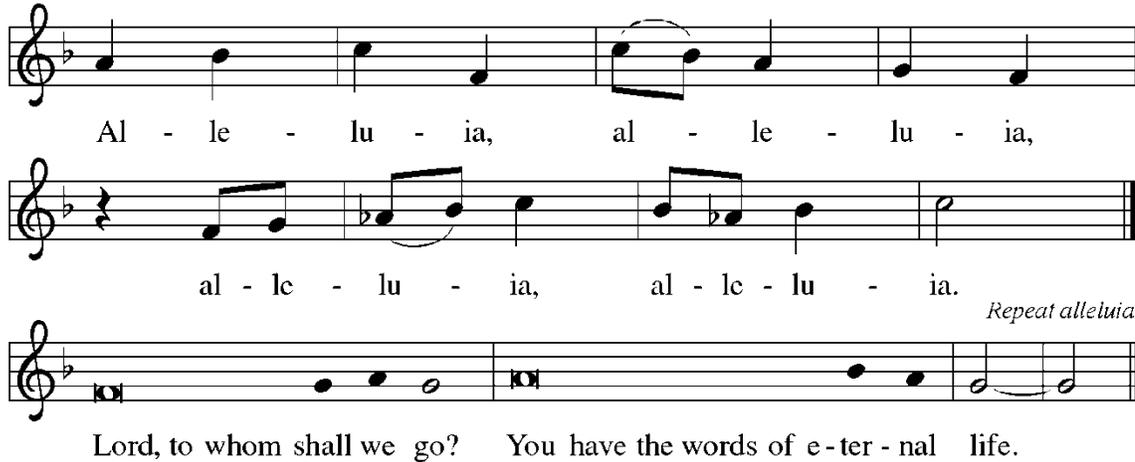
to the glory of God the Father. ¹²Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence,

but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; ¹³for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

L: Word of God; word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,
al - lc - lu - ia, al - lc - lu - ia. *Repeat alleluia*
Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

***Gospel**

Matthew 21:23-32

P: The Holy Gospel according to Saint Matthew.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

²³When [Jesus] entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, "By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?" ²⁴Jesus said to them, "I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. ²⁵Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?" And they argued with one another, "If we say, 'From heaven,' he will say to us, 'Why then did you not believe him?' ²⁶But if we say, 'Of human origin,' we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet." ²⁷So they answered Jesus, "We do not know." And he said to them, "Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things.

²⁸"What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, 'Son, go and work in the vineyard today.' ²⁹He answered, 'I will not'; but later he changed his mind and went. ³⁰The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, 'I go, sir'; but he did not go. ³¹Which of the two did the will of his father?" They said, "The first." Jesus said to them, "Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. ³²For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

***HYMN**

Dearest Jesus, at Your Word

ELW #520

1-Dearest Jesus, at your word we have come again
To hear you; let our thoughts and hearts be stirred
And in glowing faith be near you as the promises

Here given draw us wholly up to heaven.

2-All our knowledge, sense, and sight lie in deepest
Darkness shrouded till your Spirit breaks the night,
Filling us with light unclouded. All good thoughts and
All good living come but by your gracious giving.

3-Radiance of God's glory bright, Light of Light from
God proceeding, Jesus, send your blessed light;
Help our hearing, speaking, heeding, that our prayers and
Songs may please you, as with grateful hearts we praise you. ⇨

4-Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, praise to you and
Adoration! Grant us what we need the most:
All your gospel's consolation while we here on
Earth await you, till in heav'n with praise we greet you.

SERMON

Rev. Dr. Ted Rust

*HYMN OF THE DAY

Come, Ye Disconsolate

ELW #607

- 1 Come, ye disconsolate, where'er ye languish;
come to the mercy-seat, fervently kneel.
Here bring your wounded hearts,
here tell your anguish;
earth has no sorrow that heav'n cannot heal.
- 2 Joy of the desolate, light of the straying,
hope of the penitent, fadeless and pure;
here speaks the Comforter, tenderly saying,
"Earth has no sorrow that heav'n cannot cure."
- 3 Here see the Bread of life; see waters flowing
forth from the throne of God, pure from above.
Come to the feast of love; come, ever knowing
earth has no sorrow but heav'n can remove.

*APOSTLES' CREED

A: Let us confess our dynamic faith in the words of the Apostles' Creed

C: 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 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.

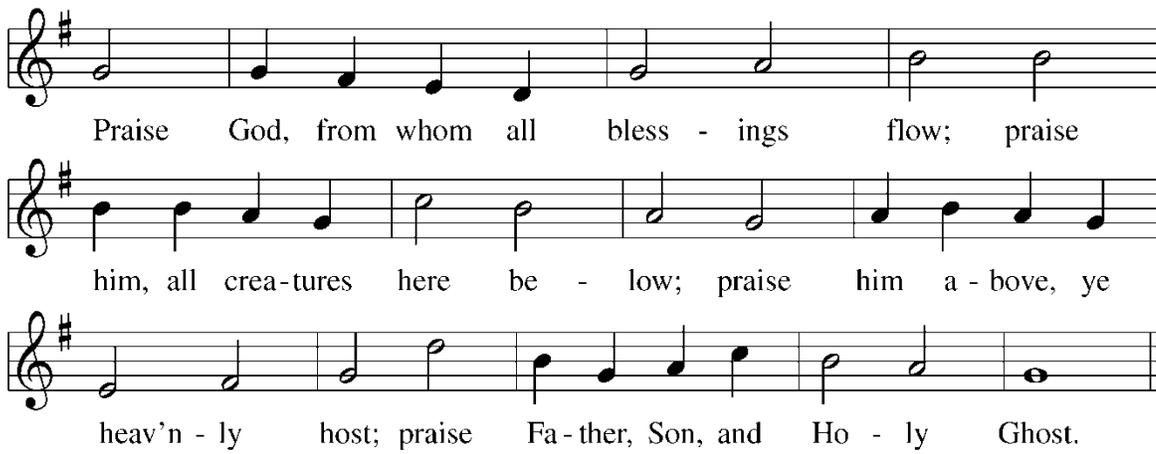
***PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

A: Lord, in your mercy

C: hear our prayer.

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY PRESIDENT/PASTOR

***OFFERTORY**



Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise
him, all crea-tures here be - low; praise him a - bove, ye
heav'n - ly host; praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

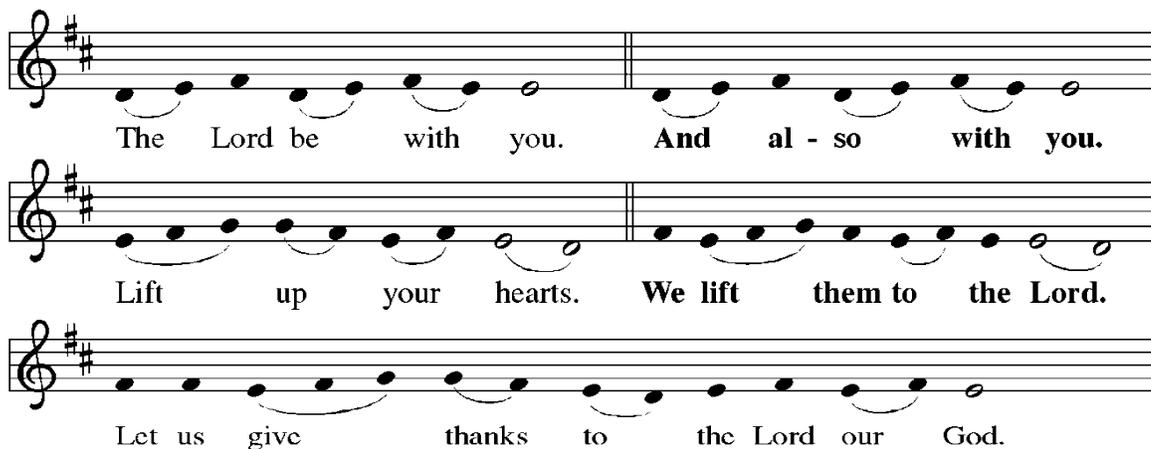
***OFFERING PRAYER**

P: Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things.

C: You have set before us these gifts of your good creation.

Prepare us for your heavenly banquet,
nourish us with this rich food and drink,
and send us forth to set tables in the midst of a suffering world,
through the bread of life, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

***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.



P: It is indeed right our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places offer 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 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:



P: 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.

P: Therefore, according to Christ's command:

C: We remember his death.
We proclaim his resurrection.
We await his coming in glory.

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.

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.

*HYMN

Now Thank We All Our God

ELW #840

- 1 Now thank we all our God
 with hearts and hands and voices,
 who wondrous things has done,
 in whom this world rejoices;
 who, from our mothers' arms,
 has blest us on our way
 with countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.
- 2 Oh, may this bounteous God
 through all our life be near us,
 with ever joyful hearts
 and blessed peace to cheer us,
 and keep us all in grace,
 and guide us when perplexed,
 and free us from all harm in this world and the next.
- 3 All praise and thanks to God
 the Father now be given,
 the Son, and Spirit blest,
 who reign in highest heaven,
 the one eternal God,
 whom earth and heav'n adore;
 for thus it was, is now, and shall be evermore.

(Please observe silence as you receive Holy Communion walking out either door)

POSTLUDE