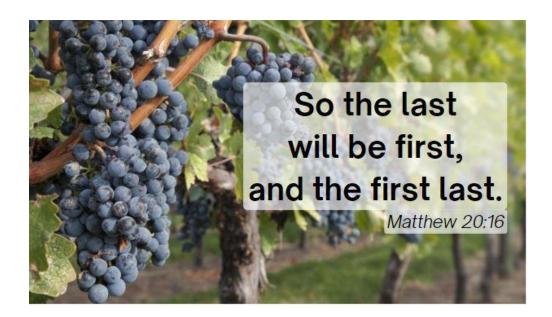
Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost September 24, 2023 10:30 a.m. Service



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Divine Service – Setting Four LSB 203 September 24, 2023 10:30 a.m.

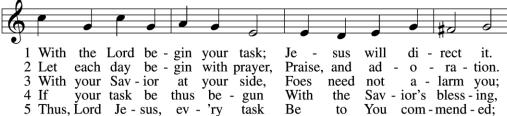
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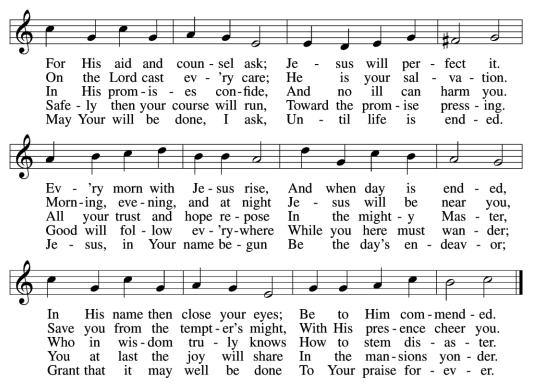
Welcome

Opening Hymn

LSB 869 sts. 1-5

"With the Lord Begin Your Task"





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Stand

+ INVOCATION +

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

- $\boxed{\mathbf{P}}$ In the name of the Father and of the \maltese Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.
- + CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION +

LSB 203

- **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?
- **C** But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.
- P Since we are gathered to hear God's Word and 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.
- C Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.
- P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. 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.
- C Amen.

+ SERVICE OF THE WORD +

LSB 204

Introit

Ps. 116:12-13, 15-16; antiphon: Ps. 116:17

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

P G 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.

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



Salutation and Collect of the Day

LSB 205

- **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

6 "Seek the Lord while he may be found; call upon him while he is near; 7 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. 8 For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, declares the Lord. 9 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.

Gradual

Ps. 34:9, 19, alt.

- **P** Fear the LORD, you his saints,
- **C** for those who fear him lack nothing!
- **P** Many are the afflictions of the righteous,
- **C** but the LORD delivers him out of them all.

Epistle Reading

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

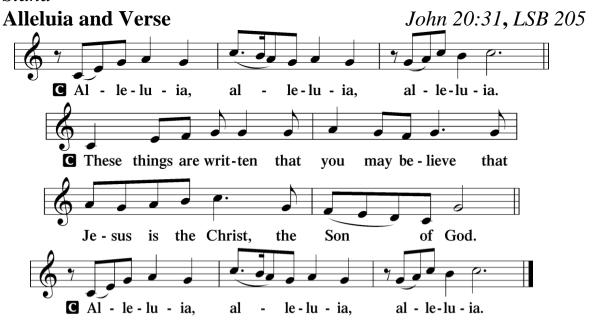
19 for I know that through your prayers and the help of the Spirit of Jesus Christ this will turn out for my deliverance, 20 as it is my eager expectation and hope that I will not be at all ashamed, but that with full courage now as always Christ will be honored in my body, whether by life or by death. 21 For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain. 22 If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me. Yet which I shall choose I cannot tell. 23 I am hard pressed between the two. My desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better. 24 But to remain in the flesh is more necessary on your account. 25 Convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with you all, for your progress and joy in the faith, 26 so that in me you may have ample cause to glory in Christ Jesus, because of my coming to you again.

27 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, 28 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. 29 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, 30 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.
- C Thanks be to God.

Stand



Holy Gospel

Matthew 20:1-16

- **P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twentieth chapter.
- Glory to You, O Lord.

1 [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. 2 After agreeing with the laborers for a denarius a day, he sent them into his vineyard. 3 And going out about the third hour he saw others standing idle in the marketplace, 4 and to them he said, 'You go into the vineyard too, and whatever is right I will give you.' 5 So they went. Going out again about the sixth hour and the ninth hour, he did the same. 6 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?' 7 They said to him, 'Because no one has hired us.' He said to them, 'You go into the vineyard too.' 8 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.' 9 And when those hired about the eleventh hour came, each of them received a denarius. 10 Now when those hired first came, they thought they would receive more, but each of them also received a denarius. 11 And on receiving it they grumbled at the master of the house, 12 saying, '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.' 13 But he replied to one of them, 'Friend, I am not cheating you. Did you not agree with me for a denarius? 14 Take what is yours and go. I wish to give to this last worker as I give to you. 15 Am I not allowed to do what I wish with what belongs to me? Or do you begrudge me my goodness?' 16 So the last will be first, and the first last."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Apostle's Creed

LSB 207

P 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



- 5 Yet as the Law must be fulfilled
 Or we must die despairing,
 Christ came and has God's anger stilled,
 Our human nature sharing.
 He has for us the Law obeyed
 And thus the Father's vengeance stayed
 Which over us impended.
- 6 Since Christ has full atonement made
 And brought to us salvation,
 Each Christian therefore may be glad
 And build on this foundation.
 Your grace alone, dear Lord, I plead,
 Your death is now my life indeed,
 For You have paid my ransom.
- 7 Let me not doubt, but truly see Your Word cannot be broken; Your call rings out, "Come unto Me!" No falsehood have You spoken. Baptized into Your precious name, My faith cannot be put to shame, And I shall never perish.

- 8 The Law reveals the guilt of sin
 And makes us conscience-stricken;
 But then the Gospel enters in
 The sinful soul to quicken.
 Come to the cross, trust Christ, and live;
 The Law no peace can ever give,
 No comfort and no blessing.
- 9 Faith clings to Jesus' cross alone
 And rests in Him unceasing;
 And by its fruits true faith is known,
 With love and hope increasing.
 For faith alone can justify;
 Works serve our neighbor and supply
 The proof that faith is living.
- △10 All blessing, honor, thanks, and praise
 To Father, Son, and Spirit,
 The God who saved us by His grace;
 All glory to His merit.
 O triune God in heav'n above,
 You have revealed Your saving love;
 Your blessèd name we hallow.

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Stand

Prayer of the Church

LSB 207

P Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

P O Lord, grant that we would rejoice in the light of Christ and His salvation, and that sinners would find refuge in His mercy and comfort in His forgiveness. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

- P Heavenly Father, embolden our congregation and all sister churches throughout the world to confess the truth steadfastly and to witness boldly to our only Savior, Jesus Christ. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.
- P Merciful Lord, we give You humble thanks for instituting the estate of holy marriage and for the blessing of family. Grant that these gifts would be cherished and honored in our society and especially within the household of faith. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Almighty Lord, bless this nation and all people in their rightful callings. Grant that we may serve our neighbors in love, and that all authorities would exercise their callings with humility and wisdom on behalf of the defenseless. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Loving God, we thank You for the gift of health. Hear our prayers on behalf of the sick, the aged, the infirm, the mourning or the dying [especially _______]. Grant them healing in accord with Your will and grace to sustain them in their need. Lord, in Your mercy,

- C hear our prayer.
- P Remember, O Lord, those who will receive Your true body and blood from this altar. Prepare us to receive them worthily in repentance and faith for the forgiveness of our sins and the healing of our bodies. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.
- P Heavenly Father, we thank You for the witness of the faithful who lived and died in Christ. Grant that at the last we, too, may be joined with them in the marriage supper of the Lamb in His kingdom. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.
- P Merciful Lord, grant that, in Christ, we may seek You while You may be found and call upon You while You are near, forsaking all wicked ways and unrighteous thoughts. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.
- **P** Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- C Amen.

Offering

In quiet devotion and responding in personal stewardship of God's abundant provision to you, please use the offering plates in the back as you enter or exit. (This is just as it says: An offering to God through His church. As a reassurance to those in worship

today, especially our guests - this is not an obligation - the good news of Jesus is free to all!)

Offertory LSB 955 st. 1



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Lord's Prayer

Matthew 6:9-13, LSB 209

- P Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:
- 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.

Concluding Collect

LSB 305

P Almighty God, grant to Your Church Your Holy Spirit and the wisdom that comes down from above, that Your Word may not be bound but have free course and be preached to the joy and edifying of Christ's holy people, that in steadfast faith we may serve You and, in the confession of Your name, abide unto the end; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen.

Benedicamus and Benediction

LSB 212

- **P** Let us bless the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.
- **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.

Closing Hymn

LSB 827 sts. 1-4

"Hark, the Voice of Jesus Calling"



- 1 Hark, the voice of Je sus call-ing, "Who will go and work to day?
- 2 Some take up His task in morn-ing, To their Lord re-spond-ing soon; 3 For as rain and snow from heav-en Wa ter seeds in dust y soil, their Lord re - spond-ing soon;
- 4 Hear ken to the Lord whose com ing Marks the time when grace shall end,



are white and har-vests wait-ing—Who will bear the sheaves a - way?" Fields are called in heat of mid-day, Oth-ers late in Some af - ter-noon; Caus - ing them to bud and flow - er, Giv - ing bread to those who toil: an - gel - ic reap - ers He with His in glo - ry shall de-scend.



Loud and long the Mas - ter call - eth; Rich re-ward He of - fers set - ting, Some are sent in - to the fields, E - ven as the sun is the Lord sends forth His prom - ise, Words of life and joy and peace fi - nal har - vest; Soon the time for work shall cease. Soon the night, the



Who will an-swer, glad - ly say - ing, "Here am I, send me, send me"? There to gath - er in the boun - ty That God's Word so rich - ly yields. Nev - er void to Him re-turn-ing, Bear - ing fruit with great in - crease. Then the souls His grace has gar-nered Shall en - joy His Sab - bath peace.

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