# September 15, 2024 Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost



All things are possible for one who believes. Mark 9:23b

## Christ Our Savior Ev Lutheran Church

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Stewardship Thought: Mark 9:24 – "Immediately the father of the child cried out and said, 'I believe; help my unbelief!" Haven't we often felt like this! And notice that Jesus does not throw the man out because of his weakness of faith: He still has pity, and He still blesses the man. But neither does Jesus leave people in weakness of faith. He blesses us and calls us to a deeper faith, as He did to the disciples in the boat on the storm-tossed sea. How does our faith grow? By hearing the Word of God. What does our faith lead to as it grows? A godly life lived in thanksgiving to our Lord. • lcms.org/stewardship

#### **Closed Communion:**

We rejoice in this celebration of the LORD'S Supper as the Lord Jesus indeed comes to us in a very intimate manner, giving to us His true Body and Blood in with and under the bread and wine in this sacred meal. St. Paul writes, "A man ought to examine himself before he eats of the bread and drinks of the cup. For anyone who eats and drinks without recognizing the body of the Lord eats and drinks judgment on himself." (1 Corinthians 11:28-29) Since we take the Bible's warnings seriously and we desire to extend loving care to every individual that comes to the Lord's Supper, we ask those who are not yet fully instructed in the faith and/or not currently under the regular pastoral care of this congregation to speak to the Pastor before attending the Lord's Supper. If you belong to a church of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, believing and confessing as we do, please speak to the Pastor so he can give your home pastor an accounting of your soul's care. We ask that ALL guests visiting for the first time, kindly speak to the Pastor before the service. Please respect our position of love for you and for all, COSELC Pastor and Elders.

If you need gluten-free bread for Communion, please notify the pastor or an elder before the start of the service. It would be our pleasure to serve you!

#### Divine Service Setting Three

#### Ringing of the bell

#### **Announcements**



#### Stand

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

- In the name of the Father and of the 

  → Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.
- P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

- **P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,
- **C** who made heaven and earth.
- **P** I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,
- and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

- P O almighty God, merciful Father,
- I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.
- P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the 

  → Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

#### Service of the Word

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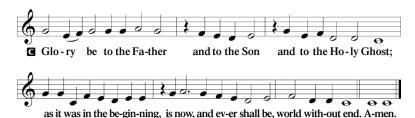
Psalm 31:14–16; antiphon: v. 24



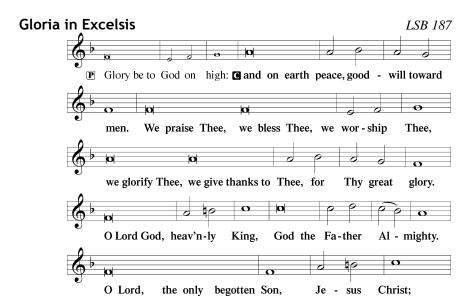
- P Be strong, and let your heart take | courage,\* all you who wait | for the LORD!
- But I trust in you, O LORD;\*
  I say, "You | are my God."
- P My times are | in your hand;\*
  rescue me from the hand of my enemies and from my

perse- cutors!

- Make your face shine on your | servant;\* save me in your | steadfast love!
- P Be strong, and let your heart take | courage,\* all you who wait | for the LORD!









### Salutation and Collect of the Day (sung)

- **P** The Lord be with you.
- **C** And with thy spirit.
- Let us pray.

  Lord Jesus Christ, our support and defense in every need, continue to preserve Your Church in safety, govern her by Your goodness, and bless her with Your peace; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C Amen.

<sup>4</sup>The Lord GOD has given me the tongue of those who are taught, that I may know how to sustain with a word him who is weary.

Morning by morning he awakens; he awakens my ear to hear as those who are taught.

<sup>5</sup>The Lord GOD has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious;

I turned not backward.

<sup>6</sup>I gave my back to those who strike, and my cheeks to those who pull out the beard;

I hid not my face from disgrace and spitting.

<sup>7</sup>But the Lord GoD helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like a flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame. 

<sup>8</sup>He who yindicates me is near.

Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together.

Who is my adversary?

Let him come near to me.

<sup>9</sup>Behold, the Lord GoD helps me; who will declare me guilty?

Behold, all of them will wear out like a garment; the moth will eat them up.

Who among you fears the LORD and obeys the voice of his servant?
Let him who walks in darkness and has no light trust in the name of the LORD and rely on his God.

- **P** This is the Word of the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.



- P 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 3:1–12

<sup>1</sup>Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. <sup>2</sup>For we all stumble in many ways, and if anyone does not stumble in what he says, he is a perfect man, able also to bridle his whole body. <sup>3</sup>If we put bits into the mouths of horses so that they obey us, we guide their whole bodies as well. <sup>4</sup>Look at the ships also: though they are so large and are driven by strong winds, they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. <sup>5</sup>So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great things.

How great a forest is set ablaze by such a small fire! <sup>6</sup>And the tongue is a fire, a world of unrighteousness. The tongue is set among our members, staining the whole body, setting on fire the entire course of life, and set on fire by hell. <sup>7</sup>For every kind of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by mankind, <sup>8</sup>but no human being can tame the tongue. It is a restless evil, full of deadly poison. <sup>9</sup>With it we bless our Lord and Father, and with it we curse people who are made in the likeness of God. <sup>10</sup>From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers, these things ought not to be so. <sup>11</sup>Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and salt water? <sup>12</sup>Can a fig tree, my brothers, bear olives, or a grapevine produce figs? Neither can a salt pond yield fresh water.

- **P** This is the Word of the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

Stand

Alleluia LSB 190



**Holy Gospel** 

Mark 9:14-29

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

**C** (sung) Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

<sup>14</sup>When they came to the disciples, they saw a great crowd around them, and scribes arguing with them. <sup>15</sup>And immediately all the crowd, when they saw him, were greatly amazed and ran up to [Jesus] and greeted him. 16And he asked them, "What are you arguing about with them?" <sup>17</sup>And someone from the crowd answered him, "Teacher, I brought my son to you, for he has a spirit that makes him mute. <sup>18</sup>And whenever it seizes him, it throws him down, and he foams and grinds his teeth and becomes rigid. So I asked your disciples to cast it out, and they were not able." <sup>19</sup>And he answered them, "O faithless generation, how long am I to be with you? How long am I to bear with you? Bring him to me." <sup>20</sup>And they brought the boy to him. And when the spirit saw him, immediately it convulsed the boy, and he fell on the ground and rolled about, foaming at the mouth. <sup>21</sup>And Jesus asked his father, "How long has this been happening to him?" And he said, "From childhood. <sup>22</sup>And it has often cast him into fire and into water, to destroy him. But if you can do anything, have compassion on us and help us." <sup>23</sup>And Jesus said to him, "If you can! All things are possible for one who believes." <sup>24</sup>Immediately the father of the child cried out and said, "I believe; help my unbelief!" <sup>25</sup>And when Jesus saw that a crowd came running together, he rebuked the unclean spirit, saying to it, "You mute and deaf spirit, I command you, come out of him and never enter him again." <sup>26</sup>And after crying out and convulsing him terribly, it came out, and the boy was like a corpse, so that most of them said, "He is dead." <sup>27</sup>But Jesus took him by the hand and lifted him up, and he arose. <sup>28</sup>And

when he had entered the house, his disciples asked him privately, "Why could we not cast it out?" <sup>29</sup>And he said to them, "This kind cannot be driven out by anything but prayer."

- **P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- **C** (sung) Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

#### Apostles' Creed

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.





- Let me praise God's boundless favor,
   Whose own feast of love I savor,
   Bidden by His gracious call.
   Wedding garments He provides me,
   With a robe of white He hides me,
   Fits me for the royal hall.
- Now have I found consolation,
   Comfort in my tribulation,
   Balm to heal the troubled soul.
   God, my shield from ev'ry terror,
   Cleanses me from sin and error,
   Makes my wounded spirit whole.

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Sermon

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- P The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.
- C Amen.



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### Offering

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### Prayer of the Church

#### Service of the Sacrament

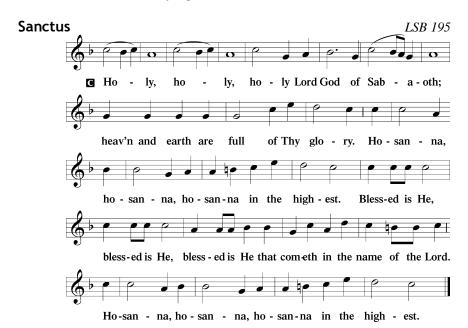




Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.



P It is truly meet, right, and salutary . . . evermore praising You and saying:



#### 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.

#### The Words of Our Lord

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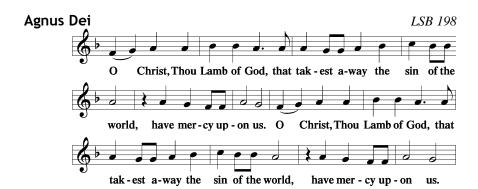
Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My + body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

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 LSB 197

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







Sit

#### Distribution

Ushers will direct rows of communicants to the rail for Holy Communion. When the pastor welcomes your table, you may either kneel or remain standing. If you are to receive a baptismal blessing from the Pastor today, please indicate this by crossing your arms in front of your chest prior to his coming to you with the Body of Christ. If you need gluten-free bread, please notify the pastor or an elder.

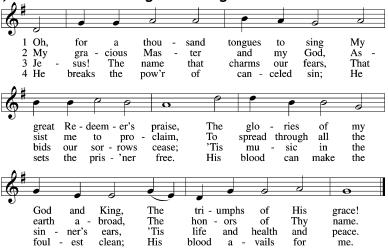
The Blood of Christ is available in individual glasses, non-alcoholic wine is in the middle of the tray. If you prefer to drink from the chalice, then cross your arms in front of your chest before the pastor comes to you with the Blood of Christ. Each table will be dismissed with the words, "Depart in peace," and you may return to your row by one of the side aisles.





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#### 528 Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing



- Look unto Him, ye nations; ownYour God, ye fallen race.Look and be saved through faith alone,Be justified by grace.
- See all your sins on Jesus laid;
   The Lamb of God was slain.
   His soul was once an off'ring made
   For ev'ry soul of man.
- To God all glory, praise, and love
  Be now and ever giv'n
   By saints below and saints above,
  The Church in earth and heav'n.

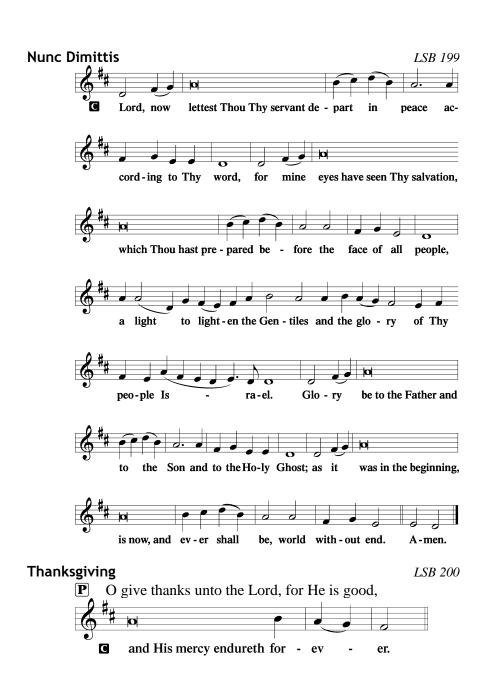
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The distribution ended, the following is said:

Stand

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

  → in peace.
- C Amen.



**P** Let us pray.

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, 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; 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 LSB 202



Benediction LSB 202

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.

The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and + give you peace.



#### 820 My Soul, Now Praise Your Maker My soul, now praise your Mak er! Let with - in me 2 He of - fers all His trea sure Of jus - tice, truth, and 3 For as a ten - der fa ther Has pit - y his chil-dren's chil-dren 4 His grace re - mains for - ev er, And Who makes you full Of bless His name par tak er righ - teous-ness, His love be - yond His all mea sure, His arms chil - dren here, God in gath All will er shall prove That God for-sakes them nev er Who yet mer - cies more than you dare claim. For - get Him not whose pit - y o'er dis - tress; Nor treats yearn - ing 118 as we in child - like fear. He knows how frail who are His our in true fear shall seek His love. In heav'n is fixed His Who heals your meek - ness Still bears with all your sin, ev - 'ry mer - it But sets His an - ger by. The poor and con - trite pow - ers, Who but from dust are made. We flour - ish like the dwell - ing, His rule is o ver all; O hosts with might ex weak - ness, Re - news your life with - in; Whose grace and spir - it Finds His com-pas sion nigh; And high as flow - ers, And e - ven so we fade; The wind but cel - ling, With praise be - fore Him fall. Praise Him for less And saved you through the Who care are end past; a - bove us. As dawn from close So day. We through them pass - es, And all their bloom is o'er. er reign - ing, All Wordyou who hear His Our

leaves no suf - f'rer friend - less But rights the wronged at last. far, since He has loved us, He puts our sins a - way. with - er like the grass - es; Our place knows sus - tain - ing. My soul, O Our place knows us no more. and all life praise the Lord!

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