

# THE SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

September 19, 2021

## THE SERVICE OF PREPARATION

### PRELUDE

#### THE RINGING OF THE BELLS

Pastor: There is a war going on. It is quite evident in the outward conflicts within society. And, as Jeremiah and David realized, the world has warred against people of faith throughout history. But in today's Epistle, James reveals that the struggle continues within each of us. Our passions are often opposed to God. Our Lord Jesus, by His death and resurrection, has won the victory and therefore, peace over outward and inward warfare. His grace assures us of daily and eternal peace.

### PREPARATION

(Please stand)

### OPENING HYMN

"Lord, Open Now My Heart to Hear" *LSB 908*

**Lord open now my heart to hear  
And through Your Word to me draw near  
Let me Your Word e'er pure retain  
Let me Your child and heir remain**

**Your Word inspires my heart within  
Your Word grants healing from my sin  
Your Word has pow'r to guide and bless  
Your Word brings peace and happiness**

**To God the Father God the Son  
And God the Spirit Three in One  
Shall glory praise and honor be  
Now and throughout eternity**

## **INVOCATION**

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the Son and  
of the Holy Spirit.

**People:** (spoken) **Amen.**

(Please be seated or kneel for the confession)

## **CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

*James 3:18; 4:5–6, 8; Psalm 54:1–2, 4, 6*

Pastor: In today's Epistle, James urges, *"Draw near to  
God, and He will draw near to you.*

*Cleanse your hands, you sinners, and purify your  
hearts, you double-minded."* Let us go to God,  
echoing David's words in Psalm 54, appointed for  
today.

Pastor: O God, save me, by Your name,

**People:** (spoken) **and vindicate me by Your might.**

Pastor: O God, hear my prayer;

**People:** (spoken) **give ear to the words of my mouth.**

Pastor: James' words in today's Epistle guide our  
confession. Gracious God,

**People: we confess that as we have desired friendship  
with the world, we forget that it would mean  
enmity with God. We confess that our passions are  
at war within us. We have had bitter jealousy and  
selfish ambition inside us. In all humility, we come**

**to You, holy Lord, seeking Your peace to calm the war within us.**

Pastor: God has not given up on you! He yearns jealously over the spirit that He has made to dwell in us. Indeed, He gives more grace. James writes, “A harvest of righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace,” and in His death and resurrection, Jesus gave us His righteousness and established peace between us and God. 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.

**People:** (spoken) **Amen.**

Pastor: Behold, God is my helper;

**People:** (spoken) **the Lord is the upholder of my life.**

Pastor: With a freewill offering I will sacrifice to You;

**People:** (spoken) **I will give thanks to Your name, O LORD, for it is good.**

*(Please Stand)*

**✠ WORD ✠**

**KYRIE**

Pastor: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

**People:** (spoken) **Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

**People:** (spoken) **Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: For the peace of the whole world, for the well being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

**People:** (spoken) **Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

**People:** (spoken) **Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

**People:** (spoken) **Amen.**

## **HYMN OF PRAISE**

“Holy God, We Praise Thy Name”

*LSB 940 verses 1 & 4*

**Holy God, we praise Thy name;  
Lord of all, we bow before Thee.  
All on earth Thy scepter claim,  
All in heaven above adore Thee.  
Infinite Thy vast domain,  
Everlasting is Thy reign.**

**Thou art King of Glory, Christ;  
Son of God, yet born of Mary.  
For us sinners sacrificed,  
As to death a Tributary,  
First to break the bars of death,  
Thou has opened heaven to faith.**

## **SALUTATION**

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**People:** (sing) **And also with you.**

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Pastor: Let us pray.

O God, in Your infinite grace You have forgiven our warring against Your will and rule.

**People:** (spoken) **Grant that the peace our Lord has won will be evident in our humble service to You and the people around us each day;**

Pastor: through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**People:** (sing) **Amen.**

(Please be seated)

## **OLD TESTAMENT READING** *Jeremiah 11:18-20 ESV*

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

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People:** (spoken) **Thanks be to God.**

**GRADUAL** *Psalm 34:9, 19, alt.*

Pastor: Fear the LORD, you His saints, for those who fear Him lack nothing! Many are the afflictions of the righteous, but the LORD delivers him out of them all.

**EPISTLE** *James 3:13 – 4:10 ESV*

Who is wise and understanding among you? By his good conduct let him show his works in the meekness of wisdom. But if you have bitter jealousy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not boast and be false to the truth. This is not the wisdom that comes down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, demonic. For where jealousy and selfish ambition exist, there will be disorder and every vile practice. But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, open to reason, full of mercy and good fruits, impartial and sincere. And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace. What causes quarrels and what causes fights among you? Is it not this, that your passions are at war within you? You desire and do not have, so you murder. You covet and cannot obtain, so you fight and quarrel. You do not have, because you do not ask. You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, to spend it on your passions. You adulterous people! Do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity with God? Therefore whoever wishes to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God. Or do you suppose it is to no purpose that the Scripture says, “He yearns jealously over the spirit that he has made to

dwell in us”? But he gives more grace. Therefore it says, “God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble.” 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. Cleanse your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded. Be wretched and mourn and weep. Let your laughter be turned to mourning and your joy to gloom. Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will exalt you.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People:** (spoken) **Thanks be to God.**

(Please Stand)

**THE TRIPLE HALLELUJAH** (sing)

**People: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the ninth chapter.

**People:** (sing) **Glory to You, O Lord.**

**HOLY GOSPEL** *Mark 9:30 - 37 ESV*

They went on from there and passed through Galilee. And he did not want anyone to know, for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, “The Son of Man is going to be delivered into the hands of men, and they will kill him. And when he is killed, after three days he will rise.” But they did not understand the saying, and were afraid to ask him. And they came to Capernaum. And when he was in the house he asked them, “What were you discussing on the way?” But they kept silent, for on the way they had argued with one another about

who was the greatest. And he sat down and called the twelve. And he said to them, "If anyone would be first, he must be last of all and servant of all." And he took a child and put him in the midst of them, and taking him in his arms, he said to them, "Whoever receives one such child in my name receives me, and whoever receives me, receives not me but him who sent me."

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**People:** (sing) **Praise to You, O Christ.**

**CREED** Nicene Creed

**All: 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 shall 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 worshipped 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.**

(Please be seated)

## **HYMN OF THE DAY**

**“Lord of Glory, You Have Brought Us” LSB 851**

**Lord of glory You have bought us  
With Your life-blood as the price  
Never grudging for the lost ones  
That tremendous sacrifice  
And with that have freely given  
Blessings countless as the sand  
To the unthankful and the evil  
With Your own unsparing hand**

**Grant us hearts dear Lord to give You  
Gladly freely of Your own  
With the sunshine of Your goodness  
Melt our thankless hearts of stone  
Till our cold and selfish natures  
Warmed by You at length believe  
That more happy and more blessed  
'Tis to give than to receive**

Wondrous honor You have given  
To our humblest charity  
In Your own mysterious sentence  
You have done it all to Me  
Can it be O gracious Master  
That You deign for alms to sue  
Saying by Your poor and needy  
Give as I have giv'n to you

Lord of glory You have bought us  
With Your life-blood as the price  
Never grudging for the lost ones  
That tremendous sacrifice  
Give us faith to trust You boldly  
Hope to stay our souls on You  
But oh best of all Your graces  
With Your love our love renew

## + SERMON+

“Sin’s War and God’s Peace”

**Text:** James 3:13- 4:10 (Epistle or Second Reading)

**Theme:** The war of our passions within is so destructive to us and to those around us that only God’s grace in Christ can win a blessed harvest of peace.

**Goal:** That hearers, beset by sin within and without, will in faith then in practice daily realize God’s peace through his Gospel.

**Outline:**

The War of Our Passions Within Is So Destructive to Us and to Those around Us That Only God’s Grace in Christ Can Win a Blessed Harvest of Peace.

- I. There is a war within our hearts, but God in Christ offers healing for our casualties.
- II. God refuses to lose this war, and with more grace wins a harvest of peace.

(Please stand)

**OFFERTORY** *LSB pages 192-193*

**ALL:** (sing) **Create in me a clean heart, O God,  
And renew a right spirit within me.  
Cast me not away from Thy presence,  
And take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.  
Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation,  
and uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.**

(Please be seated or kneel for the Prayer of the Church)

**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH** *LSB 708:3*

Pastor: Using the promptings of James in the Epistle, let us pray for the nations around the world, the Church wherever it is found, and for ourselves here in this place.

Wherever nations quarrel and plunge toward war, O God, open the ears of their leaders to hear the wisdom from above and pursue peace.

**People: Move them to find joy in humble service.**

Pastor: Wherever international alliances, national leaders, and groups within society follow the lead of their selfish ambitions at the expense of the downtrodden and forgotten people across borders and in their midst, O God, give both citizens and

their leaders hearts that are open to reason, full of mercy, impartial and sincere.

**People: Grant that peace break out across borders and justice within them.**

Pastor: Whenever the Church is fraught with boasting, falsehoods, and schisms, O God, send Your Holy Spirit to use Word and Sacrament to bring clergy and lay leaders to repentance.

**People: Embolden them to announce with one voice the victory Your Son won for us all.**

Pastor: Wherever people respond to illness, accident, injustice, and discrimination, O God, strengthen them to rely on You for protection in all circumstances.

**People: Guide them to make decisions in wisdom and to sow righteousness in peace.**

Pastor: Whenever our conduct betrays worldly jealousy and selfish ambition, O God, turn our laughter to mourning and our joy to gloom until we recognize Your unending grace.

**People: Help us seek to meet the needs of the people around us in humble service.**

Pastor: Wherever people call out to You in their distress, ..... O God, visit, relieve, heal, and console them according to Your gracious will.

**People: Use us as part of Your answers to their fervent prayers.**

Pastor: Whenever we pridefully seek to solve our problems by our own strength, O God, remind us of Your faithfulness, constant presence, and gracious protection for Jesus' sake.

**People: Show us how to humbly serve the people around us as You have served us.**

Pastor: Heavenly Father, hear us and all for whom we pray, as we rely on Your gracious plans for all we need;

**People: through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, in whose name we pray. Amen.**

*(Please stand)*

## ✠ SACRAMENT

### PREFACE

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

*2 Timothy 4:22*

**People:** (spoken) **And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

*Colossians 3:1*

**People:** (spoken) **We lift them to the Lord.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. *Psalm 136*

**People:** (spoken) **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

### PROPER PREFACE

Pastor: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places thank and praise Your holy name, heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who on this day overcame death and the grave and by His glorious resurrection has assured us of divine peace through the forgiveness of the sinful warring of our passions and ambitions;

therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

**SANCTUS** (Sing) LSB 195

**Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Sabaoth  
Heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory**

**Hosanna**

**Hosanna**

**Hosanna in the highest**

**Blessed is He**

**Blessed is He**

**Blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord**

**Hosanna,**

**Hosanna**

**Hosanna in the highest**

**PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

Pastor: Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, 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. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**People:** (spoken) **Amen.**

## **WORDS OF OUR LORD**

*Matthew 26:26–28; Mark 14:22–24; Luke 22:19–20; 1 Corinthians 11:23–25*

Pastor: 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.”

## **PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST**

*1 Corinthians 11:26; Revelation 22:20*

Pastor: As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord’s death until He comes.

**People:** (spoken) **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

Pastor: O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy

cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

**LORD'S PRAYER** (*Matthew 6:9–13*)

**All: 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.**

**PAX DOMINI**

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: Amen.

**AGNUS DEI** (*Sung*) LSB 198

**O Christ, Thou Lamb of God that takest away the sin of  
the world have mercy upon us  
O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of  
the world, have mercy upon us**

**O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of  
the world, grant us Thy peace. Amen.**

(Please be seated)

## **DISTRIBUTION HYMN**

“Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me” *LSB 722*

**Lord, take my hand and lead me Upon life’s way  
Direct, protect and feed me from day to day  
Without Your grace and favor I go astray  
So take my hand, O Savior, And lead the way**

**Lord, when the tempest rages, I need not fear  
For You, the Rock of Ages, Are always near  
Close by Your side abiding, I fear no foe  
For when your hand is guiding, In peace I go**

**Lord, when the shadows lengthen And night has come  
I know that You will strengthen My steps toward home  
Then nothing can impede me, O blessed Friend  
So take my hand and lead me Unto the end**

## **POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE**

### **THE BLESSING**

Pastor: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ  
strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to  
life everlasting.

**People:** (spoken) **Amen.**

(Please stand at the conclusion of the distribution for the blessing  
followed by the Post-Communion Canticle)

## **POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE**

**THE NUNC DIMITTIS** (sung) TLH p. 29-30

**Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant  
depart in peace according to Thy word,  
for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,  
which Thou hast prepared before the face  
of all people, a light to lighten the  
Gentiles and the glory of Thy people Israel.  
Glory be to the Father and to the Son  
and to the Holy Ghost;  
as it was in the beginning, is now,  
and ever shall be, world with-out end. Amen**

## **POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING**

Pastor: O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament,

**People:** (spoken) **and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You;**

Pastor: through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**People: Amen.**

## **BENEDICTION** *James 4:8a, 10*

Pastor: Draw near to God, and He will draw near to you.

**People:** (spoken) **Humble yourselves before the Lord, and He will exalt you.**

Pastor: The blessing of God almighty—the Father, ☩ Son,  
and Holy Spirit—be with you, now and forever.

**People: Amen.**

## **HYMN**

“For All the Saints” *LSB 677 vs 1,4,5*

**For all the saints who from their labors rest,  
Who Thee by faith before the world confessed,  
Thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**Oh, blest communion, fellowship divine,  
We feebly struggle, they in glory shine;  
Yet all are one in Thee for all are Thine.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**And when the fight is fierce the warfare long  
Steals on the ear the distant triumph song  
And hearts are brave again and arms are strong  
Alleluia! Alleluia!**

## **DISMISSAL**

Pastor: Go in peace as you serve the Lord.

**People: (spoken) Thanks be to God!!**

## **THOSE SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE**

Rev. Paul Pollatz, Pastor

Marie Brown, Organist

Glenn Cairns, Elder & Reader

Jim Bumgarner & Frank Pignanelli, Ushers

# GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Sunday Bible Study

**TODAY!** We will be going on a journey. That journey will be a chronological walk of Jesus' life, clearer and in more detail than ever before. Hope you had a great summer, read God's word and realize the gift that He gave us- his son, our Savior. All are invited to share this journey together with Him

Jim

### **Glen Eden Lutheran Memorial Park**

35667 W. 8 mile Rd Livonia, MI  
Cemetery plots for sale \$1,000 each  
Garden of Hope Block 16 Section 519  
Graves 1, 2, 3, 4 (will split apart)  
Call Carl or Connie @ 734-282-4332

## Everyone, Please

Fill out a yellow attendance card & place it in the offering plate at the back of the church.

### **Attendance**

Sunday September 12<sup>th</sup> 9:30 am 39

### **Prayer List**

If sudden illness or the need for immediate prayers occurs, please feel free to contact our Prayer Chain leader, Joan Hafkesbrink, at 313.565.6871. Prayer requests will remain on the list for two weeks.

## **Anniversary**

### **Birthdays**

Karl Dasher – September 24<sup>th</sup>

### **For the Shut-Ins**

*Ken Knick, at home*

*Dorothy MacTavish, at home*

*George Morton, at home*

### **For Those Who Are Sick or Healing**

**Hurricane Ida** – for the ones who lost people or items.

**COVID-19 people**- continuing prayer for healing

**Pastor Tony Sikora** – Home but very weak

**Pastor Griffin** – Continuing to improve

**Phyllis Dasher** – Eye surgery soon

**Kim Armstrong** – Upcoming surgery