

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Sat. Sept. 23, 2023, 6:00 p.m. & Sun. Sept. 24, 2023, 8:30 a.m.

Order of Worship

* indicates congregation stands

We welcome all people in the Name of Jesus Christ!

John 3:16-17

Prelude

Nimrod from Enigma Variations *E. Elgar*

Welcome

Opening Hymn

Rise, Shine, You People *LSB 825*



1 Rise, shine, you peo - ple! Christ the Lord has en - tered
2 See how He sends the pow'rs of e - vil reel - ing;
3 Come, cel - e - brate, your ban - ners high un - furl - ing,
4 Tell how the Fa - ther sent His Son to save us.



Our hu - man sto - ry; God in Him is cen - tered.
He brings us free - dom, light and life and heal - ing.
Your songs and prayers a - gainst the dark-ness hurl - ing.
Tell of the Son, who life and free-dom gave us.



He comes to us, by death and sin sur -
All men and wom - en, who by guilt are
To all the world go out and tell the
Tell how the Spir - it calls from ev - 'ry



round - ed, With grace un - bound - ed.
driv - en, Now are for - giv - en.
sto - ry Of Je - sus' glo - ry.
na - tion His new cre - a - tion.

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* Invocation

Leader: In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen

* Opening Sentences

Psalm 67:1–5, 7

Leader: May God be gracious to us and bless us and make His face to shine upon us,

All: that Your way may be known on earth, Your saving power among all nations.

Leader: Let the peoples praise You, O God; let all the peoples praise You!

All: Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for You judge the peoples with equity and guide the nations upon earth.

Leader: Let the peoples praise You, O God; let all the peoples praise You!

All: God shall bless us; let all the ends of the earth fear Him!

* Confession and Absolution

Leader: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

All: But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

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

Leader: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

All: Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

Leader: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for His sake God forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ He gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit.

May the Lord, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our ✠ Lord Jesus Christ.

All: Amen.

*** Kyrie**

Leader: In peace let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.

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



C Lord, have mer - cy.

Leader: 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.



C Lord, have mer - cy.

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



C Lord, have mer - cy.

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



C A - men.

*** Hymn of Praise**

One Thing's Needful *LSB 536*



1 One thing's need - ful; Lord, this trea - sure Teach me high - ly
3 Wis - dom's high - est, no - blest trea - sure, Je - sus, is re -



to re - gard. All else, though it first give plea - sure,
vealed in You. Let me find in You my plea - sure,



Is a yoke that press - es hard! Be - neath it the
And my way - ward will sub - due, Hu - mil - i - ty



heart is still fret - ting and striv - ing, No true, last - ing hap - pi - ness
there and sim - plic - i - ty reign - ing, In paths of true wis - dom my



ev - er de - riv - ing. This one thing is need - ful; all oth - ers are
steps ev - er train - ing. If I learn from Je - sus this knowl - edge di -



vain— I count all but loss that I Christ may ob - tain!
vine, The bless - ing of heav - en - ly wis - dom is mine.

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* Prayer of the Day

Leader: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Leader: 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 presence and care that confidently we may live according to Your Word, learning of You at all times and ever growing in Your grace and mercy; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

All: Amen.

The prophet encourages God's people.

Lector: The Old Testament Reading is from the 55th chapter of Isaiah.

Seek the LORD while he may be found;

call on him while he is near.

Let the wicked forsake their ways

and the unrighteous their thoughts.

Let them turn to the LORD, and he will have mercy on them,

and to our God, for he will freely pardon.

“For my thoughts are not your thoughts,

neither are your ways my ways,”

declares the LORD.

“As the heavens are higher than the earth,

so are my ways higher than your ways

and my thoughts than your thoughts.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Epistle

Philippians 1:12–14, 19–30 NIV

Paul writes that to live is Christ.

Lector: The Epistle is from the 1st chapter of Philippians.

Now I want you to know, brothers and sisters, that what has happened to me has actually served to advance the gospel. As a result, it has become clear throughout the whole palace guard and to everyone else that I am in chains for Christ. And because of my chains, most of the brothers and sisters have become confident in the Lord and dare all the more to proclaim the gospel without fear.

For I know that through your prayers and God's provision of the Spirit of Jesus Christ what has happened to me will turn out for my deliverance. I eagerly expect and hope that I will in no way be ashamed, but will have sufficient courage so that now as always Christ will be exalted in my body, whether by life or by death. For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain. If I am to go on living in the body, this will mean fruitful labor for me. Yet what shall I choose? I do not know! I am torn between the

two: I desire to depart and be with Christ, which is better by far; but it is more necessary for you that I remain in the body. Convinced of this, I know that I will remain, and I will continue with all of you for your progress and joy in the faith, so that through my being with you again your boasting in Christ Jesus will abound on account of me.

Whatever happens, conduct yourselves in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ. Then, whether I come and see you or only hear about you in my absence, I will know that you stand firm in the one Spirit, striving together as one for the faith of the gospel without being frightened in any way by those who oppose you. This is a sign to them that they will be destroyed, but that you will be saved—and that by God. For it has been granted to you on behalf of Christ not only to believe in him, but also to suffer for him, since you are going through the same struggle you saw I had, and now hear that I still have.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Choir Anthem

Draw Near, All Ye People

Felix Mendelssohn Elijah: I Kings 18:36, 37

Draw near, all ye people, come to me!

Lord God of Abraham, Isaac, and Israel; this day let it be known that Thou art God, and that I am Thy servant! Lord God of Abraham! O show to all this people that I have done these things according to Thy word! O hear me, Lord, and answer me, O hear me, Lord, and answer me!

Lord God of Abraham, Isaac, and Israel; O hear me, O hear me and answer me; and show this people that Thou art Lord God; and let their hearts again be turned; O show this people that Thou art Lord God, and let their hearts again be turned. Lord, and let their hearts, and let their hearts again be turned!

Chorus: Psalm 55:22

Cast thy burden upon the Lord; and He will sustain thee.

He never will suffer the righteous to fall; He is at thy right hand.

Thy mercy, Lord, is great, and far above the heav'ns.

Let none be made ashamed that wait upon Thee!

Please stand to sing the Alleluia and Verse.

* Alleluia and Verse



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

* Holy Gospel

Matthew 20:1-16 *NIV*

The parable of the laborers in the vineyard.

Leader: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 20th chapter.

All: Glory to You, O Lord.

“For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire workers for his vineyard. He agreed to pay them a denarius for the day and sent them into his vineyard.

“About nine in the morning he went out and saw others standing in the marketplace doing nothing. He told them, ‘You also go and work in my vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.’ So they went.

“He went out again about noon and about three in the afternoon and did the same thing. About five in the afternoon he went out and found still others standing around. He asked them, ‘Why have you been standing here all day long doing nothing?’

“‘Because no one has hired us,’ they answered.

“He said to them, ‘You also go and work in my vineyard.’

“When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his foreman, ‘Call the workers and pay them their wages, beginning with the last ones hired and going on to the first.’

“The workers who were hired about five in the afternoon came and each received a denarius. So when those came who were hired first, they expected to receive more. But each one of them also received a denarius. When they received it, they began to grumble against the landowner. ‘These who were hired last worked only one hour,’ they said, ‘and you

have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the work and the heat of the day.'

"But he answered one of them, 'I am not being unfair to you, friend. Didn't you agree to work for a denarius? Take your pay and go. I want to give the one who was hired last the same as I gave you. Don't I have the right to do what I want with my own money? Or are you envious because I am generous?'

"So the last will be first, and the first will be last."

Leader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All: **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Hymn of the Day

Hark, the Voice of Jesus Calling *LSB 827*



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,
4 Hear - ken to the Lord whose com - ing Marks the time when grace shall end,



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



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



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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* Apostles' Creed

All: 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

*Offerings will be received at the end of the service
as you exit the Sanctuary.*

* Offertory

“Create In Me”



Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -



new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -



way from Thy pres-ence, and take not Thy Ho-ly Spir-it
 from me. Re-store un-to me the joy of Thy sal-va-
 tion, and up-hold me with Thy free spir-it. A-men.

*** Prayer of the Church**

Leader: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.

***After each prayer, the Leader will say, "Lord, in your mercy."
 The congregation responds, "Hear our prayer."***

Leader: Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

All: Amen.

*** Lord's Prayer**

**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**

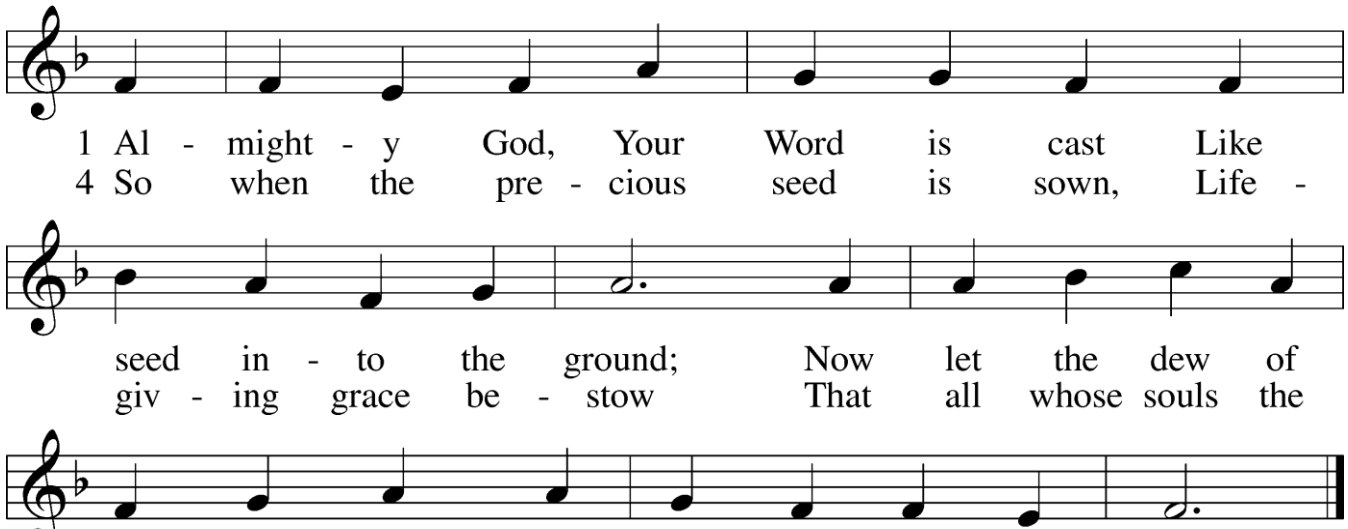
* Benediction

Leader: 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.

All: **Amen.**

Closing Hymn

Almighty God, Your Word Is Cast *LSB 577*



1 Al - mighty - y God, Your Word is cast Like
4 So when the pre - cious seed is sown, Life -
seed in - to the ground; Now let the dew of
giv - ing grace be - stow That all whose souls the
heav'n de - scend And righ - teous fruits a - bound.
truth re - ceive Its sav - ing pow'r may know.

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Postlude

Trumpet Minuet A. Hollins

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