## FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH

Missouri Synod

## The 17th Sunday after Pentecost

September 24, 2023
Divine Service, Setting One – LSB 151

10:30am – livestreamed on Facebook and YouTube

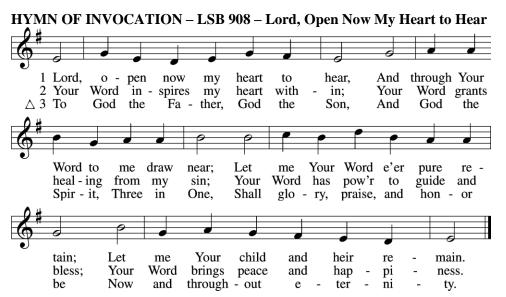


# **AS WE GATHER**Disciples Live in Their Vocations by Grace through Faith in Christ

Those who are sent as "laborers for his vineyard" (Matt. 20:1) depict the wide diversity of vocations to which the disciples of Christ Jesus are called. Whatever our particular stations in life may be, we are called to live and serve by faith in His promises. Our labors do not merit anything before Him, for He is already generous to one and all without partiality. In mercy, He has chosen to bear "the burden of the day and the scorching heat" on our behalf, to make us equal to Himself and to give us what belongs to Him, that is, the kingdom of heaven (Matt. 20:12–15). This way of the Lord is foolishness to the world and foreign to our thoughts, but He draws near, so that "he may be found" (Is. 55:6), "have compassion" and "abundantly pardon" (Is. 55:7). So it is that we are found in Christ Jesus, and He is honored in our bodies, "whether by life or by death" (Phil. 1:20), by "fruitful labor" (Phil. 1:22) or by suffering. It is by faith in His forgiveness that our works are "worthy of the gospel" (Phil. 1:27).

## +++GATHERING+++

**PRE-SERVICE MUSIC** – Hark, the Voice of Jesus Calling (arr. Stephen R. Johnson)



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#### INVOCATION

- **P** In the name of the Father and of the 

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

#### CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

- **P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
- 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)

- **P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
- 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.

- 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.

## +++ WORD +++

## **INTROIT – Psalm 116:12-16; antiphon: Psalm 116:17**

Leader I will offer to you the sacrifice of thanks- | giving\*

and call on the name | of the LORD.

What shall I render | to the LORD\* for all his bene- | fits to me?

Leader I will lift up the cup of sal- | vation\* and call on the name | of the LORD.

Precious in the sight | of the LORD\* is the death | of his saints.

Leader O LORD, I am your | servant;\*

I am your servant, the son of your maidservant. You have | loosed my bonds.

Glory be to the Father and | to the Son\* and to the Holy | Spirit; as it was in the be- | ginning,\* is now and will be forever. | Amen. I will offer to you the sacrifice of thanks- | giving\* and call on the name | of the LORD.

## **KYRIE – Lord, Have Mercy** – *Mark* 10:47

- **A** In peace let us pray to the Lord.
- **C** Lord, have mercy.
- A For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.
- **C** Lord, have mercy.
- A 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 mercy.
- A For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.
- **C** Lord, have mercy.
- A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.
- C Amen.

#### GLORIA IN EXCELSIS - Luke 2:14: John 1:29

P Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His people on earth.



#### SALUTATION and COLLECT OF THE DAY

- P The Lord be with you. C And also with you.
- 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. Amen.

### **FIRST LESSON – Isaiah 55:6-9** – The prophet encourages God's people.

6"Seek the Lord while he may be found; call upon him while he is near;

7let 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.

<sup>8</sup>For my thoughts are not your thoughts,

neither are your ways my ways, declares the Lord.

<sup>9</sup>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 - Psalm 34:9, 19, alt.**

- A 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.

### **SECOND LESSON – Philippians 1:12-14, 19-30** – Paul writes that to live is Christ.

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

<sup>19</sup>for I know that through your prayers and the help of the Spirit of Jesus Christ this will turn out for my deliverance, <sup>20</sup>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. <sup>21</sup>For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain. <sup>22</sup>If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me. Yet which I shall choose I cannot tell. <sup>23</sup>I am hard pressed between the two. My desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better. <sup>24</sup>But to remain in the flesh is more necessary on your account. <sup>25</sup>Convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with you all, for your progress and joy in the faith, <sup>26</sup>so that in me you may have ample cause to glory in Christ Jesus, because of my coming to you again.

<sup>27</sup>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, <sup>28</sup>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. <sup>29</sup>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, <sup>30</sup>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.

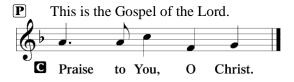


HOLY GOSPEL – Matthew 20:1-16 – The parable of the laborers in the vineyard

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twentieth chapter.

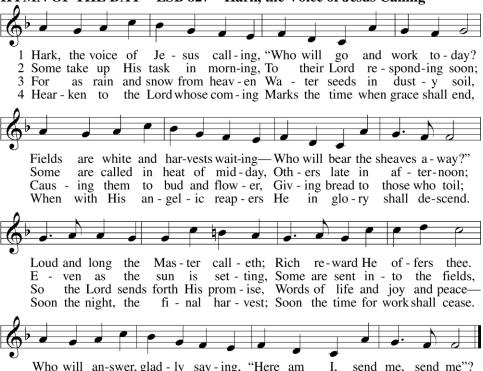
Glo - rv to You, O Lord.

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



8 am - CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

## HYMN OF THE DAY - LSB 827 - Hark, the Voice of Jesus Calling



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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#### SERMON – The Last Shall Be First – Matthew 20:1-16

#### 8 am - 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.

#### 10:30 am & 5 pm – NICENE CREED

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

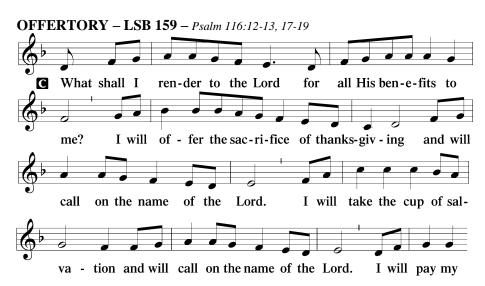
And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven 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 will have no end.

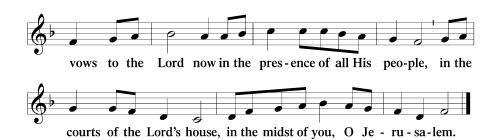
And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life 🛧 of the world to come. Amen.

#### PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

- A Lord, in your mercy, C hear our prayer.
- A ...through Jesus Christ, our Lord. C Amen.

**OFFERING** – *Seek Ye First* (arr. Nancy Raabe)





8 am – Continues with the Lord's Prayer (page 10) and concludes with the Benediction and Closing Hymn (pages 14-15).

## +++ SACRAMENT +++

beginning at LSB 160

#### For Guests and Visitors Desiring the Sacrament

As a congregation of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod, we confess, in accord with the Scriptures, that in this sacred meal Jesus Himself is *truly* present to forgive our sin and strengthen our faith.

Participation in this meal indicates that you believe, have been baptized, and have been taught according to our Lord's command and are in doctrinal agreement with this confession.

- If you are visiting from outside the Lutheran Church or are new to the faith, we welcome you to come to the altar with arms crossed to receive a blessing.
- If you desire to receive instruction for the Lord's Supper, please speak with one of our pastors.

#### **PREFACE**

- **P** The Lord be with you.
- C And also with you.
- **P** Lift up your hearts
- **W**e lift them to the Lord.
- P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- **C** It is right to give Him thanks and praise.
- **P** It is truly good, right, and salutary...evermore praising You and saying:

#### SANCTUS - LSB 161



#### PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

- **P** ...one God, now and forever.
- C Amen.

#### 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.

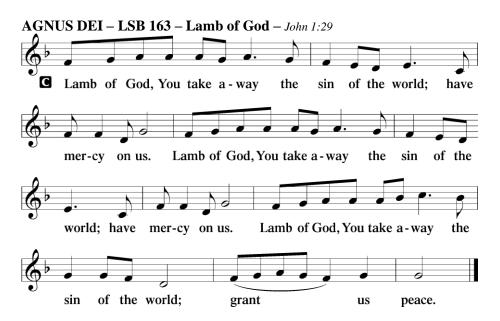
#### WORDS OF OUR LORD

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 – The Peace of the Lord –** *John 20:19*

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



#### DISTRIBUTION

**Anthem** – *Gracious God, You Send Great Blessings* (arr. Richard Gieseke)

Gracious God, You send great blessings
 New each morning all our days.

 For Your mercies never ending,
 For Your love we offer praise. Refrain

Refrain: Lord, we pray that we, Your people Who Your gifts unnumbered claim, Through the sharing of Your blessings May bring glory to Your name.

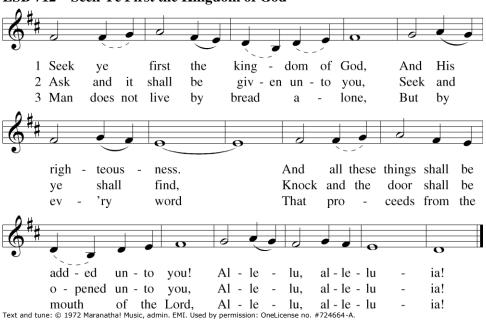
#### **Distribution Notes:**

If you need **gluten-free wafers**, please let one of the pastors know.

**Non-alcoholic** grape juice, containing *a trace amount of wine*, is available in the center of the tray.

- 2 By Your Word You formed creation Filled with creatures large and small; As we tend that endless treasure May our care encircle all. *Refrain* 
  - 3 In His earthly life, our Savior Knew the care of faithful friends; May our deeds of dedication Offer love that never ends. *Refrain*
  - 4 Heav'nly Father, may our caring Bear the imprint of Your grace; With the Son and Holy Spirit, Praise be Yours in ev'ry place! *Refrain*

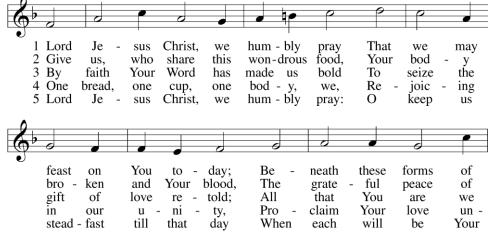


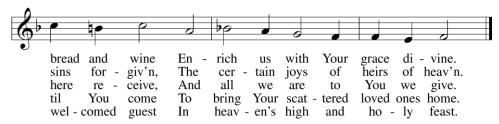




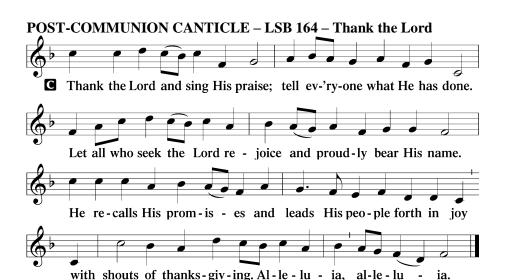


## LSB 623 – Lord Jesus Christ, We Humbly Pray





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#### POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

- **P** Let us pray... one God, now and forever.
- C Amen.

#### **BENEDICTION** – *Numbers* 6:24-26

- The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.
- C Amen.

#### HYMN TO DEPART – LSB 924 – Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing



#### SILENT PRAYER / ANNOUNCEMENTS

**POST-SERVICE MUSIC** – Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing (arr. Tim Shewmaker)

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#### **TODAY**

- 9:15am Sunday School + Confirmation + Bible class
- 6:00pm FLY (Movie Night)

## Tuesday, September 26

- 2:00pm Quilting all welcome!
- 5:15-6:00pm First Steps in Music (birth to age 4)
- 6:15-7:00pm Children's Choir (age 5 to 3<sup>rd</sup> grade)

## Wednesday, September 27

- 10:00am Men's & Women's Bible studies
- 11:15am Lunch & Learn (see list on back page)
- **7:00pm Senior Choir** (4<sup>th</sup> grade through adults)



#### **Blood Pressure Checks**

Stop by the library after either morning service TODAY for a complimentary Blood Pressure check, offered by our Health and Human Care Ministry Team.

## Saturday, September 30 (9am-Noon) – Fall Work Day

This semi-annual Work Day will include landscaping and outdoor clean-up around the church grounds. A variety of tasks will be available, and Subway will be served for lunch.

## Sunday, October 1 – Church Picnic

Join us NEXT Sunday, October 1, following the 10:30am service. The picnic is outdoors under the tent (or in the gym, in case of rain). We'll have special activities for the kids as well!

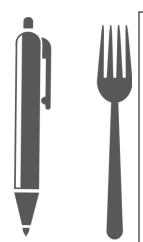
- Please bring a side dish (salad, veggie...) to share. NUT-FREE, please!
- We'll provide Bratwurst, hot dogs, condiments, bottled water, and tableware.
- FLY will offer ice cream sundaes as a fundraiser for the 2025 Youth Gathering in New Orleans.

## Saturday, October 7 – Golf Scramble

Support the ministry of our parent/sister congregation, University Lutheran Church. Teams and/or individuals are welcome. This is a four-person scramble (best shot), so it is stress-free fun on the links. Bring your friends and family. See the Events bulletin board for details, and contact Bill Pfrommer by October 1 (812-360-5414 or wpfromme@homefinder.org) if you haven't yet signed up.

## Sunday, October 15 – Emergency Preparedness Training

## Saturday, October 28 – Fall Festival/Trunk or Treat



### LUNCH AND LEARN SESSIONS

### September 27

Presenter: Ellen Surburg, BSN, RN
Topic: "Good Grief: Dealing with Grief and Loss"

#### October 4

Presenter: Dayna Thompson, LMHC, CDP (IU Health)

Topic: "Normal vs Not Normal Aging: Understanding Brain Change"

#### October 25

Presenter: Nichole Alspaugh Williams, Ed.S, LMHC, NCC Topic: "The Art and Science of Happiness"

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