

September 19, 2021

17th Sunday of Pentecost

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151st Anniversary Liturgy —A Collection of Our Worship Heritage

Today we hear James warn against selfish ambition, while the disciples quarrel over which one of them is the greatest. Jesus tells them the way to be great is to serve. Then, to make it concrete, he puts in front of them a flesh-and-blood child. We are called to welcome the children God puts in front of us, to make room for them in daily interaction, and to give them a place of honor in the assembly.

PRELUDE

GATHERING

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Welcome & Announcements

GATHERING HYMN

All Are Welcome

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- P In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Silence is kept for reflection.

- C Holy and righteous God, merciful Father, we confess unto Thee that we are by nature sinful and unclean, and that we have sinned against Thee by thought, word, and deed. We have not loved Thee above all things, nor our neighbors as ourselves, and are worthy, therefore, to be cast away from Thy presence, if Thou shouldst judge us according to our sins. But Thou hast promised, O Heavenly Father, to receive with tender mercy all penitent sinners who turn unto Thee and with a living faith seek refuge in Thy compassion and in the merits of the Saviour, Jesus Christ. Their transgressions Thou wilt not regard, nor impute unto them their sins. Relying upon Thy promise, we confidently beseech Thee to be merciful and gracious unto us and to forgive us all our sins, to the praise and glory of Thy Holy Name.
- P If this be your sincere confession, and if with penitent hearts, you earnestly desire the forgiveness of your sins for the sake of Jesus Christ. God, according to Thy will, forgiveth you all your sins; and by the authority of God's Word, and by the command of our Lord Jesus Christ, I declare unto you that God, through grace, hath forgiven all your sins; in the Name of God the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.



GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

P Glory be to God on High! And on earth peace, good will toward men. $\it Congregation Sings:$



- P The Lord be with you.
- C And with thy spirit.
- P O God, our teacher and guide, you draw us to yourself and welcome us as beloved children. Help us to lay aside all envy and selfish ambition, that we may walk in your ways of wisdom and understanding as servants of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
- C Amen. Please be seated.

WORD

EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN WORSHIP, ELCA 2006

FIRST READING: JEREMIAH 11:18-20

Today's reading tells of the suffering of the prophet Jeremiah, who announced God's word to Judah but was met with intense opposition and persecution. Jeremiah continues to trust in God in the midst of his suffering.

¹⁸It was the LORD who made it known to me, and I knew;

then you showed me their evil deeds.

¹⁹But I was like a gentle lamb

led to the slaughter.

And I did not know it was against me

that they devised schemes, saying,

"Let us destroy the tree with its fruit,

let us cut him off from the land of the living,

so that his name will no longer be remembered!"

²⁰But you, O LORD of hosts, who judge righteously,

who try the heart and the mind,

let me see your retribution upon them,

for to you I have committed my cause.

- L The word of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

PSALM 54



¹Save me, O God, | by your name;

in your might, de- | fend my cause.

²Hear my | prayer, O God;

give ear to the words | of my mouth.

³For strangers have risen up against me, and the ruthless have | sought my life, those who have no re- | gard for God.

⁴Behold, God | is my helper;

it is the Lord who sus- | tains my life.

⁵Render evil to those who | spy on me;

in your faithful- | ness, destroy them.

⁶I will offer you a | freewill sacrifice

and praise your name, O LORD, for | it is good.

⁷For you have rescued me from | every trouble, and my eye looks down | on my enemies.

SECOND READING: JAMES 3:13-4:3, 7-8A

The wisdom God gives unites our hearts and minds. Instead of living to satisfy our own wants and desires, we manifest this wisdom in peace, gentleness, mercy, and impartiality toward others.

works are done with gentleness born of wisdom. ¹⁴But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be boastful and false to the truth. ¹⁵Such wisdom does not come down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish. ¹⁶For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind. ¹⁷But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. ¹⁸And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace. ^{4:1}Those conflicts and disputes among you, where do they come from? Do they not come from your cravings that are at war within you? ²You want something and do not have it; so you commit murder. And you covet something and cannot obtain it; so you engage in disputes and conflicts. You do not have, because you do not ask. ³You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, in order to spend what you get on your pleasures. ⁷Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. ^{8a}Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you.

- L The word of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Please stand as you are able.



- P The Holy Gospel, according to Mark, the ninth chapter.
- C Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL: MARK 9:30-37

Jesus' teaching and action in this text are directed to the church whenever it is seduced by the world's definition of greatness: prestige, power, influence, and money. The antidote to such a concern for greatness is servanthood.

³⁰Jesus and the disciples went on and passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it;³¹for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, "The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again." ³²But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him.

³³Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, "What were you arguing about on the way?" ³⁴But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest. ³⁵He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, "Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all." ³⁶Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, ³⁷"Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me."

- P The Gospel of the Lord.
- C Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

SERMON

PASTOR ANDREW C. PATTY

HYMN OF THE DAY

As you are able, please stand for the last verse.



THE CREED

- P Let us confess our faith with the words of the Apostle's 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 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.

THE PRAYERS

A Made children and heirs of God's promise, we pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

A brief silence.

A God of community, we pray for the church around the world. Unite us in our love for you. Help us overcome our divisions, that we are encouraged to work together for your sake. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A God of creation, we pray for this hurting earth. Awaken in us a new desire to care for this world and empower us to support agencies, organizations, and individual efforts to heal our environment. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A God of cooperation, we pray for nations of the world embroiled in conflict. Inspire leaders to listen to each other and work towards peaceful solutions to disagreements. Protect the vulnerable, especially children, who cannot find safety in their home or country. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A God of comfort, we pray for all who live with mental or physical illness, especially Helen Laughlin, Linda Longren, Don O'Brien, Linda Stone, Liz Utech, and Martha Nemeth. Help them find appropriate care. Bring healing and wholeness when the path forward seems bleak. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A God of compassion, we pray for the young people of this congregation. Renew in us your call to welcome the children in our midst. As they grow, strengthen their faith and our commitment to them. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

- A God of life, share your blessings with Janelle Meredith as she remembers her baptism, and with Junior & Liz Utech as they celebrate their wedding anniversary. Lord, in your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.
- P Redeeming God, you accompany your people through every stage of life. We give you thanks for the saints who now rest in your embrace. Lord, in your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.
- P Receive these prayers, O God, and those in our hearts known only to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
- C Amen.

THE PEACE

- P The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- C And also with you.

Let us greet one another with God's peace.

Please be seated.

SERVICE OF THE TABLE

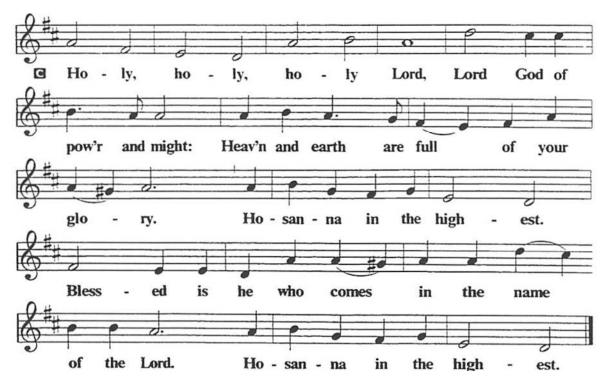
OFFERTORY

Let the vine - yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of bless-ing. Gath-er a har-vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life. Gath-er the hopes and dreams of all; u-nite them with the prayers we of - fer. Grace our ta-ble with your pres - ence, and give us a fore-taste of the feast to come.

- A Jesus, Bread of life,
- C you have set this table with your very self, and called us to the feast of plenty. Gather what has been sown among us, and strengthen us in this meal. Make us to be what we receive here, your body for the life of the world. Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

- P The Lord be with you.
- C And also with you.
- P Lift up your hearts.
- C We lift them to the Lord.
- P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- C It is right to give our thanks and praise.
- P It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, through Christ our Lord; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



- P You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God; you are most holy, and great is the majesty of your glory. You so loved the world that you gave your only Son, that whoever believes in him may not perish but have eternal life. Having come into the world, he fulfilled for us your holy will and accomplished our salvation.
- 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.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

- C Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.
- P Remembering, then, his death and resurrection, we lift this bread and cup before you, giving you thanks that you have made us worthy to stand before you and to serve you as your priestly people.
- And we ask you: Send your Spirit upon these gifts of your Church; gather into one all who share this bread and wine; fill us with your Holy Spirit to establish our faith in truth, that we may praise and glorify you through your Son Jesus Christ.

Through him all glory and honor are yours, Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy Church both now and forever.

C Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

- P Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.
- 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



COMMUNION

P The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you.

POST-COMMUNION

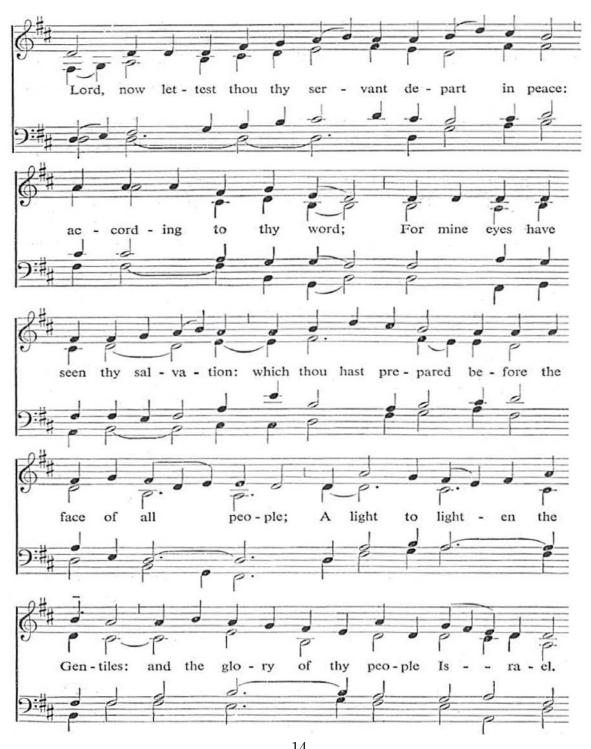
P The Body of our Lord Jesus Christ and his precious Blood strengthen and preserve you unto eternal life.

Please stand as you are able.

SENDING

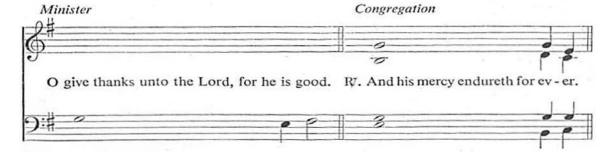
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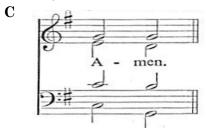




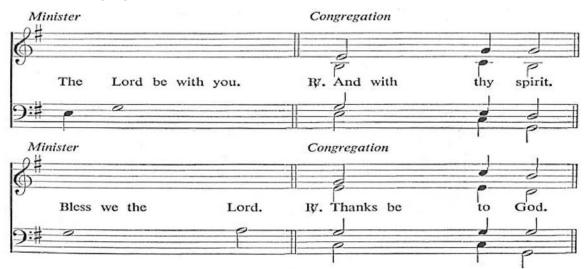
POST-COMMUNION COLLECT



P We give thanks to thee, Almighty God, that thou hast refreshed us with this thy salutary gift; and we beseech thee, of thy mercy, to strengthen us through the same gift, in faith toward thee and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, thy dear Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end.



THE BENEDICTION



P The Lord bless thee, and keep thee. The Lord make his face shine upon thee, and be gracious unto thee. The Lord lift up his countenance upon thee, and give thee peace. In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost,





DISMISSAL

A Go in Peace. Serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

UPCOMING EVENTS AT TRINITY					
Today, Sept. 19					
Mon. Sept. 20October Trinity Tidings deadline					
Tues., Sept. 21Quilters9:00 AM					
Sunday, Sept. 25					

Worship Assistants							
Date	Usher(s)	Musicians	Lector	Altar Guild	Assisting Minister	Presiding Minister	
Sept. 19, 2021	Duane Pomeroy, Howard Reece	Laurie Jackson	Marcy Carlson	Janice Greenlee & Team 2	Ted Murphy	Pr. Andrew Patty	
Sept. 26, 2021	Curt Lewis, Diane Bottorff	Laurie Jackson	Loni Reece	Janice Greenlee & Team 2	Bob Horton	Pr. Andrew Patty	

OFFERING, ATTENDANCE, and FINANCIAL STATUS						
					Weekly	
					Income Minus	
				Average	Average	
			Total Weekly	Weekly	Weekly	Attendance/
Date	General	Other	Income	Expense	Expense	Communion
Aug. 22	\$1,645.00	\$0.00	\$1,645.00	-\$2,211.54	-\$566.54	22
Aug. 29	\$265.00	\$0.00	\$265.00	-\$2,211.54	-\$1,946.54	24
Sept. 5	\$2,055.00	\$151.00	\$2,206.00	-\$2,211.54	-\$5.54	25
Sept. 12	\$1,540.00	\$0.00	\$1,540.00	-\$2,211.54	-\$671.54	15
			Income	Expense	Behind/Ahead	
		August 2021	\$7,581.04	-\$10,881.26	-\$3,300.22	
		Jan Aug	\$87,940.56	-\$87,290.02	\$650.54	

Remember our shut-ins!
Peggy Buchholz
Marlene Hassan
Ron Owensby

Keith Springer
Naomi Walker





Walkers and runners are invited to participate in our 4th Annual

Neighbor Helping Neighbor Walk/5K Fun Run

A Fundraiser for Doorstep, Inc.

Location: Lake Shawnee Shelter Houses 1 & 2, West Edge Road

Date: Sunday, October 3, 2021

Check-In & Late Registration: 1:00PM to 1:45PM Time: One Mile Walk & 5K Fun Run to begin at 2:00PM

Celebrity Starter for the Walk/Run is:

Chris Fisher ~ WIBW-TV

If the event becomes impacted by COVID-19 restrictions, we will make the event virtual.

Snacks & drinks will be provided at the finish of the Walk/5K Fun Run in the shelter house.

> Enjoy ~ Cookies, granola bars, fresh fruit, juice, and water

One Mile Walk/5K Fun Run Registration is Due by September 14, 2021 to Guarantee an event t-shirt!

Late & Event Day Registrations Accepted. (T-shirt not guaranteed)

The registration cost is \$30 for individuals or pledges (\$30 minimum).

One registered child age 10 & under can walk for FREE with a paid adult. (T-shirt extra)

T-shirt included with \$30 registration fee or on total pledges of \$100+. Registrations received after September 14th will not be guaranteed a t-shirt.

Go to www.DoorstepTopeka.org (under the Events Tab) to register online or for registration/sponsor forms.





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- worship God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
- serve those in need, and
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